

BURY ST EDMUNDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

Registered Charity Number

1161627 (date of registration May 12, 2015)

Address for Charity Correspondence

121 Westley Road
Bury St Edmunds
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Charity Trustees

M D Jolley (Chairman)
K McGrane (Secretary)
G L Macintyre (Treasurer)

Independent Examiner

Sarah Place Accountants Ltd

Governing Document

The Charity is a trust constituted under a Trust Deed dated November 1, 2014 as amended by a deed dated April 19, 2015.

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees.

A trustee who is a minister is permitted by the Trust Deed (as amended) to be a stipendiary.

Objects

The objects of the Charity are to advance the Christian religion in accordance with the Westminster standards, to the glory of God and for the benefit of all mankind everywhere.

Activities and Public Benefit

In planning activities the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The Charity principally satisfies the public benefit requirement through providing the means to hold services of public worship, by funding the provision of suitable space therefor and of full-time ministerial support thereto and for pastoral services in the local community.

Effectively to promote the Charity's objects for the public benefit, the Charity's principal activities necessitate gathering in person for the provision of charitable services. The Charity does not own property or real estate, and hired the New Bury Community Centre on Bury St Edmunds' Howard Estate to conduct its Christian ministry for the public benefit.

Services of public worship are advertised and are open to all without charge. Recordings of sermons are uploaded and freely available to all via the Internet, and Christian literature is displayed and available without charge.

The Charity relies extensively on volunteer support to provide and conduct the full range of its services and activities.

Achievements and Performance

Bury St Edmunds Presbyterian Church ("BSEPC") is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and serve the living God, and to be instructed in the Christian faith.

BSEPC held services of public worship morning and evening each Lord's Day throughout the year. Sunday School classes for children and a Study Class for adults were held on most Lord's Days.

Regular Bible studies and prayer meetings were held during the week, as well as outreach activities for parents and younger children within the Community Centre.

The Lord's Supper was frequently observed when the church was gathered, and over the course of the year three children were baptized.

Extensive pastoral visitation was undertaken, especially by the Rev. Matthew Jolley.

The three charity trustees are also the elders of the Church.

Financial Review

Accounts have been prepared on a cash accounting basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, reporting receipts and payments with a statement of assets and liabilities.

Receipts of £85,876 for the year (previous year £68,572) comprised donations of £80,071 (grants £nil), investment income of £550, and Gift Aid recovery of tax of £5,255.

As is usual for a charity of this type and size, a significant proportion of the payments of £67,035 (previous year £63,668) relates to stipend and ministerial support.

The church made grants and diaconal distributions of £1,250 during the accounting year (previous year £7,100).

Receipts exceeded payments by £18,841, the surplus being added to reserves. This compares with a surplus of £4,904 for the previous year.

Reserves policy

The policy of the trustees is not to accumulate reserves but to use reserves in the promotion of the Charity's objects, and maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months' unrestricted payments to cover unforeseen situations that may arise from time to time. In light of the main risks facing the Charity the trustees consider the current level of reserves and their use (as necessary) to fund annual deficits satisfactory.

Signed by all Trustees

M D Jolley 

Date: 24th May 2024

K McGrane 

Date: May 24, 2024

G L Macintyre 

Date: 24th May 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Charity Name Bury St Edmunds Presbyterian Church

Charity Number 1161627

For the Period From 01.09.22 to 31.08.23

Section A - Receipts and Payments

A1 - Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
Offerings	1	60862	0	60862	40125
Gift Aided Income		19209	0	19209	21019
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	2	5255	0	5255	2615
Grants Received		0	0	0	0
Deposit Account Interest		550	0	550	297
Other		0	0	0	4516
Sub - Total		85876	0	85876	68572
A2 - Asset and Investment Sales		0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		85876	0	85876	68572

A3 - Payments	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
Stipend (Inc. Employer's NI)	3	46168	0	46168	43029
Visiting Speaker Expenses		2260	0	2260	200
Travel Expenses		1109	0	1109	971
Children's and Youth Work		1066	0	1066	467
Catering and Kitchen Supplies		563	0	563	561
Publicity		302	0	302	461
Printing and Stationery		34	0	34	232
Books and Copyright Licences		231	0	231	127
Rent and Insurance		13541	0	13541	9703
Miscellaneous Expenditure		511	0	511	817
Grants & Diaconal Distributions	4	1250	0	1250	7100
Other		0	0	0	0
Sub - Total		67035	0	67035	63668
A4 - Asset and Investment Purchases		0	0	0	0
Total Payments		67035	0	67035	63668

Net Receipts and Payments		18841	0	18841	4904
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A5 - Transfers Between Funds		0	0	0	0
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A6 - Cash Funds Last Year End		177822	0	177822	146196
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Cash Funds This Year End		196663	0	196663	151100
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Section B - Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Period

B1 - Cash Funds	Note
Bank Statement Balances	
Plus Unpresented Receipts	
Less Unpresented Cheques	
Total Cash Funds	

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
201818	0	201818
0	0	0
0	0	0
201818	0	201818

B2 - Other Monetary Assets	Note
Debtors	
Other	
Total Other Monetary Assets	

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
4802	0	4802
0	0	0
4802	0	4802

B3 - Investment Assets	Note
None	
Total Other Monetary Assets	

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
0	0	0
0	0	0

B4 - Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use	Note
Piano and Equipment	
Other	
Total Other Monetary Assets	

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
2500	0	2500
0	0	0
2500	0	2500




B5 - Liabilities	Note
Creditors	
Other	
Total Other Monetary Assets	

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
1980	0	1980
0	0	0
1980	0	1980

Trustee
Signature

Trustee
Name

Date of
Approval

	Matthew Tolley	24/5/24
	GORDON MACINTYRE	24/05/24
	KEVIN MCGRANE	24/5/24

Notes for the Accounting Period 01.09.22 to 31.08.23

- 1) Offerings included a total of £1,550 received from individual donors resident in the USA.
- 2) Gift Aid recovered from HMRC and banked in the year to 31.08.23 relates to donations received in the previous financial year.
- 3) During the accounting period the charity paid one trustee as an office holder, The Rev Matthew Jolley, who received a stipend in his capacity as full-time minister of the church.
- 4) During the accounting period the charity paid grants to Operation Mobilisation (UK) and All Saints Presbyterian Church (Newcastle).
- 5) No conduit funding transactions took place during the year to 31.08.23.

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Trustees of Bury St Edmunds Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the Church (Registered Charity Number 1161627) for the year ended 31st August 2023.

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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual 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 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the 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.

Name: *Sarah Plance*

Relevant professional qualification or body: *ATT*

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Date: *5 June 2024*