

# The Beacon Elim Churches

England & Wales - Charity number 1173561

## Details

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Other names	ELIM PENTECOSTAL CHURCH BLACKBURN
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-06-26
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.1 THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:I. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APOSTLE'S CREED AND THE STATEMENT OF FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS OUTLINED IN THE SCHEDULE IN SUCH WAYS AAND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT INCLUDING BY CARRYING OUT EVANGELISM, DICIPLESHIP AND CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY WORK LOCALLY TO BLACKBURN, NATIONALLY THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ABROAD, ANDII. THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD BY PROVIDING:A. GRANTS, ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND/OR CHARITIES, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY AID, EDUCATION, TRAINING, HEALTHCARE PROJECTS AND ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT DESIGNED TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO GENERATE A SUSTAINABLE INCOME AND BE SELF SUFFICIENT.B. GRANTS TO ENABLE DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTHY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD.3.2 THE TRUSTEES MUST USE THE INCOME AND MAY USE THE CAPITAL OF THE CIO IN PROMOTING THE OBJECTS.

**Activities:** Local Pentecostal Church in the Blackburn with Darwen area. For full list of our activities, please visit our website: [www.thebeaconblackburn.org](http://www.thebeaconblackburn.org)

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD
- Blackburn With Darwen

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£89,586	£89,548	-	-
2023-12-31	£198,105	£113,845	-	-
2022-12-31	£112,964	£132,923	-	-
2021-12-31	£98,723	£93,461	-	-
2020-12-31	£116,694	£108,970	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Emmanuel Debrah Ofosu	Chair	2019-09-19
Brenda George		2020-05-29
Peter John Warren		2020-05-29

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31st December 2024

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Brenda George

Peter Warren

Finance:

Andrew Fisher (Treasurer)

Elizabeth Edwards (Finance Officer)

Rebekah Holt (External Examiner)

## Overview

Following the significant leadership transition of the previous year, 2024 has been a period of consolidation and adjustment for The Beacon Elim Church. As a congregation, we have been gradually settling into new leadership and reshaping some of our internal processes to ensure we are fit for purpose in the season ahead.

This journey of adaptation continued throughout the year, as we also said farewell to three key staff members and volunteers who, having reached the end of their time with us, moved on to new chapters in other churches. We are grateful for their service. Navigating transition and adapting to unforeseen circumstances has been a key theme for us over the last two years.

Despite this period of change, our core mission has remained steadfast. The Beacon continues to be a vibrant, healthy church dedicated to positively impacting our members and the wider Blackburn community.

We believe the true strength of our church lies in its spiritual foundation. Built on the solid rock of our Lord Jesus Christ, we strive to be a church where the love of God is evident. Our mission is to be a light in Blackburn and beyond, and we are a congregation committed to knowing God and discerning His will.

This spiritual health is demonstrated in several encouraging ways:

- We have once again had the joy of welcoming new believers into the Kingdom through baptism.
- We have seen new individuals and families join our fellowship and make the Beacon their spiritual home.
- We have witnessed continued growth in the personal faith of many in our congregation.

In terms of attendance, our Blackburn campus now welcomes an average of 60 adults and 15 young people and children each Sunday. Our Shadsworth campus sees around 10 attendees weekly, and our online service reach has grown to an average of 80 people.

Our church remains resolutely outward-focused, actively seeking to address the needs of our community. This is put into practice through initiatives such as our life groups, the Beacon Football Academy, and other outreach events. Our 'Beacon Basket' project, which provides accessible food to those in need, has grown significantly and is impacting more and more people within our local area.

From a financial perspective, the church experienced a decrease in total income over the past financial year. This reduction is largely attributable to an 8% decline in general donations, which we believe may be linked to the cost-of-living pressures faced by many during this period.

However, we were greatly encouraged to see strong, designated support for our outreach projects. Contributions to the Beacon Basket initiative saw a remarkable 67% increase, and donations specifically for our work in Shadsworth rose by 7%. This focused generosity allows us to sustain and expand our vital outreach projects, ensuring we can continue to serve both the wider Blackburn community and our congregation, regardless of the wider financial climate.

## Governance

The constitutional oversight of the church is managed by our Board of Trustees. The current board includes Emmanuel Oforu, who serves as Ex-officio and Chair, alongside Brenda George and Peter Warren.

In parallel, the spiritual leadership of the church rests with the Leadership Team, which comprises Emmanuel Oforu as Senior Leader, Peter Warren, and Tony Hedley. Both Emmanuel Oforu and Peter Warren also serve as trustees.

Each year, our church members gather for the Annual General Meeting (AGM), an important occasion for reporting on church activities and addressing key matters, including the election or re-election of Leaders and Trustees. While our constitution grants the existing leadership team the exclusive right to nominate candidates for election, we always welcome and value suggestions from church members.

In the interest of transparency, it is pertinent to mention that throughout the year, no Charity Trustee reported a conflict of interest in any deliberated matter.

## Management

To ensure efficient and effective oversight of the various aspects of church life, practical management has been entrusted to designated department heads. These appointments are carefully made by the Leadership Team, ensuring that each area is led with diligence and vision. At present, our church departments include:

1. Finance
2. Safeguarding and Children work
3. Youth work
4. Worship
5. Tech and Media
6. Stewarding
7. Health and safety
8. Buildings management
9. Dorcas Project
10. Over 50's

## Objectives and Activities

The primary mission of our church is to advance the Christian faith, a mission that is expressed both locally and internationally through our Central Church and our church plant in Shadsworth. Throughout the year, we have worked diligently to fulfil our charitable aims through a variety of activities, including:



1. Holding regular Sunday services, with live streaming available for those unable to attend in person.
2. Hosting regular prayer meetings.
3. Providing pastoral care and support.
4. Engaging in children's and youth ministry to guide and nurture the next generation in their faith.
5. Offering training, mentoring, and discipleship to deepen our members' spiritual growth and commitment.
6. Extending our outreach through evangelism and community events.
7. Collaborating with other denominations as part of our interdenominational unity efforts.
8. Supporting local education through dedicated school outreach programs.
9. Organizing food bank collections to assist those in need.
10. Supporting global mission work by partnering with missionaries.

*Should you require a more in-depth insight into our activities, please reach out to us at [info@thebeaconblackburn.org](mailto:info@thebeaconblackburn.org).*

### Membership

As of the current reporting period, our membership comprises 65 adult members 20 young people and children (this does not include those who regularly attend our weekly youth activities).

### Financial Overview

Over the past financial year, the church experienced a decrease in total income. This reduction can be largely attributed to an 8% decline in general donations, potentially linked to the cost-of-living pressures faced during the last twelve months. However, the Beacon Basket initiative, introduced last year, continues to perform strongly, with a 67% increase in contributions compared to the previous year. Donations specifically designated for Shadsworth have also risen by 7%.

*For more details, please see our financial statements.*

### Trustees Statement

We the Charity Trustees attest the Charity's compliance with its constitution and the fulfilment of its objectives. For more information on our financial activities, please see the attached financial statement and the independent examiner's report.

Faithfully,

Emmanuel Ofosu (On behalf of the Charity Trustees)

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## Overview

The past year has been a period of significant transition for the church, marked by the departure of Simon Pastorello, our former Pastor, his wife Valentina Raia, and their daughter, after 14 years of dedicated service at the Beacon and in Blackburn. As their time with us came to an end, the church began a new chapter of leadership and growth.

I was privileged to step into the role of Senior Leader, moving from my previous position as Assistant Pastor. This leadership transition brought about a period of adjustment for the church, and we also welcomed changes to our broader leadership team. With Simon and Valentina's departure, we also saw a change in our administrative structure. Valentina's role as Finance Officer was succeeded by Elizabeth Edwards, who now manages the church accounts.

Although in the past season changes have been evident across many areas of church life, from our Sunday services to the daily operations of the church, the Beacon remains a vibrant, healthy church that continues to positively impact its members and the wider community.

In terms of attendance, our Blackburn campus currently welcomes an average of 50 adults and 15 young people and children each Sunday. At our Shadsworth campus, we see around 12 attendees weekly, and an average of 65 people follow our services online. However, while numbers provide one measure of growth, we believe the true strength of our church lies in its spiritual foundation. Built on the solid rock of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are a church where the love of God is evident, and His Spirit dwells among us. We are a congregation committed to knowing God, discerning His will, and seeking to please Him. Our mission is to be a light in the darkest corners of Blackburn and beyond, reflecting Christ in all that we do.

The spiritual health of our church over the past year is further demonstrated by several encouraging signs: we have once again welcomed new believers into the Kingdom through baptism, seen individuals and families join our fellowship and call it their spiritual home, and witnessed the growth of many in their personal walk with the Lord.

Our church is not inward-focused but actively seeks to impact the community around us. This means we also strive to address the needs of people within the community. We do so through initiatives such as the Beacon Basket (a project to provide accessible food to the needy), life groups, the Beacon Football Academy and numerous other outreach events.

From a financial perspective, the church has seen an increase in overall income this year. This growth is largely attributed to the sale of the church manse (we are considering using this income to enhance our church facilities, making them more functional and accessible to the Blackburn community), and successful fundraising efforts aimed at supporting our youth ministry. Our strong financial position has allowed us to sustain and expand our outreach projects in the Shadsworth estate, while continuing to serve both the wider Blackburn community and our congregation.

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### Financial Overview

This year has seen a significant increase in the church's overall income. While tithes and offerings from our Central congregation saw a decrease of approximately 7%, dropping from £68,692.93 to £63,883.78, contributions from our Shadsworth congregation grew by 9%, rising from £8,199.05 to £9,010.28. The substantial boost in our financial position is largely due to the sale of the old church manse, which brought in £70,443.51, along with successful fundraising efforts for our youth ministry, which raised £28,460. Additionally, hiring out our building for events generated an extra £2,010 in income. Altogether, our total income for the year amounted to £192,993.39.

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**The Beacon Elim Churches**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
<b>Income From</b>			
Donations		123,713.89	102,218.25
Charitable Activities		362.50	716.50
Other Trading Activities		74,029.31	10,029.60
		<u>198,105.70</u>	<u>112,964.35</u>
<b>Expenditure On</b>			
Charitable Activities		113,844.44	132,923.53
Governance Costs		<u>113,844.44</u>	<u>132,923.53</u>
Net income / expenditure		<u>84,261.26</u>	<u>-19,959.18</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		35,371.59	55,330.77
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><b>119,632.85</b></u>	<u><b>35,371.59</b></u>

**The Beacon Elim Churches**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31st December 2023**

	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	114,373.05	36,021.41
Prepayments	0.00	407.23
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>114,373.05</b>	<b>36,428.64</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accounts Payable	431.06	440.77
Accruals	-2,471.93	0.00
Business Charge Cards	689.83	616.28
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>-1,351.04</b>	<b>1,057.05</b>
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	115,729.05	35,371.59
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	115,729.05	35,371.59
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>115,729.05</b>	<b>35,371.59</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity:</b>		
Current Year Earnings	80,352.50	-19,959.18
Funds brought forward	35,371.59	55,330.77
<b>Total Funds of the Charity:</b>	<b>115,724.09</b>	<b>35,371.59</b>

## THE BEACON ELIM CHURCHES

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been

prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the

UK and Republic of Ireland', and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared

under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to

the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation

committing the charity to that expenditure, 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

accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost

related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have

been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs directly attributable to an activity have been allocated to that activity.

Where support

costs cannot be directly attributed to any activity they have been allocated in proportion to direct

expenditure.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the

trustees.

## 2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations (Central)	68,438.32	74,244.93
Donations (Shadsworth)	9,010.28	8,199.05
Gift Aid recovered	13,802.55	14,556.23
Children donations	133.00	508.22
Youth donations	30,583.82	1,846.12
Missions donations	487.70	132.00
Ukraine donations	-	2,636.70
Welfare donations	155.00	95.00
Income for Charitable Activities	362.50	716.50
Church Manse's rent	1,570.80	5,759.60
Rental Income	2,010.00	3,345.00
Other Income	70,448.51	925.00
Beacon Donations	1,103.22	-
Building Project	4,554.54	
	<b>198,105.70</b>	<b>112,964.35</b>

## 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	71,951.62	73,618.78
Children ministry	879.68	520.94
Youth ministry	5,298.70	2,098.13
Shadsworth Campus	1,939.69	2,468.24
Charitable Activities	685.49	1,403.76
Fundraising work	3,630.00	2,310.00
Conferences	929.84	15.43

Training costs	615.89	667.43
Travel expenses	360.61	57.30
Missions	650.70	4,400.00
Admin costs	2,083.75	2,578.05
Bank charges	162.07	132.85
Catering	1,824.66	891.07
Church Manse maintenance	1,779.90	360.14
Cleaning	2,048.50	1,596.75
Gas & Electricity	2,091.23	2,779.96
GoCardless and Stripe fees	247.88	234.24
Insurance	2,010.06	1,776.41
Legal and professional advice	2,368.00	100.00
Ministry expenses	3,141.20	3,409.31
Postage	1.10	23.80
Printing & Stationary costs	312.98	436.95
Repairs & Maintenance	1,685.70	26,364.47
Subscriptions	1,753.79	1,241.48
Tech & Media	1,075.93	1,506.72
Telephone & Internet	497.70	156.28
Visiting speakers	1,399.20	316.55
Water	393.88	558.49
Building Project	2,024.80	-
	<b>113,844.55</b>	<b>132,923.53</b>

#### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No salary exceeds £33,444

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the period ended 31 December 2022.



**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**to the trustees of The Beacon Elim Churches**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Beacon, Elim Pentecostal Church, Blackburn (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

\*accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or

\*the accounts do not accord with the records.

I have no concerns and 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: 

Name: R Holt FCA

Address: 47 Ashfield Road

Chorley

PR7 1LP

Date: 21 February 2024

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## Overview

The impact of the pandemic was undeniably evident, particularly at the outset of 2022. However, the year marked a pivotal moment for our Church. Activities previously paused due to the pandemic not only resumed but expanded with the introduction of further initiatives, all in alignment with our charitable objectives.

Our community engagement resumed with renewed passion. A highlight was the Shadsworth Fun Day, which returned after three years, drawing an attendance of approximately 300 individuals from the estate. The festive season brought warmth and joy, as evidenced by our Shadsworth Christmas Party, a testament to our dedication to engage with the community, which attracted over 60 participants who partook in the event, which included a festive meal in a family-welcoming setting. Furthermore, we had the privilege to re-open our Shadsworth Church plant.

At our primary church establishment in Blackburn, we have noted with appreciation the influx of new members who have found a home at 'The Beacon'.

Digitally, our outreach has maintained an upward trajectory, reflecting consistent augmentation in online viewership and meaningful engagement.

From a financial perspective, 2022 marked a return to pre-pandemic income levels, despite a congregation size that was approximately half of that in 2019. It is noteworthy that our financial contributions witnessed an increase of approximately 13%, marginally surpassing pre-pandemic figures. This robust financial position enabled us to extend support to missionary endeavours in Ukraine, Pakistan, and Kenya.

## Governance

The constitutional affairs of the Church are overseen by our Board of Trustees. The current board comprises Simon Pastorello, who serves as the Ex-officio and Chair, along with Emmanuel Ofosu, Brenda George, Peter Warren.

Parallel to this, the Church's spiritual matters are the responsibility of the Leadership Team. This team consists of Simon Pastorello, who holds the position of Senior Leader, Emmanuel Ofosu, in the capacity of Assistant Pastor, and Peter Warren. It's noteworthy that all members of the Leadership Team also hold roles as trustees of the Church.

Annually, our Church Members gather for the Annual General Meeting, a significant event that facilitates both reporting on church affairs and voting on pivotal issues, which includes the election and re-election of Leaders and Trustees. According to our constitution, while the nomination of potential candidates for election remains an exclusive right of the existing team. However, suggestions from Church members are valued and welcome.

Regarding the frequency of meetings, the Leadership Team adheres to a weekly meeting schedule. Meeting minutes are diligently recorded and securely archived in a shared online platform. In contrast, the Board of Trustees meets multiple times throughout the year, aligning their meetings with the Church's evolving needs.

In the interest of transparency, it is pertinent to mention that throughout the year, no Charity Trustee reported a conflict of interest in any deliberated matter.

## Management

To ensure efficient and effective oversight of various facets of our Church, the responsibility of practical management has been delegated to distinct department heads. These appointments are made judiciously by the Leadership team. Currently, our Church's departments encompass:

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## Objectives and Activities

The principal mission of our Church is to further the Christian faith. This mission is manifested both locally and internationally through endeavours at our Central Church and our Church-plant in Shadsworth. In the wake of the challenges presented by the pandemic, we have redoubled our efforts, passionately re-engaging with our community and our members.

Throughout the year, we have channelled our energies to achieve our charitable aims through a diverse range of activities including:

1. Hosting regular Sunday Services, which are also accessible via a Live Stream for those who cannot attend in person.
2. Conducting regular prayer meetings.
3. Offering pastoral care and support.
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### Membership

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### Financial Overview

There has been a notable increase in the financial contributions made to our church this year. Specifically, the tithes and offerings from our Central congregation grew by 13.41%, escalating from £60,565.30 to £68,692.93. Similarly, the contributions from our Shadsworth congregation witnessed a significant ascent, moving from a modest £148.63 to an impressive £8,199.05. When combined with the £3,345 generated from the leasing of our building, the total accumulation amounts to £80,236.98. This figure marginally surpasses our pre-pandemic revenue, which stood at £80,178.88 in 2019.

The primary reason why the year closed in a -£20,000 negative is because of one-off extraordinary (but necessary) expenditure undertaken during the year.

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## Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
<b>Income from</b>	2		
Donations		102,218.25	76,582.87
Charitable Activities		716.50	14,277.63
Other trading activities		<u>10,029.60</u>	<u>7,862.43</u>
		112,964.35	98,722.93
<b>Expenditure on</b>	3		
Charitable activities		132,923.53	93,460.57
Governance costs		-	-
		<u>132,923.53</u>	<u>93,460.57</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<u>(19,959.18)</u>	<u>5,262.36</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total Funds brought forward		55,330.77	50,068.41
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>35,371.59</u></u>	<u><u>55,330.77</u></u>

# The Beacon Elim Churches

## Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	36,021.41	56,402.13
Prepayments	407.23	546
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>36,428.64</u>	<u>56,948.42</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accounts Payable	440.77	273.75
Accruals	-	1,186
Business Charge Cards	616.28	158
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>1,057.05</u>	<u>1,617.65</u>
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	35,371.59	55,330.77
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	35,371.59	55,330.77
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>35,371.59</u></u>	<u><u>55,330.77</u></u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
Current Year Earnings	(19,959.18)	5,262.36
Funds brought forward	55,330.77	50,068.41
<b>Total Funds of the charity:</b>	<u><u>35,371.59</u></u>	<u><u>55,330.77</u></u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 05/09/2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

## THE BEACON ELIM CHURCHES

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Support costs directly attributable to an activity have been allocated to that activity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to any activity they have been allocated in proportion to direct expenditure.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

## 2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations (Central)	74,244.93	66,506.30
Donations (Shadsworth)	8,199.05	148.63
Gift Aid recovered	14,556.23	8,727.94
Children donations	508.22	-
Youth donations	1,846.12	270.00
Missions donations	132.00	180.00
Ukraine donations	2,636.70	-
Welfare donations	95.00	750.00
Income for Charitable Activities	716.50	7,977.63
Income from Charitable Activities	-	6,300.00
Church Manse's rent	5,759.60	6,352.05
Rental Income	3,345.00	-
Other Income	925.00	1,510.38
	<b>112,964.35</b>	<b>98,722.93</b>

## 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs	73,618.78	66,199.93
Children ministry	520.94	412.70
Youth ministry	2,098.13	566.16
Shadsworth Campus	2,468.24	319.18
Charitable Activities	1,403.76	6,738.38
Fundraising work	2,310.00	-
Building Project	-	428.40
Conferences	915.43	938.00
Training costs	667.43	654.53
Travel expenses	57.30	-
Missions	4,400.00	4,636.27
Admin costs	2,578.05	1,977.80
Advertising	-	150.00
Bank charges	132.85	68.83
Catering	891.07	249.74
Church Manse maintenance	360.14	400.00
Cleaning	1,596.75	1,032.25
Gas & Electricity	2,779.96	941.72
GoCardless and Stripe fees	234.24	148.35
Insurance	1,776.41	930.22
Legal and professional advice	100.00	350.00
Ministry expenses	3,409.31	699.08
Postage	23.80	9.54
Printing & Stationary costs	436.95	145.20
Repairs & Maintenance	26,364.47	1,979.88
Subscriptions	1,241.48	1,216.66
Tech & Media	1,506.72	1,501.61
Telephone & Internet	156.28	108.73
Visiting speakers	316.55	219.25
Water	558.49	438.19

132,923.53

93,460.57

#### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No salary exceeds £33,444

##### **Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the period ended 31 December 2021.

**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**to the trustees of The Beacon Elim Churches**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Beacon, Elim Pentecostal Church, Blackburn (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

\*accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or

\*the accounts do not accord with the records.

I have no concerns and 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: 

Name: R Holt FCA

Address: 47 Ashfield Road

Chorley

PR7 1LP

Date: 21 February 2023

**The Beacon Elim Churches**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173561

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# Accounts

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THE  
**BEACON**  
ELIM PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

**The Beacon Elim Churches (CIO)**

Park Road, Grimshaw Park  
Blackburn, BB2 3DJ

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended:**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

Charity No: 1173561

**Trustees:**

Simon Pastorello (*ex-officio* Chairman)

Emmanuel Ofosu

David Hicken

Brenda George

Peter Warren

Geoff Shaw

**Finance:**

Andrew Fisher (Treasurer)

Valentina Raia (Finance Officer)

Rebekah Holt (External Examiner)



### Post-covid reopening

After closing our Church building in March 2020 (moving the vast majority of our work online), we finally reopened our doors in August 2021 – progressively reimplementing all of our activities.

Due to a wide range of reasons, there was still much hesitation among many about returning to in-person worship. This not only presented us with many logistical challenges, as our volunteers' workforce was drastically reduced, but left us unsure as to who still belonged to our Church – as a number of people still did not notify us on the matter. Hence our plans to perform a membership review early in 2022.

We also experienced significant financial challenges as our income through giving declined by around 20% during the pandemic. While this loss of income was off-set by the furlough scheme, the Church began to operate in deficit as soon as the scheme came to an end. Hence our plan to raise funds independently from giving by hiring out our building. This plan began to be implemented in early 2022, alongside considerable work to make the building suitable for external hire – which further eroded our financial cushion.

### Government

The Constitutional affairs of the Church are carried out by our Trustees team, currently including Simon Pastorello (Ex-officio, Chair), Emmanuel Oforu, David Hicken, Brenda George, Peter Warren, Geoff Shaw.

Alongside them, the Leadership Team carries out the spiritual affairs of the Church. The team is currently made up of Simon Pastorello (Senior Leader), Emmanuel Oforu (Assistant Pastor) and David Hicken – all of whom also sit as trustees of the Church.

Every year, our Church Members gather for their Annual General Meeting – both for reporting and for voting on major issues, including the election and re-election of Leaders and Trustees. Although, by constitution, it is only the existing team that can nominate potential candidates for election, our Church members can still make suggestions.

The Leaders meet on a weekly basis. Minutes of each meeting are recorded and securely stored on an online shared folder. The Trustees meet as and when required, multiple times in the year.

No Charity Trustee expressed any conflict of interest in any matter under consideration.

### Management

The more practical management of the Church is devolved to various department heads, appointed at the discretion of the Leadership team. At present, the departments are as follow:

1. Finance
2. Safeguarding and Children work
3. Youth work
4. Worship
5. Tech and Media
6. Stewarding
7. Health and safety
8. Buildings management
9. Dorcas Project
10. Over 50's



## Objectives and activities

Our Church's primary objective is *the advancement of the Christian faith*. This we seek to fulfil by various activities, both at home and overseas through our Central Church and our Church-plant in Shadsworth. Unfortunately, our direct involvement in the community and among our members has been severely hindered by the pandemic, but it's been resuming since our reopening in August. However, thanks to our livestreaming capabilities, we have still been able to fulfil all of our charitable objectives through the following activities:

1. Online Sunday Services
2. Online prayer
3. Online fellowship
4. Remote pastoral care and support
5. Children and Youth online resources
6. Online training, mentoring and discipleship
7. Online outreach events and evangelism
8. Online interdenominational unity work
9. School work
10. Foodbank collections
11. Missionaries support

*For a more detailed description of our activities, email us at [info@thebeaconblackburn.org](mailto:info@thebeaconblackburn.org)*

## Membership

Given the above-mentioned circumstances, it's been difficult to assess our membership with precision. Our regular membership, prior to re-opening, comprised 107 adults as well as 51 children and young people (not including those attending Beam), but in-person attendance has decreased by around 50%.

## Financial overview

Income through giving (Central) have further fallen by 4.12% in the year, from £63,170.62 in 2020 to £60,565.30 in 2021. The reason for this comparatively smaller margin is the fact that in December 2021 many responded to the Leadership's financial appeal by making generous one-off donations that compensated for much of the considerable loss during 2021. Compared to pre-pandemic figures, income through giving (£75,765.01 in 2019) has fallen by 20.6%.

No salary exceeds £33,444pa

For more details, please see our financial statements.

## Trustees statement

We the Charity Trustees attest the Charity's compliance with its constitution and the fulfilment of its objectives. For more information on our financial activities, please see the attached financial statement and the independent examiner's report.

Faithfully,

Simon Pastorello (on behalf of the Charity Trustees)

# The Beacon Elim Churches

## Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2021

	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	56,402.13	50,282.69
Prepayments	546.29	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>56,948.42</u>	<u>50,282.69</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accounts Payable	273.75	214.28
Accruals	1,186.27	-
Business Charge Cards	157.63	-
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>1,617.65</u>	<u>214.28</u>
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	55,330.77	50,068.41
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	55,330.77	50,068.41
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>55,330.77</u></u>	<u><u>50,068.41</u></u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
Current Year Earnings	5,262.36	7,724.04
Funds brought forward	<u>50,068.41</u>	<u>42,344.37</u>
<b>Total Funds of the charity:</b>	<u><u>55,330.77</u></u>	<u><u>50,068.41</u></u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees  
on \_\_\_\_\_ and were signed on its behalf by:

# The Beacon Elim Churches

## Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
<b>Income from</b>	2		
Donations		76,582.87	81,551.14
Charitable Activities		14,277.63	29,300.13
Other trading activities		<u>7,862.43</u>	<u>5,842.60</u>
		98,722.93	116,693.87
<b>Expenditure on</b>	3		
Charitable activities		93,460.57	108,869.83
Governance costs		-	100.00
		<u>93,460.57</u>	<u>108,969.83</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<u>5,262.36</u>	<u>7,724.04</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total Funds brought forward		50,068.41	42,344.37
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>55,330.77</u>	<u>50,068.41</u>

**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**to the trustees of The Beacon, Elim Pentecostal Church, Blackburn**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Beacon, Elim Pentecostal Church, Blackburn (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

\*accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or

\*the accounts do not accord with the records.

I have no concerns and 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:



Name: R Holt FCA

Address: 47 Ashfield Road

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PR7 1LP

Date: 28 March 2022

**The Beacon Elim Churches**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173561

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# Accounts

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THE  
**BEACON**  
ELIM PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

**The Beacon Elim Churches (CIO)**

Park Road, Grimshaw Park  
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**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended:**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

Charity No: 1173561

**Trustees:**

Simon Pastorello (*ex-officio* Chairman)

Emmanuel Ofosu

David Hicken

Brenda George

Peter Warren

Geoff Shaw

**Finance:**

Andrew Fisher (Treasurer)

Valentina Raia (Finance Officer)

Rebekah Holt (External Examiner)



## Government

This year, we have made the decision to make the constitutional and spiritual leadership of the Church separable, welcoming Brenda George, Peter Warren and Geoff Shaw on the team as Charity Trustees only. This decision, alongside increased oversight, experience and skills added to the team, was also made to ensure remunerated clergy that also held the office of Trustee would not exceed the number of unpaid Trustees.

The spiritual leadership of the Church is carried out by the Leadership Team, currently composed of David Hicken, Emmanuel Ofori (Assistant Pastor) and Simon Pastorello (Senior Pastor). Currently members of the Leadership Team are also Charity Trustees, with the Senior Pastor as *ex-officio* (or Chairman).

Alongside the Charity Trustees and Leadership Team, the affairs of the Church are managed by our Voting Membership. Every year, our Church Members gather for their Annual General Meeting – both for reporting and for voting on major issues, including the election and re-election of Leaders and CDs. Although, by constitution, it is only the existing team that can nominate potential candidates for election, our Church members can still make suggestions.

The Leaders meet on a regular basis every Friday morning. Minutes of each meetings are recorded and securely stored on an online shared folder. The Trustees meet as and when required, multiple times in the year.

No Charity Trustee expressed any conflict of interest in any matter under consideration.

## Management

The more practical management of the Church is devolved to various department heads, appointed at the discretion of the Leadership team. At present, the departments are as follow:

1. Finance
2. Safeguarding
3. Youth and Children work
4. Worship
5. Tech and Media
6. Stewarding
7. Health and safety
8. Buildings management
9. Dorcas Project
10. Over 50's

## Objectives and activities

Our Church's primary objective is *the advancement of the Christian faith*. This we seek to fulfil by a number of ordinary and extraordinary activities, both at home and oversea. Unfortunately, our direct involvement in the community and among our members has been severely hindered by the pandemic. However, with the introduction of online technology, we have still been able to fulfil our charitable objectives with the following activities:

1. Online Sunday Services
2. Online prayer
3. Online fellowship
4. Remote pastoral care and support
5. Children and Youth online resources
6. Online training, mentoring and discipleship
7. Online outreach events and evangelism
8. Online interdenominational unity work



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| 9. School work  | 11. Foodbank collections |
| 10. Community projects (“Get-stuck-in”<br>and “See-Hear-Respond”) | 12. Missionaries support |
|   | 13. Homeless support     |

*For a more detailed description of our activities, email us at [info@thebeaconblackburn.org](mailto:info@thebeaconblackburn.org)*

#### *Final remarks*

Despite the many financial challenges related to the pandemic, we were able to do much with less and still close the year in the positive. No salary was greater than £31735.96.

#### **Membership**

Our regular membership to this date comprises 107 adults as well as 51 children and young people (not including those attending Beam). Due to the pandemic, there has been no new intake of voting members although new people have joined us online with a view to become members once the building reopens, while others left due to relocation.

#### **Trustees statement**

We the Charity Trustees attest the Charity’s compliance with its constitution and the fulfilment of its objectives. For more information on our financial activities, please see the attached financial statement and the independent examiner’s report.

Faithfully,

Simon Pastorello (on behalf of the Charity Trustees)

# The Beacon Elim Churches

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
<b>INCOME FROM</b>	2		
Donations		78,817.45	100,561.23
Designated donations		2,733.69	2,926.77
Charitable Activities		29,300.13	7,748.46
Church Manse's rent		5,842.60	5,480.25
		<u>116,693.87</u>	<u>116,716.71</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	3		
Charity's objectives		108,869.83	112,967.30
Governance costs		100.00	100.00
		<u>108,969.83</u>	<u>113,067.30</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		7,724.04	3,649.41
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		42,344.37	38,694.96
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>50,068.41</u></u>	<u><u>42,344.37</u></u>

# The Beacon Elim Churches

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		50,282.69	42,370.37
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		50,282.69	42,370.37
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
amounts falling due within one year		214.28	26.00
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		50,068.41	42,344.37
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		50,068.41	42,344.37
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		50,068.41	42,344.37
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<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds		50,068.41	42,344.37
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		50,068.41	42,344.37
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 2 March 2021  
were signed on its behalf by:

Simon Pastorello - Chairman

## THE BEACON ELIM CHURCHES

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs directly attributable to an activity have been allocated to that activity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to any activity they have been allocated in proportion to direct expenditure.

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

#### 2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations (Central)	68,992.62	81,363.01
Donations (Shadsworth)	946.26	4,413.87
Gift Aid recovered	8,878.57	14,784.35

Youth donations	391.00	2,774.11
Missions donations	990.00	152.66
Livestream donations	1,352.69	-
Income for Charitable Activities	21,740.13	2,083.46
Income from Charitable Activities	7,560.00	5,665.00
Church Manse's rent	5,842.60	5,480.25
	116,693.87	116,716.71

### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs	66,794.96	57,006.63
Children ministry	34.04	771.31
Youth ministry	320.00	3962.19
Shadsworth Campus	1,148.99	3,033.40
Charitable Activities	8,257.08	5,163.77
Building Project	2,547.00	2,759.50
Conferences	409.00	1,525.43
Internship	-	6,650.98
Training costs	584.00	914.91
Travel expenses	-	90.00
Visiting speakers	190.55	1,195.35
Missions	4,709.07	7,019.94
Admin costs	1,364.34	1,025.16
Advertising	329.09	22.00
Catering	234.00	1,424.69
Church Manse maintenance	4,072.72	-
Cleaning	1,029.25	1,933.58
Gas & Electricity	1,227.64	1,876.01
Insurance	1,563.02	2,762.89
Postage	5.35	22.90
Printing & Stationary costs	366.44	1,190.95
Repairs & Maintenance	1,387.12	2,865.50
Tech & Media	5,049.18	864.68
Telephone & Internet	440.80	506.28
Water	229.02	486.54
External Audit	100.00	100.00
	108,969.83	113,067.30

### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No salary exceeds £31,834.00

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the period ended 31 December 2019.

**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**to the trustees of The Beacon, Elim Pentecostal Church, Blackburn**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Beacon, Elim Pentecostal Church, Blackburn (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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**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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- \*accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- \*the accounts do not accord with the records.

I have no concerns and 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:



Name: R Holt FCA

Address: 47 Ashfield Road

Chorley

PR7 1LP

Date: 22 February 2021