Charity number: 1054363

BEXLEY CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTRE

UNAUDITED TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the 6 April 2020 to 5 April 2021.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objects of the Church are:

- The advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God
 concerning His Son Jesus Christ the Lord and teaching the Word of God by the Church, in accordance with
 the Statement of Fundamental truths of Assemblies of God in Great Britain as approved by the
 General Council from time to time;
- Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above of the Church;
- · The furtherance of the other charitable work of the Church consistent with the Statement;
- The furtherance of the work of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and the promotion of the spiritual teaching and the maintenance of the statement and the promotion of religious observances within the Statement.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Review of Activities

Use of Premises, (Including periods of lockdown due to Covid 19).

This year began with lockdown, when the building had to be closed until further notice. Use of the building resumed in September 2020 on a limited basis until national lockdown was re-imposed in December, and the building remained closed until late March 2021. The building reopened for Sunday morning services, but attendances were limited by ticketing, since transitional arrangements were still imposed by HM Government as the country once more came out of lockdown.

However, the ministries of the church did not close, and ways were continued to keep in touch with members and others linked to the church during the pandemic. Much of this depended upon technology such as Zoom, Facebook and phone, which all helped to connect people during this time when it was not possible to physically meet. As time went on, most of the activities referred to below were able to be carried on, albeit in adapted formats. We are so grateful to all who rose to the challenge and made this all possible. The new technology provided links not only locally, but further afield and across the world.

Regular Activities throughout the year (Covid restrictions permitting)

- Sunday Celebration, attended by people of all ages from the local area and beyond.
- Sunday Lightzone for children ages 2 to 11, concurrent with Sunday Celebration, most Sundays.
- Youth (11 18) twice a month, concurrent with Sunday Celebration.
- Youth meetings, as advertised: some independent, some in liaison with other churches
- Adult Life Groups, most weeks, as advertised...
- In pandemic, Evening streamed time of prayer and ministry, most weekdays.
- Mid week meeting weekly Prayer worship and study meetings, Wednesday evenings.
- Thursday Lightzone, for primary age children, weekly on Thursdays.
- Diamond Jubilee Club musical mornings for Senior Citizens from across the Borough, Monthly, usually Tuesdays.
- · Men's and ladies events, monthly.
- Mums and Toddler Group, open to community, every Friday term time on Friday mornings.

Other Activities (Covid restrictions permitting)

- Baptismal Services. BCLC believes and practices believers baptism by immersion.
- "Freedom in Christ" Group weekly, or similar. Seasonal, on, Mondays
- BIG, Bexley Intercessory Prayer Group, Monday mornings.
- Monthly Prayer and Fasting days, usually every first Friday.
- Community service in association with other organisations across the local area, such as in schools, Police chaplaincy, visiting elderly in their homes, Street and School Pastors, Winter Night Shelter, Hot Food programme..
- Community Youth work is being planned, The "Clocktower Project".
- Inter-church activities: The Church continues to link with other local churches, and local events such as "Lark in the Park" and "Spark in the Park", services in Bexleyheath Town Centre at Christmas and at Easter
- Overseas Mission activity, supporting mission and ministries in many countries round the world.
- "The Well Counselling at Upland", a counselling service.

Achievement and Performance.

The Charity is committed to operating the above activities, and others, successfully through the year.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Church Council consider the reserve position on a regular basis to ensure surplus is available to maintain the ministry. As a guide we seek to maintain a balance equivalent to around 4 months' cash flow, which equates to about £20,000. On 5th April 2021 this reserves stood at £20,000. We had in mind to increase this figure in the next year further (Note, which it did).

c. Financial Review

The statement of financial activities shows total incoming resources of £140,718 (2020:£150,017) and total resources used of £95,105 (2020:£95,275). This results in a net surplus for the year of £54,742 (2020:£69,265). The Charity had taken out a mortgage in 2017 of £190,000, which at the close of the present year in April 2021 stood at £142,365 (2020:£153,740).

d. Principal funding

Almost all of our funding comes from the congregation and from the associated gift aid reclaimed on this giving.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Bexley Christian Life Centre is a registered charity, number 1054363, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Church Council operates under the Constitution and Trust Deed adopted 30 May 2006 (which replaced the earlier version of 1997).

The Church is managed by the Church Council (known as "The Oversight") comprising the Minister and duly appointed Elders and Deacons of the Church. The Church Council appoints Holding Trustees for the purpose of holding the land and buildings of the Church who act on the directions of the Church Council, and who will be responsible for proper account to the Charity Commission.

The Church Council who served during the year were:

D.J. Bearfoot M.T. McCann B.I. Ojo A.E.Nicholls MBE P.R. Davis C. Erswell O. Onagoruwa C.Walford

The Church Council meets frequently through the year to conduct the administrative business of BCLC. The Church Council is responsible for the legal and financial guardianship of the Church and oversees the general financial dimension of the work of the Church by monitoring expenditure, budgeting and handling of finances. In May 2017 owing to the impending change of premises, it was necessary to appoint local Holding Trustees in place of the Assembly of God Property Trust, and the Council appointed D.J. Bearfoot, B.I.Ojo and A.E.Nicholls into this role, being satisfied that these persons met the criteria as laid down by the Charity Commission. (NB. A change in Trusteeship occurred in May 2021, after the end of this financial year)

Bexley Christian Life Centre is affiliated to the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, a company limited by guarantee (No 2873415)..

Plans for future periods

Our BCLC vision is expressed as follows: Bringing the love and miraculous power of Jesus to a broken world.

Safeguarding

BCLC have adopted and implement a safeguarding policy under the guidance of the guidance of Thirtyone.eight, formerly known as the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS). We are pleased to report that there have been no issues arising to cause concern.

Risk

The Church Council keep under review the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to review these risks on a regular basis and to review and set in place all necessary policies.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with 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 financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

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- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 2008 and the provisions 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 order of the members of the board of Trustees on 17 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

D J Bearfoot Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Bexley Christian Life Centre ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2021.

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Signed:

Dated: 7 January 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

	Note	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Charitable activities	3	•	140,718	140,718	150,017
Total income		-	140,718	140,718	150,017
Expenditure on: Charitable activities		5,725	89,380	95,105	95,275
Total expenditure		5,725	89,380	95,105	95,275
Net movement in funds		(5,725)	51,338	45,613 ————	54,742
Reconciliation of funds:		734,633	56,019	790,652	735,910
Total funds brought forward Net movement in funds		(5,725)	51,338	45,613	54,742
Total funds carried forward		728,908	107,357	836,265	790,652

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2021

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	Note		2021 £		2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		936,811		921,601
		,	936,811		921,601
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		41,819		22,790	
	_	41,819	-	22,790	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,290)		(4,290)	
Net current assets	-		37,529	_	18,500
Total assets less current liabilities			974,340	-	940,101
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10		(138,075)		(149,449)
Net assets excluding pension asset			836,265		790,652
Total net assets			836,265	-	790,652
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	12		728,908		734,633
Unrestricted funds	12		107,357		56,019
Total funds			836,265	-	790,652

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 17 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

D J Bearfoot (Chair of Trustees)

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

1. General information

Bexley Christian Life Centre is a Christian charity operating within the London Borough of Bexley.

Bexley Christian Life Centre is affiliated to the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, a company limited by guarantee (No 2873415), and is a registered charity (No 1032245).

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Bexley Christian Life Centre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property

- Nil

Freehold improvements

- Nil

Fixtures and fittings

- 20% on reducing balance method

2.5 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.6 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.7 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Fund accounting

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

3. Income from charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
	Income from charitable activities	140,718	140,718	150,017
	Total 2020	150,017	150,017	
4.	Analysis of expenditure by activities			
		Activities undertaken directly 2021	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
	Direct costs	95,105	95,105	95,275

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

4. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	44,550	44,550	36,223
Depreciation	5,725	5,725	2,945
Mission gifts	20,535	20,535	20,920
Ministry gifts	700	700	1,100
'The Rock' Youth Project	568	568	754
Utilities & services	6,146	6,146	5,794
Subscriptions	5,491	5,491	4,616
Gifts and donations	1,630	1,630	6,447
General expenses	1,424	1,424	2,281
Outreach costs	1,135	1,135	5,942
Repairs	1,428	1,428	1,806
Loan interest	5,773	5,773	6,447
	95,105	95,105	95,275

5. Independent examiner's remuneration

6. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	44,550	36,223
	44,550	36,223
The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was	s as follows:	
	2021 No.	2020 No.
Trustee	1	1

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

6. Staff costs (continued)

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 5 April 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

8. Tangible fixed assets

		Long-term		
	Freehold property £	leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 6 April 2020	729,982	179,839	17,172	926,993
Additions	-	4,087	16,848	20,935
At 5 April 2021	729,982	183,926	34,020	947,928
Depreciation				
At 6 April 2020	1 66		5,392	5,392
Charge for the year	-	-	5,725	5,725
At 5 April 2021	-		11,117	11,117
Net book value				
At 5 April 2021	729,982	183,926	22,903	936,811
At 5 April 2020	729,982	179,839	11,780	921,601

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9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans	4,290	4,290

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

10.	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
		2021 £	2020 £
	Bank loans	138,075	149,449 ———
11.	Financial instruments		
		2021 £	2020 £
	Financial assets Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	41,819	22,790

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 6 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 5 April 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
Designated Funds - all funds	56,019	140,718	(89,380)	107,357
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	734,633	-	(5,725)	728,908
Total of funds	790,652	140,718	(95,105)	836,265

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

12. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year				
	Balance at 6 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 5 April 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	(1,668)	150,017	(92,330)	56,019
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	737,578	-	(2,945)	734,633
Total of funds	735,910		(95,275)	790,652

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	728,908	207,903	936,811
Current assets	-	41,819	41,819
Creditors due within one year	-	(4,290)	(4,290)
Creditors due in more than one year	*	(138,075)	(138,075)
Total	728,908	107,357	836,265

14. Related party transactions

The Charity has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Charity at 5 April 2021.

