



The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2024

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, such as AA, NA and Chelwood Foodbank, 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 response 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 three days a week. 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 800 food parcels were distributed, and 1300 people benefited from the program.

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 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.

Care Home Ministries

Demand for our services in three local Care Homes has continued to rise. We visit with a team of volunteers ten times a year to meet the spiritual needs of the residents. Members from one of these Care homes join us for ‘Knit and Natter’, when possible, brought by carers.

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 10-15 people a week.

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.

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 ninth 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.



Financial Review

During this year the Charity's total incoming resources were £24,971 (2023: £24,712). Approximately 40% of the unrestricted resources were voluntary donations from those who regard BCC as their local church, and 20% from room hire. The remainder was mainly from external sources donating towards specific works of the charity.

Total resources expended were £27,800 (2023: £26,728), and £2,312 (2023: £2,448) was transferred to designated funds to support local, national and international charitable work and £25,953 (2023: £24,407) was used to achieve the objectives of the local church. £85 (2023: £152) was expended on restricted projects, and £1,762 (2023: £2,169) was expended on designated projects.

The Charity's free unrestricted reserves (after designated reserves) at 31 March 2024 showed a surplus of £5,376 (2023: £8,670) with designated funds of £3,530 (2023: £2,980) and restricted funds of £300 (2023: £385) 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 £5,376 held on unrestricted funds, after designations, at the year-end was equivalent to almost three 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.



Brinnington Community Church
Charity Number 1161525

Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2024

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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Brinnington
SK5 8LS

Trustees Mrs Anne Rodger
Pastor Martin Korchinsky
Mr Steven Doxey

Approved by the BCC Trustees on 20th January 2025 and signed on their behalf by Pastor Martin Korchinsky (BCC chairman)

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Financial Statement
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds General £	Unrestricted Funds Designated £	Restricted Funds £	2023-24 Total £	2022-23 Total £
Incoming Resources						
General Income	1	16,846	-	-	16,846	19,284
Investment Income	2	127	-	-	127	7
Other Incoming Resources	3	7,998	-	-	7,998	5,421
Total Incoming Resources		24,971	-	-	24,971	24,712
Resources Expended						
Programme Running Costs	4	5,647	-	-	5,647	6,260
Pastor and Preachers Costs	5	12,433	-	-	12,433	12,000
Property Costs	6	7,596	-	-	7,596	5,906
Other Resources Expended	7	277	1,762	85	2,124	2,562
Total Resources Expended		25,953	1,762	85	27,800	13,816
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before Transfers						
		(982)	(1,762)	(85)	(2,829)	(2,016)
Designated Funds Transfer	8	(2,312)	2,312	-	-	-
	9	-	-	-	-	-
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources for the Year						
		(3,294)	550	(85)	(2,829)	(2,016)
Total Funds Brought Forward		8,670	2,980	385	12,035	14,051
Total Funds Carried Forward		5,376	3,530	300	9,206	12,035



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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024

		2023 - 2024		2022 - 2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>9,206</u>		<u>12,035</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>9,206</u>		<u>12,035</u>	
Net Assets		<u><u>9,206</u></u>		<u><u>12,035</u></u>	
Funds	10				
Restricted Income Funds			300		385
Unrestricted Income Funds					
General			5,376		8,670
Trustee Designated			<u>3,530</u>		<u>2,980</u>
Total Funds			<u>9,206</u>		<u>12,035</u>



1 General Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023-24 Total	2022-23 Total
	£	£	£	£
General Offerings	333	-	333	816
Regular Direct Giving	9,630	-	9,630	10,930
One off Gifts	5,357	-	5,357	4,521
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	1,526	-	1,526	3,017
	16,846	-	16,846	19,284

2 Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	2023-24 Total	2022-23 Total
	£	£	£
Bank Interest	127	127	7
	127	127	7

3 Other Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023-24 Total	2022-23 Total
	£	£	£	£
Room Hire	4,998	-	4,998	2,121
Chair Fund	-	-	-	300
Uncategorised	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
	7,998	-	7,998	5,421

4 Programme Running Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	2023-24 Total	2022-23 Total
	£	£	£
Church Running Expenses	2,004	2,004	1,688
Warm Rooms	409	409	1,288
Telephone & Internet	-	-	-
Utilities	3,234	3,234	3,284
	5,647	5,647	6,260



5 Pastor and Preachers Costs	Unrestricted Funds	2023-24 Total	2022-23 Total
	£	£	£
Part Time Minister	12,196	12,196	12,000
Training	237	237	-
	<u>12,433</u>	<u>12,433</u>	<u>12,000</u>

6 Property Costs	Unrestricted Funds	2023-24 Total	2022-23 Total
	£	£	£
Cleaning	209	209	32
Insurances	375	375	395
Repair, Service and Maintenance	2205	2205	724
Rent of Building	4,807	4,807	4,755
	<u>7,596</u>	<u>7,596</u>	<u>5,906</u>

7 Other Resources Expended	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023-24 Total	2022-23 Total
	£	£	£	£
Accounts Inspection	-	-	-	-
Book keeping Costs	277	-	277	241
Missions Y6 (Designated)	-	-	-	1,426
Missions Y7 (Designated)	1,072	-	1,072	203
Missions Y8 (Designated)	-	-	-	540
Missions Y9 (Designated)	690	-	690	-
Neighbourhood Chaplaincy	-	85	85	152
	<u>2,039</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>2,124</u>	<u>2,562</u>



8 Designated Funds Transfers

Gifts to Outside Ministries

	Unrestricted Funds Designated £	2023-24 Total £	2022-23 Total £
Overseas (International needs)	1,156	1,156	1,224
National (Church planting and growth)	578	578	612
Local (Brinnington Community Needs)	578	578	612
	<u>2,312</u>	<u>2,312</u>	<u>2,448</u>

9 Restricted Funds Transfers

	Restricted Funds £	2023-24 Total £	2022-23 Total £
None	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<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 2024 as represented by:				
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	5,376	3,530	300	9,206
Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,376</u>	<u>3,530</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>9,206</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 8 Missionary Fund	£ 1,908
Year 9 Missionary Fund	£ 1,622
Total funds	£ 3,530

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
Total funds	£ 300