

Registered Charity Number 1193732

BEACON CHURCH HEBDEN BRIDGE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024



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CHURCH INFORMATION

Address

60 Fairfield
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West Yorkshire
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Trustees

Benjamin Oliver
Cheryl Clarke
Pauline Hogarth

Resigned 30th September 2023

Charity Number

1193732

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J R Caladine FCCA
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES'

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024.

1 Objectives and activities

The object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith in HX7; Hebden Bridge and the surrounding areas. A wide range of activities are undertaken under the banner of Beacon Church Hebden Bridge to carry out its objectives; to provide opportunity for people, whether they are already part of the faith or those seeking to discover more, to express or explore devotion through Evangelical Christian worship and engage in discipleship and training to deepen their understanding of Christianity.

To raise awareness and understanding of Evangelical Christianity through teaching, friendship, fellowship, community service and outreach work. To serve the local community by the promotion of spiritual welfare through the practical expression of Evangelical Christianity: fellowship, friendship, mutual support and practical help (depending on circumstances and specific need).

These include Sunday Services as an expression of Christian worship; There is regular teaching and training in the Christian faith and opportunities for believers to express their spiritual nature through prayer and service, and live out their faith in practical ways as we serve those in our community.

2 Public Benefit

The Trustees consider that the objectives as described above fulfil the requirements of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

3 Structure, governance and management

Formerly, Beacon Church Hebden Bridge had operated as an unregistered charity. It was resolved by the Trustees of the unregistered trust to be in the interests of the Charity to form a CIO and transfer the assets and activities that new entity. On 20 July 2021 the Charity Commission authorised the transfer of assets formerly held by the unregistered charity known as Mount Zion Baptist Chapel (Evangelical) to Beacon Church Hebden Bridge.

The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission For England and Wales, number 1193732, and is constituted as a CIO under a constitution dated 8 March 2021.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Benjamin Oliver
Cheryl Clarke
Pauline Hogarth

Resigned 30th September 2023

The Church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

4 Financial review

Income for the period amounted to £14,871 and expenditure £33,309 leading to a deficit for the year of £18,438 (2023: surplus of £6,183). Total funds at the year end were £100,771 (2023: £119,209), of which £240 (2023: £10,166) were restricted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' (CONTINUED)

5 Review of activities

Beacon Church Hebden Bridge has provided weekly Sunday Services and mid-week meetings in the HX7 area in which Christian worship and teaching take place, these are open to everybody regardless of belief. This benefits those who already Christians by helping them to learn more about their faith and giving those who are not the chance to explore Evangelical Christianity. The church currently meets in centre of Hebden Bridge town, in order to make it easier for people to attend and also raise awareness of the church. The building we meet in is well used and is fully accessible to anyone with disabilities.

These services and meetings also provide community in which friendships are built and in which fellowship mutual support and practical help take place. These are not only religious but social events open to all members of the community. This benefits those who attend by developing friendships, improving mental health, spiritual welfare and with practical support. For example, those younger and more physically able in the church have been able to provide support and practical help to those in the church who are older or have health issues by taking them to hospital, picking up prescriptions, and doing their shopping.

During this period a number of people have visited the church with some attending the church regularly and one man and one woman have chosen to follow the Christian faith. Another man who had previously joined the church and become a Christian was baptised.

The Beacon Church Hebden Bridge has sort to raise awareness and understanding of the Christian faith in the HX7 area through a weekly literature table in Hebden Bridge Town Square in which free Christian literature is given away and people have the opportunity to ask questions about Christianity. Also, the church holds a weekly Bible study meeting in one of the pubs in Hebden Bridge in which those who are interesting in exploring the Christian faith have been able to attend and ask questions. Through these things people have begun to both attended the church and exploring the Christian faith. This awareness is built on in Sunday service and the mid-week meeting where those who desire to learn more are able to do this.

On the last Sunday of each month, after the church service, Beacon Church Hebden Bridge has served the local community by providing monthly bring and share meal. This meal is open to all whether they attend church or not and it as has given further chances for fellowship and to develop friendships among those in the church or with those who visit the church.

6 Reserves Policy

The Charity seeks to retain reserves when possible but not to the detriment of its work. Unrestricted cash funds at the year end amounted to £100,531 (2023: £109,043).

7 Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operation risks which the Charity faces and confirm that systems are in place to manage and mitigate these risks.

8 The Charity's accountant is J R Caladine Esq of Caladine Limited, Chartered Certified Accountants of Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 1BF who has carried out the Independent Examination.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' (CONTINUED)

60 Fairfield
Hebden Bridge
West Yorkshire
HX7 6JD

Date: 25.4.25

On behalf of the Trustees



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Mr B Oliver
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEACON CHURCH HEBDEN BRIDGE

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Beacon Church Hebden Bridge ('the Charity') for the year ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

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 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 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 respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



J R Caladine FCCA

Caladine Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date:

29 April 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>30 June 2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>30 June 2023</u>
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations	12,641	35	12,676	12,763
Grants	-	-	-	25,000
Interest receivable	2,195	-	2,195	1,058
Other	-	-	-	10
	14,836	35	14,871	38,831
<u>Payments</u>				
Employment costs	14,900	9,649	24,549	24,250
Pension	1,335	-	1,335	1,313
Publicity	208	-	208	166
Rent	2,181	-	2,181	2,329
Utilities	120	-	120	120
Insurance	240	-	240	250
Equipment	147	-	147	925
Mission and other gifts	1,340	-	1,340	970
Outreach	334	312	646	149
Food and Catering	56	-	56	144
Governance and legal fees	417	-	417	426
Admin and support	2,060	-	2,060	1,566
Other expenses	10	-	10	40
	23,348	9,961	33,309	32,648
Net receipts/(payments)	(8,512)	(9,926)	(18,438)	6,183
Cash funds at start of year	109,043	10,166	119,209	113,026
Cash funds at the year end	100,531	240	100,771	119,209

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

<u>Cash funds</u>	30 June <u>2024</u> £	30 June <u>2023</u> £
Virgin money	22,630	17,740
Kingdom Bank	78,141	101,469
TOTAL Cash Funds	100,771	119,209
 <u>Liabilities</u>		
Accountancy and Independent Examination fee	1,440	1,500

Approved by the Trustees on 25.4.25 and signed on its behalf by

B. Oliver
Mr B Oliver
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

1.1 Donations

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Charity.

1.2 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and allocated to the appropriate category.

1.3 Unrestricted funds:

The Church operates a General Fund for the day to day activities.

Restricted funds:

Monies donated for specific purposes are held in various restricted funds. Movements on these funds is shown in note 2.

2 Funds

	Balance at 30-Jun-23 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance at 30-Jun-24 £
<u>Unrestricted</u>				
General fund	109,043	14,836	(23,348)	100,531
<u>Restricted</u>				
Ministry	9,649	-	(9,649)	-
Evangelism	277	35	(312)	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Rent	-	-	-	-
Hoodies	240	-	-	240
	10,166	35	(9,961)	240
Total funds	119,209	14,871	(33,309)	100,771

3 Trustee and Related Party Transactions

Trustee, Mr B Oliver, was employed as the Church's Pastor. During the year he received a salary of £24,549 (2023: £24,250) and the Church made contributions into a pension scheme of £1,335 (2023: £1,313).

Other than as disclosed above, none of the Trustees received any remuneration or were re-imbursed any out of pocket expenses during the year.