

Good News Church Hurstpierpoint

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2023

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**GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	149 High Street Hurstpierpoint Hassocks BN6 9PU
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - association October 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1191622
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	David Lowries Lynn Cobbett Dickon Adams Mark Pyle
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. Our church exists primarily for the worship of God. As such we rejoice that each week we gather on Sunday to worship our God together and to equip and encourage those there to worship God in all of life through out the week. We are grateful for the freedom to do this and delight in meeting on Sundays as well as our mid-week gatherings.

Structure

The Membership of the church are able to vote on trustees who are ultimately responsible for the running of the charity however most decisions are made by the membership at our regular members meetings with the trustees involved.

Review of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

We rejoice that throughout 2023 we have been able to meet regularly on Sundays and midweek to encourage and build one another up as we worship God.

We are grateful to run three home groups alongside partnering with other churches to run a café and toddler group in the village. We also continue to run Senior Moments which has a focus on older people.

We have a safeguarding policy that is up to date and DBS checks are carried out on the relevant people.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £10,400, to £47,300, only due to a legacy received. Expenditure also increased by £5,200, to £44,900. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £2,400, to £76,600, of which all is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Financially we are grateful for God's provision to us. We thank God for the generosity of our regular congregation who give to resource the church.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to about 6 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £76,600 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

David Lowries

[David Lowries \(Jun 2, 2024 12:41 GMT+1\)](#)

David Lowries

Date: Jun 2, 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Good News Church Hurstpierpoint ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 5 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jaimée Young
Jaimée Young (Jun 3, 2024 10:00 GMT+1)

Jaimée Young

Stewardship
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LONDON
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Date: Jun 3, 2024

GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>						
Donations		29,589	-	1,685	31,274	29,883
Gift aid receipts		3,336	-	-	3,336	5,182
Legacies		10,758	-	-	10,758	-
Charitable activities		458	-	-	458	-
Insurance refund		-	-	-	-	1,235
Interest		1,305	-	-	1,305	273
Other		181	-	-	181	363
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>45,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,685</u>	<u>47,311</u>	<u>36,935</u>
<i>Payments</i>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	39,436	-	1,349	40,784	35,566
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	2,460	-	1,636	4,096	4,098
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>41,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,985</u>	<u>44,880</u>	<u>39,663</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		3,731	-	(1,300)	2,431	(2,728)
Transfers between funds	5	(964)	-	964	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>2,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(336)</u>	<u>2,431</u>	<u>(2,728)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		74,057	-	130	74,187	76,915
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>76,824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(206)</u>	<u>76,618</u>	<u>74,187</u>

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH HURSTPIERPOINT
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Current account	4,111	-	(206)	3,904	4,793
Savings account	72,645	-	-	72,645	69,350
Petty cash	68	-	-	68	45
	<u>76,824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(206)</u>	<u>76,618</u>	<u>74,187</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	4,794	-	206	5,000	3,258
	<u>4,794</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,258</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Taxes due	320	-	-	320	249
Pension due	146	-	-	146	131
Fee for Independent Examination	900	-	-	900	540
	<u>1,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,367</u>	<u>920</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use				Value 2023	Purchase cost
				£	£
Manse					67,929
Contents and equipment				29,125	
				<u>29,125</u>	<u>67,929</u>

The manse is shown at purchase cost. The charity London City Mission have an interest in this property.

The trustees have used insurance values for contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by David Lowries date Jun 2, 2024
David Lowries (Jun 2, 2024 12:41 GMT+1)
David Lowries

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly						
Staff costs	Note 4	26,748	-	-	26,748	23,957
Meetings and ministries		441	-	1,349	1,790	280
Church utilities		1,810	-	-	1,810	1,242
Church other property costs		1,197	-	-	1,197	1,865
Administration (inc telephone) & sundry		127	-	-	127	88
Manse upkeep costs (inc insurance)	Note 4	5,680	-	-	5,680	3,584
Subscriptions		1,056	-	-	1,056	937
Professional and legal fees		827	-	-	827	2,193
Catering & refreshments		272	-	-	272	155
Sundry costs		1,277	-	-	1,277	1,265
		<u>39,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>40,784</u>	<u>35,566</u>

3 Grants and gifts paid to others

Organisations:					
Barnabas Trust	-	-	1,506	1,506	1,638
Organisations < £1,000	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500
Individuals	960	-	130	1,090	960
	<u>2,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,636</u>	<u>4,096</u>	<u>4,098</u>

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4 Transactions with related parties

David Lowries served as a church leader and was paid £24,374 [2022: £22,184] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

The spouse of trustee Mark Pyle and was paid £1,134 [2022: £1,014] for her role as Church cleaner; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

In addition, the charity incurred expenditure totalling £5,680 [2022: £3,584] in respect of the provision of accommodation (which is customary for ministers) to David Lowries, who is a trustee, so that they could better perform their duties.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	74,057	45,626	(41,896)	(964)	76,824
	<u>74,057</u>	<u>45,626</u>	<u>(41,896)</u>	<u>(964)</u>	<u>76,824</u>
Restricted funds					
Mission day	-	1,300	(1,506)	-	(206)
Benevolent fund	130	385	(1,479)	964	-
	<u>130</u>	<u>1,685</u>	<u>(2,985)</u>	<u>964</u>	<u>(206)</u>
Total funds	<u>74,187</u>	<u>47,311</u>	<u>(44,880)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,618</u>

The Missionary fund relates to special appeals held during the year to further the charitable objectives of the church. The funds this year were paid to the Barnabas Trust and the deficit relates to potential gift aid added to grant but not recovered until after the year end.

The Benevolent fund relates to fund given for the purpose of helping those in need.










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