

Weston Super Mare Baptist Churches

Trustee Report and Accounts

Period Ended 31st December 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 December 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

The Organisation is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity commission Reference Number 12303530 and is governed by a constitution dated 9th June 2023

Objectives and Activities

The Charity exists to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public throughout North Somerset in line with the principles of the Baptist denomination, by providing facilities and support through outreach and pastoral care to the local community.

Achievements and Performance

Weston-super-Mare Baptist Churches is a charity that enables the Baptist Churches in and around Weston to work together to support the local communities but by sharing the Good news of Jesus and by providing facilities and support.

This year there have been a number of activities that have been held between the Baptist churches.

These have included offering shared **Alpha groups** in order to provide an opportunity for people to explore the Christian faith. **Renew 193** which is a shop space on the Worle High Street for people to come in for a drink, to do craft activities or puzzles, and if they want or just to chat with the hosts. The hosts come from all of the churches involved, with members of the team taking on shifts to help cover holidays and sickness where needed so that the space can be open. Through the year those attending include regular clients who appreciate the space and conversation, along with many others who drop in on a one off basis. Those using the space include people who are struggling with poor mental health, homelessness, loneliness, anxiety or are just exploring the high street and come in to see what is happening. Throughout the year there has been an even flow of those who are regular and those who are one off in attendance.

The CIO employs a Minister in Training between all three churches.

All activities held are open for anyone from the community to attend.

Financial Review

The organisation receives donations from individuals and churches who support the work of the charity. For the accounting period the charity had one part time employees who supported three Baptist churches in Weston-super-Mare. The financial circumstances for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Accounts for the period have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

The Organisation has cash reserves of £3,238 as at 31 December 2023, all of which is held in a CAF Bank Account

The Trustees have adopted a Reserves Policy which requires 3 months of expenditure to be held in reserves. This will allow the Charity to continue to operate for a minimal period of time should giving reduce. The value of the reserves will be monitored on a regular basis in the light of current giving levels, items of expenditure, and annually as part of the budget process.

At the balance sheet date, the unrestricted reserves of £3,238. The Trustees believe that this is in line with the Reserves Policy and therefore the level of reserves is appropriate

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the organisation to function effectively in the coming year.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provision 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 the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Trustee

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Receipts and Payments Accounts**Period to 31 December 2023**


	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
<u>Receipts</u>				
General Donations	12,065		12,065	
Investment Income	2		2	
Total Receipts	12,067	0	12,067	0
<u>Payments</u>				
Salaries, Ni Pension	7,425		7,425	
Admin and Other Costs	1,404		1,404	
			0	
Total Payments	8,829	0	8,829	0
<u>Net of Receipts and Payments</u>	3,238	0	3,238	0
<u>Cash Funds Last Year</u>	0	-	0	
<u>Cash Funds This Year End</u>	3,238	0	3,238	0

There were no Restricted or Designated Funds in the period

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £
Cash Funds	
CAF Bank	3,238
Total Cash Funds	3,238

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Weston-super-Mare Baptist Churches

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Weston Super Mare Baptist Churches (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 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 Trust 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.

Signed:

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