

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****BURY STREET COMMUNITY CHURCH****CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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BURY STREET COMMUNITY CHURCH

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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BURY STREET COMMUNITY CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the Period Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

CONSTITUTION

A group of Christians from Enfield Town Community Church (ETCC) started meeting together in Bury Street in 2017. In June 2022 Bury Street Community Church ("the Church") was registered with the Charity Commission as an independent Church and charity. The activities of Bury Street Community Church transferred from ETCC to the Church in July 2022.

The Church is governed by a constitution established in 2018.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Church in the year under review was the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within the London Borough of Enfield and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness and the advancement of education". The Church also provides facilities for the local community.

The Church holds regular Sunday services and weekly activities and to grow as God's people, in order to go and make Jesus known to those around us.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

Nominations for a new Elder may be made at any time by the body of Elders. The nomination requires the approval of the Church meeting with a minimum threshold of 75% of those voting. An Elder shall be appointed for five years and shall then be eligible for re-election.

Deacons may be appointed by the Elders. They have no fixed term but are reviewed annually. At present there are no deacons appointed.

The Church Secretary is responsible for the induction of any new elder which involves an awareness of the responsibilities of the position, the governing document, and the Church's policy and procedures.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the period ended 31 December 2023

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Dougie Affleck was the Pastor of the Church since September 2017 until March 2023.

On Sundays and during the week, age related activities for children were also provided. The Church also provided a Mums and Tots group, and women's and Men's study group. All these activities were open to the general public. The Church continued to invite the public regularly by leaflet campaigns and knocking door to door. Over the year, Sunday morning attendances have generally been between 40 and 60.

The Church continued to support our missionary family in various parts of the UK and abroad.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

It is the intention of the Elders to continue the principal activities as set out above.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

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for the period ended 31 December 2023

FINANCIAL POSITION

The Church made a surplus on unrestricted funds of £45,658 (2022: £14,492). The surplus included a transfer of funds from Enfield Town Community Church (ETCC) of £13,144 to provide initial working capital for the Church

ETCC provided a gift of £10,000 in June 2022 and continued to receive donations (£18,380) towards the work of the Church after June 2022 and used these funds (£19,687) to meet some of the Church's expenses transferring the remaining balance of £13,144 in 2023.

RESERVES POLICY

The objective is that the reserves of the Church are sufficient to fund the activities for three months. At 31 December 2023 the reserves are sufficient to fund the activities of the Church for six months based on the costs budgeted for 2024, once a new pastor has been appointed.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The elders have conducted a review of the major risks to which the church would be exposed and systems are being implemented to mitigate those risks where possible. The risks and systems will be regularly reviewed.

ELDERS AND OFFICIALS

The elders and officials in office during the year were as follows:-

- Dougie Affleck (until March 2023)
- Nigel Williams
- Veeman Masillamany

VOLUNTEERS

The Church's activities rely on the commitment of large number of volunteers. The Church recognises the contribution that the volunteers make in the sustaining of its activities.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

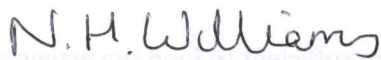
Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements the elders and officials are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- (c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with SORP 2005 and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Church will continue.

The elders and deacons are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



N Williams

22 October 2024

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF

BURY STREET COMMUNITY CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Church for the period ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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22 October 2024

BURY STREET COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the Period Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrest- ricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Unrest- ricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022 (7 months)
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	2	70,405	2,510	72,915	24,797	-	24,797
Gift from ETCC	7	13,144	-	13,144	10,000	-	10,000
Investments	3	152	-	152	-	-	,
Charitable activities		4,262	-	4,262	-	-	,
Total income		87,963	2,510	90,473	34,797	-	34,797
Church activities	4	42,305	2,490	44,795	20,305	-	20,305
Total expenditure		42,305	2,490	44,795	20,305	-	20,305
Net income for the year		45,658	20	45,678	14,492	-	14,492
Transfers between funds		(630)	630	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		45,028	650	45,678	14,492	-	14,492
Total funds brought forward		14,492	-	14,492	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	10	59,520	650	60,170	14,492	-	14,492

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11-15 form part of these financial statements.

BURY STREET COMMUNITY CHURCH**BALANCE SHEET****At 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023	2022
			(7 months)
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	6	1,912	-
Cash at bank and in hand		58,258	14,492
Net current assets		60,170	14,492
Current liabilities	7	-	-
Total net assets		60,170	14,492
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	8	650	-
Unrestricted funds			
- General fund	8	59,520	14,492
Total unrestricted funds		59,520	14,492
Total funds		60,170	14,492

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 26 September and were signed on its behalf by:

N. H. Williams

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N Williams -Trustee

22 October 2024

The notes on pages 11-15 form part of these financial statements.

BURY STREET COMMUNITY CHURCH**CASH FLOW STATEMENT****for the Period Ended 31 December 2023**

	2023	2022
		(7 months)
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	43,918	14,952
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	(152)	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	43,766	14,492
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	14,492	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	58,258	14,492
RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income for the reporting period from the Statement of Financial Activities	45,678	14,492
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	-	-
Interest received	152	-
Increase in debtors	(1,912)	-
Increase in creditors	-	-
Net cash from operating activities	43,918	14,492

The notes on pages 11-15 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective October 2019)', the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when it is receivable. Legacies and donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are received.

Donations arising under Gift Aid are accounted for on the date of receipt and provisions are made for income tax remaining unclaimed at the year end.

No value of services by volunteers has been included in these accounts.

Expenditure

Gifts and donations represent amounts paid by the Church to support organisations with similar aims including the support of members of the church undertaking work in furtherance of the gospel outside with other organisations.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes; cash, bank current accounts and bank deposit accounts with no withdrawal limitations.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets for use by the Church with a value of greater than £1,000 are capitalised at cost and depreciated. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The Church is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds

The general funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the Church without further specific purpose.

Restricted funds

The Christmas offering fund receives the proceeds of a special offering at Christmas services which is distributed to good causes identified by the Church leadership.

The Giving to those in need fund provides financial help for church members / our mission partners who are in financial difficulties.

Financial instruments

The Church only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially measured at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Pensions

The Church contributes to pension schemes nominated by the staff. The contributions are accounted for in the period in which they are receivable.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

2. Donations and legacies

	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Regular giving	60,161	-	60,161	23,565	-	23,565
Other donations	1,703	2,260	3,963	602	630	1,232
Gift aid	8,541	250	8,791	-	-	-
Donation from ETCC	13,144	-	13,144	10,000	-	10,000
Total	83,549	2,510	86,059	34,797	-	34,797

The donation from ETCC is the part of funds held by Enfield Town Community Church from the funds that were used to establish BSCC.

3. Charitable activities

	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	10,255	-	10,255	9,879	-	9,879
Premises costs	23,451	-	23,451	9,228	-	9,228
Other costs	8,599	2,490	11,089	1,198	-	1,198
Expenditure Total	42,305	2,490	44,795	20,305	-	20,305

4. Trustees remuneration and benefits

Remuneration during the year was paid to one trustee – Dougie Affleck, totalling £9,685 in respect of his employment as Pastor of the Church. Dougie received no remuneration for his involvement as a trustee. No other benefits were received, or expenses reimbursed by trustees during the period ended 31 December 2023 (2022 Nil).

5. Staff costs

	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	9,685	-	9,685	15,888	-	15,888
National insurance	-	-	-	1,659	-	1,659
Pension costs	570	-	570	1,192	-	1,192
Total	10,255	-	10,255	18,739	-	18,739

The remuneration is that paid to the Pastor, Dougie Affleck who left during 2023. Prior to 1 September 2022 the Pastor was remunerated by ETCC.

The average number of employees during the year was as follows;

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Pastor	1	1

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Notes to the Financial Statements

6. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors (Gift aid receivable)	1,912	-
Total	1,912	-

7. Movement in funds

	Balance at 1 January	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 December
	£	£	£	£	£
2023					
Unrestricted fund					
General fund	14,492	87,963	(42,305)	(630)	59,520
Total unrestricted funds					
Restricted funds					
Christmas offering	-	1,160	(1,140)	630	650
Giving to those in need	-	1,350	(1,350)	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	2,510	(2,490)	630	650
Total	14,492	90,473	(44,795)	-	60,170
2022					
Unrestricted fund					
General fund	-	34,797	(20,305)		14,492
Total unrestricted funds	-	34,797	(20,305)		14,492
Restricted funds					
Giving to those in need	-	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	34,797	(20,305)		14,492

The General Fund is donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the church without further specific purpose.

The Christmas offering fund receives the proceeds of a special offering at Christmas services which is distributed to good causes identified by the Church leadership.

The Church established a fund which provides financial help for church members / our mission partners who are in financial difficulties.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

8. Net assets by fund

	Cash at bank and in hand	Other net current assets	Balance
2023	£	£	£
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>			
General fund	57,608	1,912	59,520
Total unrestricted funds	57,608	1,912	59,520
Giving to those in need	650	-	650
Total restricted funds	650	-	650
Total	58,258	1,912	60,170
2022	£	£	£
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>			
General fund	34,797	(20,305)	14,492
Total unrestricted funds	34,797	(20,305)	14,492
Total restricted funds	-	-	-
Total	34,797	(20,305)	14,492

9. Enfield Town Community Church

The Church was started by Christians from Enfield Town Community Church (ETCC) meeting together in Bury Street in 2017. In June 2022 Bury Street Community Church ("the Church") was registered with the Charity Commission as an independent Church and charity. The activities of Bury Street Community Church transferred from ETCC to the Church in July 2022.

Some income (£18,380) continued to be received into the accounts of Enfield Town Community Church and this was used to pay Bury Street expenses (£19,687). The net income was added to the designated fund and the balance of £13,144 was transferred to the Church in 2023.