



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Besson Street Chapel and Sunday School (the "CIO")
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	New Cross Christian Centre; Hatcham Evangelical Free Church
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1186931
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Besson Street Chapel & Sunday School
	Besson Street
	London
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>SE14 5AS</b>

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

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

<p>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.</p>
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Providing a safe space for local charities with the same objectives to meet and join in with our activities;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Providing a space for life skills training and music lessons for both the youth and adults.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

<p><u>Worship and Prayer</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>The Church Centre</u></p> <p>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</p>
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## Section D

## 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**

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	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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**

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

**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 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.

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Turnover</b>		
Gifting	16,615	2,857
License Fee	5,760	5,930
	<u>22,375</u>	<u>8,787</u>
<b>Members costs</b>		
Travel and subsistence	-	249
<b>Other</b>		
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
	<u>6,805</u>	<u>8,459</u>
<b>Surplus on ordinary activities</b>	<u><u>15,570</u></u>	<u><u>79</u></u>