

KNOWLE WEST BAPTIST CHURCH
(THE CAIRN) (THE CAIRN COMMUNITY)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

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(WORKING NAMES: THE CAIRN, THE CAIRN
COMMUNITY)**

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

31 DECEMBER 2018

Charity Registration Number: 1173158

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The Trustees are pleased to present our report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Objects and Activities

In accordance with our constitution, The Cairn Trustees have sought to pursue the church's principal purpose of advancing the Christian faith with regard to the principles of the Baptist denomination and the beliefs expressed in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle. The Trustees have also considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit under the Charities Act 2011 and, in particular, the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of religion.

Our aim is to pursue God's vision for human flourishing in Inns Court and beyond, through faithful presence at The Cairn, expressed in the development of meaningful community, formational practices and missional engagement. Our approach is one of faithful presence and incremental change, seeking the transformation of both people and place.

Our approach is highly relational, with an emphasis on extended Christian family, and a residential core. Our significant levels of community engagement, including breakfast, lunches and a guitar club, reflect the fact that we seek to respond positively to our context, where a sense of isolation is often a profound challenge. Inns Court is one of six small areas (LSOAs) in Bristol ranked among the bottom 1% nationally for multiple deprivation.

Our activities, within this urban context, have fully reflected those outlined in paragraph 5.2 of our Constitution, namely:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper, most weeks;
- evangelism and mission, especially locally;

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- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action; and
- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Our missional aspirations and effectiveness have been recognised in the awarding of a Home Mission Grant, by the West of England Baptist Association (WEBA), for a number of years. We provide a full report, each year, to WEBA which further demonstrates the public benefit of our activities. Key elements from this report are incorporated in the following section.

Achievements and Performance

This year, we have continued to see a greater correlation, overlap and sense of cohesion between the various groups and activities that we are involved in. Our monthly **2nd Sunday Lunch** remains a key tool for us in gathering people together, and it has not been unusual for up to 50 people to come along.

We have been encouraged by the direction that the lunch has taken towards:

- a consistent, committed core of local Christians;
- a significant number of local not-yet Christians, including several from the men's groups and Guitar Club and their wives/partners; and
- an increasing sense of local ownership.

In addition, we have been developing two, new weekly contexts:

i. Weekly, family, Sunday communion

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This aims to be inter-generational, local, and missional, and includes singing, teaching, communion and prayer. Our group of 6 (4 adults, 2 children) has grown to 13 local, committed Christians. We meet at 10 am for coffee, with the more structured content from 10.30 - 11.30am.

ii. Life Recovery Group

We are partnering with Life Recovery Group (based at Crisis Centre Ministries, Easton) in establishing a new group based at Streetspace in Filwood Broadway. This Christian approach to recovery work includes a high-quality volunteer training programme. Streetspace is a local youth project, which gives us a welcome public interface with the local community.

We continue to be encouraged by:

i. Guitar Club (around 11 or 12 people)

This continued to be a source of encouragement, with enthusiastic participation and crossovers to the 2nd Sunday Lunch.

ii. Man Friday and Con-Fusion?

Third Friday of month (9.30 am - 12 noon), breakfast followed by discussion (optional) about faith / spiritual issues.

Up to 20 men (on any given Friday) came along, with about half that number joining in with Con-Fusion? where we have been looking at Life Explored. A new community worker with the health-funded Man Alive, with which we continue to forge a strong connection, has been appreciative of the stability offered to the men by Man Friday.

Wider Partnerships

This has been a significant year for developing partnerships.

From within our own Sunday community, this has included involvement in:

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Phil – Knowle West Alliance, Sixty-One, Christians Against Poverty (CAP);
Alice – Transforming Lives for Good (TLG), Haven trustee;
James – The Noise (local projects);
Ian – Chair, Melvin Square Residents' Assoc, Knowle West Alliance; and
Robert – Labour Party member, local food bank.

Other key partnerships include:

Haven Day Centre

We continue to forge a positive relationship with Haven, which provides support for people with disabilities. We support fellowship meetings there on a regular basis, and Alice has recently been asked to become a Trustee. A local, Christian friend, who often supports our lunches with his violin playing, is now working there as a support worker. Phil and Alice also facilitated the Haven staff team on a weekend away at Brunel Manor, Torquay, in February 2018.

Counties

Phil continues as Chair of Steve Loader's Counties Evangelist Link Group. Steve has a significant pastoral and evangelistic ministry to seafarers at Avonmouth Docks, as well as encouraging local churches in evangelism through his itinerant preaching ministry.

Continued strong links continue with:

Scripture Union

Bristol Burn (worship event at Filwood Community Centre)

Lee Abbey Community

Gardening and fishing clubs,

A new connection was a local, sheltered housing unit, Butterworth Court, where the guitar club led carol singing in the community lounge. Discussions took place about a possible CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre in South Bristol.

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Financial Review

Full details of the 2018 finances are in the attached document.

The Trustees are fully aware of the need to consider arrangements for an appropriate Reserves Policy as the finances of the Charity develop.

Structure, Governance and Management

The church has been registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation since 24 May 2017 (Charity Number: 1173158) and is governed by a constitution adopted in February 2017? (not sure I have the exact date).

The name of the Charity is Knowle West Baptist Church, but more commonly known as The Cairn or The Cairn Community.

Trustees' meetings are held in accordance with the terms of the Constitution.

The Trustees are aware of their legal responsibilities, including with regard to Safeguarding.

New Trustees are selected according to the experience and expertise they have, combined with their commitment to the Charity's objects and values.

Reference and Administrative Details

The principal address of the Charity is:

The Cairn
Inns Court Green
Bristol
BS4 1TF

The first Charity Trustees, who were also the Trustees in 2018, were:

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Philip Lawrence
Neal Grainger
Andrew Street
Graham Sims
Alice Lawrence

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YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2018

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
RECEIPTS FROM:				
Donations				
Gifts from Individuals	2,450	-	2,450	-
Grants from organisations	784	17,686	18,470	-
Gift Aid receivable	-	-	-	-
Raising funds				
Other income	71	-	71	5,914
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,305	17,686	20,991	5,914
PAYMENTS FOR:				
Charitable Activities				
Stipend	-	14,606	14,606	-
Ministry expenses	449	2,482	2,931	5,414
Bank charges/fees	130	-	130	-
Books/resources	111	-	111	-
Food/Hospitality	281	-	281	-
Surveys for capital build	1,683	-	1,683	-
	2,654	17,088	19,742	5,414
TOTAL PAYMENTS	2,654	17,088	19,742	5,414
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	651	598	1,249	500

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AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2018 £	2018 £	2017 £	2017 £
Cash funds				
Current account		1,749		500
		<u>1,749</u>		<u>500</u>
Gift Aid not yet received at period end		-		-
Total Assets		<u><u>1,749</u></u>		<u><u>500</u></u>
Liabilities				
Accrued expenditure		-		-
Total Liabilities		<u><u>-</u></u>		<u><u>-</u></u>
 CASH RESERVES				
Unrestricted funds				
Brought forward	500		-	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>651</u>		<u>500</u>	
		1,151		500
Restricted funds				
Brought forward	-		-	
Net receipts/(payments) for the period	<u>598</u>		<u>-</u>	
		598		-
Total cash reserves		<u><u>1,749</u></u>		<u><u>500</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 25 February 2020.

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