STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED

31ST AUGUST 2022

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1027345

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bacup Fellowship of Churches

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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12th September 2022

# RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Receipts				
Shop takings		89,104		53,757
Coronavirus job retention scheme grants Bank interest	5		13,401	
-		5		13,402
		89,109		67,159
Payments				
Wages and national insurance	53,721		46,521	
Pension scheme	772		620	
Rent	5,915		4,850	
Light, heat and water	2,384		2,044	
Insurance	352		328	
Repairs and renewals	1,100		612	
Stationery	36		19	
Cleaning	829		772	
Shop essentials	205		279	
Travelling expenses	263		277	
Accountancy charges	675		675	
Sundry expenses	1,060		506	
Donation: Ukraine Disaster Appeal	500	CM 010	-	5 <b>7</b> 502
-		67,812		57,503
Surplus for the year		21,297		9,656
Distributions (see note)	8,000		4,000	
Less Donations received	-		-	
-		8,000		4,000
Net Surplus for the year		13,297		5,656

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST AUGUST 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Balances		
Current accounts	53,700	40,408
Deposit account	12,101	12,096
Cash in hand	400	400
	66,201	52,904
Represented by:		
Fund		
At 1st September 2021	52,904	47,248
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	13,297	5,656
At 31st August 2022	66,201	52,904
NOTE		
Distributions		
The Magdalene Project	1,000	500
Bacup Family Centre	1,000	500
The Rossendale Rubicon	1,000	500
CAST - Reminiscence Café	1,000	500
Christians Against Poverty	1,000	500
M3 Project	1,000	500
Trinity Food Bank	1,000	500
Rossendale Food Box	1,000	500
	8,000	4,000

# **Accounting Policy**

The accounts have been prepared under a receipts and payments basis as allowed by Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Bacup Fellowship of Churches.

### Chair's report for the year to September 2022.

During the year September 2021 to 2022 we finally began to come out of the restrictions resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic and the shops have been able to operate more or less at full capacity. As Trustees we met 'face to face' on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

At the October 2021 meeting and following receipt of the accounts and reports donations, of £1000 each were given to the following eight charitable organisations:

Bacup Family Centre, Magdalene Project, Rossendale Rubicon, C.A.S.T., M3 Rossendale, Christians Against Poverty, Rossendale Food Box Scheme & Trinity Baptist Food Bank.

At the March 2022 meeting the Trustees agreed to give a donation of £500 to the Disasters Emergency Committee for the people of Ukraine

As we report each year, the fact that we are able to make these donations is attributable to the hard work and dedication of the staff team and volunteers who work so hard and who see the two shops as more than simply trading outlets but rather a place of welcome for the community.

At our June meeting Suzanne our shop manager presented a full and comprehensive report of the activities in the shop which included the improvement works that have been carried out externally to the shop fronts as well as internal repairs carried out by Trinity Baptist for which we are thankful. The report also highlighted some if the innovative initiatives that have been developed such as the giving of school backpacks to an organisation that sends them out to Africa.

We continue to be indebted to Metis HR who provide a consultancy service on HR matters for us and our thanks as Trustees go to all their team.

Over the summer of 2022 Suzanne and I (as her line manager) met to discuss a review of policy documents for the shops as well as looking at health and safety, safeguarding etc etc. Some staff training is planned using the training room that's available at Metis HR in Stacksteads.

During 2022 our Member of Parliament Jake Berry launched a competition whereby the public could vote for their favourite independent business in Rossendale and in September we learned that our two charity shops had come second which was fantastic. Jake visited the shops and presented a certificate which is proudly on display.

The Trustees would like to place on record their thanks for the commitment of both staff and volunteers in developing the shops to the point where they are now in providing a much valued service to the people of Bacup and the surrounding areas.

# D Allen.

Rev Derek Allen

Chair of Trustees.