

2023 Report and Accounts for the Trustees of The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) Also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre

Aim and Purposes

The Trustees of The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre (The Church Council) have the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar/Minister in promoting the ecclesiastical parish of St Paul's Balsall Heath, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Church Council is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of Balsall Heath Church Centre, 100 Mary Street, Balsall Heath, B12 9JU.

Objectives and Activities

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our community at Balsall Heath Church Centre. The Church Council maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of Balsall Heath Church Centre and its grounds.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £66,545 of which £10,473 was unrestricted voluntary donations. Total receipts on restricted funds were £22,288 and are detailed in the Financial Statements. £62,132 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from Balsall Heath Church Centre.

The net result for the year was a surplus in receipts versus payments of £4,413 on unrestricted funds. However, the General Funds of the Church were impacted by an increase in value of the COIF Investment Fund of £13,790. The value of these funds is largely immaterial in the accounts until such time they need to be liquidated. The balance of the General Fund carried forward at 31st December was £200,076

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £15,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of the Church Council is set out in the Constitution. The membership of the Church Council consists of the Vicar/Minister, nine elected Trustees and up to two co-opted Trustees. All those who attend our services members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll or URC Membership Roll and stand for election to the Church Council.

The Church Council members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Church and parish including deciding on how the funds of the charity are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the Church Council

Administrative Information

The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican & URC) also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre is situated in Balsall Heath, Birmingham. It is part of the Diocese of Birmingham within the Church of England and of the West Midlands Synod within the United Reformed Church.

The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Balsall Heath Church Centre, 100 Mary Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9JU. It is registered charity, number 1160049.

Church Council members who have served at any time from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Elected members:

Ms **Jasmine** Browne
Mr **Alester** Burke
Rev **Peter** Bound
Mr **John** Christopher
Mr **Selwyn** Inniss
Mrs **Anne** Laugharne
Ms **Maggie** Norris
Mrs **Ann** Samuel
Mr **Ivor** Samuel

Approved by the Church Council and signed on their behalf by Anne Laugharne (Treasurer).

Signed _____
Anne Laugharne

Dated

BALSALL HEATH CHURCH CENTRE - 1160049

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>						
Donations and legacies	39,955	—	20,000	—	59,955	62,428
Income from charitable activities	20,219	—	16	—	20,235	24,184
Other trading activities	3,163	—	2,272	—	5,435	3,700
Investments	3,207	—	—	—	3,207	1,898
Total income	66,545	—	22,288	—	88,834	92,212
<i>Expenditure on:</i>						
Raising funds	—	—	2,556	—	2,556	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	60,613	400	42,289	—	103,302	77,034
Other expenditure	1,518	—	—	—	1,518	10,981
Total expenditure	62,132	400	44,845	—	107,378	88,016
Gains / losses on investment assets	13,790	—	—	—	13,790	(10,880)
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	18,203	(400)	(22,557)	—	(4,753)	(6,684)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>						
Net movement in funds	18,203	(400)	(22,557)	—	(4,753)	(6,684)
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward	181,872	556	17,170	—	199,599	206,283
Total funds carried forward	200,076	156	(5,387)	—	194,845	199,599
<i>Represented by</i>						
Unrestricted						
General fund	200,076	—	—	—	200,076	181,872
Designated						
Garden Refurbishment	—	156	—	—	156	556
Restricted						
Charities	—	—	126	—	126	126
Diocesan Fees	—	—	192	—	192	176
Growing Together Gardening Club	—	—	2,813	—	2,813	7,197
Silver Lining Project	—	—	(7,961)	—	(7,961)	9,670
Windrush Event	—	—	(556)	—	(556)	—

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of: The United Church
of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican and URC)
Also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre**

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out in the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

As trustees of the Charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to;

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual item or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Management Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

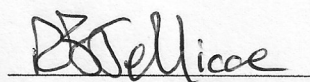
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - *to keep accounting records in accordance with section s130 of the 2011 Act: or
 - *to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records: have not been met;or
2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date 5th June 2024