



**HEARTS UNITED**  
**MINISTRIES**

## Annual Report & Accounts

2021 – 22

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# 1. Introduction

## Brief

Hearts United Ministries is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales. The charity was incorporated on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2020. It currently has three trustees. New trustees are voted in by the presiding trustees at the time of voting. The charity is based on, and runs according to, Christian values. This document is the annual report and financial statement for the year ending on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2022. At this time, the charity is not obliged to have an external examination.

## Administrative Details

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## 2. Objects and Activities

Hearts United Ministries is an independent Christian, Bible-based, Church-type community of believers based in Poole, UK. Our members come from different nationalities, backgrounds and walks of life. We are united by one vision, which is to see members of the public walk in the spiritual, physical, and emotional freedom that Jesus Christ can provide. We aim to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ to all mankind in Poole, UK, and around the world.

The charity's objects are specifically restricted to the following:

TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION WORLDWIDE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THROUGH THE HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, BIBLE STUDIES, CONFERENCES, SUPPORTING OTHER CHRISTIAN CHARITIES, PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE AND MEDIA ITEMS TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION AND PROMOTING UNITY AND HARMONY AMONGST CHRISTIANS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPALS.

### 3. Annual Report

#### Activities

##### **Vision and Values**

Our primary mission is to see people walking in the freedom that Jesus Christ has purchased for them on the cross, with His own life. And that is because of His great love for the world. The team here at Hearts United Ministries are dedicated to unite, to empower, and to serve anyone who would like to walk into their God-given destiny. We know from personal experience that only Jesus Christ can transform your life and give you the assurance of salvation.

**To Unite:** It is our vision, mission, and passion to bring unity among Christians of all backgrounds and nationalities. We seek to remove the boundaries between Christians set by their nationalities, cultures, worldviews, and their general background.

**To Empower:** Another component of our vision is to produce Christian media which will empower, encourage, and edify believers in their Christian faith. People today have preferred modes of consuming media, whether in video format, text format, audio format, or even in person. We want to make the Good News of Jesus Christ available in all formats so that people would be able to be empowered in their daily walk of faith.

**To Serve:** We seek to serve both churches and Christian-based charities in their God-given missions, in whatever way we can. We have spiritual gifts, skills, talents, and cash to support God's work here on earth. We want to partner with and support all expressions of God's love towards humanity here on earth.

##### **COVID-19**

Although the devastation that COVID-19 has inflicted on the British economy has been immense, the devastation that it has inflicted on everyday people has been just as serious. We at Hearts United have come in contact with a fair number of people who either had COVID-19 or knew someone who had it.

The pandemic has given us ample opportunities to pray for and support people going through their own battles with COVID-19. We had to always stay alert and available to people that may need help and support.

It is worth noting though that 2021-22 has seen a milder effect from COVID-19 and that life was returning to normal. We adhered to the government guidance at all times ensuring that our trustees and subjects stayed safe at all times. We were allowed more and more to meet in-person which we did with great caution.

The trustees are glad to report that the pandemic did not stop our vital work for our community here in Poole and Bournemouth.

## **Prayer Meetings**

Our Monday night prayer meetings have continued as always. We gradually moved away from Zoom and carefully restarted the in-person prayer meetings as much as the government guidance allowed. Our main prayer points remained as follows:

The Government: We have been keeping our UK governmental authorities (both national and local) in our prayers so that they may make wise decisions in such a challenging time as the pandemic. Also, as things started to ease off, we were praying for businesses and establishments that wisdom would be granted to them to make right decisions helping the economy to come out of the pandemic.

Individual's Needs: We would always prioritise individual's needs during our prayer meetings. If anybody needed a job, or in need of healing, or just emotional support, we always prioritised our visitors as well as members' immediate needs. We had a few testimonies about people we prayed for finding new jobs, feeling much more peace about the future, and emotional well being. We believe prayer works and have seen great results.

The Local Residents: We always intercede before God for the local residents of Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch. We desire that the light of God's love would shine brightly in this conurbation. We pray for our streets, for safety, for peace, etc.

Ukraine: As the war in Ukraine began at the beginning of 2022, we found ourselves praying for the conflict and the people affected. We were also praying for guidance about ways in which we could help support the displaced Ukrainian people.

## **Bible Study**

Our Friday night Bible study sessions continued and eventually transitioned to in-person again, in accordance with the government guidance.

Our focus through the year has been faith, family and finances. At times we would systematically go through the Bible, and at other times we would follow a given course or study.

We have had times when the number of attendants grew to 8+ adults, but it did fluctuate throughout the year. We believe that Bible studies are a crucial tool to help people get established in the truth and liberty that Lord Jesus has to offer, but also in the knowledge about God's love.

We will continue to advertise, invite and reach people through this aspect of our ministry so that members of the public would come to know God's love for them closer.

## **Media Production**

Our media production has stayed more or less the same over the last year as we are praying about a new strategy for it.

The Blog: The blog on our website has not grown much over the last year, but we are planning to work on it in the near future. We are looking at different series of content that could go on it.

YouTube: The YouTube content has grown significantly over the last year. We have been publishing our Sunday morning services there and have seen a gradual increase in views.

Our hope is that the YouTube content will help to reach people with the Good News of God's love. We have had a few testimonies about how people enjoy it and find the content encouraging.

There is still work to be done in our media production endeavours. The podcast channel has not yet been launched, and we have some other ideas which we are hoping to launch in the year ahead.

## **Worship**

Our worship meetings (Sunday meetings) have resumed again in accordance with government guidance, and have been such a blessing for all attending.

We have gained a few regular attendants who are blessed each time they come. They leave feeling much more encouraged and positive.

We always ensure the Word of God is preached during our Sunday meetings and people have found it very encouraging and empowering.

One of the vital parts of our Sunday morning service is spending time together over a meal after the service. We feel that activity enforces togetherness and the sense of community. Our visitors really enjoy it and we intend to keep it.

## **Community**

One of the great needs we see around us is the lack of community and belonging. By and large, many people live separate lives with very little sense of togetherness and belonging. This negatively affects people's mental health and emotional balance.

Our focus has always been on building communities where people can interact with each other and spend time together. The pandemic has hindered this particular ministry, but when the lockdown eased somewhat we again restarted our community get-togethers.

Loneliness is a big problem in our society and the pandemic has exacerbated it even more. People were locked in their homes for undetermined amounts of time. For many it wasn't easy. But we feel that we have made a difference in this aspect at least with the people that we interacted with, and we will continue to include people and spend time with them in the effort to reduce loneliness in our community.

**Activities Overseas**

Given the pandemic and the aftermath of it, flying has remained almost impossible unless absolutely essential, hence our activities in impoverished communities overseas remained completely stopped during the last year. There is nothing to report in that regard, but we have kept in touch with the people over Zoom and have made a couple of donations towards the relief in the work to support the work of restoration after COVID-19 (see the Accounts section further on, for details of the donations).

**Public Benefit**

The trustees have adhered to their duty for due regard towards the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when exercising their authority and duties.

The trustees have always endeavoured to plan the charity activities in accordance with sections G3 and G2 from the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit (Jn 2008).

The paragraphs above demonstrate our activities, achievements, challenges, and successes that we had in the past year. We mainly achieve our objects and purposes through worship, Bible study, prayer, media production and practical help, activities which are directly related to the aims of the charity and are fully compliant with the Charity Commission Principles on Public Benefit.



## 4. Financial Review

The financial year ended on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. At the end of the financial year, the charity bank account showed a balance of £10,895.91. All funds that came in during the year have come in as unrestricted funds.

All the funds that have come in over the year have been from donations. The donations have come mainly from the trustees in the way of tithes and offerings. We have had some little money come from non-trustees.

Over the course of the year, we have registered 2 outgoings (expenses):

**1st donation** - we made a donation to Faith Life Church, Inc. USA of \$1,400.00 (which equated at the time to £1,048.09) towards their work, which includes media production and practical help towards the poor and the destitute. Also, given that we use much of their resources, it made sense for us to partner with them in their endeavours for the benefit of mankind.

**2nd donation** - we made a donation to a visiting minister from the Church of Praise, Siberia, Russia. We made the donation as cash-in-hand and the transaction is registered as a £300 withdrawal on the statement. The Church of Praise are investing heavily into their youth work within the City of Tomsk hoping to reduce the amount of drug addictions amongst the youth and we decided to bless the visiting speaker who blessed us by sharing with our congregation an encouraging us all word from The Word of God (although he expected nothing in return).

### Reserves Policy

Our aim is to build up some reserves with the view to rent or lease a building for our regular meetings. Therefore, the trustees are very careful with any expenditure. Given that none of the trustees are dependent financially on the charity nor do we have any paid staff at the moment, the expenses are very minimal. However, for us to further our objects and achieve success in our mission, we need to have a regular place of meeting where we can provide the public benefit described in our objects. Therefore the plan going forward is to continue to build our reserves and ensure that the charity is in a good financial position from which it can carry out its activities. This year we are much nearer to that vision than last year, given that our finances have overall increased by £6,112.91 over the year.

## 5. Financial Statement

Financial Statement for Year Ending 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022
Regular Giving (income)	7,461	-	12,244
Receipts	-	-	-
Payments	-	-	-
Expenses	-	-	-
Liabilities	-	-	-
Donations	(1,348.09)	-	(1,348.09)
Cash Funds	6,112.91	-	10,895.91
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>6,112.91</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,895.91</b>

### Itemised View

Date	Comment	Value	Balance
02/03/2022	Donation (income)	370	10895.91
28/02/2022	Visiting speaker donation	-300	10525.91
04/02/2022	Donation (income)	439	10825.91
01/02/2022	Donation (income)	200	10386.91
14/01/2022	Donation (income)	150	10186.91
04/01/2022	Donation (income)	450	10036.91
29/12/2021	Donation (income)	100	9586.91
13/12/2021	Donation (income)	40	9486.91
06/12/2021	Donation (income)	470	9446.91
10/11/2021	Donation (income)	600	8976.91
08/11/2021	Donation (income)	473	8376.91
06/10/2021	Donation (income)	371	7903.91
21/09/2021	Faith Life Church donation	-1048.09	7532.91
21/09/2021	Donation (income)	100	8581
06/09/2021	Donation (income)	70	8481
03/09/2021	Donation (income)	370	8411
12/08/2021	Donation (income)	100	8041
09/08/2021	Donation (income)	10	7941
04/08/2021	Donation (income)	370	7931
02/08/2021	Donation (income)	8	7561
06/07/2021	Donation (income)	260	7553
05/07/2021	Donation (income)	400.37	7293
07/06/2021	Donation (income)	550	6892.63
07/06/2021	Donation (income)	383.63	6342.63
05/05/2021	Donation (income)	644	5959
22/04/2021	Donation (income)	182	5315
07/04/2021	Donation (income)	350	5133

This was our second year of operations and the funds accumulated are £10,895.91. This financial statement was prepared by the charity trustees with no outside help. Our aim is to be totally transparent about our financial activities whilst protecting the identity of individuals who have donated. We believe we do not need an independent examiner at this time.

## 1 Final Remarks

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us during the last year. It was a challenging year and yet the love of God was so evident in so many different ways.

We would like to thank all the people who have donated towards our mission and vision over the last year. Your financial support is extremely valuable, and the trustees are totally committed to spending it wisely and in the Fear of God. We will make every effort to further the charity's objects with the financial aid so kindly donated to us.

Also, we would like to thank all those who have helped in so many practical ways the charity during the last year. We prayed for people and saw them free from emotional difficulties, we have seen people get jobs that they really needed, we have seen people's lives positively affected through the practical help that people have been able to offer. Thank you!

Next year will be a big year. We will aim to find a building where we can interact with even more people and reach even further into our community. It will enable us to meet more regularly and better provide the public benefit that the trustees so desperately want to offer our great community here in the BCP Council area and beyond.

“The LORD bless you and keep you;  
25 The LORD make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
26 The LORD <sup>26</sup>lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.” ’ (Num 6:24-26)