



HEARTS UNITED
MINISTRIES

**Annual Report
& Accounts**

2022 – 23

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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 17th 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 2nd of March 2023. 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.

Overview

Since the COVID-19 pandemic limitations were completely removed, we were able to once again, meet freely from house to house and conduct our routine activities of Bible Study, Prayer, Worship and helping and supporting the people within the community.

The war in Ukraine, whilst a great tragedy, it has afforded us some opportunities to minister to Ukrainian refugees that have come to the area. More about it later.

Over the last year we have seen a modest growth in the amount of people attending our meetings and for that we are greatly thankful to God and the newcomers for the opportunity to serve and share God's love with those around us.

Overall, it has been a good year. We have seen God's hand by way of new people coming into a real knowledge of Jesus Christ, we have seen God's healing power manifest among us as well as emotional and mental health healings.

We have been fervent in propagating God's Word, the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ and generally helping the attendants to go deeper in the Bible and their knowledge of God.

Prayer Meetings

Our Monday night prayer meetings have continued as always. We completely moved away from Zoom and fully restarted the in-person prayer meetings every Monday. 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 we find ourselves. 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 wellbeing. 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. We made the decision to allocate some finances to relief work carried out by various charities and organisations.

Bible Study

Our Friday night Bible study sessions continued in-person again, and also, we have seen an increase in the number of attendants.

Our focus through the year has been discipleship. We have started a Bible Study course which focuses on how to grow in the knowledge and love of God as well as the ways in which to communicate our faith with the community at large.

We have seen a clear and constant increase in the number of attendants as well as the willingness to learn. 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 was lifted, 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

There isn't much to report on the overseas ministry front. We have helped financially some ministries, especially humanitarian relief types of ministries, given the war in Ukraine and its affects elsewhere. But that is about all the activities abroad we had this last year.

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 2nd March 2023. At the end of the financial year, the charity bank account showed a balance of £13,655.63. 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.

Given the closing balance from the previous year being £10,895.91, our finances have gone up by £2,759.72 (23.33%).

During the year, the trustees have voted in favour of some expenditure on musical instruments to help with the worship services.

Also, as mentioned before, some money has been donated to visiting speakers as well as oversees humanitarian relief.

It is important to note that no money at all has been expended on salaries or personal expenses to individuals whilst on ministry activities.

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 increased again.

5. Financial Statement

Financial Statement for Year Ending 2nd March 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023
Regular Giving (income)	6,802	-	17,697.91
Receipts	-	-	-
Payments	-	-	-
Expenses	(1,333.94)	-	(1,333.94)
Liabilities	-	-	-
Donations	(2,708.34)	-	(2,708.34)
Cash Funds	2,759.72	-	13,655.63
Total Funds	2,759.72	-	13,655.63

This was our third year of operations and the funds accumulated are £13,655.63. 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 receive Jesus as their saviour, 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;
²⁵The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
²⁶The LORD [℣]lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.” ’ (Num 6:24-26)