

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2023
for
Farnworth Baptist Church

Daniel Sam Limited
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Farnworth Baptist Church

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for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

As stated in our constitution the principal purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

The church also aims to support the local community through the alleviation of poverty and the promotion of social justice, the provision of education and the provision of community facilities.

The church continues to work towards its 2030 vision.

We have set the following strategic objectives which we believe will prepare and enable the growth we want to see.

- To grow the church to 1,500 by 2030.
- To serve the community by impacted lives of 15,000 by 2030.
- To nurture our people through learning and discipleship with a target of 75% engaging in activity beyond Sunday.
- To develop our sustainability through building our reserves, maintaining external accreditation and investing in our people.

Public benefit

The board of trustees is satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and in planning the activities the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The activities, achievements and performance of the church for the year ended 30 September 2023, as well as the plans for the year ahead, are set out in the enclosed impact report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The Church raises most of the general funds it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. The Church is also heavily dependent on its membership and congregation working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities. Given the current economic conditions and the demographic of the local area we are encouraged by the generosity of our membership and congregation. We have continued to promote regular giving by standing order to our church members.

The church is dependent on grant income to support much of its work in the community. Income has been boosted by the following:

Archer Trust (Anti-poverty)	£2,000
Duchy of Lancaster (Wellbeing)	£600
Duchy of Lancaster (Foodbank)	£3,000
Trussell Trust (Advice and Guidance)	£17,462
Trussell Trust (Foodbank)	£30,042
Message Trust (Eden)	£12,525
Northwest Baptist Association (Ministry)	£3,961
National Lottery Awards for All (Project staff)	£10,000
Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	£10,301
Bolton CVS (ESOL)	£7,150
Sir James and Lady Scott Trust (Wellbeing)	£3,000
Bolton Council (Warm Space)	£2,440
Garfield Weston Foundation (Advice and Guidance)	£10,000
Making a Difference (Foodbank)	£400
Forever Manchester (Cost of Living Support)	£5,000
Stewardship (Warm Spaces)	£1,000
Bolton Together (Cost of Living)	£1,250
Peoples Health Trust (Advice and Guidance)	£12,000
Coalfields Regeneration trust	£5,000
Onward Homes (Jeremiah Project)	£2,500
Bolton CVS (Foodbank)	£6,947

In addition, the church has developed projects in order to generate income which offset some of the costs of the provision.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Income Generated</u>
The Well Coffee Shop	£40,059
Acorn AP	£14,877
Renewable Energy (Solar PV)	£2,547
Room Hire and Conferences	£7,710

Reserves policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. The trustees aim to hold reserves in the General Fund, as a minimum, equivalent to three month's regular expenditure (excluding projects), i.e. £24,000. Reserves of this level are sufficient to enable the Church to function effectively for the coming year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution adopted on 3 September 2019 and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as defined by the Charities Act 2011. It is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and occupies premises which are held in trust by the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected by the church under the terms of the Constitution. Charity Trustees (except for those in ministerial office) are appointed for an initial three-year term with the opportunity to be nominated for reappointment at the end of each three-year term. John Middlebrough and Christopher Cox were re-elected as trustees at the AGM on 4 May 2022. Oladimeji Ojerinola was also elected to serve as a trustee at the same meeting. Elizabeth Lawrence was elected as a trustee at the members' meeting of 26 April 2023.

From May 2018, John Bradbury, Helen Bradbury, and Gail Scholes are trustees with ministerial office and are trustees as long as they hold office with the charity.

Organisational structure

The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with trustees appointed by a meeting of members. Each trustee is provided with copies of the constitution, accounts, and minutes, and made aware of the legal responsibilities they are accepting on appointment.

Induction and training of new trustees

The trustees receive a Charity Commission trustee guidance booklet and attend a trustee training course at an early opportunity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to manage risks that have been identified.

Payments to trustees

The following payments were made to Trustees:

Rev John Bradbury - Stipend, housing costs, pension contributions and expenses totalling £44,646.

Rev Helen Bradbury - Stipend, pension contributions and expenses totalling £6,233.

Rev Gail Scholes - Stipend, pension contributions and expenses totalling £11,659.

The church has established a remuneration committee to oversee all stipend and salary matters. Trustees declare an interest whenever financial matters are discussed and absent themselves from the meeting when their own remuneration is discussed.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE018709 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1185143

Registered office

The Well
Trafford Street
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Bolton
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Farnworth Baptist Church

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

Trustees

Rev J Bradbury MA
Rev H G Bradbury
C T Cox
J Middlebrough
Rev G Scholes
Dr O Ojerinola
E Lawrence (appointed 26.4.23)


Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26th June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



John Bradbury (Jul 3, 2024 13:23 GMT+1)

Rev J Bradbury MA - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Farnworth Baptist Church

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Farnworth Baptist Church ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the CIO 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 your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: Jul 4, 2024

Farnworth Baptist Church

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £	30.9.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		79,601	176,051	255,652	207,038
Charitable activities					
Acorn education support		14,877	-	14,877	39,505
Coffee shop		40,059	-	40,059	19,813
Investment income	2	<u>10,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,502</u>	<u>9,431</u>
Total		<u>145,039</u>	<u>176,051</u>	<u>321,090</u>	<u>275,787</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Mission		65,938	189,663	255,601	190,063
Ministry		55,670	12,480	68,150	53,890
Upkeep of church premises		15,032	664	15,696	15,682
Administration		1,707	5,997	7,704	4,122
Other		<u>12,047</u>	<u>2,626</u>	<u>14,673</u>	<u>12,683</u>
Total		<u>150,394</u>	<u>211,430</u>	<u>361,824</u>	<u>276,440</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5,355)	(35,379)	(40,734)	(653)
Transfers between funds	10	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(5,355)	(35,379)	(40,734)	(653)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>263,127</u>	<u>66,703</u>	<u>329,830</u>	<u>330,483</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>257,772</u></u>	<u><u>31,324</u></u>	<u><u>289,096</u></u>	<u><u>329,830</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

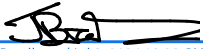
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Balance Sheet
30 September 2023


	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £	30.9.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	239,758	4,529	244,287	257,380
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	770	-	770	1,814
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>27,383</u>	<u>26,795</u>	<u>54,178</u>	<u>74,291</u>
		28,153	26,795	54,948	76,105
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(10,139)	-	(10,139)	(3,655)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>18,014</u>	<u>26,795</u>	<u>44,809</u>	<u>72,450</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		257,772	31,324	289,096	329,830
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		<u>257,772</u>	<u>31,324</u>	<u>289,096</u>	<u>329,830</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				257,772	263,127
Restricted funds				<u>31,324</u>	<u>66,703</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>289,096</u>	<u>329,830</u>


The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on

26th June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


John Bradbury (Jul 3, 2024 13:23 GMT+1)
J Bradbury MA - Trustee


John Middlebrough (Jul 3, 2024 15:00 GMT+1)
J Middlebrough - Trustee


Christopher Cox (Jul 3, 2024 13:37 GMT+1)
C T Cox – Trustee


Oladimeji Ojerinola (Jul 3, 2024 14:22 GMT+1)
O Ojerinola - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the CIO, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 20% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.9.23	30.9.22
	£	£
Rents received	7,710	7,755
Feed in tariff	2,547	1,562
Deposit account interest	<u>245</u>	<u>114</u>
	<u>10,502</u>	<u>9,431</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.9.23	30.9.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>14,673</u>	<u>12,685</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	30.9.23	30.9.22
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	44,529	34,248
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>5,261</u>	<u>3,817</u>
	<u>49,790</u>	<u>38,065</u>

The above remuneration is in respect of Rev J Bradbury, Rev H Bradbury and Rev G Scholes in their roles as ministers and not in their roles as trustees.

Trustees' expenses

	30.9.23	30.9.22
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>2,210</u>	<u>1,417</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	30.9.23	30.9.22
Ministry	3	2
Outreach	9	8
Administration	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The amount payable to the Independent Examiner for carrying out the final preparation and independent examination of these accounts is £1,650 (2022: £1,500).

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 October 2022	420,510	18,201	10,554	21,129	470,394
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,580</u>	<u>1,580</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>420,510</u>	<u>18,201</u>	<u>10,554</u>	<u>22,709</u>	<u>471,974</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 October 2022	182,261	17,325	5,629	7,799	213,014
Charge for year	<u>8,210</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>2,111</u>	<u>4,032</u>	<u>14,673</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>190,471</u>	<u>17,645</u>	<u>7,740</u>	<u>11,831</u>	<u>227,687</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 30 September 2023	<u>230,039</u>	<u>556</u>	<u>2,814</u>	<u>10,878</u>	<u>244,287</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>238,249</u>	<u>876</u>	<u>4,925</u>	<u>13,330</u>	<u>257,380</u>

Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is freehold land of £10,000 (2022 - £10,000) which is not depreciated.

The charity is the beneficial owner of the above land and buildings, however the legal title is held by the charity's custodian trustee (The Baptist Union Corporation Limited).

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.23	30.9.22
	£	£
Other debtors	15	1
Prepayments	<u>755</u>	<u>1,813</u>
	<u>770</u>	<u>1,814</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.23	30.9.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,176	1,755
Social security and other taxes	3,315	-
Other creditors	492	22
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,156</u>	<u>1,878</u>
	<u>10,139</u>	<u>3,655</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	263,127	(5,355)	-	257,772
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	66,703	(35,379)	-	31,324
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>329,830</u>	<u>(40,734)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,096</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	145,039	(150,394)	(5,355)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	176,051	(211,430)	(35,379)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>321,090</u>	<u>(361,824)</u>	<u>(40,734)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	266,065	(488)	(2,450)	263,127
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	64,418	(165)	2,450	66,703
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>330,483</u>	<u>(653)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>329,830</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	140,636	(141,124)	(488)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	135,151	(135,316)	(165)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>275,787</u>	<u>(276,440)</u>	<u>(653)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	266,065	(5,843)	(2,450)	257,772
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	64,418	(35,544)	2,450	31,324
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>330,483</u>	<u>(41,387)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,096</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	285,675	(291,518)	(5,843)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	311,202	(346,746)	(35,544)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>596,877</u>	<u>(638,264)</u>	<u>(41,387)</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Rev J Bradbury (a trustee of the charity) received a stipend, housing costs, pension contributions and expenses totalling £44,646 (2022: £42,197) for his employment as minister and not in his role as a trustee.

Rev H Bradbury (a trustee of the charity) received gross wages, pension contributions and expenses totalling £6,233 (2022: £nil) for her employment as associate minister and not in her role as a trustee.

Rev G Scholes (a trustee of the charity) received gross wages and pension contributions totalling £11,659 (2022: £8,002) for her employment as associate minister and not in her role as a trustee.

12. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The Scheme is a separate legal entity and the assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

For any month, each participating employer in the Scheme pays contributions as set out in the Schedule of Contributions in force at that time.

The Scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs charged to the SoFA in the year are contributions payable towards benefits and expenses accrued in that year, plus any impact of deficiency contributions.

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The main benefits for pre-2012 service were a defined benefit pension of one eightieth of Final Minimum Pensionable Income for each year of Pensionable Service, together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable Income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income. The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011. Since January 2012, pension provision is being made through a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan.

In July 2022, the Pension Trustee secured an agreement to transfer the responsibility of the DB plan to an insurance company to secure the benefits payable to the beneficiaries. As such there are limited ongoing liabilities for this charity.

Farnworth Baptist Church

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £	30.9.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Donations	1,600	21,244	22,844	13,862
Weekly offerings	52,156	-	52,156	63,956
Gift aid	12,132	-	12,132	13,838
Grants	<u>13,713</u>	<u>154,807</u>	<u>168,520</u>	<u>115,382</u>
	79,601	176,051	255,652	207,038
Investment income				
Rents received	7,710	-	7,710	7,755
Feed in tariff	2,547	-	2,547	1,562
Deposit account interest	<u>245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>114</u>
	10,502	-	10,502	9,431
Charitable activities				
Acorn education support	14,877	-	14,877	39,505
Coffee shop	<u>40,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,059</u>	<u>19,813</u>
	<u>54,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,936</u>	<u>59,318</u>
Total incoming resources	145,039	176,051	321,090	275,787
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities				
Trustees' salaries	33,930	10,599	44,529	34,248
Trustees' pension contributions	4,201	1,060	5,261	3,817
Trustees' expenses	2,211	-	2,211	1,417
Wages	8,504	169,457	177,961	133,505
Social security	9,584	-	9,584	5,768
Pensions	7,476	-	7,476	7,335
Manse upkeep	3,337	-	3,337	3,516
Manse rent	7,200	-	7,200	7,200
Rates and water	1,921	-	1,921	2,157
Insurance	3,085	-	3,085	4,927
Light and heat	6,920	574	7,494	7,222
Telephone	889	1,051	1,940	2,197
Postage and stationery	1,519	2,871	4,390	4,216
Sundries	419	-	419	920
Training and consultancy	2,758	594	3,352	1,504
Coffee shop supplies	10,330	-	10,330	5,078
Pastoral care	1,066	227	1,293	749
Children's work	466	-	466	120
Travel and subsistence	314	1,194	1,508	1,651
Carried forward	106,130	187,627	293,757	227,547

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Farnworth Baptist Church

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £	30.9.22 Total funds £
Charitable activities				
Brought forward	106,130	187,627	293,757	227,547
Worship	502	-	502	1,319
Repairs and maintenance	6,190	90	6,280	6,303
Raising funds	9,138	740	9,878	-
IT maintenance	1,194	3,163	4,357	2,143
Cleaning	1,547	-	1,547	922
Outreach resources	2,707	8,019	10,726	6,505
Motor vehicle costs	1,481	1,248	2,729	1,107
Grants to institutions	<u>7,751</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>9,671</u>	<u>15,289</u>
	136,640	202,807	339,447	261,135
Other				
Freehold property depreciation	8,210	-	8,210	8,210
Fixtures depreciation	320	-	320	320
Motor vehicles depreciation	-	2,111	2,111	2,111
Computer depreciation	<u>3,517</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>4,032</u>	<u>2,042</u>
	12,047	2,626	14,673	12,683
Support costs				
Governance costs				
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,707</u>	<u>5,997</u>	<u>7,704</u>	<u>2,622</u>
Total resources expended	<u>150,394</u>	<u>211,430</u>	<u>361,824</u>	<u>276,440</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(5,355)</u>	<u>(35,379)</u>	<u>(40,734)</u>	<u>(653)</u>



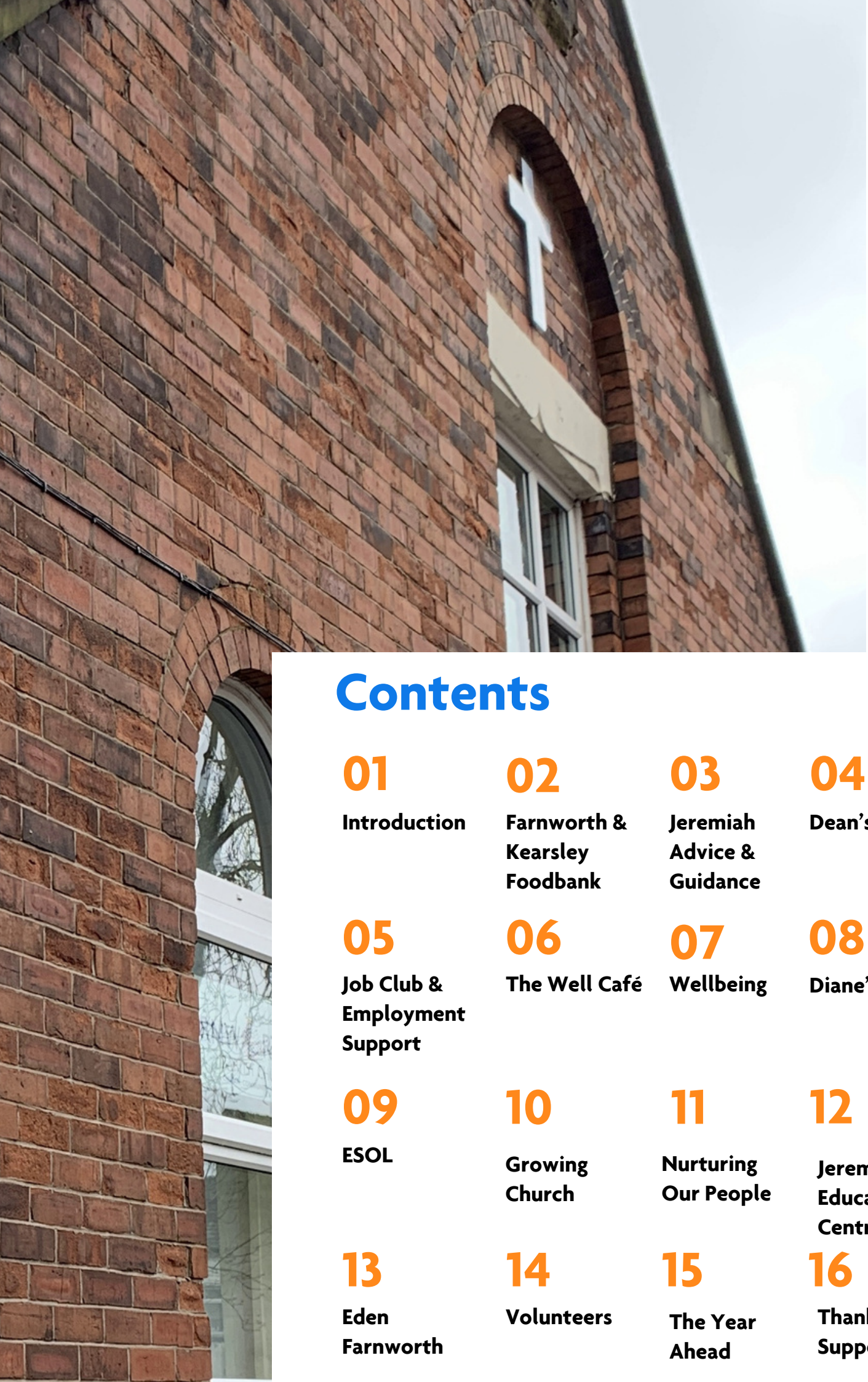
Impact Report



2022-2023



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1. Introduction



In this impact report, we joyfully share the collective journey of our faith community over the past year. It serves as a testament to the strength of our unity, compassion, and steadfast dedication to the vision and values that define us.

Amidst challenges and triumphs, the dedication and hard work of our people has made Farnworth Baptist Church a haven of hope and a force for good in our community. This report encapsulates the heart warming stories of transformation, outreach, and community building that paint the picture of our shared mission.

As you delve into the pages ahead, we invite you to celebrate with us. From volunteer efforts to the warmth of fellowship, each contribution, no matter how small, has left an indelible mark.

Our deepest gratitude goes to each member, supporter, and friend who has played a vital role in these accomplishments. Together, we have sown seeds for a future filled with continued growth, service, and love.

May this snapshot inspire and remind us all of the positive change we have collectively achieved and the limitless potential that lies ahead.

With gratitude

John Bradbury



Senior Minister & Team Leader

2. Farnworth & Kearsley Foodbank

Farnworth & Kearsley Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks that operate throughout the UK. We share with the Trussell Trust a five-year strategy with a vision to see an end for the need of food banks. We were successful in becoming a 'Pathfinder' food bank helping us develop and execute our own strategic plan. This opportunity has included substantial funding to support the foodbank and our other services.



Supporting local people in crisis

We have concentrated on working with the people needing emergency food, and our referral agencies, to address the underlying issues leading to food poverty. We believe this has led to a decrease people needing to use the foodbank. In 2022/23 we gave out 3,059 food parcels (compared to 3,622 in 2021/22)

However, we increased the number of referral agencies from in 2021/22 to in 2022/23



The foodbank was there just when I needed it. Trying to feed my two children was very hard and I was amazed at the amount of food I was given and the care I received from the volunteers



Food donations

In January 2023, the Wharton & Cleggs Lane foodbank distribution centre transitioned to be part of Salford Foodbank.



As part of this change, we were no longer able to collect donations from the Walkden Tesco store.

Owing to the cost of living crisis we have also seen a significant decrease in food donations (from 43,747kg in 2021/22 to 33,991kg in 2022/23)



Full-time foodbank manager

Thanks to Pathfinder funding from the Trussell Trust, we were able to promote Kathryn Lamport from the part-time Foodbank Coordinator to the full-time position of Foodbank Manager.

Kathryn manages the amazing volunteers at The Well and our foodbank distribution centre at St Georges Church. She has concentrated on training them to signpost foodbank clients effectively.



3. Jeremiah Welfare Advice & Guidance

With the cost of living crisis we were grateful that we were able to employ a third advisor, thanks to The Trussell Trust who funded this position.



This funding also supported the service by enabling us to promote Carlene Kirton, who started the service, to become our Senior Advisor.

Carlene continues to have a proven track record in helping people appealing against their benefit decision by attending court tribunals with them. This is one of the unique aspects of our support which would otherwise be stressful for people to do without our expertise.

“ **Brilliant service and the advisor was very patient, understanding and welcoming.** ”

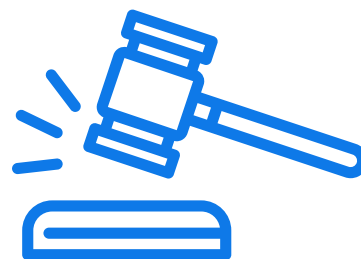
We know it is much more than helping people maximise their income but it can be life changing and generating over £1.7 million is a huge achievement.



1016 appointments fulfilled



£1.7 million income generated for clients



76% of appeals won



4. Dean's Story



Dean is 55 years old and had been working full time until life took an unexpected turn, following a head injury resulting from an assault. He was hospitalised, enduring ten days on life support. He later transferred to a rehabilitation centre in Buxton, where he was treated for two years for a brain injury.

Dean then volunteered at the kitchen garden before getting supported employment. This involved heavy lifting which led to him getting a hernia. Despite the hernia and his brain injury, Dean was advised by the Job Centre that he was fit for work and was strongly encouraged to seek employment.

He was given the lower level of limited capacity to work and placed in the work preparation group. This increased Dean's anxiety as he couldn't keep up with the amount of appointments and courses he was expected to attend. Our advisor helped Dean appeal the decision in court so that the work related elements were removed from his claim and gave longer term recognition of his disability.

Dean is now not expected to work and has been awarded an additional £390 per month.

“

I'm so happy because now I can manage my mortgage and things like that. I've not got a luxury life, but I can tide myself over now. The advice I've had off people is overwhelming. They've been so supportive of me.

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5. Job Club

Working in partnership with Christians Against Poverty, our CAP Job Club assists individuals in their job search journey. This includes support with CV building, interview skills, job searching, and skills development.

We ran three CAP Job Clubs and have developed some key partnerships with the Job Centre, Ingeus and National Careers service to help with our success.



Employment Support

Our Employability Advisor, Sandra, has supported many individuals with job searches, helping write CVs and with job applications. With her help, we have seen people find employment in a variety of occupations including warehousing, retail, administration and banking.



“

By the time I left Job Club I felt fully prepared and had a lot more confidence to be able to apply for jobs and confident within job interviews.

Thanks to the fantastic support and guidance I received, I have now found employment

”

6. The Well Café

Growing from strength to strength

The Well Café is at the heart of The Well building and we pleased to be able to offer great quality, home cooked food at reasonable prices.

It is becoming more well known in the local community and our team have worked hard to see our sales increase from £18,679 in 2021/22 to £37,192 in 2022/23 – an increase of 99%!

This has helped us increase our staff team and means that we no longer lose money from running the café but have a small surplus to help run our other projects.



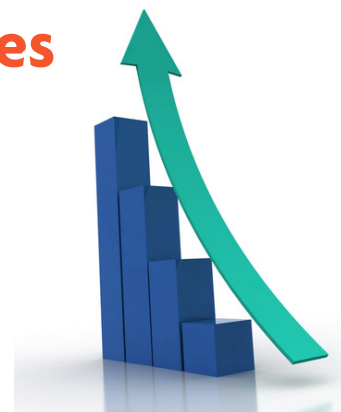
We are really pleased, that thanks to our customer reviews, we are now one of only a few 5 star rated Bolton cafés on Google Maps.

“

Fab place for lunch or a snack. Lovely atmosphere, friendly staff, delicious food and drinks. Great value and very pleasant surroundings”



**The Well Café
saw a 99%
increase in
sales**



7. Wellbeing

At Farnworth Baptist Church, we genuinely care about every aspect of people's lives —mind, body, and spirit. Wellbeing is therefore at the heart of everything we do, and we have increased the different ways in which we support anyone coming to our building.



Renew Well

10 - 15 people regularly attend our Thursday afternoon wellbeing drop-in session. It is a great place for people from the local community, who may be lonely, isolated, or struggling with their mental health, to meet others and enjoy a brew! People can play board games, take part in a craft activity, or just have a brew and chat.

We believe this is a place where "it's ok not to be ok," and it is great to have people from all different backgrounds meeting together in a safe space.

“

I enjoy meeting new people at Renew Well and having a bit of 'me time'. I have gained confidence and learnt new skills. I feel supported by the whole team

1-2-1 Support

Our Wellbeing Coordinator, Dilly, has made a positive impact with 45 people focusing on the Five Ways to Wellbeing to create personalised wellbeing plans.

Peer Group Support

With funding from The People's Health Trust, we established Peer Support Groups for people with long-term health issues or disabilities and their care givers. We now run two groups each week where people meet up, share their stories and help each other.

We have one specifically for people aged 18 - 25yrs .

Monthly Wellbeing Events

We launched monthly wellbeing events which have proved to very popular.

These have included crown green bowling, a BBQ, and a movie night. At our French themed breakfast we had over 70 guests and ran out of food!

The Well Walk

Each Wednesday lunchtime a small group of 5 -6 people meet together at The Well before going for a gentle walk. They then return to The Well for a hot drink and chat. It has been positive to see friendships formed.

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A portrait of a woman with grey hair and glasses, wearing a red cardigan over a floral top. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

8. Diane's Story

Diane is 66 years old and struggles with mental health issues, including bipolar disorder. She first visited The Well to attend the Renew Well session on Thursday afternoons. "I really enjoy coming on Thursday afternoons. I like meeting people and taking part in the craft activities even though I have nervous tremors."

Diane has attended many of the monthly wellbeing activities including the picnic, BBQ and crown green bowling. She has been along to a number of The Well Walk's even though she needs to use a walking frame. "It's nice to get out into the fresh air even though I can't walk for long. It's good that I don't feel rushed and like having a sit down with a brew when we come back"



Diane now attends the Sunday church meeting, along with her husband, and takes part in the Peer Group Support meetings.

“It's nice to be able to talk about how I'm feeling and to support other people too. I have a made good friend called Liz and we talk to each other and see each other outside of the group”

9. English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Owing to high demand for ESOL, we added a Monday morning class in addition to our Wednesday morning class. The additional class soon filled up and both classes regularly have 15 – 20 participants.

With the Ukrainian Settlement Scheme, we saw an increase in Eastern European people attending, but have had people from different corners of the globe including Afghanistan, Pakistan, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, Thailand, India and Romania.

Running classes that are suitable for any level, our ESOL teacher Carla, involves students who have a better level of English to help teach those who are less confident. This helps develop everyone's conversation skills. We know our classes are successful as we have seen people stop attending because they are successful in finding employment



“

I really like the support that Carla gives me. It has helped me to settle after moving here from El Salvador. I liked it so much I invited my sister to come along too.

”

10. Growing Church

All that we do is driven by our vision and values. As a Christian church we believe that the blessings we receive should be shared with our community and that in demonstrating a sincere love for our neighbours and our town we can be agents for societal transformation.

Over the last year we have seen a month on month increase in numbers attending our Sunday celebrations and our church family has representatives from over 25 nations. We are also privileged to host the Oroma Evangelical Church on Sunday afternoons, supporting this small but growing Ethiopian diaspora church.



Like many churches in the post-Covid period we started the year with numbers lower than before the pandemic. However, we have maintained contact with those who had stopped attending regularly through letters, visits and video chat. This has seen people steadily return albeit attending less frequently than before.

We continue to live stream our gatherings so that those who cannot attend owing to ill health or shift patterns can still engage with our teaching.

In celebration of our diverse multicultural church community we held an International Celebration Day which was attended by over 80 people. We celebrated together and then shared different foods from around the world.

We welcomed 65 first time guests to our celebrations in the year. The majority had found out about us via Google having moved into the area and were attracted by the activities on our website.



Increase of 20% of people attending Sunday morning meetings



119% increase in people visiting our website



28 new adults & children attending Toddler Church

11. Nurturing our People

We believe that our people are our most valuable resource, and therefore we take the ongoing development and nurture of our people very seriously. In September 2023 we were successfully reaccredited with Investors in People Silver. This demonstrates our commitment to the training and development of our staff and volunteers. The impact of this support is demonstrated throughout this report.

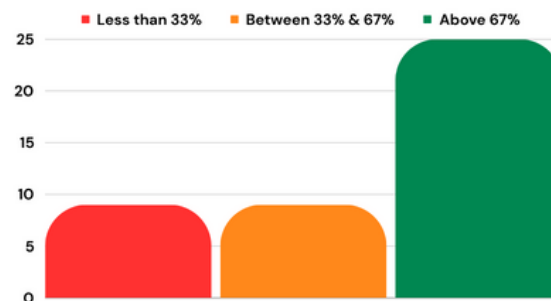
We also have a vision to equip everyone in our church community to make a real difference in every sphere of life. To this end our teaching programme on a Sunday aims to equip people for their Monday to Saturday, whether that be their workplace, place of education, or their neighbourhood.

Our target is that 75% of our adult congregation will also attend midweek small groups to develop their faith and build strong relationships within the body of the church. 43 people have attended these groups in the year which represents 50% of our regular congregation.

We have continued to host one Zoom small group for those who do not want to go out in the evening, or who live a distance from the church.

Small Group Attendance

Attendance is frequent for most participants



In addition to our regular small groups we have also added some special interest groups this year including a book club.

We have also established a youth group focused on social activity and wellbeing.

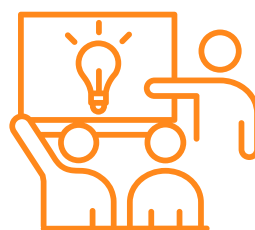
Our Activate discipleship programme was relaunched following a break during Covid with a new more focused curriculum.

Book Club



7 people attending

Activate Discipleship Programme



6 people completed

Youth Small Group



8 people engaging

12. Jeremiah Education Centre

As part of Acorn Alternative Provision, our Jeremiah Education Centre is a caring place with trained teachers who help students facing tough situations including trauma, being young carers, or struggling with anxiety or family issues.

One of our trips included taking seven students to Smithills Farm with the goal of offering them a wider educational experience, and to explore the processes of producing milk products. Many of our students had never visited a farm before and had the opportunity to hold small animals. Our three 15yr old students sat almost silent for 25 minutes just holding baby chicks and rabbits. The students loved meeting the animals, the ice cream parlour and the gift shop!

Helen our Associate Minister has supported the centre by coordinating volunteers. She has also befriended parents and carers of the young people to offer a listening ear and to connect them with other support.

“

I have enjoyed my time here. I came thinking I would get kicked out in the first hour, but I actually became friends with everyone in the centre

”



16 students supported



Referrals from 8 schools/other agencies

13. Eden Farnworth

We partner with The Message Trust to share the good news of Jesus with residents in and around the Flower Estate in Farnworth in practical ways as well as by our words. We get involved in a wide range of activities including litter picking, community events and building relationships all with an aim to help build a good sense of community and see the area transformed for the good.



Housing Scheme

We ran 15, 2 hour sessions for the residents of the local Extra Care Housing Scheme informal, offering an opportunity for residents of the scheme to meet socially over a brew and cake.

We also encourage the maintenance of fine motor skills through colouring and other activities.

5-6 regular residents attended, along with a further 3-4 who would pop in occasionally for all or part of the session. Residents were able to access pastoral support through this group, either from their peers or from the team.

A highlight of the year was a party to mark the Coronation of King Charles.

Pamper Nights

We delivered 3 Ladies Pamper Nights with an average, of 23 guests attended. Guests were treated to a range of treatments, including foot spa, hand massage, facials, and head/shoulder massage.

A small range of mindfulness activities were also provided, offering guests the opportunity to relax and enjoy some social time, while also supporting and promoting their wellbeing.

Other Community Activities

- Family games afternoons
- Liaising with Police & community leaders
- Meeting with local residents
- Community social events
- Gardening
- Children's holiday activities
- Working with Jeremiah Education Centre



It is lovely having the Eden team come along. It gives us the opportunity to get together without staff - we can have a moan if we want to, but mostly we just chat about life in general. We all trust the team and they encourage us to get out of our flats and socialise. They also bring really good cake!



14. Volunteers

Without our volunteers, we would only be able to support a fraction of people in the local community that we have helped. They work tirelessly giving their time, expertise and compassion to make a real difference.

We have volunteers in many different areas from our foodbank, Job Club, Toddler Church, administration, finance, trustees and Sunday meetings



Allison's Story

Allison has volunteered since Feb 2016. She works hard 3 days a week, helping sort food at our foodbank warehouse, packing bags at the sessions and as an accountant she also helps with our book keeping.

“

I started volunteering to do something worthwhile with my time and wanted to help people in the community. I enjoy working with all the other volunteers and have made some good friends

”



£174,723



economic value

15. The Year Ahead

We are thrilled to share our achievements from the past year, such as launching new projects, growing our team, and boosting café sales. But we are not ones to sit back and relax! We are always investigating ways to better support our community and dreaming up fresh projects to complement our work.

We have plans for the next year including:



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I'm privileged to work with an outstanding team dedicated to supporting our local community with passion and skill. For us, it's not just a job – it's a commitment to excellence. We're excited about the future possibilities and the impact we can continue to make.



Mark Whittington

Social Action Manager

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16. Thanks to all our supporters

As evidenced by our report, we have been very active throughout 2022-2023, supporting local people through various means. This would not have been possible without the generous contributions of individuals and organisations donating their finances and time. Whether it is a single donation or ongoing support through standing orders, we are incredibly grateful.

Additionally, we extend our appreciation to schools, businesses, churches, and other organisations that have supported us through donations of food or finances. Lastly, we express our deep gratitude to funding bodies whose contributions, whether large or small, have been vital to our work, amounting to thousands of pounds. These include the following:



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