

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1163097

Details

Other names BEACON, BEACON CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-08-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CHURCH, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH.

Activities: The Church holds 1 service of worship each Sunday, a weekly prayer meeting & small groups. Each week it runs a weekly Community Drop-in day, a CAP Job Club & supports the Trussell Trust Handsworth Food Bank. It partners with Age UK & other local Churches in the HDCO charity & with Community Chaplaincy, supporting probationers. It also runs clubs for children/young people including a Music Academy.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£87,283	£56,401	-	-
2023-12-31	£81,077	£31,886	-	-
2022-12-31	£57,790	£59,334	-	-
2021-12-31	£134,770	£72,984	-	-
2020-12-31	£86,273	£54,980	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
TIM TURNER	Chair	2015-08-11
ELAINE SALMON		2015-08-11
PHILIP EVANS		2015-08-11
Veronica Jennifer Johnson		2021-01-10

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Trustees' Annual Report

for the period ending

31st December 2024

Charity Name: Beacon Evangelical Church

Registered Charity Number: 1163097

Principal address: 47 Sandwell Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 8NH

Trustees who manage the Charity

Name	Office (if any)	Dates in office if not for the whole year
Timothy Turner	Pastor and Elder	
Elaine Salmon	Deacon and Secretary	
Philip Evans	Deacon and Treasurer	
Veronica Johnson	Deacon	

Structure and governance

Beacon Evangelical Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees and is regulated by a constitution.

Trustees are elected by the members of the church and together constitute the “Leadership Team” of the church. Within the Leadership Team, there are Elders who are responsible for the spiritual and pastoral care of the members and Deacons who assist the Elders in their duties.

The trustees meet on a monthly basis to consider the spiritual and pastoral affairs of the church and on a quarterly basis to manage matters requiring financial and procedural decisions.

The church is a founder member of the Charity, Handsworth and District Christian Outreach also known as Hands Outstretched, a collaboration between local churches for the advancement of the Christian faith.

Objects

The church’s objects, for the public benefit, are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith detailed in the church’s constitution.

To this end, the Leadership Team is committed to enabling the members of the church to communicate the Christian gospel with as many people as possible. This is understood to take place verbally and also by practical demonstration of God’s love through compassionate care for members of the community, the provision of services from the base of the church building on Sandwell Road and through the members’ lifestyle within the community.

In overseeing and developing the activities of the church, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Activities

The activities of the church are open to the public.

Worship - Our theme for 2024 was our 'God of hope'.

The church holds one service of worship each Sunday. Members are encouraged to participate in running the service, building their faith and growing their confidence and skills. Our services were live streamed to YouTube during 2024. This has benefitted not just those who cannot leave their homes for reasons of health and vulnerability but has strengthened our connection with many people we might not otherwise have met.

Prayer

The church meets regularly to pray as well as having a week of prayer in January and July, with meetings every evening. An Intercessors prayer group met weekly.

Bible Study

The church provides Bible Study through weekly Fellowship Groups, one-off studies and by studying a theme or Bible book in the Sunday Service. In Sunday services during 2024 we have greatly benefitted from completing our study of Matthew's Gospel, studying Galatians and began to study people of faith in the Bible.

Fellowship groups

The church runs several small groups on weekday evenings for study of the Bible, to develop individual Christian faith and engage in community outreach. From time to time, groups run events to bring the community together and explain the Christian faith. At the end of 2024 there were four evening groups and a daytime group, including a new evening group for young adults.

Drop-in days

With activities, free refreshments and lunch, these days help us welcome and get to know people from our community, especially those who are lonely, isolated or vulnerable in some way. It is a welcoming space with a listening ear. We help people to fill in forms, issue foodbank vouchers and have a 'Dementia Café', run by a Dementia UK ambassador. Representatives of the local DWP, Birmingham City Council's Housing department, or health professionals are invited to visit to provide advice and information. We work with the local Prison Link charity, welcoming some of their service users on occasion, as well as residents at a local men's hostel.

Children and young people

- The church runs a **Sunday Club** for children from Year 1 to 11, teaching Bible knowledge and explaining the Christian faith. We also provide a creche during Sunday services.
- The **12+** group for young people in year 7 to mid-teens, meets fortnightly for games and topical study, once a month for a physical activity in the community, such as climbing, bowling etc.
- Our young people and children are encouraged to take part in 'Family Services' once a month and sometimes lead the whole service.

Food bank

The church continued to support The Handsworth Food Bank, a Trussell Trust Food Bank based locally, providing funds, food and volunteers to staff the food bank.

Sisters of Strength Women's group (SOS)

Sisters of Strength is a women's group which met several times during the year for an evening of worship, teaching and celebration.

Beacon Brothers Together

Brothers Together is an informal group for men, which meets for meals and seeks to support men in the church and outside, in putting their faith into action. It also operates as a support network for men via social media. The group ran a Mother's Day service in 2024.

Safe Families

The church had one volunteer helping with the Safe Families charity during 2024.

Staffing and safeguarding

In July 2024, the church employed a full time Community Development and Outreach Leader, to assist our vision to be more outward looking, to take the good news of Jesus to our community in word and compassionate action to help the most vulnerable.

**Full time
Community
Development &
Outreach
Leader
recruited**

91

**Volunteer
hours per week
= 2.4 full time
workers**

Apart from this role and one part-time cleaner, our activities are organised and staffed by volunteers. It was estimated that in 2024, on average, 91 volunteer hours per week were contributed, the equivalent to 2.4 full time workers.

The church's safeguarding officer ensures that those working with children and vulnerable adults are selected, trained, checked and supervised in accordance with the church's safeguarding policy.

Achievements and performance

Advancement of the Christian Faith

As explained above, the Object of the Church, for the public benefit, is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith. For many this might be seen simply as the provision of worship services, prayer and Christian teaching. However, our ethos recognises that the Christian faith encompasses all aspects of life, so that Christians share their faith both verbally but also by practical demonstration of God's love through compassionate care for members of the community. This is demonstrated in the way we measure achievement and performance, as below, in accordance with the Church's Objects.

Sunday Worship

The church livestreamed 49 Sunday Services via YouTube, allowing members who are housebound, working shifts, sick or away, to remain connected and even take part through the YouTube messaging facility. Service videos remain available after the event, allowing new people to connect with us. Family members and people with past connections have also watched after the event.

**112
Adults
attended
Sunday
Worship onsite
or online**



The number of adults attending Sunday Worship in person was 41, on average in 2024 (42 in 2023) but grew towards the end of the year to around 50. Around 13 others watched live (12 in 2023) and 58 watched afterwards (60 in 2023). Online numbers include host users who interact with those online.

The total number of people joining in with our Sunday Services in some way during 2024 averaged 112, compared to 114 in 2023.

This involved a huge amount of creativity, energy, volunteer hours and commitment from the Sunday Technical and Worship teams.

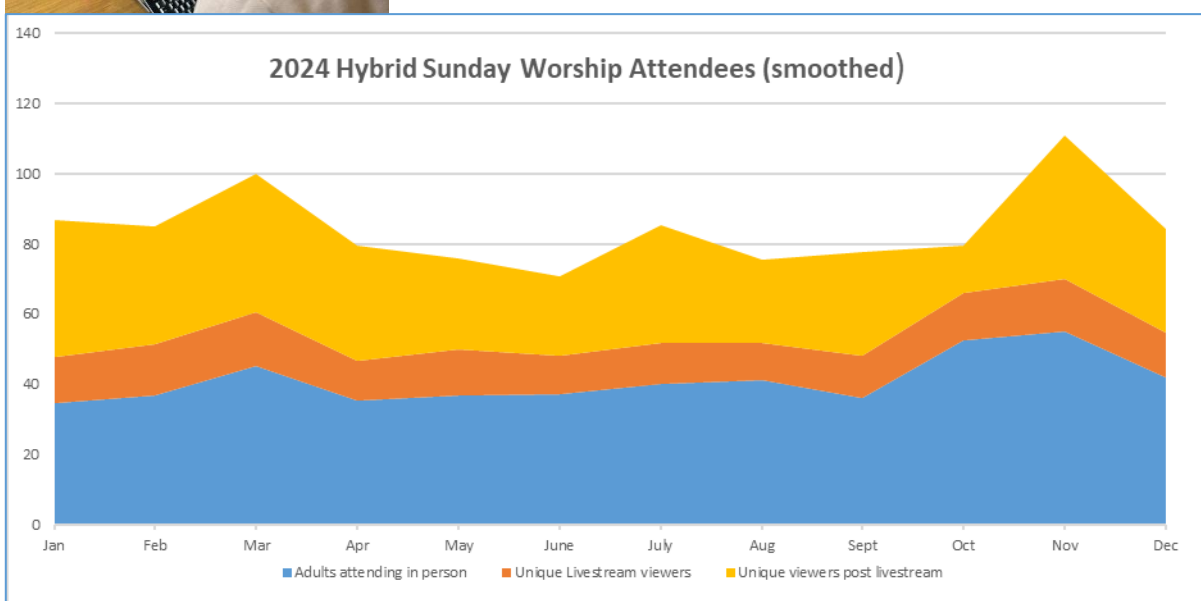


Figure 1 – 2024 Hybrid Sunday worship attendance

The church also conducted a baby dedication, a marriage blessing and 2 adult baptisms in 2024.

The 2020 pandemic left a legacy of people who had ceased to be active members but had not formally resigned. Ten of these were removed from membership in 2024.

Nine new members were welcomed in 2024, giving a membership of seventy-two people at the end of 2024 (73 at the end of 2023). This has been a healthy change giving us a much more active membership than previously.

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New members in 2024

Strengthening the Church

Our new Community Development Leader implemented measures to strengthen the church and prepare the members for more active participation in community outreach. He initiated:

- A ‘Discipleship’ course to prepare people to volunteer for services provided to the community and the church. A group of 7 young adults completed their training in November and were ‘commissioned’ in December.
- A pastoral care network with leaders supporting 6 groups. 12 leaders were commissioned in December and meet from time to time for training and support.

Prayer & Bible Study

In 2024 we have increased our prayer as a church. The monthly prayer meeting on a Friday now takes place every week. Bible study has also increased. In January/February we had four sessions, on Sunday evenings on the subject of, 'What is the Gospel?'. This was repeated in seminar format in April, on a Saturday.

More prayer and Bible Study in 2024

Our young adults followed a discipleship course in the autumn and have formed a new group which meets weekly.

Children and young people

The total number of children and young people attending Sunday Club and other events increased a little during 2024, especially in the secondary age group. We have restarted a creche during our Sunday morning service and have several babies in attendance. Sunday Club enjoyed one of their sessions out in the community.

Our 12+ group grew in 2024 and can be attended by up to 14 children.

The youth and young adults had a successful weekend away at the end of the autumn half-term, at the Whitemoor Lakes Outdoor Activity Centre, near Lichfield.

One of our members ran a summer holiday club for children onsite, 'Refocus for Kids'. It was mainly for non-church children and funded by Awards For All, through the Prison Link Charity.

SEND training was organised for all the volunteers and members from local churches attended.

The Beacon Centre Project

This now incorporates both the **Beacon Centre Building Project** and our new **Beacon Community Project**.

The project team expanded from four to six members in 2024 adding much valuable experience and new skills.

The **Beacon Centre Building Project** aims to rebuild the premises in Sandwell Road to better facilitate our vision to serve the community and give more space for services of worship. The general vision includes expanding or providing for the first time some of the following services:

- counselling and support to address mental health needs
- facilities and support for parents with young children
- signposting and language learning to support incomers
- a place for young people to belong, learn and play
- a place for older people to socialise and obtain help

The BEACON CENTRE Is Moving Forward

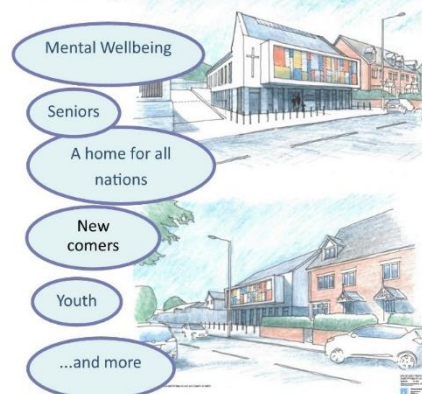


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BEACON
EVANGELICAL CHURCH

BE INVOLVED. PRAY GIVE VOLUNTEER

We are restoring lives,
building community:



Then your light will break forth like the dawn. (Isaiah 58:8)

*A light to our community.
Go, be fruitful and multiply*



Three phases planned

Our Architects helped us devise a structure for the building project, in three phases:

- Phase 1 Prepare - building some retaining walls, some excavation, and preparation of utility connections, along with fulfilling some of the essential planning conditions.
- Phase 2 Build the main two-storey part of the building at the front of the site whilst retaining and using the old building during the build.
- Phase 3 Demolish the old building and build the final part of the Beacon Centre in its place, whilst using the Phase 2 building for most activities.

We began Phase 1 in 2024 and fulfilled several planning conditions such as a ground drainage investigation, topographical and geo-technical surveys. Draft plans were created for new retaining walls on two sides of the site and a new manhole and drainage connections to the Severn Trent system. We plan to complete this phase in 2025.

PHASE 1 of our building project began

Beacon Community Project

This new project runs alongside the Building Project and incorporates our existing services – i.e. Drop-in days, Food Bank support, individual and family support, 25:35 fund and partnership with the Birmingham City Mission (BCM) for the Christmas Toylink project. This allows our Community Development Leader to focus on developing new community outreach services regardless of the status of the building project.

Drop-in Days

In 2024 we expanded our monthly Community ‘drop-in day’ to be fortnightly, planning to make it weekly in 2025. It has continued to be popular, attracting 20 to 30 people, most of whom we have never met before and who would not have come to the church for a service. This is helping us learn about the needs and aspirations of our community as we look to develop the new Beacon Centre. Some of those who come to the Drop-in initially,



Doubled The number of drop-in days



do visit services on a Sunday sometimes. We arranged a Summer trip to Stourport on Severn and invited the community to a special Caribbean Brunch.

General Community Support

Week by week, the Church supported individuals and families in need with contact, food parcels, food bank vouchers, practical help (via our 25:35 fund), transport to appointments, assistance with forms, moving home or to helping to prevent people becoming homeless. We also helped with shopping and contributions to gas and electricity needs. In December we distributed Christmas presents to 25 families via the BCM Toylink scheme. We continue to link with the local primary school by providing advice and practical help for parents and families.

Preparations for new Community Outreach in 2025

In 2024 our Community Development Leader began preparations for several new projects and services planned for 2025. He also began recruiting volunteers for these projects. Plans were made for:

- A weekly seniors' lunch club
- A CAP Job Club
- Partnership with Age UK to expand our Drop-in days to a weekly provision
- Community Chaplaincy to support newly released prisoners
- A children's music school to proactively address mental health
- A potential partnership with local churches to run a Street Pastors Group

Financial Review

A full statement of accounts has been prepared by Data Developments (UK) Ltd, First Floor, The Chubb Buildings, Fryer Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1HT. Data Developments act as the church's independent examiners.

Beacon Church's principal source of funding is donations from members.

The church makes use of the gift aid scheme to claim tax on donations.

Policies and procedures

Prior to 2024 the Church had policies for **Health and Safety, Data Protection and Safeguarding.**

In 2024 we added:

Reserves Policy:

The Trustees agreed a new Reserves Policy in 2024, at a meeting on 07/05/2024, that the church's reserve level be set at six months of the typical expenditure required to operate the church. This is calculated using a monthly average from the previous financial year.

In the process of employing a full time Community Development and Outreach Leader we added a Church Worker **Code of Conduct**, Church Worker **Disciplinary Procedure**, Church Worker **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement**, Church Worker **Employee Expenses Policy** and **Church Worker Grievance Procedure**

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Date: 20/05/2025

Full Name: Timothy John Holden Turner

Position: Chair

Beacon Evangelical Church
Financial Statements for the year ended
31 December 2024

Beacon Evangelical Church
47 Sandwell Road
Handsworth
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Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of Beacon Evangelical Church

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

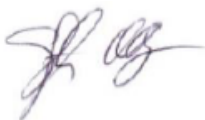
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed:

Date: 10th April 2025

Stephen Hendy
Data Developments (UK) Ltd, Fryer Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1HT

Beacon Evangelical Church
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	51,428	35,834	—	—	87,262	80,877
Investment income	21	—	—	—	21	200
Total income	51,449	35,834	—	—	87,283	81,077
Resources used						
Charitable activities	16,263	595	—	—	16,858	13,841
Other resources used	29,660	9,882	—	—	39,542	18,046
Total expenditure	45,923	10,477	—	—	56,401	31,887
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	5,525	25,357	—	—	30,882	49,190
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	5,525	25,357	—	—	30,882	49,190
Total funds brought forward	592,383	313,732	56,065	—	962,180	912,990
Total funds carried forward	597,909	339,089	56,065	—	993,062	962,180
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	597,909	—	—	—	597,909	592,383
Designated						
25-35 Fund	—	996	—	—	996	1,040
Distress Fund	—	1,973	—	—	1,973	1,036
New Beacon Fund	—	336,120	—	—	336,120	311,656
Restricted						
Building Fund	—	—	56,065	—	56,065	56,065

Statement of assets and liabilities - 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Heritage assets						
Church Premises -	440,433	—	—	—	440,433	440,433
Totals	440,433	—	—	—	440,433	440,433
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Beacon CafCash -	30,485	2,980	2,860	—	36,324	123,154
Beacon Gold -	54,824	156,455	1,063	—	212,341	108,044
CAF - Scottish Widows Term deposit -	57,857	20,579	(22,857)	—	55,579	52,897
Cambridge & Counties Bank -	7,656	9,387	75,000	—	92,043	88,069
Lloyds TSB -	6,654	(621)	—	—	6,033	5,823
Redwood Bank -	—	56,407	—	—	56,407	54,363
United Trust Bank Limited -	—	93,902	—	—	93,902	89,398
Totals	157,476	339,089	56,065	—	552,629	521,747
Grand total	597,909	339,089	56,065	—	993,062	962,180

Statement of assets and liabilities - 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Heritage assets						
Church Premises -	440,433	—	—	—	440,433	440,433
Totals	440,433	—	—	—	440,433	440,433
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Beacon CafCash -	75,169	45,125	2,860	—	123,154	84,911
Beacon Gold -	4,824	102,157	1,063	—	108,044	105,891
CAF - Scottish Widows Term deposit -	57,857	17,897	(22,857)	—	52,897	51,650
Cambridge & Counties Bank -	7,656	5,5412	75,000	—	88,069	84,849
Lloyds TSB -	6,654	(621)	—	—	5,823	4,983
Redwood Bank -	—	54,363	—	—	54,363	52,721
United Trust Bank Limited -	—	89,398	—	—	89,398	87,551
Totals	151,950	313,732	56,065	—	521,747	472,557
Grand total	592,383	313,732	56,065	—	962,180	912,990

Fund movement by type – 2024

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
25-35 - 25-35 Fund							
Designated	1,040	551	595	—	—	—	996
Sub-total for 25-35	1,040	551	595	—	—	—	996
BF - Building Fund							
Restricted	56,065	—	—	—	—	—	56,065
Sub-total for BF	56,065	—	—	—	—	—	56,065
Distr - Distress Fund							
Designated	1,036	937	—	—	—	—	1,973
Sub-total for Distr	1,036	937	—	—	—	—	1,973
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	592,383	51,449	45,923	—	—	—	597,909
Sub-total for General	592,383	51,449	45,923	—	—	—	597,909
NBF - New Beacon Fund							
Designated	311,656	34,346	9,882	—	—	—	336,120
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for NBF	311,656	34,346	9,882	—	—	—	336,120
Tra - Travel Fund							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Tra	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	962,180	87,283	56,401	—	—	—	993,062

Fund movement by type – 2023

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
25-35 - 25-35 Fund							
Designated	870	569	400	—	—	—	1,039
Sub-total for 25-35	870	569	400	—	—	—	1,039
BF - Building Fund							
Restricted	56,065	—	—	—	—	—	56,065
Sub-total for BF	56,065	—	—	—	—	—	56,065
Distr - Distress Fund							
Designated	1,280	129	373	—	—	—	1,036
Sub-total for Distr	1,280	129	373	—	—	—	1,036
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	565,689	56,006	29,312	—	—	—	592,383
Sub-total for General	565,689	56,006	29,312	—	—	—	592,383
NBF - New Beacon Fund							
Designated	289,084	24,371	1,800	—	—	—	311,656
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for NBF	289,084	24,371	1,800	—	—	—	311,656
Tra - Travel Fund							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Tra	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	912,990	81,077	31,887	—	—	—	962,180

Analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Last year
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

Offerings	36,726	—	—	—	36,726	37,372
Income tax refund	10,569	—	—	—	10,569	14,210
Other Income	4,033	5	—	—	4,038	6,154
Distress fund	—	937	—	—	937	129
25-35	—	546	—	—	546	570
New Beacon Fund Income	100	34,346	—	—	34,446	22,442
Total	51,428	35,834	—	—	87,262	80,877

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

Bank Interest	21	—	—	—	21	200
Total	21	—	—	—	21	200
INCOME TOTAL	51,449	35,834	—	—	87,283	81,077

EXPENDITURE

Charitable activities

Church Gifts	9,069	—	—	—	9,069	7,940
Distress Fund expenses	—	—	—	—	—	374
25-35 expenses	—	595	—	—	595	400
Organisational Support & Events	7,194	—	—	—	7,194	5,127
Total	16,263	595	—	—	16,858	13,841

Other resources used

Salaries:Net Salary	9,638	—	—	—	9,638	—
Salaries:Pensions	671	—	—	—	671	—
Salaries:Employee National Insurance	144	—	—	—	144	—
Payroll:Volunteer Expenses	329	—	—	—	329	760
Preaching fees	220	—	—	—	220	200
Training	175	—	—	—	175	40
Subscriptions	96	—	—	—	96	251
Governance Costs	834	—	—	—	834	346
Establishment costs	2,946	—	—	—	2,946	1,963
Establishment costs:Light & Heat	5,873	—	—	—	5,873	4,627
Establishment costs:Repairs and renewals	1,789	—	—	—	1,789	1,913
Establishment costs:Cleaning & consumables	3,257	—	—	—	3,257	3,290
New Beacon Project cost	—	9,882	—	—	9,882	1,800
Support Costs	3,687	—	—	—	3,687	2,857
Total	29,660	9,882	—	—	39,542	18,046
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	45,923	10,477	—	—	56,401	31,887

GRAND TOTAL	5,525	25,357	—	—	30,882	49,190
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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	55,806	25,070	—	—	80,877	57,646
Investment income	200	—	—	—	200	144
Total income	56,006	25,070	—	—	81,076	57,790
Resources used						
Charitable activities	13,066	774	—	—	13,841	10,768
Other resources used	16,245	1,800	—	—	18,046	48,566
Total expenditure	29,312	2,574	—	—	31,887	59,334
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	29,693	22,495	—	—	49,189	(1,544)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	29,312	22,495	—	—	49,189	(1,544)
Total funds brought forward	565,689	291,235	56,065	—	912,990	914,534
Total funds carried forward	592,383	313,731	56,065	—	962,180	912,990

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Trustees' Annual Report

for the period ending

31st December 2023

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Principal address: 47 Sandwell Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 8NH

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- In April 2023 the church took a group of around 30 young people, young adults and helpers on an activity weekend in Criccieth, North Wales. They spent a lot of time enjoying the simple pleasures of being on a beach, doing craft activities, games and enjoying a popular guest speaker.
- Our young people and children are encouraged to take part in 'Family Services' once a month and sometimes lead the whole service.

- Several members were able to run a holiday club for children, mainly non churchgoers - Refocus for Kids. This happened twice in the year, funded by Awards For All, through the Prison Link Charity.

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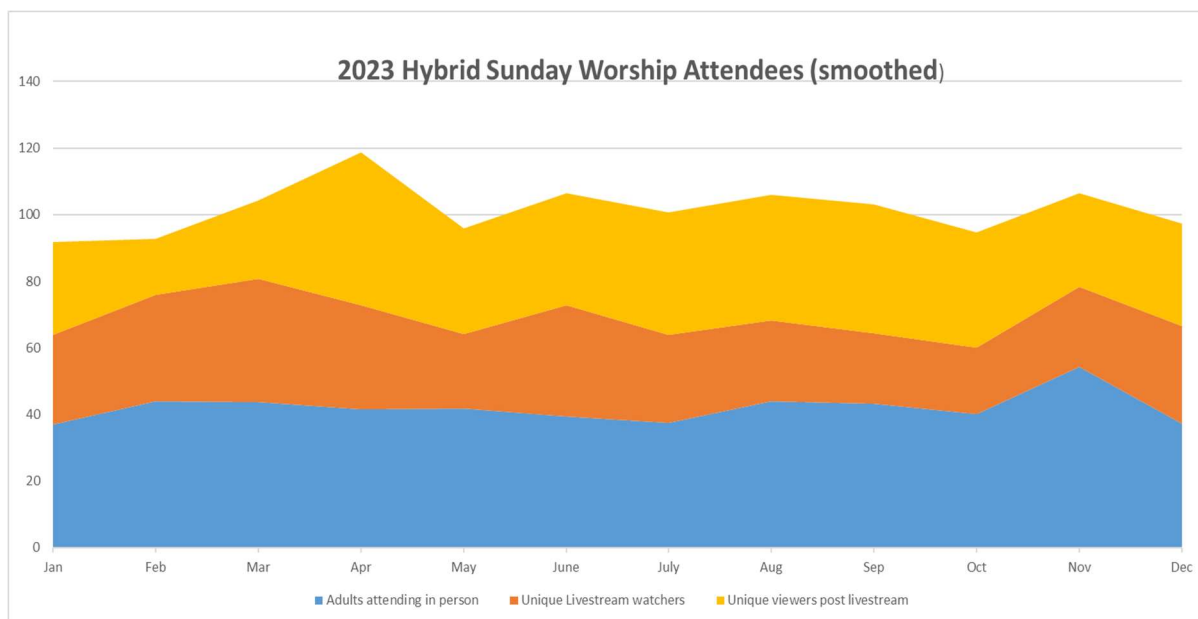


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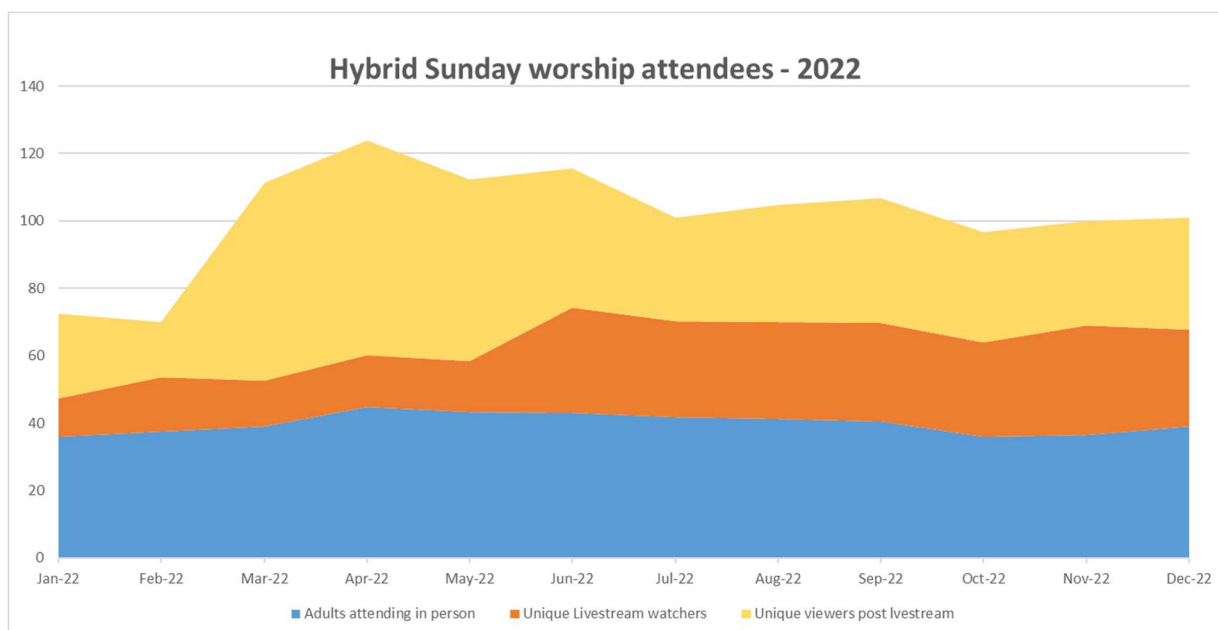


Figure 2 – 2022 Hybrid Sunday worship attendance

The church conducted two funerals and one baby dedication service in 2023. Seventy-three people were in membership at the end of 2023 (78 at the end of 2022). Four transferred to other churches, one married and moved away, two passed away and one was a student who graduated and settled elsewhere.

The 2020 pandemic left us with a legacy of people who had ceased to be active members but did not resign formally. We still have a number of these members who will most likely be removed from membership in 2024.

However, 2023 saw a turnaround. For the first time since 2019, we saw baptisms, four people were baptised and three people were received into membership. We also saw an upturn in the number of visitors, many of whom want to be a long-term part of the Beacon family.

Outreach

The Drop-in day has continued to be popular, attracting upwards of 20 people, most of whom we have never met before and who would not have come to the church for a service. This is helping us learn about the needs and aspirations of our community as we look to develop the new Beacon Centre. Some of those who come to the Drop-in initially, do visit services now sometimes.

Week by week, the Church continued to offer support to individuals and families in need with contact, food parcels, food bank vouchers, practical help through our 25:35 fund, transport to appointments, assistance with filling in forms, moving home or to helping to prevent people becoming homeless. We also helped with shopping and contributions to gas and electricity needs. Over the Christmas period the church put together and distributed food hampers to 12 families in need, partly via our contact with St James School and distributed Christmas presents to 20 families via the Birmingham City Mission Toylink scheme.

Some of our volunteers attended a coffee morning run by St James School to share what Beacon could offer including access to Dementia Awareness and advisors on matters related to housing in attendance at our Drop-in days.

The Beacon Centre Project

A project to refocus the energy of the church on reaching and serving the community. It includes the plan to rebuild the church premises in Sandwell Road in order to better facilitate the church's vision to reach the community and provide more space for services of worship.

The vision includes expanding or providing for the first time some of the following services:

- counselling and support to address mental health needs
- facilities and support for parents with young children
- signposting and language learning to support incomers
- a place for young people to belong, learn and play
- a place for older people to socialise and obtain help

Planning Permission

In July 2023, after a painful fourteen-month wrestle with the Birmingham City Council planning department we were finally granted planning permission for The Beacon Centre.

Three phases planned

Our Architects helped us devise a structure for the building project, in three phases:

- Phase 1 Prepare - building some retaining walls, some excavation, and preparation of utility connections, along with fulfilling some of the essential planning conditions.
- Phase 2 Build the main two-storey part of the building at the front of the site whilst retaining and using the old building during the build.
- Phase 3 Demolish the old building and build the final part of the Beacon Centre in its place, whilst using the Phase 2 building for most activities.

Phase 1 will begin in the first 6 months of 2024.

Leader – Community Development and Outreach

We continued to attempt to recruit for this full-time role, focused on developing our community service and outreach in line with our vision.

We interviewed some candidates in 2023 but did not appoint any of them. A further round of advertising began in December 2023.

Financial Review

A full statement of accounts has been prepared by Data Developments (UK) Ltd, First Floor, The Chubb Buildings, Fryer Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1HT. Data Developments act as the church's independent examiners.

Beacon Church's principal source of funding is donations from members.


The church makes use of the gift aid scheme to claim tax on donations.

The Church did not have a Reserves policy in 2023.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Date: 07/05/2024

Full Name Timothy John Holden Turner

Position Chair

Beacon Evangelical Church

Financial statements for the year ended 2023

Beacon Evangelical Church
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Independent Examiner's report

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement

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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for 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 material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 18th April 2024

Signed:



Stephen Hendy

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	55,807	25,070	—	—	80,877	57,646
Investment income	199	—	—	—	199	144
Incoming resources from charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other incoming resources	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total income	56,007	25,070	—	—	81,077	57,790
Resources used						
Charitable activities	13,066	774	—	—	13,841	10,768
Other resources used	16,245	1,800	—	—	18,045	48,566
Total expenditure	29,312	2,574	—	—	31,886	59,334
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	26,694	22,495	—	—	49,190	(1,544)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	26,694	22,495	—	—	49,190	(1,544)
Total funds brought forward	565,689	291,235	56,065	—	912,990	914,534
Total funds carried forward	592,383	313,731	56,065	—	962,180	912,990
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	592,383	—	—	—	592,383	565,689
Designated						
25-35 Fund	—	1,039	—	—	1,039	870
Distress Fund	—	1,036	—	—	1,036	1,280
New Beacon Fund	—	311,656	—	—	311,656	289,084
Travel Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted						
Building Fund	—	—	56,065	—	56,065	56,065
New Beacon Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Heritage assets	440,433	440,433
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Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	521,747	472,557
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Net current assets less current liabilities	521,747	472,557
Total assets less current liabilities	962,180	912,990
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New Beacon Fund		—	—
Funds of the church		962,180	912,990

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Heritage assets						
Church Premises -	440,433	—	—	—	440,433	440,433
Totals	440,433	—	—	—	440,433	440,433
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Beacon CafCash -	75,169	45,124	2,859	—	123,154	84,911
Beacon Gold -	4,823	102,157	1,062	—	108,043	105,891
CAF - Scottish Widows Term deposit -	57,857	17,896	(22,857)	—	52,896	51,650
Cambridge & Counties Bank -	7,656	5,412	75,000	—	88,068	84,849
Lloyds TSB -	6,443	(620)	—	—	5,823	4,983
Redwood Bank -	—	54,362	—	—	54,362	52,721
United Trust Bank Limited -	—	89,398	—	—	89,398	87,551
Totals	151,950	313,731	56,065	—	521,747	472,557
Grand total	592,383	313,731	56,065	—	962,180	912,990

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
25-35 - 25-35 Fund						
Designated	870	569	400	—	—	1,039
Sub-total for 25-35	870	569	400	—	—	1,039
BF - Building Fund						
Restricted	56,065	—	—	—	—	56,065
Sub-total for BF	56,065	—	—	—	—	56,065
Distr - Distress Fund						
Designated	1,280	129	373	—	—	1,036
Sub-total for Distr	1,280	129	373	—	—	1,036
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	565,689	56,007	29,312	—	—	592,383
Sub-total for General	565,689	56,007	29,312	—	—	592,383
NBF - New Beacon Fund						
Designated	289,084	24,371	1,800	—	—	311,656
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for NBF	289,084	24,371	1,800	—	—	311,656
Tra - Travel Fund						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Tra	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	912,990	81,077	31,886	—	—	962,180

Analysis of income and expenditure

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					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
Offerings	37,372	—	—	—	37,372	39,096
Income tax refund	12,280	1,929	—	—	14,209	—
Other Income	6,153	—	—	—	6,153	2,837
Distress fund	—	129	—	—	129	183
25-35	—	569	—	—	569	642
New Beacon Fund Income	—	22,442	—	—	22,442	14,885
Total	55,807	25,070	—	—	80,877	57,646
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
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Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Minibus fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
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EXPENDITURE

Charitable activities

Church Gifts	7,940	—	—	—	7,940	8,039
Distress Fund expenses	—	373	—	—	373	450
25-35 expenses	—	400	—	—	400	422
Organisational Support & Events	5,126	—	—	—	5,126	1,856
Total	13,066	774	—	—	13,841	10,768

Other resources used

Salaries:Net Salary	—	—	—	—	—	14,774
Salaries:Employers National Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salaries:Pensions	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
Salaries:Income tax	—	—	—	—	—	1,414
Salaries:Employee National Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	1,110
Payroll:Volunteer Expenses	759	—	—	—	759	655
Salaries:Telephone Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preaching fees	200	—	—	—	200	100
Training	40	—	—	—	40	—

Subscriptions	250	—	—	—	250	243
Governance Costs	345	—	—	—	345	696
Establishment costs	1,962	—	—	—	1,962	213
Establishment costs:Light & Heat	4,626	—	—	—	4,626	4,322
Establishment costs:Insurances	—	—	—	—	—	1,547
Establishment costs:Repairs and renewals	1,912	—	—	—	1,912	2,178
Establishment costs:depreciation	—	—	—	—	—	—
Establishment costs:Cleaning & consumabs	3,290	—	—	—	3,290	443
New Beacon Project cost	—	1,800	—	—	1,800	9,128
Support Costs	2,856	—	—	—	2,856	10,738
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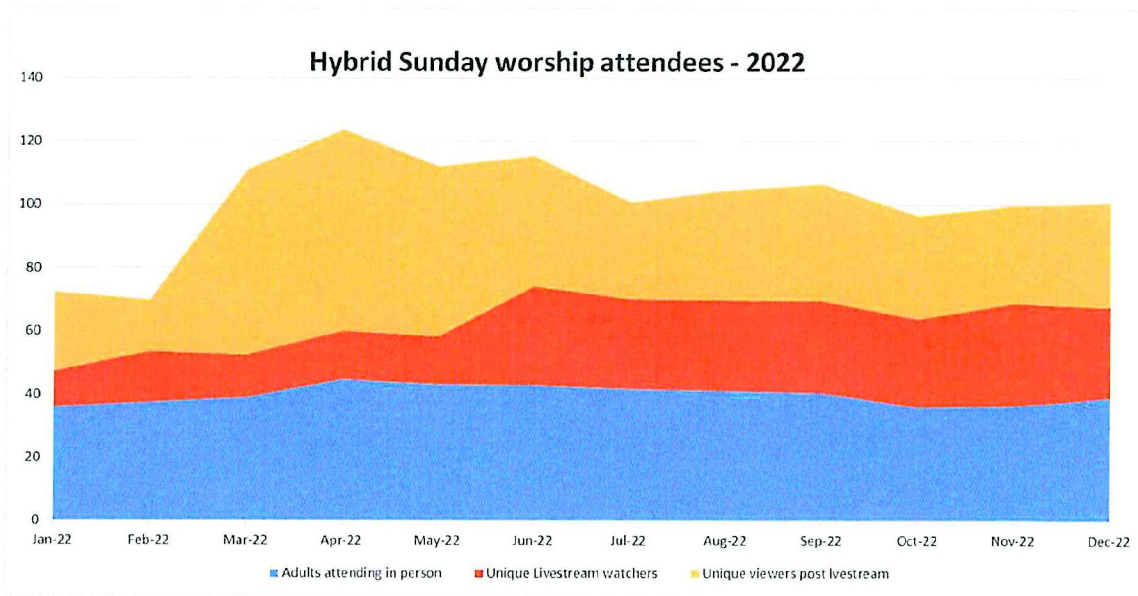


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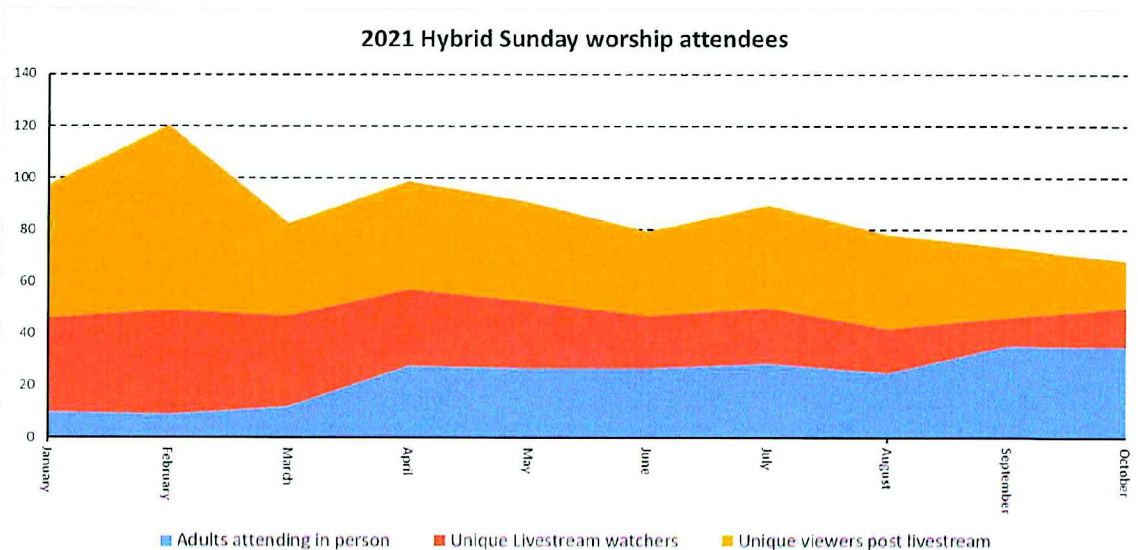


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The total number of people joining in with our Sunday Services in some way during 2022 averaged 101, up from 71 in 2021 and 66% higher than pre-pandemic.

In all the church published 50 videos on YouTube and the number of people subscribing to our YouTube channel rose from around 148 to 178. Once again this involved a huge amount of creativity, energy, volunteer hours and commitment from our volunteers carrying out preparation, the Sunday technical team and our worship team.

The church conducted one wedding, two funerals and one baby dedication service in 2022. Seventy-eight people were in membership at the end of 2021 (82 at the end of 2020). Four transferred to other churches, one passed away and one joined.

Outreach

The Church continued to offer support to individuals and families in need with contact, food parcels, food bank vouchers, practical help through our 25:35 fund, transport to appointments, applications for grants for essential items, assistance with filling in forms, assistance to move home or to prevent people becoming homeless. Over the Christmas period the church distributed food hampers to families in need, partly via our contact with St James School and distributed Christmas presents to over 20 families via the Birmingham City Mission Toylink scheme.

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In June 2022 the Church submitted an application for planning permission. This date for this to be considered by the Birmingham City Council Planning Department was extended into 2022 to allow for continued discussions with the BCC Highways Department concerning the design for the integration of the site entrance with the public highway.

Financial Review

A full statement of accounts has been prepared by Data Developments (UK) Ltd, First Floor, The Chubb Buildings, Fryer Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1HT. Data Developments act as the church's independent examiners.

The charity does not currently operate a policy on reserves.

Beacon Church's principal source of funding is donations from members.

The church makes use of the gift aid scheme to claim tax on donations.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Date: 25-06-2023

Full Name Timothy John Holden Turner

Position Chair

Beacon Evangelical Church

Financial statements for the year ended 2022

Registered Charity Number: 1163097

Principal address: 47 Sandwell Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 8NH

Independent Examiner's report

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement

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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for 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 material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 15th May 2023

Signed:



Stephen Hendy

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	41,934	15,711	—	—	57,646	166,933
Investment income	84	60	—	—	144	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other incoming resources	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total income	42,018	15,771	—	—	57,790	166,934
Resources used						
Charitable activities	9,896	872	—	—	10,768	16,299
Other resources used	39,437	9,128	—	—	48,566	93,802
Total expenditure	49,334	10,000	—	—	59,334	110,102
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(7,315)	5,770	—	—	(1,544)	56,831
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	50,000
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	(50,000)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(7,315)	5,770	—	—	(1,544)	56,831
Total funds brought forward	573,004	285,465	56,065	—	914,534	857,702
Total funds carried forward	565,689	291,235	56,065	—	912,990	914,534
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	565,689	—	—	—	565,689	573,004
Designated						
25-35 Fund	—	870	—	—	870	650
Distress Fund	—	1,280	—	—	1,280	1,547
New Beacon Fund	—	289,084	—	—	289,084	283,266
Travel Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted						
Building Fund	—	—	56,065	—	56,065	56,065
New Beacon Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Heritage assets	440,433	440,433
	440,433	440,433
Current assets		
Debtors	—	8,243
Cash at bank and in hand	472,557	466,754
	472,557	474,997
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	896
	—	896
Net current assets less current liabilities	472,557	474,101
Total assets less current liabilities	912,990	914,534
Total net assets less liabilities	912,990	914,534

Represented by

Unrestricted			
General fund		565,689	573,004
Designated			
25-35 Fund		870	650
Distress Fund		1,280	1,547
New Beacon Fund		289,084	283,266
Travel Fund		—	—
Restricted			
Building Fund		56,065	56,065
New Beacon Fund		—	—
Funds of the church		912,990	914,534

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Heritage assets						
Church Premises -	440,433	—	—	—	440,433	440,433
Totals	440,433	—	—	—	440,433	440,433
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Beacon CafCash -	49,315	32,736	2,859	—	84,911	182,912
Beacon Gold -	4,823	100,004	1,062	—	105,891	5,881
CAF - Scottish Widows Term deposit -	57,857	16,650	(22,857)	—	51,650	51,540
Cambridge & Counties Bank -	7,656	2,192	75,000	—	84,849	83,482
Lloyds TSB -	5,603	(620)	—	—	4,983	4,143
Redwood Bank -	—	52,721	—	—	52,721	52,084
United Trust Bank Limited -	—	87,551	—	—	87,551	86,709
Totals	125,256	291,235	56,065	—	472,557	466,754
Current assets - Debtors						
Sundry Debtors -	—	—	—	—	—	8,243
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	8,243
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accruals -	—	—	—	—	—	896
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	896
Grand total	565,689	291,235	56,065	—	912,990	914,534

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
25-35 - 25-35 Fund						
Designated	650	642	422	—	—	870
Sub-total for 25-35	650	642	422	—	—	870
BF - Building Fund						
Restricted	56,065	—	—	—	—	56,065
Sub-total for BF	56,065	—	—	—	—	56,065
Distr - Distress Fund						
Designated	1,547	183	450	—	—	1,280
Sub-total for Distr	1,547	183	450	—	—	1,280
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	573,004	42,018	49,334	—	—	565,689
Sub-total for General	573,004	42,018	49,334	—	—	565,689
NBF - New Beacon Fund						
Designated	283,266	14,946	9,128	—	—	289,084
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for NBF	283,266	14,946	9,128	—	—	289,084
Tra - Travel Fund						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Tra	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	914,534	57,790	59,334	—	—	912,990

Analysis of income and expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
Offerings	39,096	—	—	—	39,096	36,322
Income tax refund	—	—	—	—	—	18,648
Other Income	2,837	—	—	—	2,837	30,378
Distress fund	—	183	—	—	183	571
25-35	—	642	—	—	642	1,091
New Beacon Fund Income	—	14,885	—	—	14,885	79,922
Total	41,934	15,711	—	—	57,646	166,933
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
Bank Interest	84	60	—	—	144	0
Total	84	60	—	—	144	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Rental Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other incoming resources						
Building Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Minibus fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
INCOME TOTAL	42,018	15,771	—	—	57,790	166,934

EXPENDITURE

Charitable activities

Church Gifts	8,039	—	—	—	8,039	10,722
Distress Fund expenses	—	450	—	—	450	505
25-35 expenses	—	422	—	—	422	769
Organisational Support & Events	1,856	—	—	—	1,856	4,302
Total	9,896	872	—	—	10,768	16,299

Other resources used

Salaries:Net Salary	14,774	—	—	—	14,774	18,170
Salaries:Employers National Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salaries:Pensions	1,000	—	—	—	1,000	1,200
Salaries:Income tax	1,414	—	—	—	1,414	1,757
Salaries:Employee National Insurance	1,110	—	—	—	1,110	1,415
Payroll:Volunteer Expenses	655	—	—	—	655	141
Salaries:Telephone Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preaching fees	100	—	—	—	100	130
Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
Subscriptions	243	—	—	—	243	129
Governance Costs	696	—	—	—	696	696

Establishment costs:Light & Heat	4,322	—	—	—	4,322	2,730
Establishment costs:Insurances	1,547	—	—	—	1,547	—
Establishment costs:Repairs and renewals	2,178	—	—	—	2,178	4,653
Establishment costs:depreciation	—	—	—	—	—	40,415
Establishment costs:Cleaning & consumabs	443	—	—	—	443	293
New Beacon Project cost	—	9,128	—	—	9,128	10,850
Support Costs	10,738	—	—	—	10,738	3,226
Depreciation	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	39,437	9,128	—	—	48,566	93,802
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	49,334	10,000	—	—	59,334	110,102
GRAND TOTAL	(7,315)	5,770	—	—	(1,544)	56,831

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1163097

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report

for the period ending

31st December 2021

Charity Name: Beacon Evangelical Church

Registered Charity Number: 1163097

Principal address: 47 Sandwell Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 8NH

Trustees who manage the Charity

Name	Office (if any)	Dates in office if not for the whole year
Timothy Turner	Pastor and Elder	
Elaine Salmon	Deacon and Secretary	
Philip Evans	Deacon and Treasurer	
Veronica Johnson	Deacon	from 10/01/2021 onwards

Structure and governance

Beacon Evangelical Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees and is regulated by a constitution.

Trustees are elected by the members of the church and together constitute the “Leadership Team” of the church. Within the Leadership Team, there are Elders who are responsible for the spiritual and pastoral care of the members and Deacons who assist the Elders in their duties.

The trustees meet on a monthly basis to consider the spiritual and pastoral affairs of the church and on a quarterly basis to manage matters requiring financial and procedural decisions.

The church is a founder member of the Charity, Handsworth and District Christian Outreach also known as Hands Outstretched, a collaboration between local churches for the advancement of the Christian faith.

Objects

The church’s objects, for the public benefit, are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith detailed in the church’s constitution.

To this end, the Leadership Team is committed to enabling the members of the church to communicate the Christian gospel with as many people as possible. This is understood to take place verbally and also by practical demonstration of God’s love through compassionate care for members of the community, the provision of services from the base of the church building on Sandwell Road and through the members’ lifestyle within the community.

In overseeing and developing the activities of the church, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Activities

The activities of the church are open to the public. The following activities ran for part of 2021, having been put on hold or changed considerably due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Details of the impact of Covid-19 are included below:

Worship

The church holds one service of worship each Sunday. Members are encouraged to participate in running the service, building their faith, developing confidence and skills. During the first three months of 2021, due to Covid-19 pandemic Sunday Services were live-streamed to YouTube with a core team of participants. From 28th March 2021 our services were once again open to a limited number of participants on-site, with Covid-safety restrictions and from Sunday 20th July, restrictions were further reduced, allowing services to return to near normal by the end of the year. However, the services were still live-streamed to YouTube for the benefit of those who could not leave their homes for reasons of health and vulnerability.

Prayer

The church maintained a monthly day of prayer and two-week long prayer events, meeting together either online via the Zoom app or on site when possible.

The leadership team met a number of times for a Saturday of prayer

The Call2Pray network was set up and trialled – a cascading network of church members with each one calling two others to keep in touch and pray for one another.

Fellowship groups

The church runs several small groups on weekday evenings for study of the Bible, to develop individual Christian faith and to engage in community outreach. Groups run fun days and other events to bring the community together and explain the Christian faith. Four of these groups continued to meet during the pandemic via the Zoom platform, but during 2021 they were able to return to in-person meetings from around June. One group was able to keep older members involved by using telephone-only Zoom access.

Lunch club for seniors

We were unable to restart this activity due to a lack of staff.

Children and young people

- The church runs a **Sunday School** for children from Nursery School age to year 11, teaching Bible knowledge and explaining the Christian faith. Classes met from March 2021, when they were run after the service for Covid-safety reasons, for a number of months before returning to normal in September 2021. Numbers attending were very low compared to pre-pandemic although the Secondary age group increased towards the end of the year.
- **Late Night Fridays (LNF)** is run by teenagers and young adults for those in year 10 and above, including young adults in their early 20s. The group combines activities, games, opportunity to explore life and faith issues and grow in understanding of the Christian faith. This group was able to operate either online or on-site during 2021.

- **12+** is a group for young people in year 7 to early teens meeting once a fortnight for games and topical study and once a month for a physical activity together such as climbing, bowling etc. This was restarted in 2021 after a number of years' absence.

This is your God, Part 2 was a three-day teaching event on the subjects of Wisdom and The Holy Spirit was held from 23-24th August. These subjects were requested by young people who attended the 'This is your God' teaching event in 2020. This year it was attended between 20 and 30 children and young people aged 8 upwards and was well received.

Food bank

The church supports The Handsworth Food Bank, a Trussell Trust Food Bank based locally, providing funds from time to time, food and volunteers to staff the food bank. The church continued its support of the Food Bank and our volunteers were able to help throughout the year.

CAP Money Course

The church has the capacity to run the Christians Against Poverty 'Money Course'. This is a nationally acclaimed money management course which aims to help people to budget, save and spend sustainably to avoid getting into financial debt. It is available to the general public. We did not run this course in 2021.

Sisters of Strength Women's group (SOS)

Sisters of Strength is a women's group which meets up to 6 times a year for an evening of worship, teaching and celebration. This group was unable to meet during 2021.

Beacon Brothers Together

Brothers Together is a fairly informal group for men, which meets for breakfast from time to time and seeks to support men in the church and outside in putting their faith into action. It also operates as a support network for men via social media. This group was mostly unable to meet during 2021 but did have some contact via the Zoom platform.

Beacon Listening Service

This is a free, appointment only service staffed by trained volunteers and offering up to three hour-long sessions of confidential listening with one or sometimes two listeners present. This service was able to operate in person through much of 2021 as well as by phone and Zoom.

Safe Families (new initiative)

The church partnered with the Safe Families charity providing volunteer support to families needing a variety of help from support for parents struggling with children with mental health or learning disabilities to practical help. Four of our members participated in 2021.

Staffing and safeguarding

The church has one paid employee, the pastor. The majority of the services and activities provided are organised and staffed by volunteers. The church's safeguarding officers ensure that

those working with children and vulnerable adults are selected, trained, checked and supervised in accordance with the church’s safeguarding policy.

The trustees adapted their Covid-19 risk assessment throughout 2021 in response to National and Local Government guidance. One trustee represented the church in regular support meetings held by Public Health Birmingham.

Achievements and performance

Using YouTube for Sunday Services proved effective in keeping members connected especially during the first 6 or so months of the year. From August to December the average number of adults attending a Sunday Worship in person averaged around 30, just over half of pre-pandemic levels. However, a similar number watched online e.g. between August and October an average of 14 additional people watched live and another 27 watched the service after the event. This additional number must be reduced slightly to account for hosts watching the service in the building in order to interact with those online. This means that the total number of people joining in with our Sunday Services in some way during that time averaged 71, higher than pre-pandemic. In all the church published 59 videos on YouTube and the number of people subscribing to our YouTube channel rose from around 118 to 148. This involved a huge amount of creativity, energy, volunteer hours and commitment from our technical team and worship team.

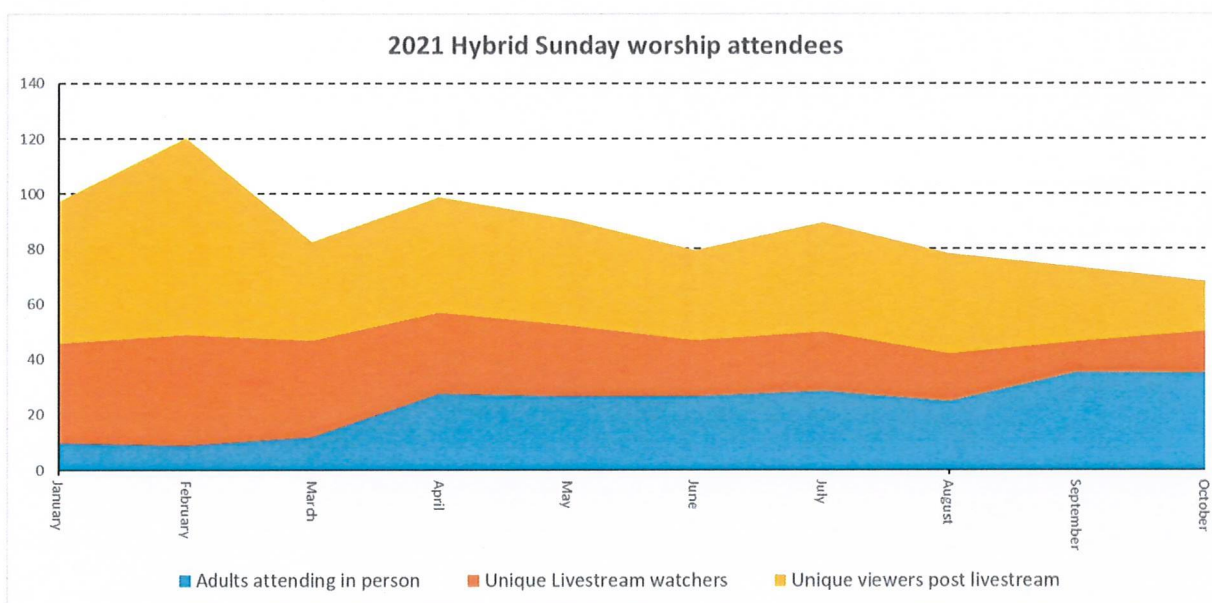


Figure 1 - 2021 Sunday Service attendance - N.B. figures were only available from YouTube for January to October

During the Covid-19 restrictions, Senior church members did engage with the technology where possible, but a number felt isolated because they could not access YouTube. The support network between our seniors was active and resilient. The leadership team contacted all those who had been absent long term during the pandemic to encourage them to return.

The church was able to reach out compassionately in a creative way through YouTube. When a local teenager was tragically killed in one of our local streets we released a prayer video in support of family and friends which was viewed by 144 separate individuals.

The church conducted four funerals and two baby dedication services in 2021. Eighty-two people were in membership at the end of 2021 (84 at the end of 2020).

Outreach

Support offered to individuals and families in need increased in 2021 so that more individuals were supported with contact, food parcels, practical help through our 25:35 fund, transport to appointments, applications for grants for essential items, assistance with filling in forms, assistance to move home or to prevent people becoming homeless. Over the Christmas period the church distributed 12 food hampers to families in need, partly via our contact with St James School and distributed Christmas presents to 20 families via the Birmingham City Mission Toylink scheme.

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During 2021 a VAT consultation was undertaken to determine the final design for the building and a public consultation was held in November via an open day attended by neighbours. It was agreed that the design was ready for submission for planning consent and the architects were given the go ahead to do this.

Financial Review

A full statement of accounts has been prepared by chartered accountants firm Manleys of 696 Yardley Wood Road, Billesley, Birmingham B13 0HY. Manleys act as the church's independent examiners.

The charity does not currently operate a policy on reserves.


Beacon Church's principal source of funding is donations from members.

The church makes use of the gift aid scheme to claim tax on donations.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Date: 07 -JUNE 2022

Full Name Timothy John Holden Turner

Position Chair

Charity Registration No. 1163097

**BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mr T Turner
Mr P Evans
Ms E Salmon
Mrs V Johnson

(Appointed 10 January
2021)

Charity number

1163097

Principal address

47 Sandwell Road
Handsworth
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BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Beacon Evangelical Church Handsworth CIO (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Dated: 8 March 2022

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds designated		Restricted funds		Total Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds designated		Restricted funds		Total	
		2021	£	2021	£	2021	£	2020	£	2020	£	2020	£	2020	£
Income from:															
Donations and legacies	3	36,323		68,124		-		63,327		19,377		-		82,704	
Charitable activities	4	30,322		-		-		2,406		-		-		2,406	
Investments	5	1		-		-		1,163		-		-		1,163	
Total income		66,646		68,124		-		66,896		19,377		-		86,273	
Expenditure on:															
Charitable activities	6	60,859		12,125		-		54,233		747		-		54,980	
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		5,787		55,999		-		17,260		14,033		-		31,293	
Gross transfers between funds		-		-		-		4,597		(4,597)		-		-	
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		5,787		55,999		-		17,260		14,033		-		31,293	
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		580,679		216,005		56,064		563,419		201,971		56,064		821,454	
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		586,466		272,004		56,064		580,679		216,004		56,064		852,747	

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

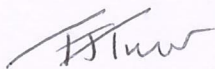
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BALANCE SHEET

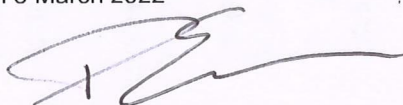
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		440,433		450,221
Current assets					
Debtors	11	8,243		40,351	
Cash at bank and in hand		466,754		363,070	
		<u>474,997</u>		<u>403,421</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(896)		(895)	
Net current assets			474,101		402,526
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>914,534</u>		<u>852,747</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		56,064		56,064
Designated funds			272,004		164,962
Unrestricted funds			586,466		567,773
			<u>914,534</u>		<u>852,747</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 8 March 2022



Mr T Turner
Trustee



Mr P Evans
Trustee

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	16		103,683		14,131
Investing activities					
Investment income received		1		1,163	
Net cash generated from investing activities			1		1,163
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			103,684		15,294
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			363,070		347,776
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			466,754		363,070

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Beacon Evangelical Church Handsworth CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	2% Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Fully depreciated

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds designated	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds designated	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	36,323	68,124	104,447	63,327	19,377	82,704

4 Charitable activities

	Other income 2021	Other income 2020
	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	30,322	2,406

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Unrestricted funds 2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	1	1,163

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

6 Charitable activities

	Charitable expenses - ministry	Charitable expenses - mission	Charitable expenses - establishment	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	23,049	-	-	23,049	22,437
Charitable expenditure	402	15,795	29,816	46,013	27,239
	<u>23,451</u>	<u>15,795</u>	<u>29,816</u>	<u>69,062</u>	<u>49,676</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	3,226	-	-	3,226	4,626
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	696	-	-	696	678
	<u>27,373</u>	<u>15,795</u>	<u>29,816</u>	<u>72,984</u>	<u>54,980</u>
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds	26,868	15,025	18,966	60,859	
Designated funds	505	770	10,850	12,125	
	<u>27,373</u>	<u>15,795</u>	<u>29,816</u>	<u>72,984</u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2020					
Unrestricted funds	28,722	10,567	14,944		54,233
Designated funds	-	747	-		747
	<u>28,722</u>	<u>11,314</u>	<u>14,944</u>		<u>54,980</u>

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Support costs	3,226	-	3,226	4,626	-	4,626
Audit fees	-	696	696	-	678	678
	<u>3,226</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>3,922</u>	<u>4,626</u>	<u>678</u>	<u>5,304</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>3,226</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>3,922</u>	<u>4,626</u>	<u>678</u>	<u>5,304</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £696 (2020 - £678) for audit fees.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

8 Trustees

The Pastor, who is also a trustee, is the employee in Note 9 who received remuneration during the year, but none of the other trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, and none of them were reimbursed for travelling expenses (2020- none were reimbursed).

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Employment costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	21,849	21,237
Other pension costs	1,200	1,200
	<u>23,049</u>	<u>22,437</u>
	<u>23,049</u>	<u>22,437</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2021	489,370	51,365	540,735
	<u>489,370</u>	<u>51,365</u>	<u>540,735</u>
At 31 December 2021	489,370	51,365	540,735
	<u>489,370</u>	<u>51,365</u>	<u>540,735</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2021	39,150	51,365	90,515
Depreciation charged in the year	9,787	-	9,787
	<u>48,937</u>	<u>51,365</u>	<u>100,302</u>
At 31 December 2021	48,937	51,365	100,302
	<u>48,937</u>	<u>51,365</u>	<u>100,302</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2021	440,433	-	440,433
	<u>440,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>440,433</u>
At 31 December 2020	450,221	-	450,221
	<u>450,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,221</u>

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

11 Debtors		
	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	7,382	39,547
Prepayments and accrued income	861	804
	<u>8,243</u>	<u>40,351</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	264	263
Accruals and deferred income	632	632
	<u>896</u>	<u>895</u>

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2020	Movement in funds Income	Balance at 1 January 2021	Movement in funds Income	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Building fund	56,064	-	56,064	-	56,064
	<u>56,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,064</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2020		Movement in funds		Transferred		Balance at 1 January 2021		Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2021	
	£	£	Income	Expenditure	£	£	£	£	Income	Expenditure	£	£
Distress Fund	1,481	-	-	-	-	1,481	571	(505)	1,547	-	1,547	-
Travel Fund	4,597	-	-	(4,597)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35 Fund	775	300	300	(747)	-	329	1,091	(769)	651	-	651	-
New beacon fund	195,117	19,077	19,077	-	-	214,194	79,922	(10,850)	283,266	-	283,266	-
	<u>201,970</u>	<u>19,377</u>	<u>19,377</u>	<u>(747)</u>	<u>(4,597)</u>	<u>216,004</u>	<u>81,584</u>	<u>(12,124)</u>	<u>285,464</u>		<u>285,464</u>	

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:

Tangible assets
Current assets/(liabilities)

	General Designated Fund 2021		Restricted Fund 2021		Total 2021		General Fund 2020		Designated Fund 2020		Restricted Fund 2020		Total 2020	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	440,433	-	-	-	440,433	450,221	-	-	-	-	-	-	450,221	-
	132,572	285,465	56,064	56,064	474,101	130,458	216,004	56,064	216,004	56,064	56,064	402,526	402,526	-
	<u>573,005</u>	<u>285,465</u>	<u>56,064</u>	<u>56,064</u>	<u>914,534</u>	<u>580,679</u>	<u>216,004</u>	<u>56,064</u>	<u>216,004</u>	<u>56,064</u>	<u>56,064</u>	<u>852,747</u>	<u>852,747</u>	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

16 Cash generated from operations	2021	2020
	£	£
Surplus for the year	61,786	31,293
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1)	(1,163)
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	32,108	(25,789)
Increase in creditors	1	2
Cash generated from operations	<u>93,894</u>	<u>4,343</u>

17 Analysis of changes in net funds
The charity had no debt during the year.

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1163097

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report

for the period ending

31st December 2020

Charity Name: Beacon Evangelical Church

Registered Charity Number: 1163097

Principal address: 47 Sandwell Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 8NH

Trustees who manage the Charity

Name	Office (if any)	Dates in office if not for the whole year
Timothy Turner	Pastor and Elder	
Elaine Salmon	Deacon and Secretary	
Philip Evans	Deacon and Treasurer	

Structure and governance

Beacon Evangelical Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees and is regulated by a constitution.

Trustees are elected by the members of the church and together constitute the “Leadership Team” of the church. Within the Leadership Team, there are Elders who are responsible for the spiritual and pastoral care of the members and Deacons who assist the Elders in their duties.

The trustees meet on a monthly basis to consider the spiritual and pastoral affairs of the church and on a quarterly basis to manage matters requiring financial and procedural decisions.

The church is a founder member of the Charity, Handsworth and District Christian Outreach also known as Hands Outstretched, a collaboration between local churches for the advancement of the Christian faith.

Objects

The church’s objects, for the public benefit, are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith detailed in the church’s constitution.

To this end, the Leadership Team is committed to enabling the members of the church to communicate the Christian gospel with as many people as possible. This is understood to take place verbally and also by practical demonstration of God’s love through compassionate care for members of the community, the provision of services from the base of the church building on Sandwell Road and through the members’ lifestyle within the community.

In overseeing and developing the activities of the church, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Activities

The activities of the church are open to the public. The following activities ran for part of 2020, but were put on hold or changed considerably due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Details of the impact of Covid-19 are included below:

Worship

The church holds one service of worship each Sunday. Members are encouraged to participate in running the service, building their faith, developing confidence and skills. During the Covid-19 pandemic Sunday Services were pre-recorded and premiered using YouTube for six months. From October 2020 onwards Sunday Services were live-streamed to YouTube with either a core team of participants or a smaller, socially distanced congregation present in the building, depending on Covid-19 restrictions.

Fellowship groups

The church runs several small groups on weekday evenings for study of the Bible, to develop individual Christian faith and to engage in community outreach. Groups run fun days and other events to bring the community together and explain the Christian faith. Four of these groups continued to meet during the pandemic via the Zoom platform.

Lunch club for seniors

This volunteer-run service operates at the church building in Sandwell Road each Monday, providing a place for seniors to socialise, eat a healthy three course meal and exercise, as well as worshipping together in song and Bible reading. It is attended by more than twenty people from a variety of cultures, including church and non-church backgrounds. Referrals are sometimes made from statutory bodies. This activity had to stop during the pandemic, but our seniors formed a close network and were able to continue to support one another by phone during the pandemic.

Children and young people

- The church runs a **Sunday School** for children from Nursery School age to year 11, teaching Bible knowledge and explaining the Christian faith. Classes were unable to meet from March 2020 due to Covid-19 but the Sunday school teaching team sought to keep contact with students and arranged a virtual prize giving service in the summer.
- **Unashamed** is a Christian music group for children in their early teens. It helps them develop musically, in confidence and faith. This activity stopped during the pandemic.
- **Late Night Fridays (LNF)** is run by teenagers and young adults for those in year 10 and above, including young adults in their early 20s. The group combines activities, games, opportunity to explore life and faith issues and grow in understanding of the Christian faith. This group was able to partially operate during the Autumn of 2020. "This is Your God" was a three-day teaching event held at the end of August 2020 to support and encourage young people in their mid-teens and young adults.

Food bank

The church supports The Handsworth Food Bank, a Trussell Trust Food Bank based locally, providing funds from time to time, food and volunteers to staff the food bank. The church continued its support of the Food Bank and our volunteers were able to help towards the end of the year.

CAP Money Course

The church has the capacity to run the Christians Against Poverty 'Money Course'. This is a nationally acclaimed money management course which aims to help people to budget, save and spend sustainably to avoid getting into financial debt. It is available to the general public. During the pandemic the church was unable to run this course.

Sisters of Strength Women's group (SOS)

Sisters of Strength is a women's group which meets up to 6 times a year for an evening of worship, teaching and celebration. This group was unable to meet during the pandemic.

Beacon Brothers Together

Brothers Together is a fairly informal group for men, which meets for breakfast from time to time and seeks to support men in the church and outside in putting their faith into action. It also operates as a support network for men via social media. This group was mostly unable to meet during 2020 but did have some contact via the Zoom platform.

Come and See Ministry

Come and See is run by a group of volunteers who offer a light lunch to visitors from outside the church on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. The Come and See lunch is a time for people to ask questions about the Christian Faith and learn the basics without attending a service of worship. This activity had to stop due to the pandemic.

Beacon Listening Service

This is a free, appointment only service staffed by trained volunteers and offering up to three hour-long sessions of confidential listening with one or sometimes two listeners present. This service continued to be offered through 2020 by phone and Zoom.

Staffing and safeguarding

The church has one paid employee, the pastor, who continued to work during the pandemic. The majority of the services and activities provided are organised and staffed by volunteers. The church's safeguarding officers ensure that those working with children and vulnerable adults are selected, trained, checked and supervised in accordance with the church's safeguarding policy.

The trustees carried out a full risk assessment prior to using the Beacon building again after the first wave of Covid-19 in 2020, adapting and updating it as different restrictions were imposed and relaxed during the year.

Achievements and performance

On average, during the 7 months of the year that the church streamed services to Youtube, 30 devices were connected during the 11am Sunday Service, representing households with up to five people watching. Another 58 individuals watched after the event. In all the church published over 40 service videos on YouTube and the number of people subscribing to our YouTube channel rose from around 40 to 118. This involved a huge amount of creativity, energy, volunteer hours and technical learning for our community. It allowed a greater number of people

to participate through pre-recording their own contributions to service videos and playing a role in live-streaming services.

A family service was produced on a monthly basis, aimed at engaging children. However, children were adversely affected and often disengaged with church because so few children's activities and groups could be provided in-person. On a positive note our October and December family services were held later in the day than usual which enabled more families to attend.

Senior church members did engage with the technology where possible, but a number felt isolated because they could not access YouTube. However, the support network between our seniors was active and resilient. The church conducted two funerals under Covid-19 restrictions and one baby blessing service. Eighty-four people were in membership at the end of 2020.

Outreach

The church's socially based outreach activities were curtailed due to Covid-19, but a number of individuals were supported with contact, food and practical help. Over the Christmas period the church distributed food hampers via the St James School to a number of families identified by the school and distributed Christmas presents via the Birmingham City Mission Toylink scheme.

The Beacon Centre Project

A project to refocus the energy of the church on reaching and serving the community. It includes the plan to rebuild the church premises in Sandwell Road in order to better facilitate the church's vision to reach the community and provide more space for services of worship.

The vision includes expanding or providing for the first time some of the following services:

- counselling and support to address mental health needs
- facilities and support for parents with young children
- signposting and language learning to support incomers
- a place for young people to belong, learn and play
- a place for older people to socialise and obtain help

Although delayed by Covid-19, a second pre-planning consultation was conducted with Birmingham City Council Planning department in September 2020. This met with a favourable response. The intention is to submit a planning application in 2021. The local needs which this project aims to address have been deepened by the Covid-19 crisis.

Financial Review

A full statement of accounts has been prepared by chartered accountants firm Manleys of 696 Yardley Wood Road, Billesley, Birmingham B13 0HY. Manleys act as the church's independent examiners.

The charity does not currently operate a policy on reserves.

Beacon Church's principal source of funding is donations from members.

The church makes use of the gift aid scheme to claim tax on donations.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full Name Timothy John Holden Turner

Position Chair

Date 11-05-2021

Charity Registration No. 1163097

**BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr T Turner Mr P Evans Ms E Salmon
Charity number	1163097
Principal address	47 Sandwell Road Handsworth Birmingham B21 8NH

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BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Beacon Evangelical Church Handsworth CIO (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Dated: 25 May 2021

BEACON EVANGELICAL CHURCH HANDSWORTH CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds designated		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds designated		Restricted funds		Total	
		2020	£	2020	£	2020	£	2020	£	2020	£	2019	£	2019	£	2019	£
Income from:																	
Donations and legacies	3	63,327		19,377		-		82,704		47,742		41,417		-		89,159	
Charitable activities	4	2,406		-		-		2,406		11,264		-		-		11,264	
Investments	5	1,163		-		-		1,163		1,430		-		-		1,430	
Total income		66,896		19,377		-		86,273		60,436		41,417		-		101,853	
Expenditure on:																	
Charitable activities	6	54,233		747		-		54,980		64,789		4,409		-		69,198	
Net incoming resources before transfers		12,663		18,630		-		31,293		(4,353)		37,008		-		32,655	

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Net incoming resources before transfers	12,663	18,630	-	31,293	(4,353)	37,008	-	32,655
Gross transfers between funds	4,597	(4,597)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds	<u>17,260</u>	<u>14,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,293</u>	<u>(4,353)</u>	<u>37,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,655</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2020	563,419	201,971	56,064	821,454	567,772	164,962	56,064	788,798
Fund balances at 31 December 2020	<u><u>580,679</u></u>	<u><u>216,004</u></u>	<u><u>56,064</u></u>	<u><u>852,747</u></u>	<u><u>563,419</u></u>	<u><u>201,970</u></u>	<u><u>56,064</u></u>	<u><u>821,453</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

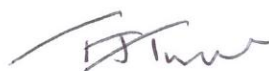
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		450,221		460,008
Current assets					
Debtors	11	40,351		14,562	
Cash at bank and in hand		363,070		347,776	
		<u>403,421</u>		<u>362,338</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(895)		(893)	
Net current assets			402,526		361,445
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>852,747</u>		<u>821,453</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		56,064		56,064
Designated funds			216,004		164,962
Unrestricted funds			580,679		567,773
			<u>852,747</u>		<u>821,453</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 25 May 2021



Mr T Turner
Trustee



Mr P Evans
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	16		14,131		41,095
Investing activities					
Investment income received		1,163		1,430	
Net cash generated from investing activities			1,163		1,430
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			15,294		42,525
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			347,776		305,251
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>363,070</u>		<u>347,776</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Beacon Evangelical Church Handsworth CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	2% Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Fully depreciated

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds designated	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds designated	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	63,327	19,377	82,704	47,742	41,417	89,159

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

4 Charitable activities

	Other income 2020 £	Other income 2019 £
Sales within charitable activities	2,406	11,264

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
Interest receivable	1,163	1,430

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

6 Charitable activities

	Charitable expenses - ministry	Charitable expenses - mission establishment	Charitable expenses -	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	22,437	-	-	22,437	22,249
Charitable expenditure	981	11,314	14,944	27,239	41,842
	<u>23,418</u>	<u>11,314</u>	<u>14,944</u>	<u>49,676</u>	<u>64,091</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	4,626	-	-	4,626	4,447
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	678	-	-	678	660
	<u>28,722</u>	<u>11,314</u>	<u>14,944</u>	<u>54,980</u>	<u>69,198</u>
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds	28,722	10,567	14,944	54,233	
Designated funds	-	747	-	747	
	<u>28,722</u>	<u>11,314</u>	<u>14,944</u>	<u>54,980</u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2019					
Unrestricted funds	28,515	20,391	15,883		64,789
Designated funds	-	1,416	2,993		4,409
	<u>28,515</u>	<u>21,807</u>	<u>18,876</u>		<u>69,198</u>

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	2019	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Support costs	4,626	-	4,626	4,447	
Independent examiner fees	-	678	678	660	Governance
	<u>4,626</u>	<u>678</u>	<u>5,304</u>	<u>5,107</u>	
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>4,626</u>	<u>678</u>	<u>5,304</u>	<u>5,107</u>	

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8 Trustees

The Pastor, who is also a trustee, is the employee in Note 9 who received remuneration during the year, but none of the other trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, and none of them were reimbursed for travelling expenses (2019- none were reimbursed).

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Employment costs	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	21,237	21,049
Other pension costs	1,200	1,200
	<u>22,437</u>	<u>22,249</u>
	<u>22,437</u>	<u>22,249</u>

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2020	489,370	51,365	540,735
	<u>489,370</u>	<u>51,365</u>	<u>540,735</u>
At 31 December 2020	489,370	51,365	540,735
	<u>489,370</u>	<u>51,365</u>	<u>540,735</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2020	29,362	51,365	80,727
Depreciation charged in the year	9,787	-	9,787
	<u>39,149</u>	<u>51,365</u>	<u>90,514</u>
At 31 December 2020	39,149	51,365	90,514
	<u>39,149</u>	<u>51,365</u>	<u>90,514</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2020	450,221	-	450,221
	<u>450,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,221</u>
At 31 December 2019	460,008	-	460,008
	<u>460,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>460,008</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

11 Debtors		2020	2019
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Other debtors	39,547	13,804
	Prepayments and accrued income	804	758
		<u>40,351</u>	<u>14,562</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2020	2019
		£	£
	Other taxation and social security	263	-
	Accruals and deferred income	632	893
		<u>895</u>	<u>893</u>

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2020 £
	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	Income £	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	
Building fund	56,064	-	56,064	-	56,064
	<u>56,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,064</u>

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14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2020
	Balance at 1 January 2019	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Distress Fund	1,437	331	(287)	1,481	-	-	1,481
Travel Fund	4,597	-	-	4,597	-	-	-
25-35 Fund	75	1,361	(661)	775	300	(747)	329
New beacon fund	158,853	39,725	(3,461)	195,117	19,077	-	214,194
	<u>164,962</u>	<u>41,417</u>	<u>(4,409)</u>	<u>201,970</u>	<u>19,377</u>	<u>(747)</u>	<u>216,004</u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Fund		Restricted Fund		Total		Total
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:							
Tangible assets	450,221	-	-	-	450,221	-	460,008
Current assets/(liabilities)	130,458	216,004	56,064	56,064	402,526	201,970	361,445
	<u>580,679</u>	<u>216,004</u>	<u>56,064</u>	<u>56,064</u>	<u>852,747</u>	<u>201,970</u>	<u>821,453</u>

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16	Cash generated from operations	2020	2019
		£	£
	Surplus for the year	31,293	32,655
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,163)	(1,430)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	11,053	14,923
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in debtors	(25,789)	(29)
	Increase in creditors	2	112
	Cash generated from operations	15,396	46,231
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
17	Analysis of changes in net funds		
	The charity had no debt during the year.		