

Bourne Evangelical Church
Trustee's Report 15th October 2023

Trustees: Jason Wright, Jacob Wright, Abbie Campbell

1. Charity Objectives and Activities

Bourne Evangelical Church exists for the advancement of the Christian faith within Bourne and the surrounding areas in accordance with its constitution and basis of faith. This includes provision of a place of meeting for public worship of God via preaching and teaching of the Bible. Communion, prayer, praise, fellowship and alms-giving including evangelistic outreach and discipleship.

- a) providing a place for worship for ecclesiastical activities
- b) providing Christian resources for the wider community
- c) engaging the general public through evangelism
- d) offering short courses on the Christian faith

Programs for support of members

- a) weekly Bible teaching sessions
- b) weekly prayer groups
- c) pastoral care, visits and calls
- d) advanced discipleship training for members
- e) activities for bonding and personal growth

2. Membership: reminder of obligations

Church Handbook 2.1.9

Membership brings with it certain privileges and responsibilities. The privileges are identified as membership of the local Body of Christ in all its work and worship, to be able to partake in discussing and agreeing the way in which the local Church should move forward and fulfil its Biblical role in the local community and the benefit of Pastoral care.

The obligations of membership are to submit to the authority and leadership of the Pastor and/or Elders and Deacons in accordance with the provisions of this Church Handbook and the Constitution, to participate in the work of the Church and its activities, to attend meetings regularly, to bear each other up before the Lord in prayer, and to share in the financial needs of the Church. In particular, this will involve:

1. Regular attendance at Sunday worship. (Acts 20:7, Heb. 10:25)
2. Regular personal prayer and Bible study. (2 Tim 3:15-17, Phil. 4:6)
3. Regular attendance, when possible, at the main weekday meeting of the Church for prayer, Bible study and fellowship. (Acts 1:14, 2:42)
4. Sharing in the life, work and witness of the local Church. (Rom. 1:16, 1 Cor. 15:58)

5. Regular giving to the local Church and the Lord's work in general. (1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 9:6-7)
6. The showing of Christian love and concern, both for the members of the Church family and for the community at large. (John 13:35, 1 Thess. 3:12)
7. An endeavour to live a life consistent with the faith we profess. (Rom. 6:1-2, Eph. 4:1)
8. Regular attendance at the Lord's Supper. (Acts 2:42, 20:7)

3. - Meeting Charity objectives and activities

Advancement of the Christian faith. BEC has a rolling contract with the URC which secures BEC with a regular place of worship, for ecclesiastical activities. Integration of ZOOM remains and our YouTube page with sermons as well as our regular bible studies.

Programs of support for members and non-members – with the appointment of pastor Dave and Sue, they are now available for pastoral care and Myself and Lauren continue to organise social interaction, when possible. Discipleship programs are beginning after Christianity Explored and men's teaching course is starting soon, helping both members and non-members grow in their faith. For those most vulnerable, pastoral care continues to be offered weekly. The Church Hall is used for men's breakfast group, toddler group, coffee morning, teaching days etc. BEC is linked with the Fenlands Evangelical Network and our relationship with them, provides further social interaction among membership through outreach, fellowship, teaching.

Long term investments – Our new domain name for the website is now live and new leads added to tech.

Evangelism - The Christmas carol service is planned for December 17th, joint with FENlands service. Easter saw us have our usual Passover meal and joint fenlands service. A Christianity Explored course was done and we continue to plant seeds through courses like this. A discipleship course is starting soon and bible study for the teaching of the congregation continues. Our yearly Christmas market provides us with a fantastic opportunity for outreach as well as our coffee morning and toddler group, providing us with opportunities to share Jesus. We continue to receive regular supplies of Christian books for the resource room as well as a large supply of preloved books.

the gallery – The office space is used weekly by pastor Dave and a quiet place for reading, reflection and Christian resources is available. The chapel is open weekly Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In line with charity objectives and the Church vision the upper room is available as a drop in hub for both members and non-members in the local community.

The trustees and BEC members remain committed to the advancement of the Christian faith within Bourne and its surrounding areas in accordance with its constitution and basis of faith and look forward to a prosperous and blessed 2024.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bourne Evangelical Church	1184067
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	4/1/2021	To	3/31/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	10,158	-	-	10,158	-
Toddler Group		342		342	
Resource Room	-	898	-	898	-
				-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,158	1,240	-	11,398	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,158	1,240	-	11,398	-
A3 Payments					
Property Rental	4,900	-	-	4,900	-
General	1,605	-	-	1,605	-
Pastor Salary	5,300	-	-	5,300	-
Toddlers	-	240	-	240	-
Resource Room	-	718	-	718	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,805	958	-	12,763	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,805	958	-	12,763	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,647	281	-	- 1,366	-
A5 Transfers between funds	55	- 55	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,366	2,742	-	4,108	-
Cash funds this year end	- 226	2,968	-	2,742	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		- 226	2,968	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	- 226	2,968	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	