



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

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	12/12/2019 onwards	Trustees themselves
2	Rev. Edward Nsubuga-Smart	Trustee	12/12/2019 onwards	Trustees themselves
3	Pastor John Ballantyne	Trustee	12/12/2019 onwards	Trustees themselves
4	Pastor Charlotte-Catherine Hope-Rivers	Trustee	12/12/2019 onwards	Trustees themselves
5	Susan Akello	Trustee	12/12/2019 onwards	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.

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

	2020
	£
Turnover	8,787
Members costs	(249)
Other charges	(8,459)
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Free Reserves	79
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BESSON STREET CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020
	£
Current assets	79
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Net current assets	79
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Total assets less current liabilities	79
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Net assets	79
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Reserves	79
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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
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Members costs	
Travel and subsistence	249
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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
	<hr/> 8,459 <hr/>
Surplus on ordinary activities	<hr/> 79 <hr/>