



The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2023

Aim and Purposes

Brinnington Community Church (BCC) has the responsibility of working with the acting Pastor Martin Korchinsky in promoting the church in the Brinnington area, and the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

BCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre complex known as the Lighthouse Centre, Brinnington.

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objectives are set out in its Constitution as follows:

(a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in Brinnington, Stockport 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;

(b) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship and who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said location and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

Public Benefit

In planning their activities for the year, the Trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Vision

"Through a process of Discipleship, we aim to bring those who are not yet Christians into an intimate relationship with God through Christ and into intimate relationships with other Christians."

Attract the Community

Using our building

In addition to our main hall and coffee lounge which can accommodate around 80 people we have several rooms and store rooms which are much used by both BCC groups and outside organisations during the week. Renting rooms to outside agencies, which range from Cheerleaders to ABL Health (a lifestyle class for



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clinically obese), generates an income stream which helps with the rent and maintenance costs of the building and supports our charitable activities. We are also delighted when people with no church background are able to make use of our facilities. We also can provide the building at no charge when circumstances dictate.

Mr Martin Korchinsky is the principal point of contact for users of the building and is responsible for organising maintenance and repairs to the building and equipment.

Supporting the vulnerable

We have established our own Crisis Fund which provides rapid help in the form of food, rent assistance and other urgent needs faced by folk both in our congregation and, on occasion, in the wider community. This support can take the form of a gift or loan. In addition we have initiated a Neighbourhood Chaplains programme to offer visitation to the lonely, practical help to the infirm and spiritual support for the housebound as needs are expressed. This is on a small scale at present but approximately 10 residents have benefitted from regular contact with a Chaplain.

Warm Space

In addition to the above we have responded to the fuel and cost of living crisis by operating a "Warm Space" in the church building running from November 2021. This is an open door service providing a warm, comfortable and friendly setting with free teas and coffees available from 10am to 4pm three days a week. Hot cooked meals are served at 1pm each day and activities such as arm chair exercises, board games, Relaxation techniques and social times are run alongside. On average 100+ meals a week are served.

Food Bank

Chelwood Food Bank Plus run a weekly food bank on a Wednesday afternoon. They are based in Adswold but run satellite food banks in other locations. They store and distribute food from the Lighthouse Centre as part of the Wednesday Drop-In Café. During the year approximately 700 food parcels were distributed, and 1200 people benefited from the program.

Mum's and Tots

Our Toddler Group has re-established itself well since the end of Covid-19 restrictions and regularly welcomes 20-30 carers and children, providing a much needed service to the community.

Drop-in Café

Once a week the 'Drop-in Café' is open. Members of the local community come in for a hot drink and a snack. We attract people who are waiting for a bus to those who are in desperate need of help. They have a chance to chat to members of the church about anything. We are able provide assistance either



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in-house or put them in touch with other organisations who can better meet their needs. Approximately 35 people per week have used this in the last year.

Youth Groups

This year we have continued to develop the youth work in church and outreach into the community. The youth worker and volunteers provided two weekly children's clubs for ages 7-11 (Roc-Stars) and 11-14 (Galaxy) attended by 20-25 children each week.

Knit and Natter

This weekly group was set up for those who wanted to share their knitting experience with those who want to learn. Materials and needles are provided for those who do not have any. The group's main aim is to provide a space and time for socialising and to reduce isolation especially for older residents. Knitting is encouraged but not compulsory as those who simply seek the company of others are equally welcome. The group is attracting on average 12-15 people a week.

Lighter at the Lighthouse

This weekly group was set up for those who wish to manage their weight. This involves a weigh in on arrival followed by a social time. Unlike other similar groups there is no charge and no pressure to attend every week. Group members are congratulated when their weight goals are achieved or when progress is made. One of the group's aims is to provide a space and time for socialising and to reduce isolation. The group is attracting on average 15-20 people a week.

Worship and Prayer

BCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, Sunday morning communion provides a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship for those used to church whilst the Sunday lunchtime 'Bite Size Bible' gives those not used to being in church opportunity to access a service whilst drinking coffee. Our monthly 'Bacon Butty' service and regular 'Bring-and-Share' events at the same lunch time slots are also popular. The Bite Size Bible service was also streamed online for the benefit of those unable to attend in person.

This year is our eighth as an independent church. We have been successful in welcoming more families into our church and have kept a similar approach to previous years.

Weekly groups are also held at various houses throughout the week and a weekly Bible Study with prayer is held at the church building. Approximately 30 people are in regular attendance of one or more of these each week.



Church Centre Complex

The Lighthouse Centre is owned by the Church Growth Trust (Reg. charity no. 1138119) and is leased by the Trustees on a full repairing and insuring lease. Several areas of the building fabric have been identified as requiring significant repair in the next 18 months, and as such any surplus funds will be set aside to pay for the maintenance works as they arise.

Volunteers

BCC provides a wide range of opportunities to volunteer and undertakes a full vetting service in line with our child protection and vulnerable person policies.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is, and all the other members of BCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.



Financial Review

During this year the Charity's total incoming resources were £24,712 (2022: £18,146). Approximately 50% of the unrestricted resources were voluntary donations from those who regard BCC as their local church, and 10% from room hire. The remainder was mainly from external sources donating towards specific works of the charity.

Total resources expended were £26,728 (2022: £13,816), and £2,448 (2022: £1,814) was transferred to designated funds to support local, national and international charitable work and £24,407 (2022: £12,037) was used to achieve the objectives of the local church. £152 (2022: £0) was expended on restricted projects, and £2,169 (2022: £1,779) was expended on designated projects.

The Charity's free unrestricted reserves (after designated reserves) at 31 March 2023 showed a surplus of £8,670 (2022: £11,113) with designated funds of £2,980 (2022: £2,701) and restricted funds of £385 (2022: £237) as stated in the notes to the financial statements.

Reserves Policy

It is BCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £6,000, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £8,670 held on unrestricted funds, after designations, at the year-end was equivalent to four months unrestricted payments.

The Charity owns no property or any tangible fixed assets of any value.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a Board of Trustees.

New Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the Charity and are required to be recommended by the existing Trustees.

The BCC Trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the BCC are to be spent.

The detailed work of the Trustees is undertaken by agreement in the Trustee's meetings

No trustees are paid employees, however, Mr Martin Korchinsky is subcontracted on a part-time basis as Pastor of the church

Trustees meet approximately every 2-3 months and more often if needed

Currently no sub-committees have been formed. Any future committee will consist of two or more persons, but at least one member of each committee must be a charity trustee.



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Administrative Information

Brinnington Community Church was entered on the Register of Charities on 5 May 2015. The activities of Brinnington Community Church were previously carried out under the financial control of Heaton Chapel Christian Church Trustees and commenced work in 2012.

The Charity operates a Christian Church in Brinnington and works with various other organisations to achieve the objectives set out in its memorandum.

Status Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Number 1161525

Registered Office The Lighthouse Centre
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Trustees Mrs Anne Rodger
Pastor Martin Korchinsky
Mr Steven Doxey

Approved by the BCC Trustees on 29th January 2024 and signed on their behalf by Pastor Martin Korchinsky (BCC chairman)

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Financial Statement For the year ended 31

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds General £	Unrestricted Funds Designated £	Restricted Funds £	2022-23 Total £	2021-22 Total £
Incoming Resources						
General Income	1	19,284	-	-	19,284	15,866
Investment Income	2	7	-	-	7	-
Other Incoming Resources	3	5,121	-	300	5,421	2,280
Total Incoming Resources		24,412	-	300	24,712	18,146
Resources Expended						
Programme Running Costs	4	6,260	-	-	6,260	3,869
Pastor and Preachers Costs	5	12,000	-	-	12,000	3,285
Property Costs	6	5,906	-	-	5,906	4,695
Other Resources Expended	7	241	2,169	152	2,562	1,967
Total Resources Expended		24,407	2,169	152	26,728	13,816
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before Transfers						
		5	(2,169)	148	(2,016)	4,330
Designated Funds Transfer	8	(2,448)	2,448	-	-	-
Youth Project Transfer	9	-	-	-	-	-
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources for the Year						
		(2,443)	279	148	(2,016)	4,330
Total Funds Brought Forward		11,113	2,701	237	14,051	9,721
Total Funds Carried Forward		8,670	2,980	385	12,035	14,051



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Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2022 - 2023		2021- 2022	
		£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>12,035</u>		<u>14,051</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>12,035</u>		<u>14,051</u>	
Net Assets		<u><u>12,035</u></u>		<u><u>14,051</u></u>	
Funds	10				
Restricted Income Funds			385		237
Unrestricted Income Funds					
General			8,670		11,113
Trustee Designated			<u>2,980</u>		<u>2,701</u>
Total Funds			<u><u>12,035</u></u>		<u><u>14,051</u></u>



Notes to Financial Statement

1 General Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022-23 Total £	2021-22 Total £
General Offerings	816	-	816	1,571
Regular Direct Giving	10,930	-	10,930	10,528
One off Gifts	4,521	-	4,521	3,767
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	3,017	-	3,017	-
	<u>19,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,284</u>	<u>15,866</u>

2 Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2022-23 Total £	2021-22 Total £
Bank Interest	7	7	-
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>

3 Other Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022-23 Total £	2021-22 Total £
Room Hire	2,121	-	2,121	2,280
Chair Fund	-	300	300	-
Uncategorised	3,000	-	3,000	-
	<u>5,121</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>5,421</u>	<u>2,280</u>

4 Programme Running Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	2022-23 Total £	2021-22 Total £
Church Running Expenses	1,688	1,688	945
Warm Rooms	1,288	1,288	-
Telephone & Internet	-	-	470
Utilities	3,284	3,284	2,454
	<u>6,260</u>	<u>6,260</u>	<u>3,869</u>



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5 Pastor and Preachers Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	2022-23 Total £	2021-22 Total £
Part Time Minister	12,000	12,000	3,000
Training	-	-	285
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>3,285</u>

6 Property Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	2022-23 Total £	2021-22 Total £
Cleaning	32	32	210
Insurances	395	395	650
Repair, Service and Maintenance	724	724	471
Rent of Building	4,755	4,755	3,364
	<u>5,906</u>	<u>5,906</u>	<u>4,695</u>

7 Other Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022-23 Total £	2021-22 Total £
Accounts Inspection	-	-	-	-
Book keeping Costs	241	-	241	188
Missions Y5 (Designated)	-	-	-	1,239
Missions Y6 (Designated)	1,426	-	1,426	-
Missions Y7 (Designated)	203	-	203	540
Missions Y8 (Designated)	540	-	540	-
Neighbourhood Chaplaincy	-	152	-	-
	<u>2,410</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>2,562</u>	<u>1,967</u>



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Designated Funds Transfers

Gifts to Outside Ministries

	Unrestricted Funds Designated	2022-23 Total	2021-22 Total
	£	£	£
Overseas, including Action International; Kingdom Supplies Gospel 4 Asia	1,224	1,224	914
National, including Local Church Plants	612	612	450
Local, including Widows Fund, Easter Schools	612	612	450
	<u>2,448</u>	<u>2,448</u>	<u>1,814</u>

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Restricted Funds Transfers

	Restricted Funds	2022-23 Total	2021-22 Total
	£	£	£
None	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



10 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Unrestricted Funds Designated £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 as represented by:				
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	8,670	2,980	385	12,035
Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<u>8,670</u>	<u>2,980</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>12,035</u>

Purposes of Unrestricted Funds - General

Unrestricted funds represent the Charity's reserves that are free to be used for whatever purposes deemed necessary by the trustees in connection with the running of the church.

Purposes of Unrestricted Funds - Designated

The trustees have designated unrestricted fund each year to donate to other causes. This is known as the Mission Fund.

Designated funds left unused at the Year End were,

Year 7 Missionary Fund	£ 1,072
Year 8 Missionary Fund	£ 1,908
Total funds	£ 2,980

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restricted funds represent the reserves accumulated to be spent on specific predefined projects. These amounts are generated through special collections, grants or donations.

Restricted funds left unused at the Year End were,

Chair Fund	£ 300
Neighbourhood Chaplaincy	£ 85
Total funds	£ 385