

CHARITY NUMBER – 1002074

CLAREMONT CHURCH TRUSTEES

ANNUAL REPORT 1ST April 2022 to 31ST March 2023

During the reporting year, the Trustees of Claremont Church Bolton held one formal meeting in August, additional ad-hoc meetings were held as necessary to progress matters with regular communications via emails.

The numbers attending service has increased from the previous year and we have seen also an increase of visitors attending our Sunday services.

The outreach work of the church has again increased this year with a greater emphasis and willingness of the members to reach out to the local community and also to support those in need and less fortunate than ourselves.

During the year, unfortunately our secretary and trustee Mr Peter McCrindle resigned, and we acted swiftly to appoint a new secretary (Mr John Beatty) and a further 2 new trustees (Mr Simon Harrison and Mr Stephen Kelly). This did have an effect on us but we feel now that we are in a very good position to look forward to carrying on the work needed.

With regard to the budget this was unfortunately not produced in 2022-23 due to ill health of the Treasurer but should be re-installed in 2023-24 now that the Treasurer has recovered from his illness.

Due to significant expenditure on the refurbishment and maintenance of the building the actual year end figure are as follows:

Year End Income	£78,690
Year End Expenditure	£73,459
Year End Surplus	£ 5,231

During this financial year, we have carried out major refurbishments and improvements to the building at Claremont House which is the main asset of the Trust.

Expenditure on Claremont House

10th June 2022 All sockets tested £374.

24th June 2022 Main foyer painted £750.

1st July 2022 Children's room painted £460.

11th July 2022 outside railings painted £340.

12th November 2022 Service of fire extinguishers £201.60.

14th November 2022 Installation of 6 new windows £6,160.

7th February 2023 Corridor and youth room painted £1,283.52.

15th February 2023 Installation of 1 new window £860

27th February 2023 Main Hall and gents toilet painted £1,414.32

6th March 2023 Fire alarm service £168.

6th March 2023 Repair roof £468.54.

External Support

We have continued to upgrade all our protocols and standing documents on Health and Safety and Fire protection matters.

The building continues to be used by community and charitable groups of various description and other churches for meetings and other services.

We have continued to support the work of Create Bolton a separate charity which has continued to grow and now operate a popular craft-based café and workshop in part of the building. We have assisted them with additional accommodations for their work with handicapped children and children with learning difficulties with activities in craft, drama and music.

We also have continued to work with Urban Outreach Bolton along with other churches in collecting and distributing food for the town food bank.

We have continued to send funds abroad to support Christian projects among the needy and destitute.

As a principle we set aside a minimum of 10% of our giving by our members to provide gifts to the various organisations and individuals we support in addition we may take up a special offering for charitable projects we wish to support.

We have also had an independent valuer hired to give us an up-to-date value of the premises, something which hasn't been done in a long time. This has had an effect of increasing the assets on the yearly accounts to a truer picture of the total assets owned by the church.

Coming Year

Looking to the future we foresee that the Church will grow in numbers and effectiveness. We will also continue to support Local charities and projects we feel is right for the church to be involved in. We have seen an increase in numbers during the year, which is very encouraging, especially young couples with children and also overseas students.

Signed J Beatty
Secretary to the Trustees,
16th December 2023.

Claremont Church Bolton

Accounts for the year ended.
31st March 2023

John Beatty
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Claremont Church Bolton

Accountants Report

In accordance with instructions given to us, we have. Prepared without carrying out an audit, the attached. Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended, March 31st, 2023, and Balance Sheet as at that date, from the accounting records information and explanations supplied to us.

John Beatty

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Date: 19th December 2023

CLAREMONT CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2023

<u>INCOME</u>	2023	2022
Gift Aid and Covenants	31017	28868
Other Regular Giving	8627	12832
Designated Giving (Gift Aid)	950	1040
Designated Giving (Non-Gift Aid)	590	4339
Rental Income	24805	15140
Sundry Income	709	570
Recovered Tax	8364	8006
Loan Repayments	0	280
Bank Interest Received	2843	3035
Utilities Income	785	610
	78690	74720
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>		
Employment Costs	14164	13782
Cleaners Wages	2484	1683
Building Costs/Refurbishment	13943	10321
Claremont Running Costs	2871	1546
Utilities		
Gas	4537	4310
Electric	4826	3878
Telephone	1243	1006
Water	145	516
Website	23	243
Charitable Giving	4659	8320
Mission and Outreach	625	368
Ministry Gifts	3848	585
Designated Giving	1025	5652
Children and Youth Work	220	43
Leaders Expenses	982	601
Office Expenses	1437	3520
Photocopier Lease	1083	1229
Building Insurance	3889	0
Training/Discipleship	232	0
Tax/NI	2292	2947
Subscriptions/Fees	1946	780
Music and PA Equipment	440	12
Miscellaneous	1482	0
Transfers to savings	4963	0
Petty Cash	100	0
	73459	61342
SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR YEAR	+5231	+13378

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Building at cost/valuation	815000	219720
Other Assets	41220	
	856220	
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Bank-Current Account	24884	20159
Bank -International Fund	2429	0
Redwood Bank	41183	38079
Cambridge & Counties Dep Account	32735	32150
Cambridge & Counties fixed	50000	52014
Cash in Hand	82	156
	151313	142558
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Accruals/Prepayments	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS	856220	142558
NET ASSETS	151313	362278
REPRESENTED BY:		
General Fund		
Balance B/F	319781	308402
Surplus/Deficit for year	5211	11379
Balance C/F	324992	319781
Designated Funds		
Reserve Fund	10000	10000
Charitable Fund	5763	2497
Roof Fund	30000	30000

Independent Examiners Report To the Trustees of Claremont Church Bolton

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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.

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 41 of the Act, and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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

Ruth Williams
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Signed 

Dated 24.09.23