	Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
	From		Period start date			To	
			01	January	2023		
		Period end date					
		31	December	2023			

Section A		Reference and administration details	
Charity name		Bar Hill Church	
Other names charity is known by		Bar Hill Church Single Congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership	
Registered charity number (if any)		1170176	
Charity's principal address		Hanover Close	
		Bar Hill	
		Cambridge	
		Postcode	CB23 8EH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity				
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Wendy Wale	Chair	From 24/04/2023	Members of the charity
2	Ian Horne	Secretary		Members of the charity
3	Eleanor Tod	Treasurer		Members of the charity
4	Ann Chappell	Lay Moderator	From 17/05/2023	Members of the charity
5	Andrew Ingle			Members of the charity
6	Diane Chapman		Until 16/05/2023	Members of the charity
7	Lesley Bennett			Members of the charity
8	Jonathan Bishop		Until 16/05/2023	Members of the charity
9	Kevin Potts			Members of the charity
10	Robert Chappell			Members of the charity
11	Yvonne Potts			Members of the charity

12	Iain Spence			Members of the charity
13	Malcom Cox			Members of the charity
14	Hannah Wright		From 17/05/2023	Members of the charity
15	Pam Vendy		From 17/05/2023	Members of the charity
16				
17				
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	Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)			
	Name		Dates acted if not for whole year	
	None			

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Un-incorporated Charity
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Church Members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) of the five founding denominations: the Baptist Union, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church and the Society of Friends. In 1990 the original LEP expanded to include the Roman Catholics who remain in association with the LEP.

It was a charity linked to Shared Churches Ely until 2016 when it re-registered in its own right. The church buildings are owned by Shared Churches Ely Ltd but all maintenance is the responsibility of the Charity. The arrangement is governed by two Sharing Agreements dated 1976 and 1990.

Management of the Charity is carried out by the minister and trustees who are also members of the Church Leadership Team (CLT) which is the executive leadership body (its senior officers are the Minister, Lay Moderator, Church Secretary and Treasurer).

The trustees are responsible for all decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the church including deciding on how the funds of the church are to be spent. They are elected by the church members at annual congregational meetings in accordance with the constitution.

An appointed trustee is responsible for the church buildings but day to day they are managed by the Church Centre Manager who reports to that Trustee. The Centre Manager is the main point of formal contact of the Church with users, hirers and local agencies. Supported by a small property committee, the manager administers daily property matters (bookings, cleaning etc.) and coordinates use of the buildings.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith in the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating churches. In achieving its purpose, the charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- A) The celebration of public worship;
- B) The teaching of the Christian faith;
- C) Mission and evangelism;
- D) Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- E) The provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and
- F) The support of other charities in the UK and overseas

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Having regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion we see our mission to be:

"As servants of Christ, we commit ourselves to worship, work and witness together in his name to establish his kingdom in our village and beyond."
[Church Profile 2011]

As a community that is open to God and everyone in our surrounding villages, we organise services for adults, children and young people on a regular basis, following a pattern of traditions and styles richly resourced by material from our founding denominations and in keeping with our ecumenical roots.

We also enable our communities to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journeys through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. This work is supported by our pastoral team who make prayer chain offers and provide prayer support to anyone requesting it.

There are usually regular activities organised by Bar Hill Church for the benefit of its members and surrounding villages. For example, a Holiday at Home for senior citizens, where they can participate in art, craft and musical activities at Easter.

The building is widely used for community activities such as an art and craft group, a community market, exercise classes, pre-school children's groups, several uniformed groups and our local school. It is also often the venue for local concerts and for various conferences, as well as one-off commercial and community organisation hire on occasions.

Rising initially out of the Covid-19 pandemic, our Community Hub provides 'wellbeing for all' through a Coffee Stop, Citizens Advice, Foodbank, Carers Café, Parish Council Surgery, Health and Wellbeing group and 5 Aside Chess; providing weekly engagement at the heart of our community.

Helping those in need and contributing to the wider community is a demonstration of our faith, and the Church also supports the regional activities and missionary work of our founding denominations.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Following the appointment of a new Minister, the Reverend Wendy Wale, following a unanimous decision at a Church Meeting in November 2022, Wendy and her family joined us officially in April 2023.

Wendy has spent a considerable amount of time learning the pattern of services and engaging with the nature of being an ecumenical partnership, including working together with all of our denominations in creative and positive ways. We continue to appreciate our friends from the different denominations who come to lead services for us.

In March 2023, the Home Office contracted Serco to manage asylum seekers families within the village hotel and since that time, Bar Hill Church has been able to warmly welcome and quickly support our new guests in a variety of ways, each focused on enabling them to feel their quest for safe sanctuary is understood and embraced. A number of the hotel guests have become regular worshippers and have participated in a wide range of church and community activities.

Services of worship have been held on every Sunday throughout 2023, along with a small number of weekday services. Following on from the Covid-19 pandemic, those services have continued to be delivered through hybrid worship, with the majority of attendees in person, but with those unable to attend in person still be able to join most services on Zoom. Sunday Services have an average attendance of around 85 adults and 15 young people and are ably supported by the Stewards, Worship Group and Refreshment Team as well as those who plan and lead our services. We have had a sermon series on caring for creation and a summer series on 'special people, places etc'. We have continued the pattern of distinct Communion services, All-Age worship and Café Church, with Quaker meetings happening quarterly.

We held our usual Easter services, a harvest service in October, our annual Pet Service and Time to Remember Service and a Remembrance Day Service in November, fully attended by the village's uniformed groups. We held our usual special Christmas services, such as the Gift and Crib Nativity Service, the candle-lit Carol Service and the Christingle Service. The school were invited into the Church for Experience Easter for the first time, engaging with a series of activities, in small groups, relating to the Easter story in the church grounds. The Reception class also visited for an Easter experience and an egg hunt. The nativity story was presented to local playgroups using the nativity characters made in 2021, as well the youngest

children at Bar Hill School. The Church's second Advent Windows experience engaged both families and other church members. Wendy has also been welcomed into the school to regularly lead their Collective Worship, and as part of their R.E. curriculum the Year 1 & 2 classes came to ask, 'What do we see the role of the church in the community?'.

We held two Baptism services, baptising 20 adults and 4 children (including some Iranian asylum seekers). It was an honour to hold four funerals and celebrate the lives of those church members and members of the community with their friends and family.

Meeting in smaller groups can provide opportunities to deepen relationships and grow in discipleship. During the course of the past year, we have run an Advent and a Lent Course. For the Lent Course we followed a study based on the film 'The Theory of Everything, making use of the screens and technology, alongside discussion and reflection. There is a small but faithful prayer group that meets on Saturday mornings and a week-day morning prayer meeting on Zoom that regularly has around 12 people beginning the day with porridge and prayer. There is a Prayer WhatsApp group that circulates requests to a prayerful, confidential group of intercessors. We held a Quiet Day in the Hertfordshire countryside as well as a Quiet Morning in the Worship Hall. We have been very fortunate to be able to host a small group lead in Farsi, enabling our Iranian hotel guests to explore their faith in their mother tongue. Alongside this there are a number of home groups, some long established and others in the process of forming. Some groups meet in person, some continue to meet online, and one is hybrid. Each group chooses its own material to study, based on the needs and desires of the group members.

The Church continues to mainly communicate with its members and congregation via electronic methods; a weekly email lists upcoming services and notices, and regular postings on Facebook, where there are both public and community pages, passes on our latest news. Information about the church can also be found on the website and in the Bar Hill News, which is distributed monthly. Printed notice sheets are now only produced occasionally, as it was found that often none were taken. However, a list of services is displayed in the front window where it is clearly visible from the spine path. In the run-up to Christmas, we continued our tradition of distributing Christmas cards to every house in the village, this time using a smaller sized card.

The Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) was held in May with voting for the Church Leadership Team (CLT) and Church Wardens. We welcomed three new Trustees and two Church Wardens, maintaining our full complement that we had achieved the previous year. CLT has met almost every month and a good proportion of time this year has been spent on the necessary administration of the Church's business, particularly regarding safeguarding, property and finances, expanded on elsewhere in this report. This has included creating and re-writing a whole set of new policies, largely in regard to improving safeguarding.

Safeguarding for all remains a priority for the church as a whole. We all know our part to play whether that be completing necessary paperwork for safer recruitment, undergoing safeguarding training or looking out for people within our church and wider community. The Church continues to strive to meet the high expectations as laid down by the Church of England and we are constantly reviewing policies, procedures and other aspects of safeguarding to ensure safer practices are being followed. Like many other parishes, we receive visits from the Diocese safeguarding team both in person and online to help all aspects of church life be as safe as possible; we are grateful for their ongoing support.

We continue to use the online dashboard system to guide us with all our tasks and job list, including completing the necessary paperwork for safer recruitment and undergoing safeguarding training. We have been moving towards implementing 'Safer recruitment and people management' (SRPM), which will be in use from 2024. This has been no easy task, and we continue to learn what this looks like, especially for new volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults. One of the Trustees is now the CLT lead for safeguarding, but the DBS recruiter role has been taken on by another Trustee, who also supports the Safeguarding lead, in order to spread the workload more appropriately. As usual, all DBSs are up to date and all church activity groups have role descriptions for those in a leadership role and risk assessments for the activity.

The pastoral team continue to provide care to our Church family, usually behind the scenes and in whatever way is helpful. The pastoral links send names of those with prayer needs via their dedicated WhatsApp group. The group also meets quarterly, discussing relevant themes, such as depression, bereavement care and supporting those who are victims of domestic abuse. The team continue to work with the Safeguarding Lead to

ensure we provide care that meets the safeguarding standards to help keep us all safe.

Our Knit and Natter group meet regularly and have attendance of around forty people, keeping busy with projects that have allowed them to donate over forty blankets and a selection of toys and baby clothes to the Cambridge City Foodbank. Knit & Natter also raised funds at the Christmas Community Market by providing cakes and serving hot drinks. The Spring Craft Day took place in April and in mid-December, about forty people enjoyed a Christmas shopping coach trip to Lincolnshire.

The Olive Tree Bereavement Care group meets every month in the Octagon. Individuals come to us from Bar Hill and surrounding villages, as people who have been bereaved often find it difficult to get the specialist help that they require. Each month the group focuses firstly with member's needs to assist them in finding the path through their grief and secondly a topic for them to engage in and share.

Traidcraft ceased trading at the end of January 2023, which presented challenges for the continuation of a Fair Trade Stall in the Church, having to find alternative suppliers with suitable fair trade credentials and also now having to pay for orders up front. However, new products are being introduced to the stall all the time. The 2023 Christmas Card Range was the first venture to be launched by Transform Trade under the Traidcraft brand. More products will follow but launching a product takes time and money and can only happen slowly. Disappointingly, sales for the year continue to fall: £700 less than 2022 and £1,775 less than 2021.

There are now over 25 children and young people attending children's activities on a regular basis, aged from toddlers to mid-teens, led by a team of around 14 volunteers. The provision varies from week to week, with one Sunday a month having three separate groups to cater for the wide age range and increased numbers. TotsZone is provided for the youngest children on three Sunday's every month. Four times a year on the fifth Sunday, instead of morning activities, we now provide a 'Family Afternoon' with games and other activities followed by a short reflection.

The most encouraging development since September has been the launch of 'YouthZone Plus' for the older youngsters. Once a month, on a Sunday evening, they are invited to come for an hour of games and social activities followed by a brief reflection.

The Community Hub launched in September 2021, on the back of the Covid-19 Support Scheme. This runs every Monday morning, where people can access a wide range of services:

- Coffee Stop draws around 40-50 villagers and hotel guests each week, providing a focal point for people to meet over coffee and cakes.
- Citizens Advice is now an established outreach of the main Cambridge office, and often has a full diary of appointments 4-6 weeks in advance.
- The foodbank sees significant and consistent emergency use across singles, families, regulars, and one-off requests.
- The Carer's Café, established during 2022, is run in partnership with the Maple Surgery, led by the village Social Prescriber.
- The Parish Council surgery runs weekly with a representative of the Council and is often attended by the Chair of the Parish Council.
- The Health and Wellbeing Group meets twice a month, with a regular group of people enjoying exercise and focusing on a healthy lifestyle. The lead of this group has undertaken a Love to Move course this year, funded by a Physical Activity Grant for Long-Term Health Management, provided by South Cambridgeshire District Council.
- 5 Aside Chess has been launched this year, aimed at encouraging connection and conversation

The Hub and Knit and Natter have jointly received a £2,000 grant from Cambridgeshire County Council's Care Together seed funding to launch a new monthly service in 2024 called Evergreens, which is for those experiencing memory loss together with their carers/family/friend. It will be a 90-minute session, starting with coffee and cake, moving onto a craft activity or other themed activity, concluding with gentle exercise and music; e.g. Conversation, Connection and Celebration.

We have continued to undertake several pieces of maintenance and repair work that were previously put on hold during the pandemic. The fuse box in the octagon has been replaced, and the 5-year electricity test carried out. Internal and external light fixtures and fittings have been replaced, both boilers have been serviced, and PAT testing and the lighting rod test have been undertaken. We are grateful to the Craft's Shed who have revamped our sheds and external areas outside of the Octagon, at cost. The church bell is still not working, but it is thought a more fundamental repair is

required to the hardware equipment; this will require scaffolding so we intend to coincide investigations with other work that will require scaffolding. The Quinquennial Report was carried out in September on the Worship Hall and repairs need to be scheduled over the next five years; however, the architect commented on how well the building has been maintained.

There are still outstanding maintenance works to complete; the most significant of these are: fixing holes in the roof (currently sealed with a temporary fix), replacement of the Octagon heating system, and dealing with the upper-level windows in the Worship Hall, as the opening mechanisms are starting to fail. We have been fundraising for this and have built up a reasonable level of reserves so far; however, we are aware that these pieces of work are likely to cost a significant amount of money over and above the amounts we have raised, therefore we have been working hard to raise other sources of funding through grant applications.

Regarding the upper-level windows, we have decided that it would be more economic to seal the windows and add a ventilation system instead. This work is progressing, and we are anticipating it will be installed in spring 2024.

During the year, several donations were received to allow us to replace our digital sound mixer; this is significantly more straightforward to manage, automatically removes feedback and can be locked to prevent accidental changes. We have also repaired the hearing loop, which had stopped working.

However, due to the anticipated large building maintenance costs required to take place in future years, the giving of 10% of our regular income to charitable causes has unfortunately remained suspended during 2023; we are hoping to revisit this position during 2024 once our financial position is clearer following the work that is ongoing regarding grant applications and costing out building work. Despite this, we have continued to support charities, both that we have had contact with and others, through prayer, and specific activity such as collections during Christian Aid week, donating harvest goods to Bar Hill's Foodbank, providing Christmas gifts to Jimmy's Night Shelter, providing monetary vouchers to Women's Refuge for Christmas gifts, fundraising for International Justice Mission UK through the sale of a member's calendars and a collection for the Children's Society.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustee's policy is to maintain at least three months of unrestricted/general funds, circa £30,000, to meet operational variations in minor repairs, invoices, salaries and direct debits plus an additional sum for major repairs.

It is the Treasurer's opinion that although our reserves are sufficient for general operating costs including minor repairs, they are not currently sufficient to completely cover several identified major repairs; however, there is a plan in place to raise these funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Church is managed within an annual budget agreed with the congregation. Sub-budgets for various areas of responsibility are delegated to the Centre Manager and several trustees. The finances are reported annually at a Congregational Meeting, with periodic updates throughout the year to trustees and congregation. The financial team of two Bookkeepers and Regular Giving Secretary is led by the Treasurer.

Income for the year totalled £148,523, of which £9,938 was restricted to specific purposes as detailed in the Financial Statements. Income decreased in 2023 compared with 2022 as a result of specific donations and legacies received during 2022; regular giving and other funding sources in 2023 remained largely in line with 2022, with a slight decrease in letting income following the loss of a regular weekly hirer.

Expenditure was less than income at £119,541, and also a decrease from 2022, mainly due to reduced denominational contributions ministerial and worship costs, off-set by slightly higher maintenance costs. 2022 expenditure was also higher due to expenditure on Audio Visual equipment (funded by a legacy).

As a consequence, reserves increased to £143,903. The trustees agreed to moved a further £30,000 of this in 2023 to a designated property fund in order to fund the large building maintenance costs we know will be

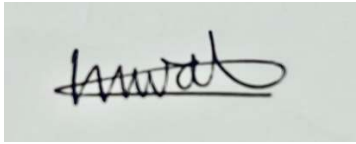

necessary in the short to medium term. This Property Fund now sits at £80,000. £98,000 of the Church's reserves are held in a CCLA interest bearing account.

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
	Full name(s) Reverend Wendy Wale	Eleanor Tod
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
	Date 29/10/2023	

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub Accounts £	This Year 2023 Total £	Last Year 2022 Total £
Income from:							
Donations and Legacies	A1	107,479	367	4,945	0	112,791	131,434
Charitable Activities	A2	0	0	4,250	7,201	11,451	11,791
Other trading activities	A3	18,475	0	0	520	18,995	20,349
Investments	A4	2,788	0	0	0	2,788	168
Other income	A5	1,756	0	743	0	2,499	2,654
TOTAL		130,498	367	9,938	7,721	148,523	166,397
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds	B1	378	0	0	437	815	867
Charitable Activities	B2	105,238	367	8,200	2,924	116,729	134,052
Other Expenditure	B3	1,254	0	742	0	1,996	2,064
TOTAL		106,871	367	8,942	3,361	119,541	136,983
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		23,627	0	996	4,360	28,983	29,414
Transfers between funds		-28,192	30,000	2,886	-4,694	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-4,565	30,000	3,881	-334	28,983	29,414
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:							
TOTAL FUNDS b/fwd 1 January		37,154	52,000	24,364	1,402	114,920	85,506
TOTAL FUNDS c/fwd 31 December	E4	32,589	82,000	28,245	1,069	143,903	114,920

APPROVED by the Trustees on 02/05/2024 and signed on their behalf



The notes on pages 2 to 11 form part of this financial statement

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Balance sheet

	Notes	31/12/2023 £	31/12/2022 £
Current assets:			
Debtors	E2	13,867	14,582
Cash at bank and in hand	E1	133,440	105,147
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Total current assets		147,307	119,729
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	E3	3,405	4,809
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Total net assets		143,902	114,920
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The funds of the charity			
General funds	E4	33,657	38,556
Designated funds	1, E4	82,000	52,000
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Total unrestricted funds		115,657	90,556
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Restricted funds	2, E4	28,245	24,364
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Total charity funds		143,902	114,920
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TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 11 for the year ended 31 December 2023 from the accounting records of the church.

Mrs E Tod

E Tod

02/05/2024

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NOTES

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts and liabilities within the next reporting period.

FUND ACCOUNTING

General Funds: may be used by the church for any of its ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds: unrestricted funds set aside for specific, designated purposes. They can be transferred back into general funds.

Restricted Funds: represent income which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of a trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. These funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future expenditure on that specific purpose, or returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Sub-accounts: are cash floats, managed by church groups.

At the year end, budget holders report on transactions during the year. Income and expenditure within the sub accounts are reported gross. Transfers from the sub account are absorbed into general funds but closing balances are carried forward as a balance on that sub account.

See notes 1 to 3 on page 11 for reports on these funds. Values are rounded to the nearest £.

INCOME

Incoming resources are recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to the receipt, and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

DEBTORS

Trade debtors and other debtors are recognised at their settlement amount due after any discounts. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discount due.

CREDITORS AND PROVISIONS

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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INCOME FROM:		General	Designated	Restricted	Sub	2023	2022		
		Funds £	Funds £	Funds £	accounts £	Total £	Total £	Notes	
A1	Donations and Legacies								
	Planned giving (RGP)	82,707				82,707	80,972		
	Offerings	916				916	1,191		
	Donations	2,401		4,945		7,346	15,304	2	
	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	17,555	367			17,922	18,937		
	Legacies					0	9,930		
	RC Contribution	3,900				3,900	3,900		
	St Luke's contribution					0	1,201		
	Total	107,479	367	4,945	0	112,791	131,434		
A2	Charitable Activities	(for costs see Note B2.4; for net figures see Note 4)							
	Adult and Evangelism				0	0	0	4	
	Art Group				1,040	1,040	895	3	
	Craft Group				87	87	113	3	
	Senior Fellowship				3,399	3,399	3,086	2,3,4	
	Holiday at Home				0	0	301	4	
	Community Hub			4,250	2,516	6,766	7,191		
	Olive Tree				158	158	206		
	CYP				0	0	0	2,3,4	
	Holiday Club				0	0	0	4	
	Total	0	0	4,250	7,201	11,451	11,791		
	Community Hub was previously included in note A5								
A3	Other trading activities	(for costs see Note B1; for net figures see Note 4)							
	Lettings (after deducting catering income)	16,221				16,221	17,522		
	Bible Notes	351				351	356	4	
	Bookstall	47				47	4	4	
	Conference catering (see lettings)	0				0	0	4	
	teas/coffees	802				802	559	2,4	
	Flowers				520	520	431	3,4	
	Fundraising	1,054				1,054	1,478	3,4	
	Total	18,475	0	0	520	18,995	20,349		
A4	Investments								
	Deposit account	15				15	1		
	CCLA COIF account	2,773				2,773	167		
	Total	2,788	0	0	0	2,788	168		
A5	Other income	(for costs see Note B3)							
	Charitable collections (see note 2)								
	Ukraine collection					0	702		
	Christmas collection					0	42		
	Kigali collection			182		182	0		
	Christmas collection (Women's Refuge)			465		465	0		
	Christmas collection (Refugee presents)			96		96	0		
	Utilities grant					0	600		
	Photocopying income	50				50	40	3	
	Weddings, funerals & baptisms	1,593				1,593	120		
	Collections for leaving gifts	113				113	1,150		
	Miscellaneous					0	0		
	Total	1,756	0	743	0	2,499	2,654		
	Community Hub now included in note A2								

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INCOME FROM:		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £	Notes
A1	Donations and Legacies							
	Planned giving (RGP)	80,972				80,972	87,288	
	Offerings	1,191				1,191	341	
	Donations	2,773		12,530		15,304	9,481	2
	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	18,937				18,937	17,459	
	Legacies			9,930		9,930	0	
	RC Contribution	3,900				3,900	3,900	
	St Luke's contribution	1,201				1,201	3,429	
	Total	108,974	0	22,460	0	131,434	121,899	
A2	Charitable Activities	(for costs see Note B2.4; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Adult and Evangelism				0	0	0	4
	Art Group				895	895	641	3
	Craft Group				113	113	54	3
	Senior Fellowship				3,086	3,086	479	2,3,4
	Holiday at Home				301	301	0	4
	Community Hub			5,670	1,521	7,191	0	
	Olive Tree				206	206	192	
	CYP				0	0	0	2,3,4
	Holiday Club				0	0	0	4
	Total	0	0	5,670	6,121	11,791	1,366	
	Community Hub was previously included in note A5							
A3	Other trading activities	(for costs see Note B1; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Lettings (after deducting catering income)	17,522				17,522	8,418	
	Bible Notes	356				356	322	4
	Bookstall	4				4	74	4
	Conference catering (see lettings)	0				0	0	4
	teas/coffees	559				559	0	2,4
	Flowers				431	431	0	3,4
	Fundraising	1,478				1,478	401	3,4
	Total	19,919	0	0	431	20,349	9,215	
A4	Investments							
	Deposit account	1				1	0	
	CCLA COIF account	167				167	1	
	Total	168	0	0	0	168	1	
A5	Other income	(for costs see Note B3)						
	Charitable collections (see note 2)							
	Ukraine collection			702		702	0	
	Christmas collection			42		42	0	
	Support Scheme)					0	5,185	
	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme					0	710	
	Utilities grant	600				600	0	
	Photocopying income	40				40	20	3
	Weddings, funerals & baptisms	120				120	840	
	Collections for leaving gifts	1,150				1,150	0	
	Miscellaneous					0	22	
	Total	1,910	0	744	0	2,654	6,777	
	Community Hub now included in note A2							

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EXPENDITURE ON:		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £	Notes
B1	Raising Funds	(for income see note A3; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Bible Notes	262				262	310	4
	Bookstall	34				34	0	4
	Conference catering	0				0	0	3,4
	Church Catering	83				83	49	2,4
	Flowers				437	437	359	3,4
	Fundraising Activities	0				0	149	3,4
	Total	378	0	0	437	815	867	
B2	Charitable Activities							
B2.1	Sponsoring Denominations							
	URC Ministry and Mission Fund	0				0	47,354	
	Diocese of Ely inc. house costs	46,778				46,778	4,365	
	Baptist Union Ministry share	65				65	3,923	
	Diocese of Ely - ministry share	0				0	3,102	
	Methodist Church - ministry share	0				0	3,838	
	URC Ministry share	4,188				4,188	3,838	
	Total	51,031	0	0	0	51,031	66,420	
B2.2	Ministerial Costs							
	Minister's expenses	887				887	3,428	
	Discretionary fund					0	0	
	Visiting Ministers	575				575	700	
	Total	1,462	0	0	0	1,462	4,128	
B2.3	Cost of Worship							
	Licences and Music	1,231				1,231	989	
	Worship software and small equipment					0	279	
	Audio-Visual Equipment	1,374	367	3,245		4,986	9,930	
	Worship/prayer materials	870		15		885	302	
	Total	3,475	367	3,260	0	7,102	11,501	
B2.4	Church Activities	(For income see note A2; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Adult and evangelism	0				0	0	
	Art Group				905	905	787	3, 4
	Craft Group				54	54	38	3, 4
	Senior Fellowship				1,556	1,556	1,888	2, 3, 4
	Holiday at Home				0	0	0	
	Community Hub			4,940	301	5,241	2,818	2
	Olive Tree				108	108	158	3, 4
	CYP	263				263	353	2, 3
	Holiday Club				0	0	0	
	Total	263	0	4,940	2,924	8,126	6,042	
	<i>Community Hub was included in note B3</i>							

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Continued EXPENDITURE ON:						
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
B2.5 Running costs						
Electricity	3,823				3,823	4,581
Gas	9,628				9,628	10,808
Water rates	486				486	1,101
Insurance	1,795				1,795	1,719
Cleaning/caretaking	1,380				1,380	1,264
Office expenses	749				749	853
Photocopier	1,201				1,201	1,423
Communications (inc. Christmas card)	434				434	527
Salaries	20,229				20,229	17,597
Telephone/website	207				207	115
Accounts software and examination	480				480	470
Bank Charges	20				20	14
Training	236				236	0
Total	40,668	0	0	0	40,668	40,471
B2.6 Maintenance						
Maintenance	3,330				3,330	2,359
Minor works / repairs	5,010				5,010	3,131
Total	8,339	0	0	0	8,339	5,490
B2 TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	105,238	367	8,200	2,924	116,729	134,052
B3 Other Expenditure	(for income see note A5)					
<i>Charitable collections (see note 2)</i>						
Ukraine Collection					0	702
Christmas Collection					0	42
Kigali collection			182		182	0
Christmas collection (Women's Refuge)			465		465	0
Christmas collection (Refugee presents)			95		95	0
Miscellaneous	486				486	0
The Lounge					0	120
Weddings, funerals & baptisms	607				607	0
Leaving/retirement gifts	161				161	1,200
Total	1,254	0	742	0	1,996	2,064
<i>Community Hub now included in note B2.4</i>						

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EXPENDITURE ON:		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £	Notes
B1	Raising Funds	(for income see note A3; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Bible Notes	310				310	27	4
	Bookstall	0				0	8	4
	Conference catering	0				0	0	3,4
	Church Catering	49				49	0	2,4
	Flowers				359	359	21	3,4
	Fundraising Activities	149				149	0	3,4
	Total	508	0	0	359	867	56	
B2	Charitable Activities							
B2.1	Sponsoring Denominations							
	URC Ministry and Mission Fund	47,354				47,354	45,404	
	Diocese of Ely inc. house costs	4,365				4,365	12,902	
	Baptist Union Ministry share	3,923				3,923	3,782	
	Diocese of Ely - ministry share	3,102				3,102	3,090	
	Methodist Church - ministry share	3,838				3,838	3,782	
	URC Ministry share	3,838				3,838	3,782	
	Total	66,420	0	0	0	66,420	72,742	
B2.2	Ministerial Costs							
	Minister's expenses	3,428				3,428	3,411	
	Discretionary fund					0	0	
	Visiting Ministers	700				700	227	
	Total	4,128	0	0	0	4,128	3,638	
B2.3	Cost of Worship							
	Licences and Music	989				989	820.78	
	Worship software and small equipment	279				279	398	
	Audio-Visual Equipment			9,930		9,930	0	
	Worship/prayer materials	302				302	28	
	Total	1,571	0	9,930	0	11,501	1,247	
B2.4	Church Activities	(For income see note A2; for net figures see Note 4)						
	Adult and evangelism	0				0	0	4
	Art Group				787	787	406	3
	Craft Group				38	38	16	3
	Senior Fellowship				1,888	1,888	266	3,4
	Holiday at Home					0	0	4
	Community Hub			2,608	210	2,818	0	
	Olive Tree				158	158	154	
	CYP	353				353	80	2,3,4
	Holiday Club					0	0	4
	Total	353	0	2,608	3,081	6,042	923	
	Community Hub was included in note B3							

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Continued EXPENDITURE ON:							
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £	
B2.5 Running costs							
Electricity	4,581				4,581	1,780	
Gas	10,808				10,808	5,804	
Water rates	1,101				1,101	485	
Insurance	1,719				1,719	1,641	
Cleaning/caretaking	1,264				1,264	398	
Office expenses	853				853	121	
Photocopier	1,423				1,423	913	
Communications (inc. Christmas card)	527				527	440	
Salaries	17,597				17,597	13,313	
Telephone/website	115				115	864	
Accounts software and examination	470				470	460	
Bank Charges	14				14	0	
Training	0				0	348	
Covid-19 supplies	0				0	92	
First Aid supplies	0				0	108	
Total	40,471	0	0	0	40,471	26,767	
B2.6 Maintenance							
Maintenance	2,359				2,359	2,090	
Minor works / repairs	3,131				3,131	11,594	
Total	5,490	0	0	0	5,490	13,683	
B2	TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	118,433	0	12,538	3,081	134,052	119,000
B3	Other Expenditure	(for income see note A5)					
<i>Charitable collections (see note 2)</i>							
Community Hub (previously Covid19 Support Scheme)					0	2,707	
Ukraine Collection			702		702	0	
Christmas Collection			42		42	0	
Miscellaneous					0	450	
The Lounge			120		120	0	
Weddings, funerals & baptisms	0				0	450	
Leaving/retirement gifts	1,200				1,200	50	
Total	1,200	0	864	0	2,064	3,656	
Community Hub now included in note B2.4							

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C Investments held for Church Purposes

Bar Hill Church has funds invested in the CCLA COIF account and has a Santander Business Reserve account, both of which pay interest. Interest paid to the church is detailed in section A4 as operating income.

D Assets Used for Church Purposes

Bar Hill Church does not own any land or buildings. The church and its associated buildings are vested in Shared Churches Ely and the minister's house at 108 Stonefield is owned by the Diocese of Ely.

The church buildings are insured by the church in accordance with its agreement with Shared Churches Ely.

Buildings and contents are insured with a loss limit of £6,650,000.

The trustees of the charity have a policy of not capitalising assets under £1,000.

Routine additions, repairs and replacements to contents are charged to current expenditure.

E1 Monetary Assets

The church monies are not held in segregated accounts, but for the sake of these financial statements the total of each account is allocated appropriately over the various funds.

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Sub accounts £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Cash	50			62	112	750
Santander current account	21,488				21,488	50,250
Santander Business Reserve		2,000	10,904		12,904	12,889
CCLA COIF account	311	80,000	17,618		97,929	40,157
Sub Accounts				1,006	1,006	1,102
Total	21,849	82,000	28,522	1,068	133,440	105,147

E2 Debtors and prepayments

Lettings	2,605				2,605	2,571
RGP	810				810	0
Offerings	199				199	0
Donations	131				131	0
Catering	185				185	0
Bible notes	78				78	86
Diocese	8,730				8,730	8,730
Funeral Fees	261				261	0
Taxation					0	1,676
Fundraising	1				1	1
Charitable donations					0	42
Licences	795				795	753
Website	72				72	207
Minor Works					0	515
Total	13,867	0	0	0	13,867	14,582

E3 Creditors and Liabilities

Charitable donations			277		277	402
Minister's Expenses	239				239	122
Funeral fees	607				607	0
Offices expenses	68				68	0
Consumables	108				108	0
Bible Notes	62				62	0
Communications					0	0
Utilities	1,875				1,875	3,152
Maintenance					0	601
Photocopier	142				142	93
Community Hub	26				26	39
Holiday at Home					0	400
Total	3,128	0	277	0	3,405	4,809

E4 To reconcile cash at year end against funds carried forward

E1	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	21,849	82,000	28,522	1,068	133,440	105,147
E2	Debtors and prepayments	13,867		0	0	13,867	14,582
E3	Creditors and liabilities	-3,128		-277	0	-3,405	-4,809
	Total funds c/fwd	32,589	82,000	28,245	1,068	143,902	114,920

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See page 3 for descriptions of the various funds and accounts.

1 Designated Funds:

Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £	Notes
Ecclesiastical Prize Money 2016	2,000				2,000	
Property Fund	50,000			30,000	80,000	
Sound Desk		367	367		0	A1, B2.3
	52,000	367	367	30,000	82,000	

2 Restricted Funds:

Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £	Notes
Community Hub	12,832	6,435	4,940	2,386	16,712	A2, B2.4
Solar for Sach	98				98	
Donation - CYP	67				67	
Piano	270				270	
Senior Fellowship*	247				247	
Christmas Collections	0	561	560		1	A5, B3
Kigali Collection	0	182	182		0	A5, B3
Church Building	10,850				10,850	
Baptism Gifts	0	15	15		0	A1, B2.3
Sound Desk	0	2,745	3,245	500	0	A1, B2.3
Total	24,364	9,938	8,942	2,886	28,245	

* £147.38 donation plus £100 legacy

3 Sub-accounts are cash floats, managed by church groups.

Sub account	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Net Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £	Notes
Art Group *	666	1,040	905	-300	502	A2, B2.4
Church office petty cash	50				50	A5, B1, B2.5, B2.6
Coffee Stop	220	2,516	301	-2,386	49	A2, B2.4
Craft Group	65	87	54	-50	47	A2, B2.4
CYP Float	82				82	A2, B2.4
Flowers Float	81	520	437	-72	92	A3, B1
Senior Fellowship	188	3,399	1,556	-1,886	145	A2, B2.4
Olive Tree	50	158	108		100	A2, B2.4
Total	1,402	7,721	3,361	-4,694	1,068	

* Art group include contribution for the following year in their year end statement but the church only recognises payments for the current year.

4 Activities with some self-funding

Certain groups generate funds as part of their activities. Income and expenditure within the activity are reported gross within the main accounts but a net figure is shown here to indicate the net surplus/cost for each activity. **Surplus income is absorbed into general funds, whilst expenditure in excess of self funding is met from general funds.**

Activity	General Income £	Restricted Income £	Total Income £	Payments in year £	Net Income £	Notes
Adult and Evangelism	0		0	0	0	A2, B2.4
Art Group	1,040		1,040	905	135	3, A2, B2.4
Craft Group	87		87	54	33	3, A2, B2.4
Senior Fellowship	3,399		3,399	1,556	1,844	3, A2, B2.4
Olive Tree	158		158	108	50	3, A2, B2.4
Bookstall and Bible Notes	398		398	296	102	A3, B1
Catering - church events	802		802	83	719	A3, B1
Flowers	520		520	437	83	3, A3, B1
Fundraising	1,054		1,054	0	1,054	3, A3, B1
Total	7,458	0	7,458	3,438	4,020	

5 Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their role as a trustee, nor did they receive any expenses.

6 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year that required disclosure.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Bar Hill Ecumenical Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Church's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act')

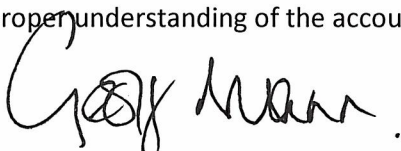
I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



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