

Beacon Church
(formerly Christian Resource Centre
Pentecostal Church)

Report and Accounts

year ended 31 March 2020

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BEACON CHURCH
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Trustees	Sujith Alex Lili Huang Grayson Jones (appointed 4 November 2020) Paul Sissons David Stevenson Peter Strawson
Property custodian	Assemblies of God Property Trust
Key Staff	Sujith Alex (senior pastor)
Governing Document	Trust Deed adopted 1 December 1993 as amended on 27 April 2009 and 23 June 2019
Charity Registration Number	1054428
Principal Address	Oakes Road Bury St. Edmunds Suffolk IP32 6PX
Independent Examiner	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Kingdom Bank Limited

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BEACON CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year. In the previous year the charity prepared its accounts using the accruals basis however, this year, the charity has taken advantage of the option to prepare simpler receipts and payments accounts. The results for the previous year, which are the comparatives shown in these accounts, have been restated so that they are presented on the same basis. Information regarding the restatement is provided in the notes to the accounts (see note 5 'Reconciliation with previously reported funds').

Objects of the charity

During the year the charity changed its name from Christian Resource Centre Pentecostal Church to Beacon Church. The charity is a Trust and is governed by its Trust Deed. The objects of the charity, as set out in the governing document are:

- a) to advance the Christian faith
- b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote good health
- c) to advance education

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects, the charity's main activities were the running of a Christian church and a day nursery.

We are very grateful to God for all that has been accomplished this year. The main focus for this year has been the re-branding, repurposing, and launching of Beacon Church from what used to be the Christian Resource Centre Pentecostal Church.

Meetings were held throughout the year with leaders and volunteers for a time of vision sharing, praying and dreaming about the future of the Church. After much deliberation, input, feedback and prayer Beacon Church was launched.

Our vision: To be a beacon in this world.

Our mission: To reveal Jesus to all.

Everything from children's work to youth work; website to interior decor; leadership to values underwent transformation and change.

We are grateful that all of the things mentioned above have gone from strength to strength. All of it, of course, continues to change and evolve as we work out our mission to reveal Jesus to all and accomplish our vision to be a beacon in this world.

We had planned a 'launch Sunday' for 31st March 2020 but this was postponed indefinitely due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the sudden nature of the pandemic and the lockdown restrictions that came with it, we had to quickly evolve and adapt to move all of our prayer services, youth work, children's work and Sunday services online. This has meant a fresh focus on media and production work for Beacon Church - we are pleased with the impact this has had on communities both locally and far-off.

The Trustees are monitoring income and expenditure and, if it becomes necessary, will take measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the charity's free reserves.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT CONTINUED

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements continued

The lockdown also meant that we quickly established a ministry called 'Beacon Cares'. The goal of the team was to look after the vulnerable and elderly during the pandemic. We are grateful for all the volunteers who stepped up to serve during this important and crucial time.

In serving the wider community, we continue to give to various overseas and UK missions. Also, the work of Little Acorns Childcare continued to provide a wonderful resource to our community.

We look forward to 'Launch Sunday' soon and the opportunity to implement the vision and mission of Beacon Church.

Many of the charity's activities are undertaken by volunteers and the charity could not operate effectively without their efforts.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

Responsibility for setting policy and for determining the parameters within which the charity should operate rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a leadership team led by Pastor Sujith Alex. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

Financial review

During the year income fell by £16,019 to £225,098, and expenditure decreased by £20,643 to £232,412. As a result the deficit for this year is £7,315 (2019: £11,938). The cash held by the charity fell £7,315 to £39,831, which comprised unrestricted cash of £27,429 and restricted cash of £12,402.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold a combined cash balance of no less than £35,000 in unrestricted funds and in the Childcare Centre fund so that the charity could continue its activities should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity combined cash balance held in these funds amounted to just over £27,000. Whilst this falls short of the target set, the trustees do not believe there is any immediate cause for concern nonetheless the trustees are seeking to increase amount of cash held in these funds.

Key risks and uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT CONTINUED

Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Paul Sissons - trustee

Date: 27 January 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BEACON CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Beacon Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2020 on pages 6 to 9 following.

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 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's 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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ajay Rajani FCIE
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
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Date: 27 January 2021

BEACON CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
<i>Income receipts</i>					
Donations		75,777	6,727	82,504	81,712
Gift aid receipts		13,976	274	14,250	17,258
Nursery fees and related local authority funding		-	116,709	116,709	132,370
Grants		-	10,750	10,750	4,500
Income from other activities		97	627	725	5,237
Bank interest		160	-	160	40
Total receipts		90,010	135,088	225,098	241,117
<i>Payments</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken during the year	2	93,257	139,155	232,412	253,055
Total payments		93,257	139,155	232,412	253,055
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers					
		(3,247)	(4,068)	(7,315)	(11,938)
Transfers between funds					
		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(3,247)	(4,068)	(7,315)	(11,938)
Cash funds as at last year end		30,676	16,470	47,146	59,084
Cash funds at this year end	A	27,429	12,402	39,831	47,146

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

BEACON CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £	2019 £
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank		27,229	12,402	39,631	46,630
Petty cash		200	-	200	516
	4	<u>27,429</u>	<u>12,402</u>	<u>39,831</u>	<u>47,146</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity		12,586	250	12,836	13,570
Other debtors		-	-	-	-
		<u>12,586</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>12,836</u>	<u>13,570</u>
C Liabilities					
Trade creditors		-	-	-	-
Payroll taxes and pension contributions		999	777	1,777	1,540
Independent examiner's fee		1,800	-	1,800	2,280
Accrued expenses		1,183	-	1,183	2,000
		<u>3,982</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>4,760</u>	<u>5,820</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
			Fund to which asset belongs	Historic Cost £	
Land and buildings: Beacon Church, Bury St Edmunds			Unrestricted	29,024	
Land and buildings: Beacon Church, Bury St Edmunds			Restricted	307,276	
Equipment			Unrestricted	57,697	
Equipment			Restricted	3,652	
Furniture, fixtures and fittings			Unrestricted	23,872	
				<u>421,521</u>	

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Paul Sissons - trustee date 27 January 2021

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

BEACON CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

In the previous year the charity prepared its accounts using the accruals basis however this year, as the charity's gross income is less than £250,000, the charity has taken advantage of the option to prepare simpler receipts and payments accounts. The results for the previous year, which are the comparatives shown in these accounts, have been restated so that they are presented on the same basis. Information regarding the restatement is provided in note 5 'Reconciliation with previously reported funds'.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken during the year				
Costs incurred directly on specific activities				
Staff costs	40,457	120,396	160,853	162,057
Conferences and training	740	1,259	1,999	5,547
Ministry expenses	12,999	-	12,999	23,683
Visiting speakers	3,112	2,600	5,712	5,840
Youth work	212	-	212	3,319
Worship and media	344	-	344	991
Promotion	507	1,769	2,276	-
Kitchen and catering	1,606	1,745	3,351	3,343
Building maintenance, cleaning and security	4,504	2,257	6,761	16,096
Electricity, gas and water rates	6,707	2,880	9,587	6,889
Telephone	2,149	628	2,777	2,065
Miscellaneous expenses	1,513	-	1,513	1,012
Other childcare centre costs	-	784	784	2,700
Toys, arts and crafts and similar	-	1,393	1,393	1,668
Compassion ministry	150	300	450	293
Grants and donations	10,219	2,232	12,451	8,504
	<u>85,220</u>	<u>138,243</u>	<u>223,463</u>	<u>244,007</u>
Costs incurred on support & administration				
Independent examiner's fee for preparing and examining the accounts	2,140	140	2,280	500
Printing, stationery and postage	1,095	477	1,572	1,909
Computer and internet expenses	1,736	295	2,031	2,568
Subscriptions	1,445	-	1,445	916
Insurance	1,623	-	1,623	1,880
Accountancy	-	-	-	1,275
	<u>8,037</u>	<u>912</u>	<u>8,949</u>	<u>9,048</u>
Total expenditure	<u>93,257</u>	<u>139,155</u>	<u>232,412</u>	<u>253,055</u>

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3 Transactions with related parties

Sujith Alex serves as church leader and was paid £35,866 (2019: £35,579) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

4 Movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 31 Mar 19 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2020 £
Restricted funds					
Childcare Centre fund	13,857	117,337	(131,165)	-	29
Childcare Centre Development fund	-	10,750	(250)	-	10,500
Special Offerings fund	2,613	7,001	(7,741)	-	1,874
	<u>16,470</u>	<u>135,088</u>	<u>(139,155)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,402</u>

The **Childcare Centre** fund was created from fees, local authority fund and donations received to help meet the day to day running costs of the childcare centre.

The **Childcare Centre Development** fund was created from grants received from the National Lottery and the local council to help pay for improvements to the Childcare Centre.

The **Special Offerings** fund was created from donations received for a variety of purposes. This year it included donations for (a) gifts to visiting speakers (b) to help those in hardship (c) the re-branding of the church and (d) help meet expenditure on charity governance and finance.

5 Reconciliation with previously reported funds

As explained in note 1 'Accounting Policies', in the previous year the charity prepared its accounts using the accruals basis. However, in the current year, as the charity's gross income is less than £250,000, the charity has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis. The comparatives presented in these accounts have been re-stated using the receipts and payments basis and a reconciliation with the reserves and results reported previously follows:

Reconciliation of reserves

	2019 £	2018 £
Previously reported reserves, at 31 March	392,024	409,625
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:		
Exclusion of previously included fixed assets	(338,128)	(339,041)
Exclusion of previously included debtors	(13,570)	(12,000)
Exclusion of previously included creditors	6,820	500
Re-stated reserves, at 31 March	<u>47,146</u>	<u>59,084</u>

Reconciliation of results

	2019 £
Previously reported results	(17,601)
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:	
Excluded charge for depreciation	913
Excluded movements in debtors resulting in the recognition of more / (less) income	(1,570)
Excluded movements in creditors resulting in the recognition of less / (more) expenditure	6,320
Re-stated results	<u>(11,938)</u>