



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

To: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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 aims 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 saw the church and charity developing post Covid. Church attendance has been building with some new families attending including families from Nigeria who have brought a valuable diversity to our membership together with musical talents. Sadly, a number of our Elderly members passed away over the last twelve months and we are grateful for their many years of commitment but the addition of new attendees from diverse backgrounds has been of great benefit to us and a great reminder and example of the Circle of Life.

The Church continued to be led by the Chair of Trustees / Elder supported by the Church Council and the search continued for a new Minister to lead the Church with help and ministry from within the Church and visiting Ministers.

*Financial giving* has continued to be consistent with some reduction compared to pre Covid years but gradually improving as the year progressed. Our income is 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; stable strategic and operational leadership; financial and legal expertise at no cost to the Church. This allowed essential maintenance to continue and provision of resources to further develop the Church and Charity for the future. One Trustee left during the year but was replaced by a long-term member of the church

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 2024.

A new Doncaster Churches Fellowship (Churches working together) is now in embryonic form and Bentley Pentecostal Church is fully supporting this and providing significant input and direction to make this a successful group to benefit our city.

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.

### **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 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 visits to projects. We continue to support Caring for Life based in Leeds which provides help, 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 are 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 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 and have done so throughout the last operational year. 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.

## Financial Review

Review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total Income for 2023 was £43,091.26 and for 2022 was £39,752.60 a increase of £3,163.16. Total Expenditure for 2023 was £47,462.74 and for 2022 was £50,630.83 an decrease of £3,646.76. Total monies at the end of 2023 were £147,348.63 and for 2022 were £151,241.41 - a decrease of £3,892.78.
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	£1,960.00
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 <sup>th</sup> 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:	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.
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**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
	Rita Chafen	Deacon	Whole Year	The Management Trustees
	John Andrew Hughes	Deacon	15/12/2023 to 31/12/2023	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		

**Exemptions from disclosure**

**Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details**

None

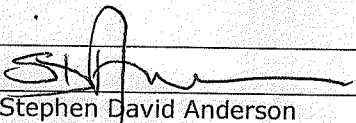
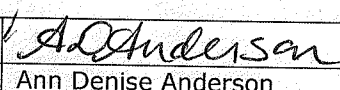
**Other optional information**

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:	18/08/2024	18/08/2024

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Charity Name <b>BENTLEY PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b>		Charity No <b>1052609</b>	
<b>Annual Accounts for the Period</b>			
Period start date <b>01/01/2023</b>		Period end date <b>31/12/2023</b>	
To			

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## Section A Statement of Financial Activities

Descriptions by natural category	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A1 Incoming Resources</b>					
GENERAL ACCOUNT:					
Offerings and Gift Aid Contributions	32,225.11	0.00	0.00	32,225.11	32,591.04
Donations for Use and Occupation	665.00	0.00	0.00	665.00	2,180.00
Donations for Activities	50.18	0.00	0.00	50.18	0.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	4,982.58	0.00	0.00	4,982.58	519.00
BUILDINGS ACCOUNT:					
Offerings and Gift Aid	0.00	480.00	0.00	480.00	480.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MISSIONS ACCOUNT:					
Donations for Missions	0.00	3,581.51	0.00	3,581.51	4,048.76
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED:					
Bank Interest	1,106.88	0.00	0.00	1,106.88	109.90
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>39,029.75</b>	<b>4,061.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>43,091.26</b>	<b>39,928.10</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>39,029.75</b>	<b>4,061.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>43,091.26</b>	<b>39,928.10</b>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A3 Resources Expended</b>					
GENERAL ACCOUNT:					
Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Copying and Printing & Computer	10,637.06	0.00	0.00	10,637.06	1323.63
Insurance	2,203.63	0.00	0.00	2,203.63	2084.83
Light and Heat	4,064.11	0.00	0.00	4,064.11	3554.82
Maintenance & Equipment	19,720.88	0.00	0.00	19,720.88	12138.21
COVID-19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postages and Telephone	527.79	0.00	0.00	527.79	2606.92
Salaries, Tax, and NI Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Visiting Ministry	987.09	0.00	0.00	987.09	1138.10
Evangelism	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	523.96
Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10774.49
Missions Support	1,650.00	0.00	0.00	1,650.00	2100.00





## **Section C Note to the Accounts**

### **Note 1 Basis of Preparation**

#### **1.1. Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and with the Charities Acts.

#### **1.2. Change in basis of accounting**

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since the last year.

#### **1.3. Changes to previous accounts**

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

### **Note 2 Accounting Policies**

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the Charity.

## **INCOMING RESOURCES**

### **Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the Charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the Trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

### **Incoming resources with related expenditure**

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

### **Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

### **Tax reclaims on donations and gifts**

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as they are received from HM Revenues and Customs.

### **Contractual income and performance related grants**

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

### **Gifts in kind**

Gifts in kind (if any) are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the Charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution (if any) are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the Charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the Charity (if any) are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

#### Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the Charity of the service or facility received.

#### Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' annual report.

#### Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

#### Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

### **EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

#### Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to pay out resources.

#### Grants with performance conditions

Where the Charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

#### Grants payable without performance conditions

If any these are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the Charity.

### **ASSETS**

#### Tangible fixed assets for use by Charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.00. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

#### Investments

Investments, if any, quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets (if any) are included at Trustees' best estimate of market value.

#### Stocks and work in progress

If any, these are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**Note 3 Comments and Information on the Accounts**

**1.0. Section A1 (Receipts)**

1.01. Donations for Use and Occupation - These are the amounts received from the Dogs Trust and others for the use the Centre building.

1.02. Totals - This shows an overall decrease of income of £3,163.16 over 2022.

**2.0. Section A3 (Payments)**

2.01. Light and Heat - This increased by £509.29 over 2022.

2.02. Salaries, Tax, and NI Payments - There are no payments for 2023 as no person was employed by the Church for that year.

2.03. Copying, Printing, and Computer and Maintenance and Expenditure are due to the installation of the new telephone system , rental charges for Laptops and Photocopiers, together with works on the Centre building.



2.04. Missions Support - This is the amount of the Charity's tithe on the Unrestricted Income in the previous year and is usually paid monthly to our Missions partners (Caring For Life and Compassion UK) in addition to the monthly Missions offering.

2.05. Totals - This shows an overall increase of expenditure of £3,646.76 over 2022.

**3.00. Section B**

3.01. Section B4 (Assets retained for the Charity's own use) - The current insurance values are shown as at insurance renewal on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Liability for Employer's, Public, and Product Liability is covered up to £10,000,000.00 each.

**Signed by one or two Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees**

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	STEPHEN ANDERSON	18/08/2024
	ANN ANDERSON	18/08/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name BENTLEY PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2023 Charity no (if any) 1052609

Set out on pages

1, 2, 2a, 3, 4 + 5 (6 in all) (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

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: 26 JULY 2024

Name: ROBERT IAN JARVIS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

RETIRED H.M. INSPECTOR OF TAXES

(if any):

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**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.

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