

BEACON CHURCH WYBERTON
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO. 1175209
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
30th NOVEMBER 2022

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BEACON CHURCH WYBERTON
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 30th November 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30th November 2022. 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

Our year began in December 2021 with Carol singing in the village - the first time we have been able to do this since Christmas 2019; again joining with St Leodegars and travelling round the village over two cold nights. The Love Christmas campaign gained much momentum as as we decided this year to double the number of families we supported from 12 to 24, again joining with the URC and St Leodegars, and support from the local business Boston Seeds in purchasing toys for the children. It was such a joy to see the faces of the families who received the hampers and gifts. We are grateful to the URC for allowing us to use their premises for storing of the goods and for the delivery collation. A big thank you to to all involved in the distribution.

The Open House Coffee mornings have continued on Wednesdays at the United Reformed Church. We are still struggling to engage with the local community a little, but will battle on. These mornings were included in the Warm Space initiative later in the year, with Mondays being added.

For the Jubilee Celebrations we held a joint service in the gardens of the Community Hall, and joined in with community activities in the Community Centre and at the social club.

The pastor attended the parliamentary breakfast at Westminster in June along with over 500 clergy from across the country which was a joyous event.

Men's breakfast outreach was continued at Fairfield House on the last Saturday of each month. We were able to join in the Walk of Witness in Boston on Good Friday this year, and have held several joint services with St. Leodegars. Our joint harvest service and subsequent auction raised funds for Centrepont Outreach in Boston. During the year we were able to start fortnightly visits again to Hunters Creek Care Home, offering a short service and one to one support to those who want it. It is surprising to find how many lonely people there are in care homes.

Two of the leadership attended a Christians Against Poverty money course during the year to present this to the church membership and local community to assist with budgetting during very difficult times.

Future developments

The 'Love Christmas' will continue to be our main focus in terms of supporting the community, but through the Open House we will strive to be more relevant and accessible as churches to the local community. Further ideas are to link this initiative in with the local mental health team.

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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 £30,671 (2021 – £31,949). 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 14th May 2023 and signed on their behalf.

Paul Caddell

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

		2022	2021
	NOTE		
Receipts			
Offerings		12,066.23	13,025.11
Tax refund		1,798.90	3,120.09
Interest		15.43	0.11
Other donations		-	1,000.00
Total receipts		13,880.56	17,145.31
Payments			
Catering and entertaining		439.10	231.00
Ministry		8,400.00	8,400.00
Rent		2,050.75	1,362.50
Training		30.00	-
Travel expenses		105.39	-
Printing, postage and stationery		2.50	-
Music, books and videos		-	-
Advertising		142.46	69.81
Donations and tithes	1	2,045.11	3,260.45
Ground level		820.00	920.00
Licences		463.00	652.71
Insurance		426.04	398.88
Accountant		-	100.00
Bank charges		90.00	90.00
Equipment and repairs	2	-	172.93
Sundries	3	143.88	181.61
		15,158.23	15,839.89
(Deficit)/surplus of receipts over payments		(1,277.67)	1,305.42
Funds at 1st December 2021		31,948.56	30,643.14
Funds at 30th November 2022		30,670.89	31,948.56

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RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN ASSETS

	2022	2021
Opening cash reserves		
Bank current account	6,383.09	3,053.66
Bank deposit account	24,957.41	24,957.30
Cash in hand	252.46	255.96
	31,592.96	28,266.92
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments	(1,277.67)	1,305.42
Gift aid refund	1,318.10	2,405.00
Sundry creditor	(962.50)	(28.78)
Closing reserves	30,670.89	31,948.56

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Closing cash reserves		
Bank current account	2,415.09	6,383.09
Bank deposit account	24,972.84	24,957.41
Cash in hand	165.96	252.46
	27,553.89	31,592.96
Other assets		
Gift Aid refund	3,117.00	1,318.10
Sundry creditor	-	(962.50)
Net assets	30,670.89	31,948.56

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 14th May 2023

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NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	2022	2021
1 Donations		
Minister's discretionary fund	304.00	-
Ukraine appeal	450.00	-
Cruse	-	200.00
Centrepont	-	400.00
Hope for Justice	-	300.00
Premier Christian Radio	-	300.00
Crisis	-	200.00
Love Christmas	1,291.11	315.65
Christians Against Poverty	-	300.00
Operation Smile	-	200.00
Easter eggs	-	294.80
Release International	-	250.00
Road Hog	-	250.00
A21 Campaign	-	250.00
	2,045.11	3,260.45
2 Equipment		
Banner	-	172.93
	-	172.93
3 Sundry		
Cleaning and hygiene	-	27.05
Zoom costs	143.88	154.56
	143.88	181.61