

**Registered Charity Number 1197733**

**Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31st March 2023**

**For**

**THE POTTER'S HOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UK BEDFORD CHURCH**

## Reference and Administrative details

**Registered Charity number:**

1197733

**Principal address:**

St Marys Church Hall  
Church Lane  
Bedford  
MK41 0AP

**Trustees:**

Michael Philip Belnavis (Chair)  
Paul King  
Una Hilary Belnavis

**Banker:**

Barclays Bank  
Leicestershire  
LE87 2BB

**Accountants:**

SSYNERGY ACCOUNTANTS  
The Old Courthouse  
Grays, Essex,  
RM17 5DD

**Solicitors:**

Anthony Collins Solicitors  
134 Edmund Street  
Birmingham  
B3 2ES  
United Kingdom

# **THE POTTER'S HOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UK BEDFORD CHURCH**

## **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31st March 2023**

The Trustees present the annual report in conjunction with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### **Objectives and Aims:**

As a Christian organisation, our aim has been and continues to be the promotion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is done primarily in our local community of Bedford and in the adjoining boroughs. The charity partners with its mother church in Northampton to support towards the world evangelism. Our aim is to make a positive and lasting contribution to our local community, with greater emphasis on the family unit, on our youth, disadvantaged and the elderly. We have been successful in this regard throughout the year by partnering with the Local Authority to tackle knife and gun crime, anti-social behaviour, juvenile delinquency through the use of the gospel as an avenue for rehabilitation. Our youth ministries continue to try and maximise their positive impact and influence upon the young people of our borough.

### **Charitable Activities:**

As a local community church we have observed a growth in the true conversions, visitors and general attendance due mainly via our outreach strategies.

As a member of our local neighbourhood we have for years worked tirelessly for our local borough to try and reach out to our general community and help in any area where possible such as elderly, disadvantaged, lonely and deprived and have seen the rewards and positive results from the Christian endeavours.

Bible study groups (home bible groups) are flourishing and continue to be an immense support network for attendees in general and particularly for those facing difficulties. Home group leaders continue to take initiative to have their own local outreaches.

### **Financial Review:**

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, the charity had total revenue of £16,864 and total expenses of £17,601. The opening reserves were £0 and closing reserves were negative £737 resulting in a deficit of £737.

### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

The composition of the Board of Trustees is currently made up of the following Church council members: Michael P Belnavis (Chair), Paul King, Una Hilary Belnavis. The appointment of the Trustees where required, remains governed by the Constitution of the Church.

The Board of Trustees retain the authority to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies and/or increase the number of Trustees where the need arises. The process for the appointment of new Trustees is laid out in the Constitution as of 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2022.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Pastor Michael P Belnavis - Trustee

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Potters House Christian Fellowship UK Bedford Church.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Potters House CF UK Bedford for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of the report**

As the charity trustees of The Potters House CF UK Bedford 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 Potters House Christian Fellowship UK Bedford Church 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 Potters House Christian Centre Fellowship UK Bedford Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Sharoon Sardar FCCA  
SSYNERGY ACCOUNTANTS  
The Old Courthouse  
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RM17 5DD

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## Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 Total £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>				
Donations and legacies	<b>1</b>	15,514	-	15,514
Other income	<b>2</b>	1,350		1,350
<b>Charitable activities</b>		-	-	-
Investment income		-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,864</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,864</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
Raising funds	<b>3</b>	7,179	-	7,179
Charitable Activities	<b>4</b>	5,960	-	5,960
Other	<b>5</b>	4,462	-	4,462
<b>Total</b>		<b>17,601</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,601</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(737)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(737)</b>
Net movement in funds		(737)	-	(737)
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>(737)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(737)</b>

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## Balance Sheet

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 Total £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible assets		-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash at bank	6	-	-	-
<b>CREDITORS</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(737)	-	(737)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>(737)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(737)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>(737)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(737)</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>				
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>(737)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(737)</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>				
Unrestricted funds		(737)	-	(737)
Restricted funds		-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><u>(737)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(737)</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Pastor Michael P Belnavis - Trustee



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## Notes to the Accounts

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

<b>1 Donations and legacies</b>	<b>£</b>
Tithes & Offerings	15,514
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	<b>15,514</b>
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 <b>2 Other Income</b>	 <b>£</b>
Preacher's Love Offering	1,100
Revival Income	250
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	<b>1,350</b>
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 <b>3 Raising Funds</b>	 <b>£</b>
Rent and rates	5,462
Motor & Travelling expenses	369
Accommodation	108
Events	1,239
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	<b>7,179</b>
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 <b>4 Charitable Activities</b>	 <b>£</b>
Fellowship Tithes & World Evangelism	5,390
Outreach	-
Conference and seminars	540
Benevolence	30
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	<b>5,960</b>
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## Notes to the Accounts

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

<b>5 Other</b>	<b>£</b>
Insurance	359
Printing and advertising	911
Professional Fees	570
Hospitality	1,368
Miscellaneous	625
Subscriptions and books	461
Repair & Maintenance	26
Administration	141
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	<b>4,462</b>
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 <b>Total Expenditure</b>	 <hr/>
	<b>17,601</b>
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 <b>6 Cash in Bank</b>	 <b>£</b>
Current Account	-
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 <b>7 Amounts falling due within one year</b>	 <b>£</b>
Trade Creditors	737
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	<b>737</b>
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