

BEACON CHURCH WYBERTON
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO. 1175209
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
30th NOVEMBER 2023

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BEACON CHURCH WYBERTON
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 30th November 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30th November 2023. 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 2022 with Carol singing in Manor Gate and Avocet Care Homes joining with St. Leodegars and URC churches. This was well received by all residents. We held our Carol Service in December and invited other local churches to join us. We also joined New Life Kirton for their Carol Service in Thomas Middlecott School.

Now in our fourth year, the Love Christmas Campaign is becoming an important part of our church calendar. Again joining with the two churches and support from Boston Seeds we supported fifty local families with food and toys. A big thank you to all who contributed financially and helped with shopping, sorting and distribution.

The Open House Coffee mornings have continued on Wednesdays at the United Reformed Church, and have been extended to Mondays, and warm space was added during the winter months. The Monday group has a regular number of ladies meeting for craft activities and a natter. But the Wednesday group is still struggling. Men's breakfast outreach has continued at Fairfield House on the last Saturday of the month.

We joined with churches across Boston for the annual Walk of Witness through the town centre. It is great to see the churches working together in this way. Throughout the year we have connected well with other churches in Wyberton, worshipping together for a number of services, and we had the pleasure of joining with St. Leodegars for their Passover meal which was very enjoyable.

For the first part of the year the Pastor continued to visit Hunters Creek, but this is currently on hold. Attendance at services is slowly growing following a drop after Covid restrictions were lifted. As a result giving has increased by 15%.

We continue to support charities with our tithing, as we consider this to be an important part of the church mission. In all 20% of the church income was donated to good causes.

Future developments

Love Christmas will continue to be our main focus in terms of supporting the community.

Further work needs to be done to support the coffee mornings. We are looking at some grant funding to perhaps employ a part-time manager, and working with the Boston Community Connector.

We are planning some social activities in 2024, and have a visit from Pastor Paul David from Bangalore scheduled.

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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 £30,139 (2022 – £30,671). This was in excess of the amount required.

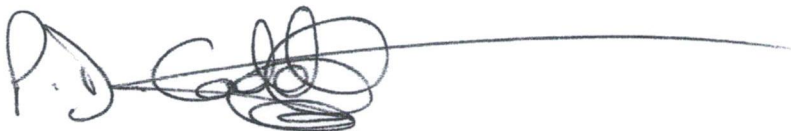
The trustees consider the risks associated with the operation of the church at their meetings. Steps are taken to mitigate such risks, including the provision of adequate insurance.

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}.....2024 and signed on their behalf.

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

Paul Caddell

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	NOTE	2023	2022
Receipts			
Offerings		12,244.67	12,066.23
Tax refund		1,711.75	1,798.90
Interest		214.66	15.43
Other donations		1,781.00	-
Total receipts		15,952.08	13,880.56
Payments			
Catering and entertaining		42.90	439.10
Ministry		8,600.00	8,400.00
Rent		2,457.00	2,050.75
Training		55.25	30.00
Travel expenses		-	105.39
Printing, postage and stationery		-	2.50
Music, books and videos		-	-
Advertising		142.46	142.46
Donations and tithes	1	3,307.50	2,045.11
Ground level		820.00	820.00
Licences		489.00	463.00
Insurance		454.38	426.04
Accountant		-	-
Bank charges		90.00	90.00
Equipment and repairs		-	-
Sundries	2	25.08	143.88
		16,483.57	15,158.23
(Deficit)/surplus of receipts over payments		(531.49)	(1,277.67)
Funds at 1st December 2022		30,670.89	31,948.56
Funds at 30th November 2023		30,139.40	30,670.89

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RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN ASSETS

	2023	2022
Opening 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
	<u>27,553.89</u>	<u>31,592.96</u>
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments	(531.49)	(1,277.67)
Gift aid refund	3,117.00	1,318.10
Sundry creditor	-	(962.50)
Closing reserves	<u>30,139.40</u>	<u>30,670.89</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Closing cash reserves		
Bank current account	1,808.31	2,415.09
Bank deposit account	25,298.29	24,972.84
Cash in hand	93.55	165.96
	<u>27,200.15</u>	<u>27,553.89</u>
Other assets		
Gift Aid refund	2,939.25	3,117.00
Sundry creditor	-	-
Net assets	<u>30,139.40</u>	<u>30,670.89</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 14-4-2024

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NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2023

2022

1 Donations

Minister's discretionary fund	-	304.00
Ukraine appeal	-	450.00
United Christian Broadcasters	250.00	-
Boston Foodbank	250.00	-
Turkey Earhquake Appeal	60.00	-
Open The Book	55.00	-
Love Christmas	1,942.50	1,291.11
Christians Against Poverty	250.00	-
Release International	250.00	-
Road Hog	250.00	-
	<u>3,307.50</u>	<u>2,045.11</u>

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2 Sundry

Sundries	25.08	-
Zoom costs	-	143.88
	<u>25.08</u>	<u>143.88</u>