

BERESFORD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

Registered Charity Number 286941

Beresford Road Evangelical Church  
for the year ended 31 March 2023

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# Beresford Road Evangelical Church

## Report of the Trustees

### for the year ended 31 March 2023

#### Trustees annual Report. April 2022 – March 2023

##### Beresford Road

Another year passes by and the one thing we can say as a church is that the Lord provides. Without question, it has been a turbulent year, as we have struggled with more folk leaving the church and less money coming in to support the activities and the upkeep of the buildings, regular bills and the cost of the Pastor.

In October it was very clear that we could no longer pay our pastor, so we explored the idea again of joining with Commodore Mission. However, it was obvious that this would not be right, either for them or us. Therefore, we had to take the very hard decision to make our Pastor redundant. We knew that we only had a small window to have the meetings and make the decisions, due to the financial situation, with the knowledge that we needed to make sure we could afford to pay a redundancy package. Our Pastor recognised the issues and humbly accepted the redundancy, gracefully saying that we had no option and we had made the right decision.

Following this decision, those in leadership have taken on responsibilities of leading the church and preaching on a Sunday and leading the Wednesday night prayer and bible study. This has been a challenge, but has also brought new opportunities for others in the fellowship to develop skills and it has given the those attending the meetings a variety of different styles of services. The membership has been very supportive and have embraced the changes made. We continue to seek God in how he wants us to proceed into next year. We are blessed in the fact that whilst we have had to make the pastor redundant, he has not had to leave the fellowship, and still takes an active role in the leadership of the Church.

Sunday morning and evening services have become regular again. These are on both zoom and in-person. The Sunday school continues, with a few regular children in attendance and the parent and toddler group ran up to July of 2022. This has stopped due to there not being a person able to lead this; it is something we look forward to resuming at some point in the future.

##### Footprints – Community Coffee drop in.

This continues at the church on a Monday and Friday morning. It is now well established and well attended. Those who have attended the Food In School Holidays, come along to this as well and it is a way of supporting families with their well being a different times, and not just in the holidays.

##### CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

This is an ongoing process, and we have nearly completed the formalities. We hope the application will be submitted during 2023.

### A local pantry

Last year we were beginning to explore the possibility of expanding our help to families from FISH with the idea of a local pantry. This has been quite a lengthy process and we are now in a position, where the church is opening this venture. It has been spearheaded by two of our congregation who run the coffee drop in mornings and FISH. We have also had the backing of Fair Share to support the project. This has meant changing the way we use some of our rooms in the building, giving one over to be the designated store for food. This allows us to support vulnerable members of the community with basic food and non-perishable items – such as toiletries. For a few pounds, people can purchase up to around £20 worth of goods. Food and items are donated by the public and other charities or purchased by the church. These are delivered and then distributed on the days we run the coffee drop ins. This only started in March, but we hope that this will be the start of many in the community being able to come into the church for the first time. Beresford Road Evangelical Church – Registered Charity Number 286941

In conjunction with this venture, we have been visited by the High Sheriff of Suffolk and our local MP. They have given their full backing to this and we have received a number of grants from the council and other community areas, to help support the work.

### Building works

We continue to maintain our outside areas and buildings. This year, in light of the pantry starting, we have changed one of our rooms upstairs, to be the pantry. This has involved a significant clearing out of items from the church. The room has been stripped and re-vamped, making it a suitable room for this service. In addition, we have decorated the main sanctuary of the church, toning the brightness of white walls down to a pale grey, helping those whom suffer with migraines.

### Into 2023/24

We continue to seek God's guidance and leadership as we look forward to another year. We want to explore how, as a church, we can continue supporting the local community and seek guidance as to how we grow and develop as a fellowship, without a full time pastor.

All matters which should concern the trustees, that are financial, social inclusion, child protection, criminal records bureau, racism and general transparency within the community and in the larger area of Christian unity and fellowship, have been kept continuously under review.

J. Power – Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

J. Cartlidge – Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

cc. All other trustees and Church Pastor



Charity Name	No (if any)
Beresford Road Evangelical Church	286941

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st April 2022		31st March 2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds - BREC	Unrestricted funds - Footprints	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	28,205	486	600	29,291	25,055
Coffee Shop				-	396
Credit				-	-
Legacy				-	-
Other Income		824		824	218
Donations for Tearfund				-	-
Donations for external organisations			575	575	5,297
Polling station fee				-	-
Gift aid refund last year	3,166			3,166	4,624
Government Job Retention Scheme Grant				-	3,832
Grants			7,678	7,678	-
Interest received				-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>31,371</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>8,853</b>	<b>41,534</b>	<b>39,422</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>31,371</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>8,853</b>	<b>41,534</b>	<b>39,422</b>

	Unrestricted funds - BREC to the nearest £	Unrestricted funds - Footprints to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of goods		1,327	202	1,529	282
Footprints Rent				-	-
Electricity				-	-
Water, rates, waste & licences				-	-
Insurance				-	-
Legal/professional	1,211			1,211	1,325
Donations / Gifts				-	1,120
Vinjeru		300		300	300
Machine lease				-	-
Food In School Holidays (FISH) and Dropins		3,432		3,432	2,468
FIEC membership	547			547	547
OMF International				-	-
Tear Fund				-	-
Livinf word/Passion for life				-	-
CCPAS	215			215	166
Pulpit supplies/visiting preachers				-	-
Discretionary Help grants			325	325	864
Other church support			5,872	5,872	-
Gracious Goodness				-	-
Housekeeping & Maintenance expenses				-	-
Anglian Water				-	-
Essex & Suffolk Water				-	-
Electricity	1,583			1,583	300
BT	604			604	550
Church insurance	1,556			1,556	1,335
Church equipment				-	-
Photocopier	196			196	-
Piano tuning				-	-
Church repairs/improvements	-			-	348
Cleaning		258		258	-
Kitchen supplies				-	-
Other housekeeping and maintenance				-	-
Other expenses				-	-
Church work expenses				-	-
Pastor	18,671			18,671	20,203
HMRC Tax & NI	3,211			3,211	2,622
Pensions	1,000			1,000	1,327
Youth work	50			50	265
Childrens work	-			-	31
Toddlers group				-	-
Conference costs				-	-
Manse expenditure				-	-
Computer/office equipment				-	-
Office supplies - stationary	8			8	-
CCLI music license	418			418	399
Christmas expenses				-	-
Easter				-	-
Bookshops				-	-
Church equipment & Bibles	811			811	598
Other expenses	206			206	60
Pantry equipment			5,645	5,645	-
Coffee Shop administration	4,000			4,000	-
Footprints wages				-	-
Payments to Footprints				-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>34,287</b>	<b>5,317</b>	<b>12,044</b>	<b>51,648</b>	<b>35,110</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<i>Total payments</i>	<b>34,287</b>	<b>5,317</b>	<b>12,044</b>	<b>51,648</b>	<b>35,110</b>
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	<b>(2,916)</b>	<b>(4,007)</b>	<b>(3,191)</b>	<b>(10,114)</b>	<b>4,312</b>
A5 Transfers between funds				-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,921	5,673	9,937	23,531	19,219
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	<b>5,005</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>6,746</b>	<b>13,417</b>	<b>23,531</b>

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds - BREC to nearest £	Unrestricted funds - footprints to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	5,005		4,266
	Deposit account - closed 15/04/2016	-	-	-
	Footprints account		1,666	2,480
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>5,005</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>6,746</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		John Mark Power		Date of approval 23/11/2023
		Julie Cartlidge		23/11/2023

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BERESFORD ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023 that are set out on Pages 3 to 4.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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; 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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18 December 2023