

BESSON STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1186931

Details

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| Other names | HATCHAM EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH, NEW CROSS CHRISTIAN CENTRE |
| Status | Registered |
| Legal form | CIO |
| Registered | 2019-12-12 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission register |

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS BY THE HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, LECTURES, PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS, PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ON CHRISTIANITY TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £29,566 | £24,662 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £28,703 | £25,348 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £29,539 | £36,978 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £22,375 | £21,726 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £8,787 | £8,708 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|-------|------------|
| PASTOR CHARLOTTE-CATHERINE HOPE-RIVERS | Chair | 2016-12-01 |
| Pastor Graciele Daleprane | | 2023-05-09 |
| Pastor JOHN BALLANTYNE | | 2016-12-01 |
| Pastor Paulo da Silva | | 2023-05-09 |
| Rev ESTHER ARNOLD | | 2016-12-01 |

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Charity's principal address

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| London |
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The church buildings both the Chapel and Sunday School Hall are vested in The Fellowship Property Trust who have legal ownership of these premises as trustees and held for the benefit of Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School in accordance with the 1908 trust applicable to the site.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

When planning our activities for the year the trustees have considered the Commissions guidance on public benefit and have regard to it in the administration of the CIO. The board of trustees believes that the CIO provides benefit to the public by providing a space for:

- Weekly worship and prayer
- Provision of pastoral care for the local community, which includes providing resources and facilities for spiritual, moral and intellectual development.
- The promotion of Christian values and service for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.
- Christian youth groups
- Christian themed cultural events with free catering for the community.
- Women and Men's Christian events and support groups.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Worship and Prayer

The CIO has continued our pre-existing relationship with CBdG to use the site for Christian prayer meetings, baptisms, clubs and events and more lively worship activities. As well as weekly Christian youth activities with 20+ children (12-18yrs) attending, an annual Christian young adults (18-30's yrs) event which has been well attended with 50+ young people attending and an annual Christian ladies (18+ yrs) event which has also been well attended.

The Church Centre

Sunday School – There are now updated facilities in the Sunday School hall courtesy of the volunteering and fundraising efforts of CBdG. These include new baby changing facilities in the women's toilets, as well as a new water fountain providing water free of charge for anyone who enters the building.

Sanctuary - Cosmetic updates to the Sanctuary following COVID19 undertaken by volunteers from CBdG have continued to keep the space relevant and compatible with new innovations in streaming technology. The courtyard of the building has also been updated thanks to volunteers from CBdG. This has made the space more functional, tidy and inviting. The space has since been used for children's parties and cultural events.

Ecumenical Relationships

The trustees of the CIO have continued in pre-existing relationships that have yielded much fruit and provided a steady stream of willing volunteers and fundraisers for maintenance jobs on the Sanctuary.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Ideally, the trustees wish to have in hand an amount equal to at least 3 months regular expenditure, which has been budgeted for as £1300.00 to cover any emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £413.11 is surplus in excess of the charities annual expenditure. We are still in positive financial recovery and are now beginning the process of considering appropriate reserve accounts to deposit our surplus for investment.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

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- Worship and prayer, educating people about the Gospel.
- Provision of pastoral care for the local community, which includes providing resources and facilities for spiritual, moral and intellectual development.
- The promotion of Christian values and service for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.
- Life skills training for young adults.
- Music lessons for both the youth and adults.
- Christian themed cultural events with free catering for the community.
- Women and Men's Christian events and support groups.
- Concerts and musical renditions presentations.
- Conferences for the local community.
- Book launches from local authors.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Worship and Prayer

The CIO has continued to foster relationships with the local community and offer opportunities for the local community to have Christian prayer meetings, baptisms, clubs and events and more lively worship activities, which all ages have been able to enjoy. Our website has also continued to be an invaluable source of communication, extending our reach to communities worldwide and has proved especially popular at special dates in the Liturgical calendar such as: Christmas and Easter.

The Church Centre

Cosmetic updates to the Sanctuary have continued to keep the Sanctuary current and a useful resource for functions, events and it serves particularly well for online events. The women's events held at the church have been particularly colourful and successful with many women being empowered by the events. Youthwork at the church has been a stunning success, with the youth taking their faith very seriously and leading their own events, as well as leading other youth, encouraging them in their faith. Lastly, we managed to host ten new events in addition to the usual events, which highlights the progressive use of the premises for the community.

Ecumenical Relationships

The trustees of the CIO have continued to grow relationships with local Christian groups and have brought on two new trustees stemming from these Christian groups, to further strengthen the relationships.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Ideally, the trustees wish to have in hand an amount equal to at least 3 months regular expenditure, which has been budgeted for as £1,300.00 to cover any emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £3,355.00 is surplus in excess of the charity's annual expenditure. We are still in a firm and decisively positive financial recovery since COVID and moving forward we will continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses and increasing donations.

Section F Other optional information

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) C C Hope-Rivers

Full name(s) Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair

Date 01/10/2024

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**BESSON STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Turnover | 28,703 | 29,539 |
| Depreciation and other amounts written off assets | (20,207) | (27,027) |
| Other charges | (5,141) | (9,951) |
| Profit/(loss) | <u>3,355</u> | <u>(7,439)</u> |

BESSON STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | 60,810 | 81,080 |
| Current assets | 3,661 | 306 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | (52,906) | (73,176) |
| Net current liabilities | (49,245) | (72,870) |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 11,565 | 8,210 |
| Net assets | 11,565 | 8,210 |
| Reserves | 11,565 | 8,210 |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Statutory information

Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, registration number CE019988. The registered office is Besson Street Chapel, Besson Street, London, SE14 5AS, United Kingdom.

2 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 0 (2022: 0).

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The director acknowledges her responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and FRS 105, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime.

Approved by the board on 1 August 2024

Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers
 Director

Company Registration No. CE019988

**BESSON STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Turnover | | |
| Sales | 27,820 | 23,539 |
| Fees | 883 | 6,000 |
| | 28,703 | 29,539 |
| Depreciation and other amounts written off assets | | |
| Depreciation | 20,207 | 27,027 |
| Other | | |
| Light and heat | 2,105 | 4,175 |
| Telephone and fax | 132 | 96 |
| Internet | 417 | 409 |
| Subscriptions | - | 87 |
| Bank charges | 1 | 138 |
| Insurance | 1,307 | 2,185 |
| Equipment expensed | - | 212 |
| Software | - | 333 |
| Sundry expenses | - | 910 |
| Accountancy fees | 400 | 200 |
| Advertising and PR | 301 | 344 |
| Other legal and professional | 478 | 862 |
| | 5,141 | 9,951 |
| Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation | 3,355 | (7,439) |

Independent Examiner's Statement for 31 December 2023 YE

The Independent Examiner

Name: Craig Alexander

Job Title: Accountant & Tax Consultant

Company: The XCG

Date of report: 26th October 2024

The Charity

I report on the accounts of Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School (Charitable Incorporated Organisation - No: CE019988), also known as New Cross Christian Centre or Hatcham Evangelical Free Church, for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner's

The trustees are responsible for preparing the accounts following the Charities Act 2011, while the independent examiner reviews the accounts to ensure they align with records and standards. This examination, based on Charity Commission guidelines, is less detailed than an audit, focusing only on identifying any inconsistencies in the financial reporting.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In my opinion:

1. Accounting Records: The trustees of *Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School* have kept proper accounting records, ensuring accuracy and traceability in line with charity regulations.
2. Compliance of Financial Statements: The financial statements comply with the applicable accounting requirements, presenting an accurate record of the charity's financial activities and position for the year ending 31 December 2023. The statements are in agreement with the underlying records and prepared in compliance with the Charities Act 2011.

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The Church Centre

The Sanctuary has continued to be a useful resource for functions and events as well as livestreams.

Ecumenical Relationships

The trustees of the CIO have continued to grow relationships with local Christian groups, promoting each other and the different ways we as a church community can serve the local community.

Section E Financial review

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) | Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers | |
| Full name(s) | Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | |
| Date | 01/10/2023 | |

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| Depreciation and other amounts written off assets | (27,027) | - |
| Other charges | (9,951) | (6,805) |
| (Loss)/profit | <u>(7,439)</u> | <u>15,570</u> |

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AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | 81,080 | 108,107 |
| Current assets | 306 | 849 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | (73,176) | (93,307) |
| Net current liabilities | (72,870) | (92,458) |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 8,210 | 15,649 |
| Net assets | 8,210 | 15,649 |
| Reserves | 8,210 | 15,649 |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Statutory information

Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, registration number CE019988. The registered office is Besson Street Chapel, Besson Street, London, SE14 5AS, United Kingdom.

2 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 0 (2021: 0).

For the year ending 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The director acknowledges her responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and FRS 105, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime.

Approved by the board on 1 October 2023

Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers
 Director

Company Registration No. CE019988

**BESSON STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Turnover | | |
| Sales | 23,539 | 16,615 |
| Fees | 6,000 | 5,760 |
| | 29,539 | 22,375 |
| Depreciation and other amounts written off assets | | |
| Depreciation | 27,027 | - |
| Other | | |
| Light and heat | 4,175 | 3,936 |
| Telephone and fax | 96 | 72 |
| Internet | 409 | 376 |
| Subscriptions | 87 | 408 |
| Bank charges | 138 | 6 |
| Insurance | 2,185 | 1,188 |
| Equipment expensed | 212 | 298 |
| Software | 333 | 321 |
| Sundry expenses | 910 | - |
| Accountancy fees | 200 | 200 |
| Advertising and PR | 344 | - |
| Other legal and professional | 862 | - |
| | 9,951 | 6,805 |
| (Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation | (7,439) | 15,570 |

Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School (the "CIO")
Independent Examiner's Report

25th October 2023

To the Trustees of Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School

I have examined the accounts of Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with the Charity Accounting and Reporting Standards (FRS 102) and for ensuring that they give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs at the year-end and of its income and expenditure for the year.

Responsibilities of the Examiner

My responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the accounts give a true and fair view in accordance with FRS 102. I have carried out my examination in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

Opinion

In my opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School at 31 December 2022 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended in accordance with FRS 102.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my examination in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council. My examination included, among other things, the following procedures:

- I reviewed the accounting records kept by the charity and compared the accounts presented with those records.
- I considered any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and sought explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.
- I assessed the accounting policies used by the charity and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the trustees.
- I evaluated the overall presentation of the accounts.

Comments from the Trustee Report

I agree with the trustees' approach of maintaining a financial reserve to cover unexpected expenses. The charity's current financial position is strong, and I am confident that it will continue to make progress in the coming year.

Conclusion

Based on my examination, I am satisfied that the accounts of Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs at 31 December 2022 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended in accordance with FRS 102.

Signed



Craig Alexander - Lead Adviser

25th October 2023

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England & Wales - Charity number 1186931

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
| | Day 1 | Month January | Year 2021 | | Day 31 | Month December | Year 2021 |

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School (the "CIO")

Other names charity is known by New Cross Christian Centre; Hatcham Evangelical Free Church

Registered charity number (if any) 1186931

Charity's principal address

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Besson Street Chapel & Sunday School | |
| Besson Street | |
| London | |
| Postcode | SE14 5AS |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|---|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Rev. Esther Arnold | Trustee | | Trustees themselves |
| 2 | Rev. Edward Nsubuga-Smart | Trustee | | Trustees themselves |
| 3 | Pastor John Ballantyne | Trustee | | Trustees themselves |
| 4 | Pastor Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers | Trustee | | Trustees themselves |
| 5 | Susan Akello | Trustee | | Trustees themselves |

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

| | |
|---|--|
| Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution) | Constitution |
| How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company) | Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) |
| Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by) | Appointed by the existing trustees from the church membership. |

Additional governance issues (Optional information) - overleaf

Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School CIO is a Free Evangelical Church in Great Britain.

The church's organisational structure, policies and procedures were re-confirmed in the pre-Incorporated meeting held on the 1st December 2019 with the pre-existing trustees. Pastor Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers volunteered to oversee the incorporation into a charity through Pastor Chuks Ajuka of Freshfire Organization.

Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School was registered on 12th December 2019 as Charity Number 1186931. The work of the CIO is overseen by the Trustees in accordance with the provisions of the CIO's constitution adopted by a meeting on the 16th December 2019. The CIO's constitution was prepared by Pastor Chuks Ajuka using the agreed objectives.

The CIO's work focuses upon young people and families, the trustees seeks to ensure that the needs of this group are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body. Skills in business, medicine, creative arts, childcare, pedagogy, theology and STEM subjects are well represented in the board of trustees. In the event of a resignation or death of a trustee, individuals with the lost set of skills are to be approached to offer themselves for election to the committee.

All Trustee meetings are to discuss the financial administration of the CIO, the care and the maintenance of the premises where the CIO meets. Meetings of the ministerial teams give general guidance on the life and work of the CIO.

The board of trustees are the minister in pastoral charge and up to 4 other members of the CIO. There is no maximum number of charity trustees that may be appointed to the CIO. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for the term of three years and retire by rotation. A charity trustee who has served for three consecutive terms may not be reappointed for a fourth consecutive term but may be reappointed after an interval of a least one year.

The board of trustees currently has 5 members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Secretary also sits on the board. A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Chair along with Secretary. The Trustees are responsible for the financial administration of the Church and the care and maintenance of Church premises and oversight and development of working practices in line with good practice.

The church buildings both the Chapel and Sunday School Hall are vested in The Fellowship Property Trust who have legal ownership of these premises as trustees and held for the benefit of Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School in accordance with the 1908 trust applicable to the site.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The CIO's purposes are set out in the objects contained in the CIO's Constitution which are to: advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs by the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Christianity to enlighten others about the Christian faith as the trustees from time to time may think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

When planning our activities for the year the trustees have considered the Commissions guidance on public benefit and have regard to it in the administration of the CIO. The board of trustees believes that the CIO provides benefit to the public by:

- Worship and prayer, educating people about the Gospel so they may make informed decisions of their own free will about whether they wish to follow Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for the local community which includes providing resources and facilities for spiritual, moral and intellectual development both for attendees of Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School as well as anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the CIO offers;
- Providing a safe space for local charities with the same objectives to meet and join in with our activities;
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the CIO and attendees of Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School to the local community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole;
- Providing a space for life skills training and music lessons for both the youth and adults.

As mentioned in the last report, the doing of these activities in person has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent waves and strains of COVID-19 and other contagious illnesses that also emerged following the outbreak, as well as Long Covid. Therefore, where possible, again, activities have moved online.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Worship and Prayer

The CIO has offered a range of opportunities for the local community that have been holistically and spiritually fulfilling. For example, providing a safe space for members of the community to have Christian prayer meetings, baptisms, clubs and events and more lively worship activities, which all ages have been able to enjoy. Additionally, we have built relationships with the local community by providing our facilities to the local community, giving them the opportunity to make use of the space to livestream church services. Our Facebook page and website have continued to be a source of communication with the outside world, with our online spaces continuing to receive regular views from our online community.

The Church Centre

The Sanctuary has undergone significant refurbishment by our friends in the local community Comunidade Bíblica da Graça London ("CBdG London"). The new look has been necessary in response to changes in the way that church is now done, since the COVID-19 outbreak. There is now a dedicated Studio space, equipped for livestreaming and the main hall is also refurbished in the manner of a studio/theatre, with a black background behind the stage, which looks much better on screen and also functions better as a blank canvas, when decorations are required

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Achievements and performance

for functions. We were particularly pleased, again, to be able to extend the use of the Sunday School Hall to the local community, as well as our friends at CBdG London for other activities.

Ecumenical Relationships

The trustees of the CIO have successfully formed and continued to grow professional working relationships with local Christian groups. We have worked hard to promote each other, our resources and the different ways we as a church community can serve the local community e.g. through skills sharing and providing spaces for adult and youth education in both Christian education and practical skills.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Ideally, the trustees wish to have in hand an amount equal to at least 3 months regular expenditure, which has been budgeted for as £1300.00 to cover any emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £848.38 is surplus in excess of the charities annual expenditure. This was again due the ripple effect of the unprecedented COVID-19 outbreak, which rendered most of our donors in need. However, this years balance was a nearly 1000% increase on last years balance so we are in a firm and decisively positive recovery. This increase was achieved by sound financial planning. Moving forward this strategy will be continued in order to build reserves through planned operating surpluses and increasing donations.

A loan in 2009 from a trustee to the charity was converted into a commercial loan in 2021, with supporting loan deeds and contracts. Prior to this, the loan was based upon a gentleman's agreement. On the assessment of the loan, the lender has agreed that the loan is to be paid back annually by way of a gift to the charity, as supported by the deeds of gift on file. Within the year 2021, the loan was offset by fifteen thousand pounds by the lender, by way of a gift from the lender.

The CIO, with the support of its trustees, volunteers and good financial planning, predict a positive financial outcome for the next period as the country continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and other infectious illnesses that have surfaced in the UK as of late, including but not limited to Monkey Pox, Polio, Gastric Flu and MMR.

Section F

Other optional information

The Trustees of Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School would like to express the deep sympathy felt by us in the grief that His Royal Majesty King Charles III, along with the rest of the Royal Family have sustained by the death of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, His Majesty's mother of blessed and glorious memory. As we enter our New Corolean Age, we would also like to convey our loyalty to His Majesty's Royal Person and our firm conviction that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, His Majesty will, throughout His Reign, further the happiness and protect the liberties of all His peoples in all His Realms. God save the King.

Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

| | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Signature(s) | <i>CCR</i> | |
| Full name(s) | Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | |
| Date | 29/10/2022 | |

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**BESSON STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Turnover | 22,375 | 8,787 |
| Members cost | - | (249) |
| Other charges | (6,805) | (8,459) |
| Profit | <u>15,570</u> | <u>79</u> |

BESSON STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--|-----------------|-----------|
| Fixed assets | 108,107 | - |
| Current assets | 849 | 79 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | (93,307) | - |
| Net current (liabilities)/assets | (92,458) | 79 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 15,649 | 79 |
| Net assets | 15,649 | 79 |
| Reserves | 15,649 | 79 |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Statutory information

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2 Average number of Volunteers

During the year the average number of volunteers was 10 (2020: 0).

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements set by SORP and the Charities Act 2011 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Trustees have not required the charity to obtain an audit in accordance with the Charities Act 2011

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions FRS 105, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime.

Approved by the board on 28 October 2022

Chair: Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers

Company Registration No. CE019988

**BESSON STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Turnover | | |
| Gifting | 16,615 | 2,857 |
| License Fee | 5,760 | 5,930 |
| | 22,375 | 8,787 |
| Members costs | | |
| Travel and subsistence | - | 249 |
| Other | | |
| Light and heat | 3,936 | 2,855 |
| Telephone and fax | 72 | - |
| Internet | 376 | 360 |
| Subscriptions | 408 | 414 |
| Bank charges | 6 | 156 |
| Insurance | 1,188 | 1,336 |
| Equipment expensed | 298 | 742 |
| Software | 321 | 725 |
| Repairs and maintenance | - | 215 |
| Accountancy fees | 200 | - |
| Solicitors fees | - | 1,130 |
| Advertising and PR | - | 101 |
| Other legal and professional | - | 65 |
| Other direct costs | - | 360 |
| | 6,805 | 8,459 |
| Surplus on ordinary activities | 15,570 | 79 |

BESSON STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1186931

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
| | Day 12 | Month December | Year 2019 | | Day 31 | Month December | Year 2020 |

Section A Reference and administration details

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Registered charity number (if any) 1186931

Charity's principal address

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 London
Postcode SE14 5AS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|---|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
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Objectives and activities

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

When planning our activities for the year the trustees have considered the Commissions guidance on public benefit and have regard to it in the administration of the CIO. The board of trustees believes that the CIO provides benefit to the public by:

- Worship and prayer, educating people about the Gospel so they may make informed decisions of their own free will about whether they wish to follow Jesus;
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- Providing a space for life skills training and music lessons for both the youth and adults.

Doing these activities in person has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Therefore, where possible activities have moved online and any activities not achievable online have been temporarily suspended as per government guidance.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Worship and Prayer

The CIO has offered a range of opportunities for the local community that have been holistically and spiritually fulfilling. For example, annual prayer meetings with the local community have provided a quiet, welcoming place for reflection and worship and pastoral care. There have also been opportunities for more lively worship activities, which all ages have been able to enjoy.

Additionally, we have built relationships with the local community in these trying times of COVID-19 by providing our facilities to the local community, giving them the opportunity to make use of the space for funerals and offering a bespoke package to each individual.

We have also seen a 308% increase in likes on our Facebook page over the COVID-19 lockdown, making our online community now significantly large. With our posts regularly getting over 4K impressions.

The Church Centre

The Sunday School Hall was refurbished during the summer by our

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friends in the local community Comunidade Bíblica da Graça (“CBdG”) and the new environment is much more appealing and functional, which will allow us to continue our youth work and general outreach activities in a more appealing environment. We were particularly pleased to be able to extend the use of the Sunday School Hall to the local community once it was refurbished to host a wake as well as to CBdG for other activities. During the week the hall is used by ourselves as well as other Christian groups in the local community for various activities and youth work

Ecumenical Relationships

The trustees of the CIO have successfully formed professional working relationships with a number of local Christian groups such as CBdG. We have held joint prayer meetings that have been multicultural in nature as well as bi-lingual. We have worked hard with CBdG to promote each other, our resources and the different ways we as a church community can serve the local community e.g. through skills sharing with the local community and providing spaces for adult and youth education in both Christian education and practical skills.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

Ideally, the trustees wish to have in hand an amount equal to at least 3 months regular expenditure, which is the equivalent of £1338.00 to cover any emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £79.47 held on unrestricted funds, after designations, at the 31st December 2020 did not match this target. This was due to the unprecedented COVID-19 outbreak, which rendered most of our donors jobless, causing significant changes in receipts over the three lockdowns since we incorporated. Additionally, we had significant and unexpectedly large expenses which could not be ignored including: legal fees, emergency building maintenance, boiler repairs and other repairs vitally needed to secure the premises due to a break-in during the lockdown, which consumed the emergency fund. Moving forward the strategy is to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses, including grant applications and increasing donations.

Further financial review details (Optional information) -

Against the backdrop of limited resources and insecurities over funding due to a decrease in weekly giving after nearly our entire congregation became unemployed due to the COVID-19 outbreak or ceased donating for other reasons, it has continued to be difficult to plan or develop services. Nevertheless the CIO, with the support of both its trustees, volunteers and good financial planning, predict a positive financial outcome for the next period as the country reopens and recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the CIO’s funds are to be spent in the short term, however there are options to generate additional funds for long term investment which is being discussed. A review of investment policies is planned early in the new financial year.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £8,787.35 of which £2,568.34

was donations from regular weekly giving which was used for many of our legal bills relating to incorporation. The site continues to be made available to groups in the local community with the same charitable purposes or for community events and funerals, which provided a gross income of £5,930.00, which, along with donations, is our principal source of income at the moment. The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £79.40 on unrestricted funds. The balances were carried forward as of 31st of December 2020.

Section F Other optional information

The CIO plans continuing the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. Plans are also being developed to work on a Christian meditation program. We also are working on plans to increase donations and recruit suitable volunteers for training the local youth and adults in Christian education as well as life skills.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

| | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Full name(s) | Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair |
| Date | 30/10/2021 |

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| | 2020 |
|---------------|-------------|
| | £ |
| Turnover | 8,787 |
| Members costs | (249) |
| Other charges | (8,459) |
| | <hr/> |
| Free Reserves | <u>79</u> |

BESSON STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

| | 2020 |
|--|-------------|
| | £ |
| Current assets | 79 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net current assets | 79 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 79 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net assets | 79 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Reserves | 79 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Statutory information

Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School is a Charitable incorporated organisation, registered in England and Wales, registration number CE019988. The registered office is Besson Street Chapel, Besson Street, London, SE14 5AS, United Kingdom.

2 Average number of employees

During the period the average number of employees was 0.

The trustees have not required the charity to obtain an audit in accordance with the under the Charities Act 2011 and Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements set by SORP and the Charities Act 2011 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions FRS 105, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime.

Approved by the board on 31 October 2021

Chair: Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers

Company Registration No. CE019988

**BESSION STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 12 DECEMBER 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2020**

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

| | 2020 £ |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Turnover | |
| Gifting | 2,857 |
| License Fee | 5,930 |
| | 8,787 |
| Members costs | |
| Travel and subsistence | 249 |
| Other | |
| Light and heat | 2,855 |
| Internet | 360 |
| Subscriptions | 414 |
| Bank charges | 156 |
| Insurance | 1,336 |
| Equipment expensed | 742 |
| Software | 725 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 215 |
| Solicitors fees | 1,130 |
| Advertising and PR | 101 |
| Other legal and professional | 65 |
| Other direct costs | 360 |
| | 8,459 |
| Surplus on ordinary activities | 79 |