

MORECAMBE BAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

Charity Registration Number 1154420

**Waters & Atkinson
The Old Court House
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**MORECAMBE BAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2016.

1. Legal and Administrative Information

The Charity is known as Morecambe Bay Christian Fellowship, and is affiliated to Partners in Harvest. It is a registered charity, with the registered number of 1154420.

The Charity is governed by a constitution dated 2 June 2013 and its objectives are to enhance the christian faith, the relief of sickness, poverty and distress by any means the charity can provide, to educate, promote and preserve good health and well being to mankind.

The Trustees have asked Mr Damien Sissons of Waters & Atkinson Chartered Accountants to act as the Independent Examiner under the Charities Act 2011.

2. Trustees

The Trustees in office at the end of the year were as follows:

Mr Richard Ryder	Treasurer
Mr John Clayton	Pastor
Mrs Carole Clayton	Trustee
Mr Steve Whittaker	Trustee
Mr Stephen Matthews	Trustee
Mrs Lynn Wood	Trustee
Mrs June Bend	Trustee

Trustees are selected from within the congregation and those who have also expressed an interest in being involved in the running of the charity.

3. Activities

The Charity provides religious services, recreational and educational activities in the Morecambe and Lancaster area, and meets in the Post Office Buildings, Market Street Morecambe.

A planned programme of services, learning and education activities is provided.

The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the charity commission on public benefit.

4. Summary of Main Achievements

During 2016 the Fellowship became acutely aware that their current premises were inadequate to meet the needs of our elderly and less mobile members. Our building has a number of steep stairs to the main auditorium, which prevented some of our members attending church.

Negotiations were held with the management of Galloways Charitable Trust, who occupy the building next door to the current premises, with a view to using their community room for a church service on a weekly basis. As the facilities at Galloways are on the ground floor with disabled access to both the meeting room and toilet facilities, this provided an ideal opportunity for our elderly members to meet together.

This new venture has been taking place since November 2016. Our members express much joy as they meet together for fellowship and companionship. Our able bodied members provide transport for those members whose mobility is compromised.

Our plans for the future is to continue and hopefully expand our relationship with Galloways.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)**

5. Policies

a) Risk Management

The Trustees regularly review the major risks associated with the charity and have developed an action plan to minimise and effectively manage those risks.

b) Reserves

It is the intention of the Trustees that taking one year with another, the expenditure incurred will match the income generated through members' contributions, tithes and donations, with the benefit of Gift Aid where applicable.

However, the Trustees attempt to maintain a working bank balance of approximately £2,000 representing approximately one month's expenditure, in order to provide a buffer in the event of interrupted income.

6. Financial Review

Being a small Charity, the accounts have been prepared on the basis of amounts received and paid during the year. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities (on page 4) does however show the amounts owed to, and owing by the Charity at the end of the year.

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial results for the year, and has completed the year with monies in hand.

No Capital Grants have been received in the year.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Richard Rypter
Trustee

Date: 17th March 2017

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**MORECAMBE BAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2016 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>			
Collections and members' tithes	22,146	-	22,146
Donations and Other Income	140	-	140
	22,286	-	22,286
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>			
Cost of Providing Services (Charitable Activities)			
Staff wages	8,422	-	8,422
Premises rent, rates & water	9,360	-	9,360
Premises repairs	319	-	319
Computer, software & internet expenses	507	-	507
Premises heat & light	640	-	640
Postage, stationery & advertising	311	-	311
Insurance	865	-	865
Donations & gifts	1,695	-	1,695
Licences	377	-	377
Accommodation, meals & outings	505	-	505
Speakers	850	-	850
Cleaning & sundries	1,375	-	1,375
	25,226	-	25,226
Governance Costs			
Independent Examination & Accountancy	733	-	733
	25,959	-	25,959
NET RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	(3,673)	-	(3,673)
Balances at the start of the year	5,731	-	5,731
Balances at the end of the year	£ 2,058	£ -	£ 2,058
Represented by:			
Bank	2,058	-	2,058
Cash	-	-	-
	£ 2,058	£ -	£ 2,058

**MORECAMBE BAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	<u>2016</u> £
Monetary Assets	
Cash at Bank	2,058
	<u>2,058</u>
Liabilities	
Accruals:	
Independent Examiner's fees	564
PAYE/NIC	412
	-
	<u>976</u>

Note:

The above figures do not include Gift Aid recoverable on tithes from members for the period July to December as it had not been claimed at year end.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Richard Ryder
Trustee

[Signature]
Trustee

17th March 2017
Date

MORECAMBE BAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Charity Registration Number 1154420
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the Trustees on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 set out on pages 1 to 4.

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken to do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the Report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 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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Date

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