

Trustees' Annual Report for the period								
From		Period start date			To		Period end date	
		01	April	2023			31	March

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Brook Church (Bagshot)		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1157375		
Charity's principal address	The Brook Church (Bagshot)		
	The Square		
	Bagshot, Surrey		
	Postcode GU19 5AY		

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	Stephen Michael Gibson	Chair		"The Spiritual Leaders"
2	Jennifer Ruth Gibson		to 31/12/2023.	"The Spiritual Leaders"
3	Tina Elizabeth Winter			"The Spiritual leaders"
4	Linda Margaret Leach			"The Spiritual Leaders"
5	Josephine Mary Gibson			"The Spiritual Leaders"
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation, based around an Association model.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Under the Constitution trustees are appointed by the Spiritual Leaders. All current trustees were appointed by the Pastor of the Brook Church, Christopher Dennis Conry, prior to his retirement on 10 th September 2023, after serving faithfully as Pastor for over eighteen years. Spiritual Oversight is currently provided by the ALC Elders (please see below).

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All trustees are given copies of the Constitution.

The charity is organised with The Spiritual Leaders having spiritual responsibility in the church, the Trustees who manage the charity and the Members who have an active role in appointing the Pastor, Elders and other powers contained in the Constitution.

Following unanimous agreement of Members at our Annual General Meeting in December 2022, the Trustees of The Brook Church wrote an open letter of invitation to Ascot Life Church (ALC) to partner with us in renewing and reinvigorating the body of believers at Bagshot and have invited the ALC Elders to help provide spiritual oversight of The Brook Church for three years from 1 January 2023, in the first instance, to oversee and plan for the growth of The Brook Church, until new Elders can be appointed. We have been blessed and are very grateful for ALC's ongoing support and are excited by what the future holds as we partner together. Both churches are affiliated with the Commission Global family of churches.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of The Brook Church (Bagshot) for the public benefit are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs, in Bagshot, Surrey and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Spiritual Leaders, Charity Trustees and Members may from time to time see fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Firstly the trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The church continues to be open on every other Saturday morning to the whole community from 10.00am to 12.00 noon for refreshments and cakes. This is particularly appreciated by the more senior members in the local community, especially now the restrictions relating to Covid-19 have ended.

The church was generally open, with someone on site on Monday and Tuesday between 12.00 noon and 2.00pm, where anyone can come in enjoy light refreshments and either sit and talk or enjoy the peace and quiet in their lunch hour away from their place of work in Bagshot.

We continue to meet together for the Sunday morning services at 10am, which are Livestreamed on YouTube as well, and talks are subsequently uploaded to the church website, which has been refreshed under a new domain name this year: thebrookchurch.co.uk

We also hold a Monday evening prayer meeting and a Wednesday evening Homegroup.

The church financially supports two children through the organisation Compassion, one in Ghana and one in Uganda.

The church partners with Open Doors a charity who support persecuted Christians around the world and the church donates to them as well.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The contribution made by volunteers in the church is very important with many of the church activities served by volunteers within the church.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our Youth and Children's Work has continued this year, with church volunteers doing all the youth and children's work between them.

As a church we continue to partner with "The Besom" in Camberley which provides food, new baby and kitchen starter packs to people who have hit a crisis. It works only on referrals from Citizens Advice, Frontline Debt Advice, Churches, Social Housing, Social Services, Surrey Heath Borough Council, Surrey County Council and schools and nurseries. The Brook Church (Bagshot) contributes by having a large collecting box in the church where people donate to The Besom. We have a church co-ordinator who makes sure what we give is taken to The Besom and distributed to people.

The church building has been in regular use to support the community work of local organisations. We invite the local community for refreshments in the Brook Church at various Bagshot village events, particularly at Christmas and Easter, and also to everyone from other local churches to join us after the Good Friday walk of witness.

Following the church A.G.M. in November 2023 it was agreed to make the following donations :-

- 1) £700 to "The Besom" in Camberley, which provides which provides food, new baby and kitchen starter packs to people who have hit a crisis.
- 2) £700 to Camberley Youth for Christ, a local organisation who work in local secondary schools, including assemblies, lessons and one to one work with children.
- 3) £700 to Christians Against Poverty, a U.K. organisation who provide debt management and help to people.
- 4) £700 to Compassion for their food programme to children abroad where they are involved.

These donations came out of the 10% the church sets aside from its unrestricted income.

A mission trip abroad was made by two Members of the church to help Christian refugees.

A Member of the church serves on the chaplaincy team at a large local hospital. This person is also involved in prison ministry as well.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's policy is to try and keep the equivalent of three months worth of expenditure in reserves plus a minimum of £2000 in the building fund (a restricted fund) to cover any unforeseen building work.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's funding comes almost exclusively through individual members of the church and people associated with the church.

A formal valuation of the church site and building was received from a local estate agent on February 4th 2022. The site and church building were valued together with a minimum freehold value of between £300,000 to £350,000. For the purpose of the accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31st 2024, a value of £300,000 is shown.

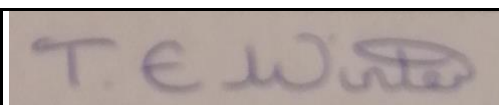
Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Stephen Michael Gibson

Tina Winter

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Trustee

Date

5 November 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Brook Church (Bagshot)

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1157375

Set out on pages

Pages 3 & 4 (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 **31/03/2024**

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 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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

Signed:

P. Foster

Date:

29/11/2024

Name:

PAUL JEREMY FOSTER

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

N/A

(if any):

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Address:

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BRACKNELL
BERKSHIRE RG42 2LL

Section B

Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None



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The Brook Church (Bagshot)

1157375

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st Apr 2023

To

31st Mar 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & Gifts	23,539	-	-	23,539	25,762
Gift Aid	5,615	-	-	5,615	13,518
Interest	27	92	-	119	23
Other	2,618	-	-	2,618	2,021
Building Fund Income	-	-	-	-	-
Building Fund Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Worker Income	-	-	-	-	-
MRC CJRS grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,799	92	-	31,891	41,324
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,799	92	-	31,891	41,324
A3 Payments					
External Support	4,097	-	-	4,097	5,212
Church Activities	-	-	-	-	19
Salaries	10,750	-	-	10,750	20,094
Staff Related Costs	731	-	-	731	842
Utilities	1,453	-	-	1,453	1,346
Phone & Internet	326	-	-	326	378
Insurance	984	-	-	984	895
Office	4,500	-	-	4,500	1,472
Accounting & Professional	2,200	-	-	2,200	2,400
Other	1,103	-	-	1,103	1,065
Building Repairs	826	-	-	826	1,646
Youth Worker Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,970	-	-	26,970	35,369
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,970	-	-	26,970	35,369
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,829	92	-	4,921	5,955
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,998	7,665	-	20,663	14,708
Cash funds this year end	17,827	7,757	-	25,584	20,663

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays	17,799	7,757	-
	Cash	28	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,827	7,757	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid	1,381	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land & Building		-	300,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Payroll Taxes	Unrestricted	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>S. Gibson</i>	STEPHEN GIBSON	29/11/2024