

**BEACON CHURCH BRIDPORT CIO**

**CHARITY NUMBER 1161182**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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## **ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

### **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)

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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 or recognised spiritual leaders of the church who seeking God set the direction and vision of Beacon Church.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Leaders of the church identify suitable candidates who are invited to serve as Trustees. Candidates are appointed if approved by the majority of 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 practical 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.

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 leaders and 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. Regular all age family gatherings are held. Average weekly service attendance has been around 30 – 35.

Children's ministry: 'Sparklers' for primary school age children and under 5's involve activities in another part of the building during church services. A separate youth activity has started on some Sundays as well. Each session is run by DBS checked volunteers who help the children build friendships with their peers and a relationship with God.

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.

An Alpha course to explore the Christian Faith was held and attended by some Community kitchen users and others in the community.

Volunteering: Beacon launched a Community Kitchen towards the end of 2019, offering hot meals and support to anyone experiencing an emotional or financial crisis in Bridport. This is providing an invaluable service to those struggling with mental ill-health, vulnerably housed, homeless, those with addictions and lonely people. There are laundry and showering facilities as part of this service which is open 11am-2pm Wednesday and Friday. The kitchen is run by a part-time paid manager.

Once a month on Saturday mornings Family Film Club takes place when children and their parents/carers come to enjoy selected films.

Prayer: a group gathers to pray Thursdays 5pm-6pm at Beacon church and is open to all who wish to join from the community. Before every Sunday morning service we continue to gather to pray.

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

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**

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.

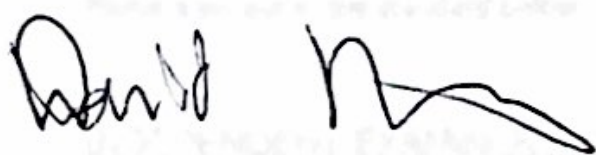
## **Related Parties and other organisations**

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 worker out in Uganda.

## **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

			2025		2024
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources:</b>					
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
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>34,440</b>	<b>95,788</b>	<b>130,228</b>	<b>64,062</b>
<b>Resources expended:</b>					
Charitable Activities	2	20,449	40,151	60,600	43,114
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>20,449</b>	<b>40,151</b>	<b>60,600</b>	<b>43,114</b>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>		<b>13,991</b>	<b>55,637</b>	<b>69,628</b>	<b>20,948</b>
<b>Transfers</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>81,337</b>	<b>33,931</b>	<b>115,268</b>	<b>69,102</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>95,328</b>	<b>89,568</b>	<b>184,896</b>	<b>90,050</b>

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 £
<b>Current Assets</b>					
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
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	7	(2,374)	-	(2,374)	(4,189)
<b>Net current assets</b>		95,328	89,568	184,896	115,268
<b>Net assets</b>		95,328	89,568	184,896	115,268
<b>Funds</b>					
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
<b>Total funds</b>				184,896	115,268
The notes form an integral part of these accounts				-	

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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.

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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

	Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank Current Account	96,515	85,860	182,375	103,496
	<u>96,515</u>	<u>85,860</u>	<u>182,375</u>	<u>103,496</u>

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>

	Balance at 1 April 24	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 25
	£	£	£	£	£
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>