

BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

England & Wales · Charity number 1159478

Details

Other names	BEACON HOP
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-12-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Beacon House 550-552 High Street Sandyford Stoke-On-Trent ST6 5PD
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND TO PROMOTE THE VALUES THEREOF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY(1)DEVELOPING AND MAKING AVAILABLE A CHRISTIAN PRAYER RESOURCE CENTRE IN THE NORTH MIDLANDS) HELPING PEOPLE TO EXPLORE PRAYER AND THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSION OF LIFE WITH MULTIPLE PRAYER ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER AND STAFFED BY A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS;(2)ORGANISING ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES THAT EXPLORE CHRISTIAN PRAYER IN VARIOUS DIMENSIONS;(3)BEING A RESOURCE HUB OF INFORMATION ABOUT PRAYER AND EDUCATION ABOUT CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR LOCAL CONGREGATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS; AND(4)OFFERING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH AND SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS BASED AROUND EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY;(5)PROVIDING A DROP-IN SERVICE FOR PEOPLE SEEKING SUPPORT OR A CHAT;(6)RUNNING TRAINING COURSES ABOUT PRAYER AND ASPECTS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH;(7)CO-ORDINATING CONFERENCES FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE WIDER AREA;(8)OFFERING HELP IN LOCAL SCHOOLS THROUGH RE CLASSES, ASSEMBLIES AND SCHOOL VISITS TO OUR PREMISES; AND(9)RUNNING A CONFIDENTIAL LISTENING AND HEALING PRAYER SERVICE IN A LOCAL COMMUNITY BUILDING. OUR FACILITIES ARE OPEN ON MOST DAYS AND EVENINGS

Activities: Beacon House of Prayer provides a Christian prayer resource centre, a place for people to explore prayer and the spiritual dimension of life, undertakes training about prayer and aspects of the Christian faith, organises sustained prayer and worship, provides teaching and Christian prayer activities, offers prayer for healing, and is a resource for local congregations and individuals.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Staffordshire
- Stoke-on-trent City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£42,266	£47,598	-	-
2023-08-31	£37,896	£41,629	-	-
2022-08-31	£35,648	£34,227	-	-
2021-08-31	£40,488	£31,213	-	-
2020-08-31	£47,144	£46,553	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KEVIN BRITTON	Chair	2014-12-03
Alison Gaunt		2023-03-05
DAWN HEATHER TARR		2023-03-05
DILWEN GWYN NAYLOR		2014-12-03
John Michael Gaunt		2025-11-09
KATIE BRITTON		2014-12-03
MR PAUL IAN CRTICHLEY		2014-12-04
Tracy CRITCHLEY		2015-04-19
WILLIAM JOHN NAYLOR		2014-12-03

Accounts

Beacon House of Prayer
(Registered charity, number 1159478)
Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 August 2024

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**Beacon House of Prayer
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

Full name Beacon House of Prayer

Other names Beacon HOP, BHOP, The Beacon

Registered charity number 1159478

Registered company number CE002415

Principal address

550-552 High Street
Sandyford
Stoke-on-Trent
ST6 5PD

Trustees

Mrs Katie Britton
Mr Kevin Britton
Mr Kevin Benson
Mrs Judith Benson
Mr Paul Ian Critchley
Mrs Alison Gaunt
Mrs Dilwen Gwyn Naylor
Mr John William Naylor
Mrs Karen Jane Porter
Rev William Robert Porter
Mrs Dawn Heather Tarr

Bankers

NatWest Bank
75 High Street
Newcastle-under-Lyme
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Independent examiner

Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST
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Hope Street
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Governance and management

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Aims and objectives

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- 8) Offering help in local schools through RE classes, assemblies and school visits to our premises.
- 9) Running a confidential listening and healing prayer service in a local community building. Where possible, our facilities are open most days and evenings.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

a) Worship and prayer rhythm

We open three days a week – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9:30am – 1pm, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7pm – 9:30pm. Each day we have a rhythm of gathered worship and prayer, covering different topics and issues. We have six people who lead prayer and four lead times of worship. Additionally, we have had extended times of worship, encouraging people across the city to come, and some half days of guided prayer retreat.

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We have a few people who join us from other churches as well as our own community. The Beacon hosts a monthly city leaders Connect meeting and lunch, which is an important gathering point for leaders across denominations. We have sent teams to pray and encourage local churches in their ministry and mission and have been a hub to bring together youth leaders.

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Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The charity's policy on reserves

To ensure that the charity remains sustainable as a going concern in the event of significant loss of income or other unforeseen circumstances, it is the trustee's policy to hold reserves of approximately 3 months expenditure.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed WR Porter Date 28/6/25
Rev William Robert Porter

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Beacon House of Prayer
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Beacon House of Prayer, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of Beacon House of Prayer 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Beacon House of Prayer as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

Signed  Date 26/06/2025
Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST

**Beacon House of Prayer
Receipts & Payments Account
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Receipts		
Gifts & Donations	36,780	31,944
Gift Aid	5,486	5,952
Total receipts	42,266	37,896
Payments		
Water	390	345
Light & Heat	6,057	12,479
Licence Fees	930	649
Loan Repayment	5,000	-
Sundries	998	-
Professional Fees	270	245
Insurance	1,076	892
Repairs & Renewals	3,978	-
Building Miantenance	-	2,044
Gifts	-	450
Presence Worship	9,800	9,800
Stipend Services	11,040	11,040
Admin Support	49	6
Resources	718	480
Printing & Stationary	-	453
Refreshments	1,639	977
Computer, Internet, Telephone	651	794
Equipment Hire	1,304	663
Publicity	100	-
Tools & Equipment	3,366	105
Cleaning	40	62
Training	174	-
Safeguarding	18	145
Total payments	47,598	41,629
Net receipts/(payments)	(5,332)	(3,733)
Cash funds at start of this period	30,789	34,522
Cash funds at end of this period	25,457	30,789

**Beacon House of Prayer
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 August 2024**

		2024 £	2023 £
Cash Assets	Notes		
Cash in Bank and at hand		25,457	30,789
		<u>25,457</u>	<u>30,789</u>
Tangible Fixed Assets			
Freehold Property	3	<u>165,678</u>	<u>165,678</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed WR Porter
Rev William Robert Porter

Dated 28/6/25

Beacon House of Prayer
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due. For the purposes of understanding a statement of assets and liabilities at the year-end has been included.

2. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this year.

3. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Costs			
As at 1 September 2023	165,678	-	165,678
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
As at 31 August 2024	<u>165,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165,678</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 September 2023	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
As at 31 August 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 31 August 2024	<u>165,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165,678</u>
As at 1 September 2023	<u>165,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165,678</u>

4. Related party transactions

Presence Worship (Trustee Paul Critchley) was paid £9,800 for the provision, training, development and oversight of worship music.

Rev William Porter is an ordained Methodist Minister employed by the Methodist Church and was paid £11,400 to provide senior leadership to the organisation.

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Signed

BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

Registered charity 1159478

**Trustees report and Financial Statement
1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023**

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2022 AUGUST 2023

I GENERAL

This last year has been encouraging in many ways in the life of the Beacon. We have established community touching points, some healthy rhythms of prayer and sustainable ways of staffing and hosting in the house. Numbers in our community have stabilized. There have been opportunities to develop ministry and activities online, and we feel the Beacon continues to be a valuable presence in the city and wider.

II. REVIEW OF THE YEAR (Sept 2022-Aug 2023)

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c) Our prayer community

The Beacon has a small dispersed prayer community of around 45 people, a half of whom are part of other churches. This year we created small Emmaus groups, for fellowship in people's homes around food, bible encouragement and communion. About 20 people are involved in these. Additionally we continue our monthly Saturday morning breakfast, worship and communion times and monthly Tuesday evening bible teaching times.

d) Team and training

We have expanded our leadership team from 8 to 12 people, drawing in experienced members with different gifts. We have taken time to try and gel as a bigger group with a team day and time of vision casting. This year we trialled a three month worship, prayer and discipleship training course called Immerse. We had five people from different church join this and four completed the two day training

and discipleship programme. A team of five of us led the sessions and the participants joined in the life of the community. The feedback was that it was a valuable experience of spiritual growth and personal development.

e) Special events

Our special events have been alternating extended nights of worship with half day guided prayer retreats through the year. The worship times have developed into what is called a 'song in the night' half night of worship. As usual we also facilitated a reflective journey through the Christian festivals of Christmas and Easter.

f) Houses of prayer network

The Beacon continues to be a hub for gathering and connecting with other houses of prayer in the country. We held a larger annual two day gathering in October, with leaders from across 15 houses of prayer. Occasional zoom calls and a termly newsletter help to keep a sense of togetherness.

g) Outreach

Our outreach continues through being an open door. Most weeks we have people dropping in for either a visit, or requesting personal prayer or practical help. This can be local individuals or people driving a distance to be with us. There was another city prayer walk by a small team, and a stand at the annual civic prayer breakfast.

h) Healing ministry

The Sozo team continue their excellent prayer ministry sessions, both in the house and online. They cater for both adults and children, and have expanded their team and held training development.

i) Building and land

The land outside the Beacon is under development as a petrol station and convenience store. Ground works have been ongoing, and our parking has been temporarily restricted for visitors. The potential for our visibility and outreach is encouraging when the development is completed by the start of 2024.

III. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS FOR 2022-24.

We are hoping to grow our finances through a financial appeal through the next year. We are also exploring ways of fresh outreach through the development of a garden/ reflection space, and a possible open door/ healing café space for the community. We are looking for expanded ways of connecting with churches across the city, to be a help and resource, and to welcome more people to use our facilities and gatherings as their city house of prayer.

IV. FINANCE REVIEW

Beacon House of Prayer is financed mainly through the regular giving of around 25 individual supporters together with others who make occasional donations. Cash at the bank and in hand at 31 August 2023 was £30,789. Receipts amounted to £37,896 and payments £41,629 which were expended in accordance with our purposes. Net assets are recorded as £163,717. Gift Aid repayments of tax from HMRC are not counted as income until it has been received. Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Generally. Since the Covid pandemic national lockdown and changes to the Beacon's timetable, finances continue to be challenging and we are looking at ways of encouraging new supporters to give financially to the Beacon. Expenditure continues to be tightly managed.

Reserves. To ensure that the charity remains sustainable as a going concern in the event of significant loss of income or other unforeseen circumstances, it is the trustee's policy to hold reserves of approximately 3 months expenditure.

Financial Investment Policy. In accordance with the governing document the trustees have the power to invest money as in their absolute discretion they think fit.

V. RISKS

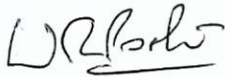
The principle areas of Beacon House of Prayer activity, finance and strategic planning and risks are regularly considered by the trustees. Systems and resources allowing risk to be mitigated are implemented as appropriate.

Safeguarding. Beacon House of Prayer prioritises safeguarding and is committed to following guidelines from government and thirtyone:eight (previously known as CCPAS -The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and good working practice including safe recruitment of workers and volunteers.

Data Protection. Beacon House of Prayer is registered with the Information Commissioners Office and follows GDPR guidelines and code of practice for stored data and cctv images.

Policy Statements. Policies are reviewed on a regular basis and are displayed as appropriate and available for viewing.

signed on behalf of the trustees



Rev William R Porter

Date

12/5/24

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023**

THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

CONDLIFFE & CONDLIFFE

39 Kingfisher Drive

Westbury

Wiltshire

BA13 3XW

THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE ORGANISATION:

THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

CHARITY REGISTRATION 1159478

I report on the accounts of the organisation for the period ending 31st August 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the organisations trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7) (H) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the account requirements of the Act.Have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DIANA R. CONDLIFFE BA (Hons)
CONDLIFFE & CONDLIFFE
39 KINGFISHER DRIVE
WESTBURY
WILTSHIRE
BA13 3XW

9th April 2024 Signed *Diana R. Condliffe*

BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159478)**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.8.23**

		2023 £	2022 £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
FREEHOLD PROPERTY		165,678	165,678
		165,678	165,678
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
CASH AND BANK IN HAND		30,789	39,522
RESTRICTED FUNDS	0	30,789	39,522
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	30789	196,467	205,200
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
		-	-
<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>			
LOAN ON PROPERTY		32,750	37,750
<u>NETT ASSETS</u>		163,717	167,450
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>			
CAPITAL ACCOUNT B/F		167,450	166,029
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	-	3,733	1,421
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT C/F</u>		163,717	167,450

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THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER**TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	FREEHOLD PROPERTY £	FIXTURES & FITTINGS £	TOTALS £
COST			
AS AT 1.9.22	165678	0	165678
ADDITIONS	0	0	0
AS AT 31.8.23	165678	0	165678
DEPRECIATION			
AS AT 1.9.22	0	0	0
ADDITIONS	0	0	0
AS AT 31.8.23	0	0	0
NETT BOOK VALUE			
AS AT 31.8.23	165678	0	165678
AS AT 1.9.22	165678	0	165678

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BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159478)

Income and Expenditure Account for the Period Ending 31st August 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<u>INCOME</u>		
Gifts and Donations	31,944	32,071
Sales	-	-
Gift Aid	5,952	3,577
	37,896	35,648
<u>LESS SUPPORT COSTS</u>		
Water	345	237
Light & Heat	12,479	6,196
License Fees	649	519
Sundries	-	-
Professional Fees	245	235
Insurance	892	841
Repairs & Renewals	-	-
Building Maintenance	2,044	1,641
Gifts	450	178
Presence Worship	9,800	8,983
Stipend Services	11,040	11,070
Admin Support	6	-
Comms Support	-	-
Resources	480	610
Printing & Stationery	453	496
Refreshments	977	684
Computer, Internet Telephone	794	525
Equipment Hire	663	662
Publicity	-	104
Tools & Equipment	105	1,008
Cleaning	62	109
Conferences	-	-
Training	-	-
Safeguarding	145	129
	41,629	34,227
SURPLUS FUNDS	(3,733)	1,421

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2021 AUGUST 2022

I GENERAL

This last year has been a year of regrouping as a community, re-establishing rhythms of prayer and worship, and looking ahead to new developments in ministry. It has been a joy to be fully back in the building after such a disrupted time over the Covid pandemic. Even though we are a smaller community now, we have been encouraged by those who have continued to bring their gifts of volunteering in the Beacon ministry. People have varied in how confident they have felt in re-engaging with the Beacon since the pandemic and the comeback was initially slow. Finances continue to be challenging and we are looking at ways of encouraging new supporters to give to the Beacon charity. Wider connections with other prayer groups nationally and wider have flourished during and since the pandemic. We have a fantastic group of people as part of the Beacon and it is a privilege to be in our 15th year of ongoing ministry here at the house. We are grateful to God for his grace again in all he has enabled us to do as the house of prayer here.

II. REVIEW OF THE YEAR (Sept 2021-Aug 2022)

a) Worship and prayer rhythm

We regrouped in September of 2021, cleaning through the building that had been mothballed for much of the previous year. As a smaller team we felt we could open on three days of the week, plus specials. Fresh rhythms of prayer and worship were re-established, morning and evening. We have alternated times of reflective and listening prayer with times of praying into local, national and global issues. We keep this flame of prayer burning, that God's kingdom will come on earth as in heaven. Specific times of dedicated worship offerings keep a worshipping heartbeat in the house. We have refreshed all the prayer rooms so they are open and available for private prayer.

b) Connecting with local churches

We continue to host the monthly Connect citywide church leaders meeting and lunch. In addition all our worship and prayer times are open. We have created fresh bi-monthly publicity news sheets for supporters, plus an increased social media presence. These reach more people than pre-pandemic. We have put an emphasis on inviting local Christians to our special events (see below). We regularly get one or two visitors each week, both locally and travelling from a distance, to access the facilities and join the worship times. Their personal encounters with Jesus when they come are most inspiring. The ongoing challenge is finding ways to engage with local churches to help them realise the benefits and resources we offer as a house of prayer.

c) Our prayer community

Our current prayer community is smaller but healthy. As we stopped Sunday gatherings in 2020, people had to decide to either: a) leave and join a different church, b) stay as part of the Beacon and find a Sunday fellowship, or c) make the Beacon their only community. We quickly established three monthly touching points for community. There is a popular monthly Saturday morning community breakfast followed by worship and communion. There is a monthly Tuesday evening praise, testimony and teaching night on the last Tuesday of the month, to provide a point of teaching and sharing

together. We have also launched new optional small groups called Emmaus groups. These are smaller, peer-led groups, meeting around a meal and communion in people's homes and we launched this vision in July 2022.

d) Team and training

As the community is smaller, so the team facilitating the ministry is also smaller. We have five people able to lead worship, and six people facilitating prayer. This brings a rich mix of gifts and ways of leading our corporate times in the house. The hospitality team has also regrouped and successfully managed to host various occasions for food through the year. Rotas for tech and house keeping have been reintroduced, and the Sozo healing team has continued right through the pandemic. The leadership team has been looking at safeguarding refreshing training, and keeping our safeguarding requirements up to date. We keep our advisory group up to date with our plans and ministry, and met with them online in February 2022; they are a helpful and wise group for our accountability.

e) Special events

We have trialed a number of special events through this last year. We have had 12 hours of continuous worship on a Saturday twice this year, each doing really well, drawing in various people from around the city to lead worship. We have also had three times of running half day retreats at the house, from 11am-2pm on a Saturday. This has proved popular and a good time to do it. Moreover we have hosted two lots of 40 hours of prayer, one in the new year, and one over Pentecost, with special creative focuses for prayer and led times, encouraging people in the city to join us. These have had limited take up, but have still been valuable. God has met with us in all of these in gentle and enriching ways.

f) Houses of prayer network

We have continued to develop connections with other houses of prayer, with regular zoom calls and an annual gathering. As a hub we try to forge connections with regular newsletters and zoom. Some houses have struggled through the pandemic, but a few new ones have started. The gathering in October 2021 was by necessity a smaller one, as some people were more cautious in attending a larger event. It was a blessed and successful time, with the work of God's Spirit clearly among us.

g) Outreach

Opportunities for outreach have been limited, but have included prayer walking from the north to the south of the city, a Beacon stand at the annual civic prayer breakfast, and opportunities to listen to and pray for the various visitors who have dropped in to the house.

h) Healing ministry

Our Sozo team has been active through the pandemic, and now offer a mix of both in house and online prayer sessions. As one of the few places running Sozo in the region, clients come from across the midlands and even wider. They come away blessed by God. It continues to be a valuable part of the ministry of the house. There has been ongoing training of new and existing team members.

i) Building and land

The building is a great resource, with all its facilities and prayer room, valued by those who come, and which we wish were used even more by local churches. The land around the Beacon is being developed by a private company with the aim of building a petrol station. They have been in consultation with us, and will provide the Beacon with a dedicated car park and a small prayer garden at the rear of our premises. Planning permissions are still being sought at this stage.

III. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS FOR 2022-23.

We are actively looking to recruit new trustees and leadership team members in the coming year. We are also planning a new training course in the autumn of 2022, called Immerse. It will be a three month training in worship, prayer and discipleship, and enabling people to experience time in a house of prayer. A small team from the leadership are facilitating this. We also hope to develop fresh ways of connecting with local churches and furthering the wider prayer connection across the nation and wider. We continue to seek the Lord for his ways forward, realising that the ministry of the Beacon is one of walking in faith.

IV. FINANCE REVIEW

Beacon House of Prayer is financed mainly through the regular giving of around 25 individual supporters together with others who make occasional donations. Cash at the bank and in hand at 31 August 2022 was £39,522. Receipts amounted to £35,648 and payments £34,227 which were expended in accordance with our purposes. Net assets are recorded as £167,450. Gift Aid repayments of tax from HMRC are not counted as income until it has been received. Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Generally. Since the Covid pandemic national lockdown and changes to the Beacon's timetable, finances continue to be challenging and we are looking at ways of encouraging new supporters to give to the Beacon. Expenditure continues to be tightly managed.

Reserves. To ensure that the charity remains sustainable as a going concern in the event of significant loss of income or other unforeseen circumstances, it is the trustees policy to hold reserves of approximately 3 months expenditure.

Financial Investment Policy. In accordance with the governing document the trustees have the power to invest money as in their absolute discretion they think fit.

V. RISKS

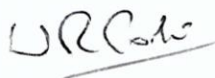
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Safeguarding. Beacon House of Prayer prioritises safeguarding and is committed to following guidelines from government and thirtyone:eight (previously known as CCPAS -The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and good working practice including safe recruitment of workers and volunteers.

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signed on behalf of the trustees



Rev William R Porter

Date 08/06/23

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022**

THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

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THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE ORGANISATION:

THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

CHARITY REGISTRATION 1159478

I report on the accounts of the organisation for the period ending 31st August 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the organisations trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7) (H) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the account requirements of the Act.Have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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16th May 2023

Signed *Diana R. Condliffe*

BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159478)**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.8.22**

		2022 £	2021 £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
FREEHOLD PROPERTY		165,678	165,678
		165,678	165,678
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
CASH AND BANK IN HAND		39,522	41,851
RESTRICTED FUNDS	0		
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	39522	39,522	41,851
		<u>205,200</u>	<u>207,529</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
		-	-
<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>			
LOAN ON PROPERTY		37,750	41,500
<u>NETT ASSETS</u>			
		<u>167,450</u>	<u>166,029</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>			
CAPITAL ACCOUNT B/F		166,029	156,754
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		1,421	9,275
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT C/F</u>			
		<u>167,450</u>	<u>166,029</u>

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THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	FREEHOLD PROPERTY £	FIXTURES & FITTINGS £	TOTALS £
COST			
AS AT 1.9.21	165678	0	165678
ADDITIONS	0	0	0
AS AT 31.8.22	<u>165678</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>165678</u>
DEPRECIATION			
AS AT 1.9.21	0	0	0
ADDITIONS	0	0	0
AS AT 31.8.22	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NETT BOOK VALUE			
AS AT 31.8.22	<u>165678</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>165678</u>
AS AT 1.9.21	<u>165678</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>165678</u>

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BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159478)**Income and Expenditure Account for the Period Ending 31st August 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
<u>INCOME</u>		
Gifts and Donations	32,071.00	33,246.00
Sales	-	250.00
Gift Aid	3,577.00	6,992.00
	35,648.00	40,488.00
<u>LESS SUPPORT COSTS</u>		
Water	237.00	270.00
Light & Heat	6,196.00	4,734.00
License Fees	519.00	630.00
Sundries	-	178.00
Professional Fees	235.00	235.00
Insurance	841.00	867.00
Repairs & Renewals	-	(164.00)
Building Maintenance	1,641.00	314.00
Gifts	178.00	100.00
Presence Worship	8,983.00	8,330.00
Stipend Services	11,070.00	11,093.00
Admin Support	-	297.00
Comms Support	-	-
Resources	610.00	522.00
Printing & Stationery	496.00	391.00
Refreshments	684.00	-
Computer, Internet Telephone	525.00	950.00
Equipment Hire	662.00	662.00
Publicity	104.00	-
Tools & Equipment	1,008.00	745.00
Cleaning	109.00	14.00
Conferences	-	916.00
Training	-	-
Safeguarding	129.00	129.00
	34,227.00	31,213.00
SURPLUS FUNDS	1,421.00	9,275.00

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BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

Registered charity 1159478

**Trustees report and Financial Statement
1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021**

Beacon House of Prayer

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Beacon House of Prayer is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered charity number 1159478, registered on 3 December 2014. Responsibility for Beacon House of Prayer rests with the board of trustees, known as the Leadership Team, which meets quarterly. Board members are appointed in accordance with the constitution.

Objectives as stated in the Constitution

The objects of the charity are to advance the Christian faith and to promote the values thereof for the benefit of the public by:

- (1) developing and making available a Christian prayer resource centre in the north Midlands, helping people to explore prayer and the spiritual dimension of life with multiple prayer rooms available for prayer and staffed by a team of volunteers;
- (2) organising activities and special worship services that explore Christian prayer in various dimensions;

- (3) being a resource hub of information about prayer and education about Christian spirituality for local congregations and individuals;
- (4) offering Christian outreach and services for community groups based around exploring spirituality;
- (5) providing a drop-in service for people seeking support or a chat;
- (6) running training courses about prayer and aspects of the Christian faith;
- (7) co-ordinating conferences for Christians in the wider area;
- (8) offering help in local schools through RE classes, assemblies and school visits to our premises; and
- (9) running a confidential listening and healing prayer service in a local community building. Our facilities are open on most days and evenings.

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2020 AUGUST 2021

I. GENERAL

This last year has been one of the most challenging years for the Beacon House of Prayer charity. At the start of our year in September 2020, the country was still living with the effects of the global pandemic, with much uncertainty about any further lockdowns. Having lived as a dispersed prayer community with online activities and a closing of the house for half a year, lockdown has had an impact on giving and financial support has been reduced. We cut back unnecessary costs and expenditure, in the hope that giving will increase as lockdown ends. Our hopes for the year were to regroup as a community, to re-establish fresh rhythms of life and prayer within the house and to re-engage with the Christian churches and people of our city as a hub and resource of prayer and creative exploring of spirituality.

II. REVIEW OF THE YEAR (Sept 2020 – Aug 2021)

a) Worship & Prayer Rhythm

We kept our rhythms of worship and prayer alive through different lockdowns. We just shifted them between fully online, team in the house and online audience, and face to face in house with restrictions and added online participation, depending on government restrictions. Tuesday evenings were the main touching point for the house of prayer community, although we did trial some Thursday evening worship and teaching opportunities through autumn 2020. There was a dedicated group of musicians who brought online worship 3-4 mornings a week. We also partnered with Cross Rhythms radio station to bring a recorded 'prayer for the day' through Lent 2021.

b) Resources for local churches

Our simple rhythms of prayer and worship and our specials drew in a wider online community from different places, and helped to resource Christians in their faith and awareness of issue to pray for.

c) Our prayer community

Our community has been dispersed for most of this year. Finishing the Sunday congregation didn't help a sense of belonging, but we continued to touch base with each other through visiting and phone calls, and through continued small life group fellowship.

d) Team and Training

Most of the volunteer team was not needed with the house being closed. However, the prayer leaders and musicians continued to help, and others in the community took part in the special events.

e) Special Events

Specials included 100 hours of online prayer in January 2021, and ten days of prayer through Thy Kingdom Come initiative in May 2021. Both of these drew in local Christians and friends involved in houses of prayer across the British Isles. We tried to make both Advent and Easter creative opportunities for online worship. Different people in the community led reflections and thoughts for the day through the festivals.

f) Houses of Prayer network

As we were in lockdown during October, we made the annual houses of prayer gathering online. We drew in more people than ever, trialing new zoom technology for some webinars. We continued a pulse of bi-monthly sharing and prayer afternoons, which was valuable for many house of prayer leaders.

g) Outreach

The main outreach activity was a cross walk in all 51 cities of England in July 2021. William and Paul led this, connecting with Christians in every city, walking for a couple hours in each city centre, making a sign of the cross, and praying for God's grace and blessing on that place. It was an amazing opportunity to bless people from the Beacon and to pray at a significant time of the nation coming out of lockdown.

h) Healing ministry

The Sozo healing prayer team were very creative, offering online Sozos for the first time. There was good take up of this ministry. They also trained up a couple of new team members.

i) Building and land

The Beacon building was out of action for most of this year. Re-payments of the loan to purchase our building were put on pause for one year whilst we assessed reduced income. Meanwhile, the developers who own the surrounding land put in planning permission for a petrol station, with a carpark and garden for us mid 2021. They are still awaiting the outcome.

III. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN 2021-22

We hope to re-open the building as soon as government pandemic restrictions allow. We plan to develop a new midweek worship and teaching gathering for both our community and local Christians. We look forward to encouraging some of the creative and healing ministries in providing new activities and also developing some more intentional led retreats for the public. We look forward to resourcing local churches and working towards starting an internship programme.

IV. FINANCE REVIEW

Beacon House of Prayer is financed mainly through the regular giving of around 35 individual supporters together with others who make occasional donations. Cash at the bank and in hand at 31 August 2021 was £41,851. Receipts amounted to £40,488 and payments £31,213 which were expended in accordance with our purposes. Net assets are recorded as £166,029. Gift Aid repayments of tax from HMRC are not counted as income until it has been received. Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Reserves. To ensure that the charity remains sustainable as a going concern in the event of significant loss of income or other unforeseen circumstances, it is the trustees policy to hold reserves of approximately 3 months expenditure.

Pandemic. Because of the national lockdown from March 2020 and the restrictions placed on places of worship, the Beacon's income has noticeably reduced placing a challenge to our reserves policy. Therefore a review and curtailment of all expenditure was undertaken and our five year cash flow forecast adjusted accordingly which is able to demonstrate the Beacon House of Prayer as being sustainable as a going concern. The situation will continue to be monitored, with the expectation that once the pandemic is over, our income flow will return to previous levels and our expenditure and reserves accordingly.

Financial Investment Policy. In accordance with the governing document the trustees have the power to invest money as in their absolute discretion they think fit.

V. RISKS

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Covid. The Beacon is carefully following government policy for places of worship and adopting the guidelines throughout the pandemic.

signed on behalf of the trustees

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Rev William R Porter

31/5/22

Date

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18th May 2022 .

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BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159478)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.8.21

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
FREEHOLD PROPERTY	165,678	165,678
	165,678	165,678
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
CASH AND BANK IN HAND	41,851	37,076
RESTRICTED FUNDS	0	
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	41851	37,076
	<u>41,851</u>	<u>37,076</u>
	<u>207,529</u>	<u>202,754</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
	-	-
<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>		
LOAN ON PROPERTY	41,500	46,000
	<u>41,500</u>	<u>46,000</u>
<u>NETT ASSETS</u>	<u>166,029</u>	<u>156,754</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT B/F	156,754	156,163
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	9,275	591
	<u>166,029</u>	<u>156,754</u>
CAPITAL ACCOUNT C/F		

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THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	FREEHOLD PROPERTY £	FIXTURES & FITTINGS £	TOTALS £
COST			
AS AT 1.9.20	165678	0	165678
ADDITIONS	0	0	0
AS AT 31.8.21	165678	0	165678
DEPRECIATION			
AS AT 1.9.20	0	0	0
ADDITIONS	0	0	0
AS AT 31.8.21	0	0	0
NETT BOOK VALUE			
AS AT 31.8.21	165678	0	165678
AS AT 1.9.20	165678	0	165678

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BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159478)

Income and Expenditure Account for the Period Ending 31st August 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>INCOME</u>		
Gifts and Donations	33,246.00	38,516.00
Sales	250.00	82.00
Gift Aid	6,992.00	8,546.00
	40,488.00	47,144.00
<u>LESS SUPPORT COSTS</u>		
Water	270.00	560.00
Insurance	-	-
Light & Heat	4,734.00	5,277.00
Telephone	380.00	648.00
License Fees	630.00	1,300.00
Sundries	178.00	512.00
Professional Fees	235.00	235.00
Insurance	867.00	-
Repairs & Renewals	(164.00)	262.00
Building Maintenance	314.00	1,397.00
Gifts	100.00	530.00
Presence Worship	8,330.00	9,800.00
Stipend Services	11,093.00	16,352.00
Admin Support	297.00	1,413.00
Comms Support	-	667.00
Resources	522.00	506.00
Printing & Stationery	391.00	504.00
Refreshments	-	1,191.00
Computer & Internet Costs	570.00	603.00
Equipment Hire	662.00	793.00
Publicity	-	-
Tools & Equipment	745.00	1,516.00
Cleaning	14.00	441.00
Conferences	916.00	1,430.00
Training	-	616.00
Safeguarding	129.00	-
	31,213.00	46,553.00
SURPLUS FUNDS	9,275.00	591.00

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BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

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Beacon Advisory Group	Mr Jonathan Bellamy, CEO Cross Rhythms City Radio Mrs Heather Bellamy, Cross Rhythms City Radio Mr Lloyd Cooke, CEO Saltbox Miss Jane Holloway, National Prayer Director, World Prayer Centre Rev Robert Mountford, City Vision Ministries Dr Jonathan Oloyede, Convener of National Day of Prayer and Worship Rev Paul Wilson, Development Officer, Methodist Evangelicals Together

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Beacon House of Prayer is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered charity number 1159478, registered on 3 December 2014. Responsibility for Beacon House of Prayer rests with the board of trustees, known as the Leadership Team, which meets quarterly. Board members are appointed in accordance with the constitution.

Objectives as stated in the Constitution

The objects of the charity are to advance the Christian faith and to promote the values thereof for the benefit of the public by:

- (1) developing and making available a Christian prayer resource centre in the north Midlands, helping people to explore prayer and the spiritual dimension of life with multiple prayer rooms available for prayer and staffed by a team of volunteers;

- (2) organising activities and special worship services that explore Christian prayer in various dimensions;
- (3) being a resource hub of information about prayer and education about Christian spirituality for local congregations and individuals;
- (4) offering Christian outreach and services for community groups based around exploring spirituality;
- (5) providing a drop-in service for people seeking support or a chat;
- (6) running training courses about prayer and aspects of the Christian faith;
- (7) co-ordinating conferences for Christians in the wider area;
- (8) offering help in local schools through RE classes, assemblies and school visits to our premises; and
- (9) running a confidential listening and healing prayer service in a local community building. Our facilities are open on most days and evenings.

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2019 AUGUST 2020

I. GENERAL

The year has been the most challenging year for the Beacon House of Prayer. The first six months were full of activity and setting fresh vision in accordance with our objectives. However, because of the developing world wide Covid pandemic, the second six months were living as a dispersed community with online activities and a closing of the house for half a year. Lockdown has had an impact on giving and financial support has been reduced. We are in the process of cutting back unnecessary costs and expenditure, in the hope that giving will increase as lockdown ends. Our hopes for the coming year are to regroup as a community, to re-establish fresh rhythms of life and prayer within the house and to re-engage with the Christian churches and people of our city as a hub and resource of prayer and creative exploring of spirituality.

II. REVIEW OF THE YEAR

a) Worship & Prayer Rhythm

For the first six months, we continued our regular daily and weekly rhythms of prayer and worship in our prayer room, with different members of the team staffing and leading on different days. We also organised Christmas special activities for the community. In March 2020, after a long period of reflection the leadership team announced a big change in our Sunday rhythms, deciding to end Sunday meetings from Easter 2020, and concentrate on developing a midweek alternative evening gathering. The fact that the country went into lockdown at the end of March made our decision seem prescient, although we have not yet been able to gather the community or team together to launch our fresh rhythms as we would like. Since March 2020 we moved immediately to providing zoom corporate community meetings on a Tuesday, and other online worship and prayer activities with which people could connect.

b) Resources for local churches

Until March 2020 we had continued to be open five days a week for the public, and hosted both individuals and local church groups for informal retreats and days of prayer. We also hosted the monthly city leaders Connect meetings, providing lunch and refreshments for the events.

c) Our prayer community

Our core community of about 55 people has found the six months of national lockdown very challenging. From meeting weekly or even daily and finding strength in this Christian community, people have been distanced and isolated in their own homes. There has been pastoral care given in various ways from the pastoral team, and small life group meetings have been partially successful in helping people feel connected together.

d) Team and Training

Our team of volunteers have largely continued to be committed into the vision of the Beacon, helping to facilitate the ongoing ministry. They adapted as well as possible to lockdown, although some stepped down from their roles, whilst others changed to leading online activities.

e) Special Events

In November 2019 we held another citywide youth worship and prayer evenings with local church youth leaders and groups.

From January to March 2020 we held twice weekly 'refuelling evenings' of worship and prayer ministry for people in the local area, which were very encouraging and well attended.

f) Houses of Prayer network

In October 2019 we held our ninth annual houses of prayer gathering at the Beacon with 60 delegates from all across the UK. As the HOP network hub in the centre of England, we continue to network with and encourage different groups through Skype calls and visits. Our new HOP network communications liaison volunteer is developing communication and regular network newsletters.

g) Outreach

Some of the worship team have helped in worship events in different parts of the country over Summer 2019.

The autumn of 2019 was a busy time for our prayer outreach programme. In September a small group led prayer walking around the city boundary for 2 weeks. In October the team leader William did a ten day prayer pilgrimage walk with a large cross from Stoke on Trent to London Westminster, meeting up with Christians praying over the Brexit issues of the time.

During the first lockdown from March 2020 until July, we partnered with Cross Rhythms city radio to bring a 'Beacon daily prayer' for their programming.

h) Healing ministry

We have continued to develop the healing ministry at the Beacon, with a dedicated and trained Sozo team who offer a confidential service to clients who request it, with appointments for listening and Christian healing prayer. We also offered weekly healing and prophetic prayer for the community, and monthly healing prayer opportunities for the public which were well used. These all had to stop in March 2020 because of national lockdown and have yet to be restarted.

i) Building and land

The developers on the land adjacent to the Beacon have indicated that they are seeking planning permission to put a large petrol station development next door to our building. As part of their community engagement work, they are considering developing a private car park for us as well as a dedicated outside prayer garden.

III. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN 2020-21

In March 2020, as a response to the developing world wide Covid pandemic, the UK Government issued a national lockdown including all places of worship. We hope to re-open the building as soon as government pandemic restrictions allow. We plan to develop a new midweek worship and teaching gathering for both our community and local Christians. We look forward to encouraging some of the creative and healing ministries in providing new activities and also developing some more intentional led retreats for the public. We look forward to resourcing local churches and working towards starting an internship programme.

IV. FINANCE REVIEW

Beacon House of Prayer is financed mainly through the regular giving of around 40 individual supporters together with others who make occasional donations. Cash at the bank and in hand at 31 August 2019 was £37,076. Receipts amounted to £47,144 and payments £46,553 which were expended in accordance with our purposes. Net assets are recorded as £156,754. Gift Aid repayments of tax from HMRC are not counted as income until it has been received. Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Reserves. To ensure that the charity remains sustainable as a going concern in the event of significant loss of income or other unforeseen circumstances, it is the trustees policy to hold reserves of approximately 3 months expenditure.

Pandemic. Because of the national lockdown from March 2020 and the restrictions placed on places of worship, the Beacon's income has noticeably reduced placing a challenge to our reserves policy. Therefore a review and curtailment of all expenditure was begun and our five year cash flow forecast adjusted accordingly which is able to demonstrate the Beacon House of Prayer as being sustainable as a going concern. The situation will continue to be monitored periodically, with the expectation that once the pandemic is over, our income flow will return to previous levels and our expenditure and reserves accordingly.

Financial Investment Policy. In accordance with the governing document the trustees have the power to invest money as in their absolute discretion they think fit.

V. RISKS

The principle areas of Beacon House of Prayer activity, finance and strategic planning and risks are regularly considered by the trustees. Systems and resources allowing risk to be mitigated are implemented as appropriate.

Safeguarding. Beacon House of Prayer prioritises safeguarding and is committed to following guidelines from government and thirtyone:eight (previously known as CCPAS -The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and good working practice including safe recruitment of workers and volunteers.

Data Protection. Beacon House of Prayer is registered with the Information Commissioners Office and follows GDPR guidelines and code of practice for stored data and cctv images.

Privacy Statement. A copy is displayed in the appropriate places.

Covid. The Beacon is carefully following government policy for places of worship and adopting the guidelines throughout the pandemic.

signed on behalf of the trustees



6/6/21

Rev William R Porter

Date

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020

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THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE ORGANISATION:

THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

CHARITY REGISTRATION 1159478

I report on the accounts of the organisation for the period ending 31st August 2020

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the organisations trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7) (H) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the account requirements of the Act.Have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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27TH May 2020

BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159478)**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.8.20**

		2020 £	2019 £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
FREEHOLD PROPERTY		165,678	165,678
		165,678	165,678
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
CASH AND BANK IN HAND		37,076	54,485
RESTRICTED FUNDS	0		
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	37076	37,076	54,485
		<u>202,754</u>	<u>220,163</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
		-	-
<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>			
LOAN ON PROPERTY		46,000	64,000
<u>NETT ASSETS</u>		<u>156,754</u>	<u>156,163</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>			
CAPITAL ACCOUNT B/F		156,163	137,460
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		591	18,703
CAPITAL ACCOUNT C/F		<u>156,754</u>	<u>156,163</u>

W.R. [Signature]
G.G. [Signature]

THE BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	FREEHOLD PROPERTY £	FIXTURES & FITTINGS £	TOTALS £
COST			
AS AT 1.9.19	165678	0	165678
ADDITIONS	0	0	0
AS AT 31.8.20	165678	0	165678
DEPRECIATION			
AS AT 1.9.19	0	0	0
ADDITIONS	0	0	0
AS AT 31.8.20	0	0	0
NETT BOOK VALUE			
AS AT 31.8.20	165678	0	165678
AS AT 1.9.19	165678	0	165678

W R Parker
6/6/21

BEACON HOUSE OF PRAYER (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1159478)**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT PERIOD ENDING 31.8.20**

	2020 £	2019 £
<u>INCOME</u>		
Gifts and Donations	38,516	57,492
Sales	82	525
Gift Aid	8,546	11,266
	47,144	69,283
<u>LESS SUPPORT COSTS</u>		
Water	560	-
Insurance	-	809
Light & Heat	5,277	5,866
Telephone	648	755
License Fees	1,300	682
Sundries	512	332
Professional Fees	235	262
Repairs & Renewals	262	686
Building Maintenance	1,397	415
Gifts	530	1,434
Presence Worship	9,800	9,800
Stipend Services	16,352	17,126
Admin Support	1,413	1,096
Comms Support	667	1,525
Resources	506	1,184
Printing & Stationery	504	800
Refreshments	1,191	1,898
Computer & Internet Costs	603	718
Equipment Hire	793	650
Publicity	-	154
Tools & Equipment	1,516	617
Cleaning	441	645
Conferences	1,430	2,557
Training	616	400
Safeguarding	-	169
	46,553	50,580
SURPLUS FUNDS	591	18,703