

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT

England & Wales · Charity number 1161182

Details

Other names	BEACON CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-04-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 3. OBJECTSTHE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE(1)TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS AS SPECIFIED BY THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE, IN BRIDPORT AND SURROUNDING AREA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDON OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY, AND;(2)TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK OR WHO HAVE ADDICTION ISSUES AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN BRIDPORT AND SURROUNDING AREA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: Beacon Church Bridport runs weekly church services in an effort to advance the Christian faith in Bridport. We attempt to bring relief to those in the town suffering hardship of some kind whether it be issues with mental health, drug addiction, illness or loneliness. Our youth activities and community events are designed to meet the emotional, spiritual and physical needs of those in our town.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN BRIDPORT AND SURROUNDING AREA
- Devon
- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£184,896	£59,640	-	-
2024-03-31	£82,744	£57,526	-	-
2023-03-31	£64,062	£43,144	-	-
2022-03-31	£66,929	£13,239	-	-
2021-03-31	£19,572	£10,602	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Heather Hooper	Chair	2023-04-17
Barbara Wakinson		2023-08-03
David John Norris		2014-07-07
Dianne Sinclair		2014-07-07

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BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT CIO

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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Trustees' Report

References and administrative information

Charity name	Beacon Church Bridport
Charity Registration Number	1161182
Charity's principal address	Evangelical Hall Priory Lane Bridport Dorset DT6 3RW

Trustees

Dianne Sinclair
David Norris
Heather Hooper (Appointed 17.04.23)
Barbara Watkinson (Appointed 03.08.23)

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Life Groups: two relational groups have been meeting weekly in members' homes to encourage friendship, discipleship and support.

A men's group meets to pray and share once a week on a Monday. A Ladies 'knit and natter' group meets on a Thursday. Some attendees come from other churches, but others have no church background. There is a five minute Bible reading and prayer time during the session.

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Achievements and Performance

The new leadership team which was established in 2021 continue to ably and effectively lead the church. One of the team is now employed part-time to oversee the functioning of the church.

Purchase of building: Beacon Church is in the process of purchasing the building from a Christian Trust. An offer has been accepted and the funds raised. It is hoped to complete the purchase by the end of 2025. The premises prove to be a real community hub as we actively seek to reach out to the local community via the weekly Community Kitchen and other activities.

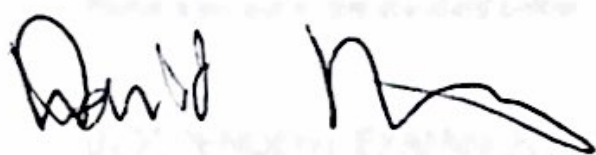
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Financial review and reserves policy

Beacon Church was substantially funded by donations and gifts from its congregation. This enabled staff to be employed and the premises maintained so that Beacon Church could carry out its ministry. Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds of approximately three months' unrestricted charitable expenditure, which they consider will provide sufficient funds to respond to any unexpected drop in income or rise in expenditure in the short term.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 16th September 2025



David Norris

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Beacon Church Bridport for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 - 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission, the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the standard below.

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 130 of the Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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: 16th September 2025

Beacon Church Bridport CIO

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted Funds	2025 Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources:					
Voluntary income:					
Offerings:					
General offerings		6,355	-	6,355	6,000
Gift Aided		20,000	-	20,000	25,017
Restricted income		-	81,983	81,983	26,523
Restricted income - Gift Aided		-	8,080	8,080	240
Income tax reclaimed		8,085	5,725	13,810	6,282
Total incoming resources		34,440	95,788	130,228	64,062
Resources expended:					
Charitable Activities	2	20,449	40,151	60,600	43,114
Total resources expended		20,449	40,151	60,600	43,114
Net incoming resources		13,991	55,637	69,628	20,948
Transfers					
		-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		81,337	33,931	115,268	69,102
Total funds carried forward		95,328	89,568	184,896	90,050

The notes form an integral part of these accounts

Beacon Church Bridport CIO

Accounts as at 31 March 2025

Balance Sheet

	Note	Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	Total £	2024 Total £
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	1,187	3,708	4,895	15,961
Cash at bank and in hand	6	96,515	85,860	182,375	103,496
		97,702	89,568	187,270	119,457
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	7	(2,374)	-	(2,374)	(4,189)
Net current assets		95,328	89,568	184,896	115,268
Net assets		95,328	89,568	184,896	115,268
Funds					
Unrestricted funds					
General funds				75,328	81,337
Designated funds (building purchase)				20,000	-
				95,328	81,337
Restricted funds	8			89,568	33,931
Total funds				184,896	115,268

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015); Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

The Beacon Church Bridport meets the definition of a public entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

- b) **Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**
The Trustees consider that the accounts be prepared on a going concern basis.

c) **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of the incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Voluntary income

Voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities during the year in which it is receivable together with any income tax reclaimable thereon.

Investment income

Income from investment is included in the year it is receivable

Other incoming resources

Other incoming resources are included in the period which they are receivable

d) **Resources expended**

Resources expended are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities

Charitable activities includes all direct and indirect costs incurred by the charity in meeting its charitable objects.

Governance costs

Governance activities comprise all costs incurred in running the charity itself as an organisation and its compliance with regulation and good practice

e) **Taxation**

Under section 505 ICTA 1988 the charity is exempt from certain taxes. Full account is taken of tax credits attaching to gifts and qualifying donations.

f) **Value Added Tax**

The charity is not registered for value added tax. Irrecoverable value added tax is aggregated along with the expenditure to which it relates.

Beacon Church Bridport CIO

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

2 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Governance costs (note 3)	960	-	960
Charitable activities (note 4)	19,489	40,151	59,640
	20,449	40,151	60,600

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Governance costs (note 3)	520	-	520
Charitable activities (note 4)	17,349	39,657	57,006
	17,869	39,657	57,526

3 Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total £
Professional Fees	960	-	960	520
	960	-	960	520

4 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	Total £	2024 Total £
Wages	-	17,836	17,836	16,260
Food purchases for soup kitchen	-	-	-	16,389
Fundraising for soup kitchen	-	-	-	198
Training	-	-	-	432
Office rent	-	-	-	804
Office Utilities	-	-	-	5,126
Commission Events	-	-	-	415
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	-	126
Advertising	60	-	60	592
Events	-	-	-	-
Computer and software	-	-	-	1,221
Telephone and internet	-	-	-	464
Subscriptions and licences	477	-	477	504
Cleaning	-	-	-	811
Building repair and improvements	(132)	1,000	868	9,590
General expenses	-	-	-	1,847
Insurance	-	-	-	584
Safeguarding training / support	-	-	-	-
Gifts given - local charities	(1,000)	1,000	-	200
Gifts given - CAP	225	-	225	90
Gifts given - Churches Together	156	-	156	878
Gifts given - other	-	-	-	-
Children's work	155	78	233	475
	(59)	19,914	19,855	57,006

4 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Wages	-	27,300	27,300	16,260
Food purchases for soup kitchen	-	5,499	5,499	16,389
Fundraising for soup kitchen	-	-	-	198
Training	-	-	-	432
Office rent	807	-	807	804
Office Utilities	1,235	5,274	6,509	5,126
Commission Events	1,330	-	1,330	415
Printing, postage and stationery	861	-	861	126
Advertising	9	-	9	592
Events	444	-	444	-
Computer and software	441	-	441	1,221
Telephone and internet	557	-	557	464
Subscriptions and licences	773	-	773	504
Cleaning	591	-	591	811
Building repair and improvements	8,493	1,000	9,493	9,590
General expenses	670	-	670	1,847
Insurance	604	-	604	584
Safeguarding training / support	477	-	477	-
Gifts given - local charities	18	1,000	1,018	200
Gifts given - CAP	180	-	180	90
Gifts given - Churches Together	881	-	881	878
Gifts given - other	1,118	-	1,118	-
Children's work	-	78	78	475
	<u>19,489</u>	<u>40,151</u>	<u>59,640</u>	<u>57,006</u>

5 Debtors

	Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid Claim	1,187	3,708	4,895	15,961
	<u>1,187</u>	<u>3,708</u>	<u>4,895</u>	<u>15,961</u>

6 Cash at bank and in hand

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Bank Current Account	96,515	85,860	182,375	103,496
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7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Payroll Liabilities: HMRC	1,301	-	1,301	1,483
Payroll Liabilities: Pension	73	-	73	88
Wages Control	-	-	-	1,618
Accountancy Accrual	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
	<u>2,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,374</u>	<u>4,189</u>

8 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 April 23	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 24
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth	-	625	(475)	-	150
Leader's wages	-	16,540	(9,951)	-	6,589
Community Kitchen	28,764	27,659	(29,231)	-	27,192
	<u>28,764</u>	<u>44,824</u>	<u>(39,657)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,931</u>

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	£	£	£	£	£
Youth	150	10,000	(78)	-	10,072
Leader's wages	6,589	24,000	(17,836)	-	12,753
Community Kitchen	27,192	20,199	(19,857)	-	27,534
Gifts for individuals	-	1,380	(1,380)	-	-
Building fund	-	39,209	-	-	39,209
Property improvements	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
	<u>33,931</u>	<u>95,788</u>	<u>(40,151)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,568</u>

Accounts

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT CIO

CHARITY NUMBER: 1161182

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND
TRUSTEES REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024**

Beacon Church Bridport CIO

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 13 December 2024.



David Norris
Trustee

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CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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Date: 17.12.2024

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Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Incoming resources:					
Voluntary income:					
Offerings: General offerings		4,328	-	4,328	6,000
Gift Aided		26,870	-	26,870	25,017
Restricted income			43,924	43,924	26,523
Restricted income - Gift Aided		-	720	720	240
Income tax reclaimed		6,722	180	6,902	6,282
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Resources expended:					
Charitable Activities	2	17,869	39,657	57,526	43,114
Total resources expended		<u>17,869</u>	<u>39,657</u>	<u>57,526</u>	<u>43,114</u>
Net incoming resources		20,051	5,167	25,218	20,948
Transfers					
Total funds brought forward		61,286	28,764	90,050	69,102
Total funds carried forward		<u>81,337</u>	<u>33,931</u>	<u>115,268</u>	<u>90,050</u>

The notes form an integral part of these accounts

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Accounts as at 31 March 2024

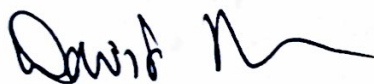
Balance Sheet

	Note	Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	Total £	2023 Total £
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	15,781	180	15,961	9,059
Cash at bank and in hand	6	59,794	43,702	103,496	81,471
		<u>75,575</u>	<u>43,882</u>	<u>119,457</u>	<u>90,530</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(4,189)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,189)</u>	<u>(480)</u>
Net current assets		71,386	43,882	115,268	90,050
Net assets		<u>71,386</u>	<u>43,882</u>	<u>115,268</u>	<u>90,050</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds				81,337	61,286
Restricted funds	8			33,931	28,764
Total funds				<u>115,268</u>	<u>90,050</u>

The notes form an integral part of these accounts

The trustees declare that they have approved the above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 13 December 2024.



David Norris
Trustee

Notes to the Accounts

1 Principal Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 31 January 2022) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The Trustees consider that the accounts should be prepared on a going concern basis.

(c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations

Voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities during the year in which it is receivable together with any income tax reclaimable thereon.

Investment income

Income from investment is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Other incoming resources

Other incoming resources are included in the period in which they are receivable.

Resources expended

- (d) Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities

Charitable activities includes all direct and indirect costs incurred by the charity in meeting its charitable objects.

Governance costs

Governance activities comprise all costs incurred in running the charity itself as an organisation and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

(e) Taxation

Under section 505 ICTA 1988 the charity is exempt from certain taxes. Full account is taken of tax credits attaching to gifts and qualifying donations.

(f) Value added tax

The charity is not registered for value added tax. Irrecoverable value added tax is aggregated along with the expenditure to which it relates.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

2 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2023
Governance costs (note 3)	520	-	520
Charitable activities (note 4)	17,349	39,657	57,006
	<u>17,869</u>	<u>39,657</u>	<u>57,526</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2022
Governance costs (note 3)	480	-	480
Charitable activities (note 4)	10,963	31,671	42,634
	<u>11,443</u>	<u>31,671</u>	<u>43,114</u>

3 Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Professional Fees	520	-	520	480
	<u>520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>520</u>	<u>480</u>

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

4 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	2024 Restricted	Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Wages	-	16,260	16,260	-
Food purchases for soup kitchen	-	16,389	16,389	3,265
Fundraising for soup kitchen	-	198	198	-
Training	432	-	432	303
Office rent	804	-	804	1,600
Office Utilities	1,053	4,073	5,126	2,388
Alpha course expenses	-	-	-	604
Guest speakers	-	-	-	200
Commission Events	415	-	415	-
Printing, postage and stationery	126	-	126	305
Advertising	592	-	592	300
Computer and software	1,221	-	1,221	445
Telephone and internet	464	-	464	355
Subscriptions and licences	504	-	504	455
Equipment/small items purchased	-	-	-	13,252
Cleaning	811	-	811	1,071
Building repair and improvements	7,328	2,262	9,590	16,712
General expenses	1,847	-	1,847	-
Insurance	584	-	584	539
Gifts given - local charities	200	-	200	840
Gifts given - CAP	90	-	90	-
Gifts given - Churches Together	878	-	878	-
Children's work	-	475	475	-
	<u>17,349</u>	<u>39,657</u>	<u>57,006</u>	<u>42,634</u>

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5 Debtors

	Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	Total £	2023 Total £
Gift Aid Claim 2024	6,722	180	6,902	-
Gift Aid Claim 2023	6,282	-	6,282	6,282
Gift Aid Claim 2022	2,777	-	2,777	2,777
	<u>15,781</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>15,961</u>	<u>9,059</u>

6 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	Total £	2023 Total £
Bank Current Account	59,794	43,702	103,496	81,450
Petty cash	-	-	-	21
	<u>59,794</u>	<u>43,702</u>	<u>103,496</u>	<u>81,471</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	Total £	2023 Total £
Payroll Liabilities: HMRC	1,483	-	1,483	-
Payroll Liabilities: Pension	88	-	88	-
Wages Control	1,618	-	1,618	-
Accountancy Accrual	1,000	-	1,000	480
	<u>4,189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,189</u>	<u>480</u>

8 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 April 22 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 23 £
Community Kitchen	33,612	26,823	(31,671)	-	28,764
	<u>33,612</u>	<u>26,823</u>	<u>(31,671)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,764</u>
	Balance at 1 April 23 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 24 £
Youth	-	625	(475)	-	150
Leader's Wages	-	16,540	(9,951)	-	6,589
Community Kitchen	28,764	27,659	(29,231)	-	27,192
	<u>28,764</u>	<u>44,824</u>	<u>(39,657)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,931</u>

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

REFERENCES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<u>CHARITY NAME</u>	Beacon Church Bridport	
<u>CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER</u>	1161182	
<u>CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS</u>	Evangelical Hall Priory Lane Bridport Dorset DT6 3RW	
<u>TRUSTEES</u>	Dianne Sinclair	
	David Norris	
	Heather Hooper	Appointed 17.04.23
	Barbara Watkinson	Appointed 03.08.23
	Jeffrey Hibbitt	Resigned 07.04.23
	Simon Batorski	Resigned 16.07.23

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The Beach Church Bridport is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under a constitution dated 7th April 2015.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Elders of the church as described in the constitution.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Elders or other recognised spiritual leaders of the church identify suitable candidates who are invited to serve us as Trustees. Candidates are appointed if approved by the majority of Elders or recognised spiritual leaders of the church and only after they declare their allegiance to the Evangelical Alliance's statement of beliefs. Suitability is usually based on commitment to Beacon Church demonstrated by regular attendance and a high degree of involvement plus significant spiritual maturity. New Trustees are provided with copies of a Trustee job description, Beacon Church's mission, vision and values, the last four years' Annual Reports and Accounts, and the following Charity Commission documents: the Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know (CC3); Faith in Good Governance; General Guidance on Public Benefit.

Responsibility for the management of the Church and its assets is vested in the Board of Trustees. There are four members (listed above), all of whom act in a voluntary capacity and were appointed to manage the church.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity's objectives are:

(1) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs as specified by the evangelical alliance, in Bridport and surrounding area and in such parts of the United Kingdom of the world as the trustees of the charity may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity, and;

(2) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick or who have addiction issues and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Bridport and surrounding areas and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Practically speaking this means blessing the community, strengthening believers and training leaders. The trustees do not believe that it is possible to accurately report on the individual performance of the above as they are intrinsically linked and this is impossible to account for independently.

- Sunday Services: proclamation of the Christian faith, corporate worship and prayer, the study of the Bible and the mutual encouragement of those attending. Quarterly shared lunches are provided for anyone wishing to attend. Average weekly service attendance has been around 30.

- Children's ministry: 'Navigators' for primary school age children and 'Little Lanterns' for under 5's involve activities in a separate part of the building during church services. Each session is run by DBS checked volunteers who help the children build friendships with their peers and a relationship with God.

- Network Groups: one relational group of around 10 people have been meeting weekly in a member's home to encourage friendship, discipleship and support.

- Volunteering: Beacon launched a Community Soup Kitchen towards the end of 2019, offering hot meals and support to anyone experiencing an emotional or financial crisis in Bridport and other nearby towns. This is providing to be an invaluable service to those struggling with mental ill-health.

- Prayer Meetings: regular mid-week prayer meetings are held for Beacon Church members. Before every Sunday morning service a faithful group, growing in numbers, continues to gather to pray.

- Mission and Benevolent Giving: Beacon Church gives some of its income to mission causes that further its vision in Bridport.

- Pastoral Care Team: provided care, support and relational connections to members in need

The trustees consider that the Church's activities during the year satisfy the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The church receives voluntary help but it is impossible to quantify this.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During this report year, as well as the activities above, the church were privileged to be able to offer support to several grieving families. The new leadership team which was established in 2021 continued to ably and effectively lead the church. They continued to enjoy the use of the rented premises, which proved to be a real community hub as they activitively sought to reach out to the local community via the weekly Soup Kitchen.

RELATED PARTIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Beacon Church is a member of (1) Commission group of churches (South West region) facilitating being geographically accessible and relational to the other churches in the area (2) the Evangelical Alliance and (3) Churches Together in Bridport & District (CTiBD)

Beacon Church financially supported the CTiBD Youth Worker Project and a local community Food Bank.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

Beacon Church was substantially funded by donations from its congregation. This enabled staff to be employed and the premises maintained so that Beacon Church could carry out its ministry. Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds of approximately three months' unrestricted charitable expenditure, which they consider will provide sufficient funds to respond to any unexpected drop in income or rise in expenditure in the short term.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the charity Trustees' have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Standards). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Charity Trustees to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity for the period.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

David Norris

Date:

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Beacon Church Bridport for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 6 - 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission, the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the standard below.

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 130 of the Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

B K Kenway FCCA
Martin and Company
2A Victoria Grove
Bridport
Dorset
DT6 3AA

Date:

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>
		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income:					
Offerings: General offerings		6,000		6,000	4,933
Gift Aided		25,017		25,017	19,760
Restricted income			26,523	26,523	35,590
Restricted income: Gift Aided			240	240	1,500
Income tax reclaimed		6,222	60	6,282	5,146
Total incoming resources		37,239	26,823	64,062	66,929
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	2	11,443	31,671	43,114	13,340
Total resources expended		11,443	31,671	43,114	13,340
New movement in funds		25,796	(4,848)	20,948	53,589
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		35,490	33,612	69,102	15,513
Total funds carried forward		£ 61,286	£ 28,764	£ 90,050	£ 69,102

The notes form an integral part of these accounts

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>
		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
		£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	8,999	60	9,059	3,316
Cash at Bank and in hand	6	52,767	28,704	81,471	66,266
		61,766	28,764	90,530	69,582
Creditors: amounts due within one year	7	(480)	-	(480)	(480)
Net current assets		£ 61,286	£ 28,764	£ 90,050	£ 69,102
Reserves					
Unrestricted funds				61,286	35,490
Restricted funds	8			28,764	33,612
Total funds				£90,050	£69,102

The notes form an integral part of these accounts

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015); Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

The Beacon Church Bridport meets the definition of a public entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

- b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis
The Trustees consider that the accounts be prepared on a going concern basis.

- c) Incoming Resources
All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of the incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Voluntary income

Voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities during the year in which it is receivable together with any income tax reclaimable thereon.

Investment income

Income from investment is included in the year it is receivable

Other incoming resources

Other incoming resources are included in the period which they are receivable

- d) Resources expended
Resources expended are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities

Charitable activities includes all direct and indirect costs incurred by the charity in meeting its charitable objects.

Governance costs

Governance activities comprise all costs incurred in running the charity itself as an organisation and its compliance with regulation and good practice

- e) Taxation
Under section 505 ICTA 1988 the charity is exempt from certain taxes. Full account is taken of tax credits attaching to gifts and qualifying donations.
- f) Value Added Tax
The charity is not registered for value added tax. Irrecoverable value added tax is aggregated along with the expenditure to which it relates.

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT CIO
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

2) CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£
Governance costs (note 3)	480		480
Charitable activities (note 4)	10,963	31,671	42,634
	<u>£ 11,443</u>	<u>£ 31,671</u>	<u>£ 43,114</u>

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£	£
Governance costs (note 3)	480		480
Charitable activities (note 4)	7,692	5,168	12,860
	<u>£ 8,172</u>	<u>£ 5,168</u>	<u>£ 13,340</u>

3) GOVERNANCE COSTS

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
	£	£		£
Professional fees	480	-	480	480
	<u>£ 480</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 480</u>	<u>£ 480</u>

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4) CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Travel/Expenses			-	42
Food purchases for soup kitchen	140	3,125	3,265	-
Training	255	48	303	335
Office rent	1,600	-	1,600	700
Office heating costs	2,068	40	2,108	754
Alpha course expenses	604	-	604	-
Guest speakers	200	-	200	-
Printing, postage and stationery	271	34	305	252
Advertising	300	-	300	-
Computer and software	445	-	445	314
Telephone and internet	355	-	355	342
Subscriptions and licences	437	18	455	496
Equipment/small items purchased	1,077	12,175	13,252	1,419
Office repairs	682	-	682	2,957
Cleaning	870	201	1,071	168
Water rates	280	-	280	198
Building improvements	-	16,030	16,030	1,014
Insurance	539	-	539	501
Gifts given - other	-	-	-	519
Gifts given - local charities	840	-	840	840
Gifts given - AJ Rigby Youth Work	-	-	-	1,000
Community Outreach (Poor/Homeless)	-	-	-	909
Children's work	-	-	-	100
	<u>£ 10,963</u>	<u>£ 31,671</u>	<u>£ 42,634</u>	<u>£ 12,860</u>

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5) DEBTORS

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid Claim up to year end	6,222	60	6,282	-
Gift Aid Claim up to prior year end	2,777	-	2,777	2,777
Prepayment - Insurance	-	-	-	539
	£ 8,999	£ 60	£ 9,059	£ 3,316

6) CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	52,746	28,704	81,450	66,245
Petty cash	21	-	21	21
	£ 52,767	£ 28,704	£ 81,471	£ 66,266

7) CREDITORS

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Accruals	480	-	480	480
	£ 480	£ -	£ 480	£ 480

8) RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1st April 21	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31st March 22
Community Kitchen	1,690	37,090	(5,168)	-	33,612
	£ 1,690	£ 37,090	(5,168)	£ -	£ 33,612

	Balance at 1st April 22	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31st March 23
Community Kitchen	33,612	26,823	(31,671)	-	28,764
	£ 33,612	£ 26,823	(31,671)	£ -	£ 28,764

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

REFERENCES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME - Beacon Church Bridport

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER - 1161182

CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: - Evangelical Hall
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TRUSTEES: Dianne Sinclair
David Norris
Simon Batorski
Jeffrey Hibbitt

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022.

The Beacon Church Bridport is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under a constitution dated 7th April 2015.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Elders of the church as described in the constitution

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Elders or other recognised spiritual leaders of the church identify suitable candidates who are invited to serve as Trustees. Candidates are appointed if approved by the majority of Elders or recognised spiritual leaders of the church and only after they declare their allegiance to the Evangelical Alliance's statement of beliefs. Suitability is usually based on commitment to Beacon Church demonstrated by regular attendance and a high degree of involvement plus significant spiritual maturity. New Trustees are provided with copies of a Trustee job description, Beacon Church's mission, vision and values, the last four years' Annual Reports and Accounts, and the following Charity Commission documents: the Essential Trustee: What You Need To Know (CC3); Faith in Good Governance; General Guidance on Public Benefit.

Responsibility for the management of the Church and its assets is vested in the Board of Trustees. There are four members (listed above), all of whom act in a voluntary capacity and were appointed to manage the church.

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT
CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity's objectives are:

(1) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs as specified by the evangelical alliance, in Bridport and surrounding area and in such parts of the United Kingdom of the world as the trustees of the charity may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity, and;

(2) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick of who have addiction issues and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Bridport and surrounding area and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Practically speaking this means blessing the community, strengthening believers and training leaders. The trustees do not believe that it is possible to accurately report on the individual performance of the above as they are intrinsically linked and this impossible to account for independently.

•Sunday Services: proclamation of the Christian faith, corporate worship and prayer, the study of the Bible and the mutual encouragement of those attending. Quarterly shared lunches are provided for anyone wishing to attend. Average weekly service attendance has been around 30.

•Children's ministry: 'Navigators' for primary school age children and 'Little Lanterns' for under 5's involve activities in a separate part of the building during church services. Each session is run by DBS checked volunteers who help the children build friendships with their peers and a relationship with God.

•Network Groups: one relational group of around 10 people have been meeting weekly in a member's home to encourage friendship, discipleship and support.

•Volunteering: Beacon launched a Community Soup Kitchen towards the end of 2019, offering hot meals and support to anyone experiencing an emotional or financial crisis in Bridport and other nearby towns. This is proving to be an invaluable service to those struggling with mental ill-health.

•Prayer Meetings: Regular mid-week prayer meetings are held for Beacon Church members. Before every Sunday morning service a faithful group, growing in numbers, continues to gather to pray.

•Mission and Benevolent Giving: Beacon Church gives some of its income to mission causes that further its vision in Bridport.

•Pastoral Care Team: provided care, support and relational connections to members in need.

The Trustees consider that the Church's activities during the year satisfy the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The church receives voluntary help but it is impossible to quantify this.

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT
CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During this report year, as well as the activities above, the church were privileged to be able to offer support to several grieving families. The new leadership team which was established in the previous year continued to ably and effectively lead the church. We continued to enjoy the use of our rented premises, which proved to be a real community hub as we actively sought to reach out to our local community via our weekly Soup Kitchen.

RELATED PARTIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

Beacon Church is a member of (1) Commission group of churches (South West region) facilitating being geographically accessible and relational to the other churches in the area (2) the Evangelical Alliance and (3) Churches Together in Bridport & District (CTiBD).

Beacon Church financially supported the CTiBD Youth Worker Project and a local community Food Bank.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

Beacon Church was substantially funded by donations from its congregation. This enabled staff to be employed and premises maintained so that Beacon Church could carry out its ministry. Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds of approximately three months' unrestricted charitable expenditure, which they consider will provide sufficient funds to respond to any unexpected drop in income or rise in expenditure in the short term.

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT
CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the charity Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Standards). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Charity Trustees to prepare Financial Statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity for the period.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Dianne Sinclair



Date: 31st January 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT
CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of the Beacon Church Bridport for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission, the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 130 of the Act
 - to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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: 31st January 2023

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT
CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
		Unrestricted	Restricted		
		Funds	Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming resources</u>					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income:					
General Offerings Non-Gift Aid		4,933	-	4,933	3,358
General Offerings Gift Aid		19,760	-	19,760	10,875
Restricted Donations: Non-Gift Aid		-	35,590	35,590	2,556
Restricted Donations: Gift Aid		-	1,500	1,500	50
Gift Aid Claim		5,146	0	5,146	2,733
Total incoming resources		29,839	37,090	66,929	19,572
<u>Resources expended:</u>					
Charitable Activities	2	7,591	5,168	12,759	10,122
Governance Costs	3	480	-	480	480
Total resources expended		8,071	5,168	13,239	10,602
<u>NEW MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</u>					
		21,768	31,922	53,690	8,970
Total Funds Brought Forward		13,823	1,690	15,513	6,543
<u>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</u>		35,591	33,612	69,203	15,513

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT
CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

	Note	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
		Funds	Funds		
		£	£	£	£
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Debtors	5	3,316	-	3,316	791
Cash at Bank	6	32,654	33,612	66,266	15,104
		<u>35,970</u>	<u>33,612</u>	<u>69,582</u>	<u>15,895</u>
<u>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE</u>					
<u> WITHIN ONE YEAR</u>	7	<u>480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>382</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>36,450</u>	<u>33,612</u>	<u>70,062</u>	<u>15,513</u>
<u>FUNDS</u>					
Unrestricted Funds				36,450	13,823
Restricted Funds	8			33,612	1,690
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>70,062</u>	<u>15,513</u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Dianne Sinclair

Date: 31st January 2023

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT
CHARITY NUMBER 1161182
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Beacon Church Bridport meets the definition of a public entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2 Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Voluntary income

Voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities during the year in which it is receivable together with any income tax reclaimable thereon.

Investment income

Income from investment is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Other incoming resources

Other incoming resources are included in the period in which they are receivable.

1.3 Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities

Charitable activities includes all direct and indirect costs incurred by the charity in meeting its charitable objects.

Governance costs

Governance activities comprise all costs incurred in running the charity itself as an organisation and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

1.4 Taxation

Under section 505 ICTA 1988 the charity is exempt from certain taxes. Full account is taken of tax credits attaching to gifts and qualifying donations.

1.5 Value Added Tax

The charity is not registered for value added tax. Irrecoverable value added tax is aggregated along with the expenditure to which it relates.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

2 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<u>2022</u>			<u>2021</u>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Lead Elder - Salary	-	-	-	-
Travel / Expenses	42	-	42	-
Office administrator salary	-	-	-	4,324
Training	335	-	335	0
Conferences	-	-	-	-
Office rent	700	-	700	1,200
Office Heating Costs	754	-	754	841
Printing, Postage & Stationery	252	-	252	60
Computer & Software	314	-	314	96
Telephone & Internet	342	-	342	369
Subscriptions & Licences	496	-	496	229
Equipment / Small items purchased	181	1,238	1,419	130
Office Machine Maintenance & Repairs	-	-	-	-
Office repairs	2,858	-	2,858	186
Office Cleaning	-	168	168	275
Water rates	198	-	198	129
Church Entertainment	-	-	-	-
Building Improvements	-	1,014	1,014	-
Sundries - Sunday Morning	-	-	-	-
Insurance	501	-	501	485
Gifts for visiting ministry	-	-	-	-
Gifts Given - Commission	-	-	-	-
Gifts Given - Other	519	-	519	-
Gifts Given - Local Charities	-	840	840	840
Gifts Given - Pastoral Needs	-	-	-	-
Gifts Given A J Rigby Youth-Work	-	1,000	1,000	-
Community Outreach (Poor/Homeless)	-	909	909	958
Socials	-	-	-	-
Christmas Event	-	-	-	-
Children's Work	100	-	100	-
Ladies Shimmer	-	-	-	-
Community Action projects	-	-	-	-
	<u>7,591</u>	<u>5,168</u>	<u>12,759</u>	<u>10,122</u>

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3 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Professional fees	480	-	480
	<u>480</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>480</u>

4 STAFF COSTS

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	Total	Total	Total
	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	4,324	
	<u>0</u>	<u>4,324</u>	

The average number of full time equivalent employees during the period was 0 (2021: 1)

5 DEBTORS

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Gift Aid Claim up to year-end	2,777	-	2,777
Prepayment - Insurance	539	-	539
Prepayment - heat & light	-	-	277
	<u>3,316</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,316</u>

6 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Bank Current Account	32,633	33,612	66,245
Petty Cash	21	-	21
	<u>32,654</u>	<u>33,612</u>	<u>66,266</u>

7 CREDITORS

AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
PAYE	-	-	-
National Insurance	-	-	-
Accruals	480	-	480
Travel Expenses	-	-	-
Telephone & Internet	-	-	-
Rent	-	-	-
Heating	-	-	-
Accrued income (weekend away)	-	-	-
Accountant's Report	-	-	-
	<u>480</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>480</u>

8 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1st April	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31st March
	£	£	£	£
Community Kitchen	1,690	37,090	(5,168)	33,612
	<u>1,690</u>	<u>37,090</u>	<u>(5,168)</u>	<u>33,612</u>

Community Kitchen - Monies relating to the weekly kitchen that runs from the church building.

Accounts

BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT

CHARITY NUMBER: 1161182

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Beacon Church Bridport (Charity Number 1161182)

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

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The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation under a constitution dated 27 June 2018.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Elders of the church as described in the constitution.

Trustee Recruitment and Induction:

Elders or other recognised spiritual leaders of the church invite suitable candidates and are invited to serve as Trustees. Candidates are appointed if approved by a majority of the recognised spiritual leaders of the church and only after they have signed a statement of beliefs. Suitability is assessed by reference to the Beacon Church's demonstrated by regular attendance and a high degree of commitment to the spiritual life of the church. New Trustees are provided with copies of, together with Beacon Church's mission, vision and values, the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan, the 2018-2021 Financial Statements, and the following Charity Commission documents: The Essential Trustee, What the Trustee Needs to Know (CC2), Faith in Good Governance, General Guidance on Public Benefit.

Organisational Structure

The spiritual life of Beacon Church's Lead Elder in February 2020, who was also a Trustee, announced the need for a new Trustee, so Peter Bown and Jeff Hibbert were appointed as new Trustees. In the spring of 2020, Beacon Church's South West representative, Peter Bown, and two other Trustees were appointed to lead the church, namely James Phipps, Simon Gifford and Peter Bown. It was agreed that they would initially be referred to as the 'Beacon Church Team' for around six months, and thereafter would be referred to as the 'Beacon Church Team'.

The new Beacon Church Team comprises two school teachers and a business owner. This new team have met regularly, either in person, or via Zoom during national lockdowns, to review strategy and set the overall direction of the church. The Trustees support the team, and meet on Zoom to review management and administration of Beacon Church funds, policy and other operational matters. Key management personnel of the charity as listed above were in charge of directing, organising, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

Beacon Church Bridport (Charity Number 1161182)

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Trustees Annual Report

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Beacon Church Bridport

Charity's principal address: Evangelical Hall
Priory Lane
Bridport
Dorset
DT6 3RW

Trustees: Dianne Sinclair
David Norris
Simon Batorski (appointed 2 December 2021)
Jeffrey Hibbitt (appointed 11 February 2020)

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under a constitution dated 7th April 2015

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Elders of the church as described in the constitution.

Trustee Recruitment and Induction:

Elders or other recognised spiritual leaders of the church identify suitable candidates who are invited to serve as Trustees. Candidates are appointed if approved by a majority of Elders or recognised spiritual leaders of the church and only after they declare their allegiance to the Evangelical Alliance's statement of beliefs. Suitability is usually based on commitment to Beacon Church demonstrated by regular attendance and a high degree of involvement plus significant spiritual maturity. New Trustees are provided with copies of a Trustee job description, Beacon Church's mission, vision and values, the last three years' Annual Reports and Accounts, and the following Charity Commission documents: the Essential Trustee: What You Need To Know (CC3); Faith in Good Governance; General Guidance on Public Benefit.

Organisational Structure

The retirement of Beacon Church's Lead Elder in February 2020, who was also a Trustee, created an opening for a new Trustee, so Peter Beare and Jeff Hibbitt were appointed as new Trustees. With the help of Adrian Birks, Commission's South West representative, three trusted church members were appointed to lead the church, namely James Houston, Simon Batorski and Peter Beare. It was agreed that they would initially be referred to as the 'Transition Team' for around six months, and thereafter would be referred to as the Leadership Team.

The new Leadership Team comprises two school teachers and a business owner. This new team have met regularly, either in person, or via Zoom during national lockdowns, to review strategy and set the spiritual direction of the church. The Trustees support this team, and meet or Zoom to review management and administration of Beacon Church funds, policy and other operational matters. Key management personnel of the charity as listed above were in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objectives are:

(1) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs as specified by the evangelical alliance, in Bridport and surrounding area and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees of the charity may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity, and;

(2) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick or who have addiction issues and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Bridport and surrounding area and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Practically speaking this means blessing the community, strengthening believers and training leaders. The Trustees do not believe that it is possible to accurately report on the individual performance of the above as they are intrinsically linked and thus impossible to account for independently. Obviously, pandemic restrictions and lockdowns heavily affected and curtailed this reporting year's activities but Beacon Church's main activities advancing its vision were as follows:

- Sunday Services: via Zoom during lockdowns; proclamation of the Christian faith, corporate worship and prayer, the study of the Bible and encouragement of those involved. Quarterly shared lunches provided for anyone wishing to attend. Average weekly service attendance around 25.
- Network Groups: a relational group of around 10 people met weekly either via Zoom during lockdowns or in the Leadership Teams' homes to encourage friendship, discipleship and support.
- Volunteering: Beacon Church's Community Kitchen, launched back in 2019, never stopped offering homemade, hot, nutritious meals and support to anyone experiencing an emotional or financial crisis for the entire duration of the reporting year. This proved to be an invaluable service for those struggling with mental ill-health exacerbated by enforced isolation. The Community Kitchen was open every Wednesday and Friday, albeit as an outdoors take-away service during strict national lockdowns. It proved to be a lifeline for those unfortunate enough to have to make use of the Service.
- Prayer Meetings: Beacon Church's weekly prayer meetings continued all throughout the reporting year with the method of communication adapting during lockdowns. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting was held via Zoom and the early morning Thursday prayer group used WhatsApp. Sunday prayer meetings via Zoom replaced some Sunday Services during periods of national lockdown.
- Mission and Benevolent Giving: Beacon Church gave about a tenth of its income to mission causes that further its vision in Bridport.
- Pastoral Care Team: provided care, support and relational connections to members in need.

The Trustees consider that the Church's activities during the year satisfy the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The church receives voluntary help but it is impossible to quantify this.

Achievements and Performance

During this reporting year, as well as the activities above, the church was privileged to offer support to several deceased members' grieving families. Three of the deceased were elderly, one sadly contracting Covid19 during the first lockdown. The others who died were much younger and their deaths untimely. Several new people began attending during the reporting period.

Related Parties and Other Organizations:

Beacon Church is a member of (1) Commission group of churches (South West region) making us geographically accessible and relational to other nearby Commission churches; (2) the Evangelical Alliance; (3) Churches Together in Bridport & District (CTiBD).

Beacon Church financially supported the CTiBD Youth Worker Project (run by Dorset Youth For Christ) and a local community Food Bank.

Financial review

The income for the year and surplus is as shown in the SOFA. As there was no paid leader in the period and no other large expenses, the church has made a surplus.

Reserves policy

Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds of approximately three months' unrestricted charitable expenditure, which they consider will provide sufficient funds to respond to any unexpected drop in income or rise in expenditure in the short term.

Investment Policy and Performance

The CIO is a relatively new charity and has little spare reserves. The Trustees intend to leave any reserves in a current account so that it can be accessed quickly, until the charity has reserves of a more significant level.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Dianne Sinclair



Date: 26-Jan-22

Beacon Church Bridport (Charity Number 1161182)

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements: The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Charity Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the Charity for that period. In preparing the Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements;

prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Beacon Church Bridport (Charity Number 1161182)

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act; and
- to state 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 on the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you the Trustees concerning any matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the requirements;
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 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 25.01.2022

Beacon Church Bridport (Charity Number 1161182)

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Incoming resources:					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income:					
General Offerings Non-Gift Aid	7	3,358	-	3,358	7,238
General Offerings Gift Aid		10,875	-	10,875	15,605
Restricted Donations: Non-Gift Aid		-	2,556	2,556	407
Restricted Donations: Gift Aid		-	50	50	-
Gift Aid Claim		2,721	12	2,733	4,903
Total incoming resources		16,954	2,618	19,572	28,153
Resources expended:					
Charitable Activities	2	9,194	928	10,122	24,739
Governance Costs	3	480	-	480	300
Total resources expended		9,674	928	10,602	25,039
Net incoming resources		7,280	1,690	8,970	3,114
Total funds brought forward		6,543	-	6,543	6,768
Total funds carried forward		13,823	1,690	15,513	9,882

The notes form an integral part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

Notes to the Accounts

1. Principal Accounting Policies

	Note	Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	Total £	2020 Total £
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	791	-	791	1,808
Cash at bank and in hand	6	13,414	1,690	15,104	5,615
		<u>14,205</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>15,895</u>	<u>7,423</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>880</u>
Net assets		<u>13,823</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>15,513</u>	<u>6,543</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds				13,823	6,543
Restricted funds	8		1,690	1,690	-
Total funds				<u>15,513</u>	<u>6,543</u>

The notes form an integral part of these accounts

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Dianne Sinclair



Date: 26-Jan-22

1.1 Funds (continued)

The charity is required to disclose as income all amounts received as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to do so. The charity is required to disclose as income all amounts received as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to do so. The charity is required to disclose as income all amounts received as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to do so.

1.2 Charitable Expenditure

Charitable expenditure includes all direct and indirect costs incurred by the charity in pursuing its charitable objects.

1.3 Governance

Governance activities include all costs incurred in running the charity itself as an organisation, and in compliance with regulation and good practice.

1.4 Taxation

Under section 505 of the 1999 Act the charity is exempt from income tax. The amount is taken of the credits relating to gifts and qualifying donations.

1.5 Value Added Tax

The charity is not registered for value added tax. Any amount value added tax is aggregated along with the expenditure in which it relates.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Principal Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.3 Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Voluntary Income

Voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities during the year in which it is receivable together with any income tax reclaimable thereon.

Investment income

Income from investment is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Other incoming resources

Other incoming resources are included in the period in which they are receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities

Charitable activities includes all direct and indirect costs incurred by the charity in meeting its charitable objects.

Governance costs

Governance activities comprise all costs incurred in running the charity itself as an organisation and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

1.5 Taxation

Under section 505 ICTA 1988 the charity is exempt from certain taxes. Full account is taken of tax credits attaching to gifts and qualifying donations.

1.6 Value Added Tax:

The charity is not registered for value added tax. Irrecoverable value added tax is aggregated along with the expenditure to which it relates.

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

2 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Lead Elder - Salary	-	-	-	7,020
Lead Elder - Travel / Expenses	-	-	-	90
Office administrator salary	4,324	-	4,324	6,893
Conferences	-	-	-	470
Office rent	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Office Heating Costs	841	-	841	748
Printing, Postage & Stationery	60	-	60	444
Computer & Software	96	-	96	697
Telephone & Internet	369	-	369	211
Subscriptions & Licences	229	-	229	797
Equipment / Small items purchased	130	-	130	408
Office Machine Maintenance & Repairs	-	-	-	187
Office repairs	186	-	186	156
Office Cleaning	275	-	275	283
Water rates	129	-	129	111
Church Entertainment	-	-	-	20
Building Improvements	-	-	-	528
Sundries - Sunday Morning	-	-	-	99
Insurance	485	-	485	490
Sunday Morning Refreshments	-	-	-	76
Gifts for visiting ministry	-	-	-	330
Gifts Given - Commission	-	-	-	280
Gifts Given - Other	-	-	-	1,062
Gifts Given - Local Charities	840	-	840	1,400
Gifts Given - Pastoral Needs	-	-	-	175
Community Outreach (Poor/Homeless)	30	928	958	44
Socials	-	-	-	-
Christmas Event	-	-	-	116
Children's Work	-	-	-	3
Ladies Shimmer	-	-	-	53
Community Action projects	-	-	-	348
	<u>9,194</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>10,122</u>	<u>24,739</u>

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Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

3 Governance Costs

	Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	Total £	2020 Total £
Professional fees	480	-	480	300
	<u>480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>300</u>

4 Staff costs

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Wages and salaries	4,324	13,913
Employer's National Insurance	-	-
	<u>4,324</u>	<u>13,913</u>

The average number of full time equivalent employees during the period was 1 (2020: 1).

During the year, the close family of a trustee was reimbursed £93 for expenses incurred for the charity. In 2020 trustees and / or their close family were paid expenses of £170. Also in the year, no trustees were paid a salary (2020: £7,202).

5 Debtors

	Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	Total £	2020 Total £
Gift Aid Claim up to year-end	514	-	514	1,531
Deposit on weekend away	-	-	-	-
Prepayment - heat & light	277	-	277	277
	<u>791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>1,808</u>

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Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

6 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank Current Account	15,083	-	15,083	5,585
Petty Cash	21	-	21	30
	<u>15,104</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,104</u>	<u>5,615</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
PAYE	-	-	-	271
National Insurance	-	-	-	57
Accruals	382	-	382	552
Travel Expenses	-	-	-	-
Telephone & Internet	-	-	-	-
Rent	-	-	-	-
Heating	-	-	-	-
Accrued Income (weekend away)	-	-	-	-
Accountant's Report	-	-	-	-
	<u>382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>880</u>

8 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 April	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 March
	£	£	£	£
Soup Kitchen	-	2,618	(928)	1,690
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,618</u>	<u>(928)</u>	<u>1,690</u>

Soup Kitchen - Monies relating to the weekly soup kitchen that runs from the church building.