

Immanuel Church Bodmin – Registered Charity Number 1177704

Trustees Report – Year Ended 31 December 2023

Immanuel Church Bodmin has been able to build on the position established in 2022 to further expand our outreach activity in 2023, supporting both the local community as well as national and international Christian ministries in line with our charitable objectives.

Income and Donations to Immanuel Church Bodmin

The majority of our regular income in 2023 was received from collections and donations made by Church members. Alongside this, private donors provided the funds required to enable us to recruit an Assistant Pastor from 1 September 2023 and increase our giving to particular overseas missionaries.

Expenditure

Our largest expenditure was in salary and employment costs for our Pastor and Assistant Pastor. Two capital investments were made during 2023 - the purchase of a cabin to cater for our expanding work with 11-16s and a pre-planning application in advance of a possible re-building project in 2025. Our increased expenditure on utilities, insurance, repairs and maintenance reflects our growth, the upkeep demands of an ageing building and the worldwide increase in the cost of basic services during 2023.

Supporting the Community in Bodmin and Cornwall

In addition to a well-attended Sunday church meeting and Sunday Club for a growing number of children, we were able to expand our local and county activities in 2023 to provide both spiritual and practical support.

We continued our Christianity Explored courses with individuals from the local community.

Our premises continued to be used to provide free storage and distribution for Foodbank. Our Foodbank Café, set up in 2022, became an established and well-attended community facility in 2023, continuing to provide free refreshments, fellowship, help and support to Foodbank visitors from Immanuel Church Bodmin volunteers, including trustees.

We maintained our support of Christians Against Poverty (CAP), both financially and by providing free office space for the CAP team for two days per week, with many residents of Bodmin and the wider area benefitting from their work.

During 2023 we also made our church hall available to a local GP run monthly pain clinic.

Immanuel Church Bodmin continued to be actively involved in the Bodmin Youth Project, providing free use of our premises and serving the young people of Bodmin with activities, groups, socials and sports. Our Assistant Pastor now provides bible teaching to these young people and ran its first Alpha course in 2023. In addition, our Sunday youth evening continues to be a popular informal forum for bible teaching and support.

Further community outreach activities were undertaken in 2023 to help achieve our charitable objectives, all run by Immanuel Church Bodmin volunteers, including trustees.

These included a Bible holiday club in February, an Easter family puzzle in a local park; a Coronation BBQ with guest speaker in May; involvement in running the Bush Christian Conference in Cornwall in May; helping to run Christian camps for young people through the summer holidays, particularly the Menadue camps in Tintagel, a quiz and family event in November and Christmas community events including a women's Christmas craft event and carol service.

We also strengthened our connections with the Peninsula Gospel Partnership to support local church outreach across Devon and Cornwall.

Supporting Christian Mission in the UK and Worldwide

Immanuel Church Bodmin continued its support of the work of Christian mission partners in the UK and overseas. This included hospitality support for an overseas missionary family during a much-needed short break in Cornwall.

Strengthening Immanuel Church Bodmin Policies and Procedures

Work continued on ensuring that Immanuel Church Bodmin has the appropriate policies and procedures in place, including a review of safeguarding processes, provision of ongoing safeguarding training and providing opportunities for first aid training and food hygiene certification.

Trustee Wider Activities

As well as their governance responsibilities, the Trustees were actively involved in the day to day running of Immanuel Church Bodmin and its outreach initiatives in 2023. In addition, several Trustees continued their longstanding work with other compatible community focussed organisations such as the Farming Community Network, the Aquila Fellowship Trust, Good News for Everyone, Counties and Echoes International.

Looking Ahead

In response to a growing church membership and increasing community engagement, we made plans to start a baby and toddler group in 2024. We also expect to step up our preparatory work in 2024 towards our rebuild/relocation goals.

Immanuel Church Bodmin

Charity number 1177704

Receipts and Payment Account

Year Ended 31st December 2023

	£	£
Balance brought forward		96,708.53
<u>Christians Against Poverty (CAP)</u>		
CAP funds brought forward	-743.00	
Pledged income	-1,200.00	
Contribution to CAP salary and other costs	743.00	
Balance carried forward	-1,200.00	
<u>Income</u>		
Collections/gift aid regular members	27,861.51	
Income grants for salary assistant pastor over 3 years	47,050.00	
Private donors	7,357.71	
Donation from Foodbank	500.00	
Sundry income	165.00	
Income over expenses events (Barn dance and Craft evening)	144.79	
Hire of building	240.00	
Interest Received	739.18	
Total Income		84,058.19
		180,766.72
<u>Expenditure</u>		
<u>Ministry Expenses</u>		
Gifts to Speakers	375.00	
Gifts to missionaries/organisations	7,105.00	
Resources and mission expenses	110.00	
Combined Bodmin service expenses	74.55	
Resources young people and toddlers	129.94	
Salary and employment costs	37,771.40	45,565.89
<u>Premises costs and utilities</u>		
Light and heat	941.11	
Water	1,035.00	
Insurance	1,049.50	
Storage	494.00	
Telephone	564.98	
Repairs and renewals	1,641.81	
Fire protection	444.30	
Cleaner and Hygiene supplies	1,850.43	
Grass Mowing	130.00	
Security	310.58	8,461.71
<u>Capital Investment</u>		
Cabin	5,364.00	
Planning costs	4,142.00	9,506.00
<u>Consumables and Catering</u>		110.16
<u>Sundry Costs</u>		
Printing and Stationery	75.87	
Child protection	353.05	
Faithlife/proclaim/ising/sound cloud/zoom etc. licences and subscriptions	631.67	
Web hosting	250.02	1,310.61
Total Expenditure		64,954.37
Balance carried forward		115,812.35
Represented By:-		
Bank - General		16,972.82
Deposit Account		61,699.12
Bank - Building Fund		37,995.90
Cash in hand		344.51
CAP funds carried forward		-1,200.00
		115,812.35



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Immanuel Church Bodmin

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1177704

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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 accounting 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 30th October 2024

Name:

Lydia Evans FCCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.