

Registered Charity number 1193732

BEACON CHURCH HEBDEN BRIDGE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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Church information

Address:

17 Edward Street
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HX7 8DF

Trustees:

Benjamin Oliver
Cheryl Clarke
Stephen Wright

Appointed 11th March 2025

Charity Number:

1193732

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Independent Examiner:

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the year ending 30 June 2025.

1 Objective 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

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
Stephen Wright (Appointed 11th March 2025)

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

4 Financial Review

Income for the period amounted to £36,216 and expenditure £32,007 leading to a surplus for the year of £4,209 (2024 deficit of £18,438). Total funds at the end of the year were £104,981, (2024: £100,771) of which £389 (2024: £240) 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 two men have chosen to follow the Christian faith.

The Beacon Church Hebden Bridge has sought 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 interested in exploring the Christian faith have been able to attend and ask questions. Through these things people have begun to both attend the church and explore the Christian faith. This awareness is built on in the Sunday services and the mid-week meetings where those who desire to learn more are able to do this. Some of the members of the church have been involved in promoting the Christian faith in a number of local primary and secondary schools. Through this they have taken part in school assemblies, given away "Your Move" books in order to help those transitioning from primary to secondary school to be more confident starting secondary school. They have also hosted a "Question Point" at one of the local secondary schools in which they ask a question on moral or spiritual issues to make pupils think deeper and to give them a platform to voice opinions on diverse topics.

The Beacon Church Hebden Bridge has served the local community by providing monthly bring and share meal, on the last Sunday of each month, after the church service. This meal is open to all whether they attend church or not and it has given further chances for fellowship and to develop friendships among those in the church or with those who visit the church. One of the members of the church has served the local community by consistently providing support for homeless people in Halifax (our closest large town), helping some of the most vulnerable in society. Members of the church have been involved in running a weekly youth group, which is open to all local children whether they attend church or not, in which the children play games, make crafts and learn about the Christian faith.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

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 £104,592 (2024: £100,531)

7 Risk Management

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

8 Mrs Joan Wright, Treasurer, 318 Halifax Road, Todmorden, West Yorkshire, OL14 5SR.

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On behalf of the Trustees



Trustee **Mr B. Oliver**

Date: 31st March 2026

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEACON CHURCH HEBDEN BRIDGE Charity No. 1193732

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 2025, 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 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.

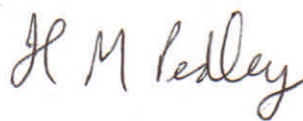
31st March 2026

H M Pedley, FCA

Frost Hole Farm, Cragg Vale

Hebden Bridge

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations	12,846	149	12,995	12,676
Legacy	21,515	-	21,515	-
Interest Receivable	<u>1,706</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,706</u>	<u>2,195</u>
	<u>36,067</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>36,216</u>	<u>14,871</u>
 <u>Payments</u>				
Employment costs	25,450		25,450	24,549
Pension	1,401		1,401	1,335
Publicity	164		164	208
Rent	2,710		2,710	2,181
Utilities	120		120	120
Insurance	264		264	240
Equipment	35		35	147
Missions and other gifts	1,156		1,156	1,340
Outreach	380		380	646
Governance and legal fees	149		149	417
Admin and support	24		24	2,060
Safeguarding	150		150	-
Other	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>32,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,007</u>	<u>33,309</u>
 Net Receipts/ (payments)	4,060	149	4,209	(18,438)
 Cash funds at the start of the year.	<u>100,531</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>100,771</u>	<u>119,201</u>
 Cash funds year end	<u>104,592</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>104,981</u>	<u>100,771</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

<u>Cash Funds</u>	30 June 2025 £	30 June 2024 £
Virgin Money	25,400	22,630
Kingdom Bank	<u>79,581</u>	<u>78,141</u>
TOTAL Cash Funds	<u>104,981</u>	<u>100,771</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>		
Accountancy and Independent Examination fee	-	<u>1,440</u>

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



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Mr B Oliver
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments bases 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

	Balances at 30 June 24 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balances at 30 June 25 £
<u>Unrestricted</u>				
General Fund	100,531	36,067	32,007	104,592
<u>Restricted</u>				
Hoodies	240	0	0	240
Other (Shredding documents)	-	149	-	149
Total Funds	<u>100,771</u>			<u>104,981</u>

3 Trustees and Related Party Transactions

Trustee, Mr B Oliver, was employed as the Church's Pastor. During the year he received a salary of £25,450 (2024: £24,549) and the Church made contributions into a pension of scheme of £1,401 (2024: £1,335).

Other than is disclosed above, none of the Trustees received any remuneration or were reimbursed any out of pocket expenses during the year.