



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st January 2022

To: 31st December 2022

Charity name: Bentley Pentecostal Assembly of God Church

Charity registration number: 1052609

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the Charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>1.To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit;</p> <p>2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and</p> <p>3.To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Charity would have aimed to achieve its objectives through weekly services, meetings, viz:</p> <p>1. Sunday morning - worship, teaching, and communion service – a Family Service</p> <p>2. Wednesday evening – Alternating Prayer Meetings and Bible Study Meetings.</p> <p>3. Missions – Overseen by the Trustees to promote regular giving by the Church members to various overseas and local missions projects and the prayerful support thereto.</p>
Statement confirming whether the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Charity looks to serve the people in our local community in whatever ways we are able. We want to become an integral part of life in the community, to be of benefit to the whole community, supporting activities that already exist, and wherever possible, facilitating new initiatives that would improve life for local residents. In considering the ways in which we can do this, the Trustees have taken into account the Charity Commission's guidance concerning public benefit, in particular, the specific guidance for charities involved in the advancement of religion.</p>

Achievements and Performance including the Chair of the Trustees Report

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the Charity, identifying the difference the Charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole	Para 1.20	<p>Bentley Pentecostal Church has continued to develop its role in the Community and make important progress in line with the aims and objectives of the Charity as outlined in the Constitution, and the vision for the Church.</p> <p>We have sought to support and encourage the Christian Faith at home through a range of services, meetings and activities in our Church and Centre. We also have sought to support other Churches in both the local and the wider district, working together in partnership and fellowship in joint services.</p> <p>We have further supported the local Community through our hosting and working together with St John Ambulance, particularly with Young People and also with the Dogs Trust.</p> <p>Support of charitable projects at home and abroad are a key part of our work and vision. This took the form of both financial support but also taking an active interest in their work receiving updates and progress reports on their work. This would have facilitated the building of real, effective and lasting partnerships.</p> <p>We sought to relieve financial hardship in the Community where appropriate and where we were able.</p>

Chair of Trustees Report (Review Period: January to December 2022)

Introduction & Background

The year commencing 1st January 2022 saw the church and charity settled back into more manageable conditions as the 'Covid pandemic' subsided and services and activities could be reintroduced. Church attendance has been building gradually but not yet returned to the 'pre-covid' numbers and many of our members and contacts (particularly in the elderly age groups) have found the risk of close contact or large numbers very challenging.

The Church continued to be led by the Chair of Trustees / Elder supported by the Church Council and joined for a period of six months by a probationary minister in a pilot partnership with another church. The church was also supported by a young couple from Brazil during this six month period, providing practical help and input into the church activities. This included some additional weekly meetings and some pilot work in music with children.

The pilot was reviewed at three and six months. It was mutually agreed at the six month review that as a result of different cultures and future aspirations that the partnership be drawn to a close and ended in accordance with our agreement. Bentley Pentecostal Church Trustees and members agreed that our focus should be on finding and employing an experienced Minister and support to focus on the particular needs and character of the church and the needs of the local area.

Financial giving, has continued to be consistent with some reduction and fluctuation as a result of the reduction in attendees in the aftermath of Covid (referenced above) but then gradually improving as the year progressed. Our income was maintained through the Standing Order and Gift Aid giving. This, together with the careful management of resources, resulted in the Church being in a good financial position at the end of the reporting year.

Succession Planning. The Chair together with the other Trustees continued to provide the Ministry; strategic and operational leadership; financial and legal expertise at no cost to the Church allowing the financial resources to be consolidated and also providing stable leadership and planning for the future.

The church has designated funds to develop the church by recruiting a new leader and developing new Trustees and Officers. This also enables a continuing focus on the ongoing maintenance and further development of valuable assets / buildings and services, important to future development, growth and engagement with the local community. The Trustees have worked alongside the Zone leadership for the AoG Churches in our area to identify a potential new Minister and support.

Wider Church Partnerships

We have continued to seek to support and encourage the Christian Faith at home. We meet with other Churches in the Village and the wider South Yorkshire Christian Community however the regular meetings between leaders and joint activities have not yet been fully resumed. The Bentley Churches and Community Carol services were held at St Peter's Bentley and also at the Roman Catholic Church - Community Carol Service. Our Church participated in both and look forward to further opportunities to work together in 2023.

Our church has a strong relationship with the Doncaster Branch of 'Good News for Everyone' (formerly Gideons UK). The Vice Chair and Friends Secretary being members of this Church. The organisation provides Bibles in Schools, Hospitals, Hotels and a wide variety of other settings. Individual Church Members are 'Friends' of Good News or members of the Branch which is drawn from members of the various Churches across Doncaster

Our relationships with other Churches particularly Mount Hermon Community Church have continued and are highly valued by both parties. We look forward to working more together as the Pandemic recedes.

Wider Partnerships in the Community

We provide our Centre to support other activities to the local Community through our hosting and working together with St John Ambulance, particularly with Young People - and with Dogs Trust.

Both organisations were able to fully develop their activities as the year has progressed. They are now very well supported locally with many young people and families engaged in their activities. They are keen to continue / expand our partnership relationship with St John attending special services and having awards evenings supported by the Church and the Good News organisation.

Support for Ukraine

The Church has been committed to supporting the people of Ukraine during the conflict.

We made substantial donations to support relief through our AoG central organisation the network of AoG Churches in Poland and Ukraine. We also worked in partnership with the local Catholic Church (mentioned above). Our friends at 'Our Lady RC' Bentley, together with the local Polish community, developed an ambitious project receiving donations of clothing, food and a range of support through the church. This was then transported by the Polish members to Poland and Ukraine to support those displaced by the war. Bentley Pentecostal Church provided an initial £1000 to assist with transport costs and this strengthened our links as churches working together.

We have also developed a relationship with Doncaster Council for Voluntary Service and have been able to meet Ukraine nationals who were displaced and now living with hosts in this country and local area. The Chairman of the Trustees was able to provide (free) bibles in the Ukraine language (through Good News for Everyone) and attend their social events at the local Ukrainian Society.

Support of Charitable Projects

We have continued in our support of a range of charitable projects both at home and abroad. These are a fundamental aspect of our work and vision. Our support takes the form of finance and prayer. We take an active interest in their work and projects with a structured approach to progress reports and updates. We have in the past received visits from leaders and members of these projects or organisations which helps greatly in keeping our church members (their supporters) informed.

Where possible we arrange on visits to projects and look forward to more of these now that we are not restricted by Covid. We continue to support Caring for Life based in Leeds which provides help, support, support and accommodation for vulnerable people of all ages.

We continue to support other overseas projects including sponsorship and monthly financial support to individual children in Togo by a number of Church members (administered through Compassion UK) and also the support of the Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoebox appeal. Our Church members again this year prepared around 100 'Shoeboxes' and raised over £500 to cover postage costs.

We have continued to support MAF (Missions Aviation Fellowship) who provide aeroplanes and pilots to reach difficult areas where needs is greatest - across the world. They work with many different Charities to support their work to provide urgent relief and especially medical care.

Bentley Pentecostal Church continues to stream a tenth (tithe) of its income into these projects and maintains an emergency fund to support both local and international emergencies beyond these projects. We are able to respond quickly and have done so to needs in Africa, India, Ukraine and beyond as well as needs at home and in our locality in particular.

Our strategy includes a policy of continuous review of projects, communications and visits from project representatives. The current Missions support is reviewed in the final quarter now of each year with a view to continuing or exploring new options.

This approach of committed support is key to the building and maintaining of real, effective and lasting partnerships.

Financial Hardship

We continue to seek to relieve financial hardship in the Community where appropriate and where we are able. The Chair and members continue to have a strong relationship with the British Legion, supporting them in their fundraising, attending special events with our MP and local politicians and joining them in the Remembrance Day Parade and Service and laying a wreath on behalf of the fallen in two world wars.

We continue to review and improve our support to the people of our local area for example; increased support and weekly contributions to the Bentley Food Bank now run by our friends at Bentley Baptist Church. The Church members recognise this as a real, practical way they can help the community. We have continued to be a main contributor including finance.

Buildings

Our Buildings have been continued to be well maintained with a major refurbishment of our Kitchens in our Centre with a further planned programme of improvements in place for 2023.

An ongoing programme of maintenance and updating continues - essential to ensure the long term viability of the Centre and the services it provides. These have been funded by the members' financial support to the Church.

Our continuing goal is that by developing and providing improved facilities we will be able develop new programmes and activities for children, young people, adults and the senior members of our community.

Leadership

The Church Council, led by the Chair has continued to provide strong leadership throughout the year strongly supported by our Financial Administrator and legal adviser.

The Church members have fully supported the Church Council in their leadership. The Council members are well equipped through their professional experience to continue to lead the Church in Financial, Legal and Community Leadership roles.

Changes in leadership and further members will be recruited in due course during 2023.

The Trustees are committed to strategic development and succession planning to ensure the long term future of the Church and Charity. These include:

1. Leadership: The Church Council is committed to and continues to plan for the long term future of the Church seeking to recruit, train, develop and introduce new leaders and volunteers drawn from both the membership and other partnerships. The Council is committed to succession planning, working closely with our National Office and regional leaders to recruit a new Minister and support. We continue to explore other partnerships to provide advice and support.
2. Reserves (Financial): The reserves have been maintained despite attendance being reduced in the aftermath of Covid, as a result of substantial giving from the members. This has been enhanced by the continued provision of leadership to the Church by the Elder / Chair of the Board of Trustees, supported by the other Trustees without any financial cost (to the Church / Charity). We have continued to maintain and make improvements to buildings and facilities as they are important valuable assets which need constant review. We have also been able to continue to support Missions and other projects (financially) whilst building up reserves.
3. Strategy: These reserves continue to form a development fund which can support new leaders and activities over the next year or so.

In Summary

The Board has continued to manage the Church, Charity and its finances successfully re-establishing services and activities following a return to more normality as the COVID Pandemic has subsided. We have good financial resources in place to enable further development and projects in 2023.

Financial Review

Review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total Income for 2022 was £39,752.60 and for 2021 was £51,799.04 a decrease of £12,046.44. Total Expenditure for 2022 was £50,630.83 and for 2021 was
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		£24,429.30 an increase of £26,201.53. Total monies at the end of 2022 were £151,241.41 and for 2021 were £161,817.67 - an increase of £10,576.26.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees have the aim of retaining reserves sufficient for the foreseeable needs of the Church. The level of general reserves are not set in a specific formula, but the aim is to be three months of the level of committed expenditure over guaranteed income. Where there is specific capital expenditure foreseen amounts are set aside into designated/restricted funds so the general reserves are available to meet the costs of normal running and expansion of the Church and to ensure that the Church can meet its commitments that have been entered into.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,840.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the Charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None whatsoever

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of Charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Trust Deed dated the 6 th April 2006
How is the Charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more Trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are appointed by the Management Trustees in accordance with the Constitution.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name:	Bentley Pentecostal Assembly of God Church
Other name the Charity uses:	Liberty Bentley Pentecostal Church Bentley Pentecostal Church Bentley Pentecostal Community Centre
Registered Charity number:	1052609
Charity's principal address:	Bentley Pentecostal Church, Arksey Lane, Bentley, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN5 0RY.

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint Trustee (if any)
1	Stephen David Anderson	Elder	Whole Year	The Management Trustees
2	Ann Denise Anderson	Deacon/Treasurer	Whole Year	The Management Trustees
3	Valerie Elaine Blackett	Deacon	Whole Year	The Management Trustees
	Louise Benton	Pastor	13/01/2022 to 06/06/2022	The Management Trustees
	Rita Chafen	Deacon	24/05/2022 to 31/12/2022	The Management Trustees
	Phillip John Needham	Deacon	24/05/2022 to 31/12/2022	The Management Trustees

Corporate Trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the Charity (the Holding Trustees)

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Ann Denise Anderson	Whole Year	
Valerie Elaine Blackett	Whole Year	
Eric David Brown	Whole Year	

Funds held as custodian Trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the Charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian Charity's objects	Not Applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the Charity's own assets	Not Applicable

Additional information

Names and addresses of advisers

Type-of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Virgin Money Bank plc	1a Peel Square, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 2PL
Solicitors	Robinsons	Market Place, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 50Q
Independent Examiner	ROBERT IAN JARVIS	87 STOOPS LANE, BESSACARR, DONCASTER, DN4 7RS

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

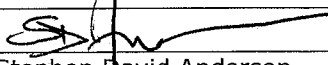
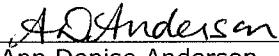
Other optional information

None

Declarations:-

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees

Signature(s):		
Full Names:	Stephen David Anderson	Ann Denise Anderson
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.):	Chair of the Trustees	Treasurer, Deacon and Trustee
Date:	10/9/23	10/09/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

BENTLEY PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2022

Charity no (if any)

1052609

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

14/5/2023

Name:

ROBERT IAN JARVIS.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(RETIRED) PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF TAXES.

(if any):

Address:

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DONCASTER DN4 7RS.

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.