

BEACON CHURCH WYBERTON
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO. 1175209
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
30th NOVEMBER 2020

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BEACON CHURCH WYBERTON
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 30th November 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30th November 2020. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Constitution of the charity

The charity was established by a trust deed dated 18th October 2017. The charity took over the work of the Beacon Church in Wyberton, Boston, Lincolnshire.

Objects of the charity

The objective of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel, primarily, but not exclusively within Wyberton and its surrounding neighbourhood. The charity also has a secondary objective which is to put into practice the Christian faith; including but not limited to prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness, the advancement of education and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare.

Organisation

The principal office of the church is at 8 Pell Place, Boston, PE21 0EH; however the congregation meets each Sunday at Wyberton Parish Hall.

The trustees meet on a regular basis to oversee the operation of the church.

The trustees at present are:

Paul Caddell; Peter Hunt; Marilyn Cobb; Stephen Pearson

Review of activities

The year has been a challenging year for the charity, with the Covid-19 pandemic seriously affecting activities. In December the church went singing around the village and held a carol service in the Parish Hall. Links with the Parish church have been strengthened, which led to holding a joint service in the Parish Hall.

The monthly men's breakfasts continued in January and February, and, in February, in conjunction with the three churches in Wyberton we opened the "Open House" coffee mornings in the URC church building. These are weekly coffee mornings aimed at parents, grandparents and carers as they come home from dropping children off at school. Eventually, it is hoped that these will offer support and signposting to those who may be in need of help in the community.

In March, as the country went into lockdown, the church had to close, and went to online services. During this time we have reached out to the lonely and vulnerable in the community; helping where appropriate, and staying connected through telephone and post. Church meetings did resume again at various points throughout the year, but have been limited due to the pandemic restrictions.

In June we joined up with Ground Level churches across Lincolnshire in a bid to secure funding to offer food parcels to the most vulnerable in the community. This was unfortunately unsuccessful.

The pandemic has had an impact on the charity's finances with income down approximately 36%. However costs were also down as hall hire was considerably reduced, leaving the charity with a small deficit for the year. The trustees did not agree to make payments this year to deserving causes. The trustees voted at their November meeting to support four charities, but payments were planned to be made in the next financial year in December.

Future developments

At the time of writing the country is in lock down, and most activities are suspended. As restrictions ease, we hope to be able to resume Sunday meetings, as well as the "Open House" coffee mornings as a way of connecting with the community; and resume the Saturday men's breakfasts. The possibility of distributing food hampers at Christmas, and Easter eggs for some of the most vulnerable in the community are also being explored. We look forward to an exciting year ahead as the country rebuilds from the pandemic.

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Reserves policy and risk management

The trustees aim to maintain sufficient free reserves to cover six months future expenditure. At the year end free reserves stood at £30,643 (2019 – £31,138). This was in excess of the amount required.

The trustees consider the risks associated with the operation of the church at their meetings. Steps are taken to mitigate such risks, including the provision of adequate insurance.

Public benefit

The trustees have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The trustees consider that the charity is providing public benefit through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the operation of community activities.

This report was approved by the trustees on 8TH AUGUST 2021 and signed on their behalf.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Caddell', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul Caddell

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	NOTE	2020	2019
Receipts			
Offerings		9,284.37	15,657.29
Tax refund		2,405.00	2,418.00
Interest		64.58	95.46
Other donations		-	200.00
Total receipts		11,753.95	18,370.75
Payments			
Catering and entertaining		45.92	970.69
Ministry		8,465.00	9,240.00
Rent		1,468.75	3,335.50
Training		313.50	359.50
Travel expenses		107.00	208.46
Printing, postage and stationery		85.87	145.85
Music, books and videos		38.80	-
Advertising		44.00	74.25
Donations and tithes	1	29.59	1,170.10
Ground level		720.00	720.00
Licences		344.00	469.14
Insurance		379.91	368.71
Bank charges		90.00	92.45
Equipment and repairs	2	11.97	83.98
Sundries	3	104.73	280.66
		12,249.04	17,519.29
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments		(495.09)	851.46
Funds at 1st December 2019		31,138.23	30,286.77
Funds at 30th November 2020		30,643.14	31,138.23

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN ASSETS

	2020	2019
Opening cash reserves		
Bank current account	3,691.11	1,566.08
Bank deposit account	24,894.99	27,802.84
Cash in hand	134.13	217.85
	<u>28,720.23</u>	<u>29,586.77</u>
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments	(495.09)	851.46
Gift aid refund	2,418.00	-
Other debtor	-	700.00
Closing reserves	<u>30,643.14</u>	<u>31,138.23</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS / 30th NOVEMBER 2020**Closing cash reserves**

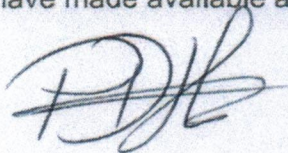
Bank current account	3,053.66	3,691.11
Bank deposit account	24,957.30	24,894.99
Cash in hand	255.96	134.13
	<u>28,266.92</u>	<u>28,720.23</u>
Other assets		
Gift Aid refund	2,405.00	2,418.00
Sundry creditor	(28.78)	-
Net assets	<u>30,643.14</u>	<u>31,138.23</u>

All the funds of Beacon Church Wyberton are unrestricted

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as in previous years and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2008) and appropriate legal requirements.

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

On behalf of Beacon Church Wyberton



Peter Hunt (Treasurer)

Registered charity No 1175209

Dated

8 August 2021

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30th NOVEMBER 2020

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2020

2019

1 Donations

General gifts, flowers, etc.	29.59	248.10
Mission Aviation Fellowship	-	200.00
Blind Society	-	200.00
Bible Society	-	200.00
Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service	-	120.00
Minister's discretion fund	-	202.00
	<u>29.59</u>	<u>1,170.10</u>

2 Equipment

Miscellaneous	11.97	83.98
	<u>11.97</u>	<u>83.98</u>

3 Sundry

DBS check	-	49.00
Zoom costs	100.73	-
Communion expenses	4.00	53.03
Fun Day	-	222.47
Fun Day receipts	-	(72.05)
Prayer Vigil	-	28.21
	<u>104.73</u>	<u>280.66</u>