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Registered charity 1159478

**Trustees report and Financial Statement
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Registered charity name	Beacon House of Prayer also known as Beacon HOP, BHOP, The Beacon.
Charity number	1159478
Principle & registered office	550-552 High Street, Sandyford, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 5PD
Trustees in the year	Mrs Katie Britton Mr Kevin Britton Mr Paul Ian Critchley Mrs Tracy Critchley Mrs Evelyn Bernadette Carter (resigned Oct 2019) Mr Michael William Carter (resigned Oct 2019) Mrs Dilwen Gwyn Naylor Mr William John Naylor Mrs Karen Jane Porter Rev William Robert Porter
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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.

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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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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]

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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 Barber
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