

**Annual report of the Trustees of Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church, Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen,
West Midlands. B63 2HJ
Year Ending 31 December 2022**

The Church is governed by the Trust Deed and its Basis of Faith and Constitution. It is registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 518320.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr Alan Cutler
Mr Wesley R Erpen
Mr Alan J Harborne (Chairman)
Mr Richard J Mansell
Mr Paul D Vanden Branden
Mr Robert J Warner (Treasurer and Secretary)

Mr Christopher M Adams was appointed as a Trustee on 23 March 2023

Trustees are appointed after receiving unanimous approval by the other trustees.

Bankers

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31 Church Street
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Independent Examiner

Mrs G Morton
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The aims of the Charity are to provide a meeting place for its members and others who are interested in the Christian faith. We seek to reach out to those in the community with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A summary of the achievements in these activities is set out below. The Trustees are satisfied that these achievements clearly demonstrate that the Charity has throughout the year fulfilled its responsibility to meet the requirement of providing a Public Benefit and has thereby complied with its duty to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The Church is led by Elders and supported by Deacons who are elected by the Church membership in accordance with the constitution. The Church does not employ anyone, all roles are done by volunteers.

There have not been any related party transactions during the year.

The policy of the Trustees is to try and keep at least £1,500 in cash for the General Fund, as reserves for contingencies. In planning for the future we will also need to increase funds for possible building alterations. During the year this has been maintained and funds retained for the possibility of making alterations to the Church building.

The Church does not have any specific investment powers.

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These are making sure that there are sufficient leaders to look after the Church when others are absent or if any should leave. The Elders and Deacons make any needs known at a Church members meeting and nominations are invited. There is also a need to make sure that the various activities are adequately staffed by appropriate volunteers, again requests are made to the Church as the need arises. The Trustees are satisfied that any risks have been mitigated.

Review of Activities and Future Plans

Once again, we can give thanks to God for bringing us through another year and for all that He has done in us and through us on Fatherless Barn estate.

Church Ministries

It took a few months for church attendance on a Sunday to begin to feel as if we were getting anywhere back to where we were prior to Covid. Understandably, some of our older people were still feeling nervous and didn't initially return, and it appeared that others had settled into 'doing church' online. Thankfully, by the end of the year, we were beginning to see the church fill up again with one or two new people attending, and others returning. At the same time, there are still at least half a dozen people who were on the periphery of the church, who still haven't returned.

A highlight of the year was our church weekend away at the Quinta in June. We had more people attend than we have ever had before, and everyone appreciated being together. We received some helpful ministry and the narrative of the Lord Jesus calming the storm. We have booked to return to the Quinta in June 2024.

Another highlight was the baptismal service in September. It was great having the church full and wonderful to hear the three who were being baptised share their different stories of how they came to faith. During the autumn it was good to have up to ten people attend our Christianity Explored course. A number of the older teenagers attended along with three others. Our church was once again fairly full for our Candlelit Candle Service and a good number attended the Christmas Day Service.

Our JAM Club, on a Friday, has been well attended with some weeks seeing up to thirty children. There has been a good team of volunteers from the church who make this club happen, from those delivering the craft for the week, teaching the Bible story, or running the games. It has been especially encouraging to have regular help from those who do not normally attend church. It is a pleasure to teach the Word of God to so many children at the end of a busy week at work. The Ignite Club for our teenagers which runs every other week, has had up to twelve youngsters attend and the leaders have done an excellent job in organising the programme. As well as meeting at the church they have had walks up Clent Hills and attended the Birmingham City Missions Fulfil youth event in Birmingham.

Most of the ministry has once again been delivered by members of our Leadership Team. The main Bible series we did was to go through the book of Romans. It has also been helpful to have a number of visiting speakers, bringing variety to our Services. Sunday School has been running every week but with lower numbers prior to Covid. We are grateful to everyone who volunteers as a Sunday School Teacher. Our House Groups were restarted, meeting in homes in Halesowen and Stourbridge. We have continued to meet in church for our monthly church prayer meeting.

Church Building

In the light of the reduction of numbers of people attending church at the beginning of the year it was an easy decision to not move ahead with the proposed plans to extend the building. This led the leadership team to draw up a list of jobs that needed to be done around the church from new carpets, a new PA system to relaying the car park and other suggestions. The plan is to prioritise and complete the jobs as soon as is practical.

Finance

Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022 have been independently examined. The accounts show a very healthy position. We give thanks again to God for His provision and for all who give to the work of the Church.

Principal Funding Sources

Donations and gifts are our main source of income and we are most appreciative of the continued support of church members and others who give in various ways. We do not make appeals for funding to people outside of Church membership other than through collections made at our Sunday morning family service. We do not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Future Plans

As we come to the end of 2022, we can thank the Lord that He has enabled us to minister to so many people throughout the past year. We look to the Lord to guide and bless us as we enter a new year, and we pray that during the coming twelve months we will see a significant increase in the number of people attending the church. It is hoped that our work with the elderly, 60+ will restart this year as it has not been running since Covid.

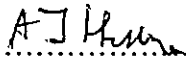
We are exploring the possibility of appointing a part-time Pastor or Community Outreach Worker.

The Church members will be asked how they would feel about linking up with the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

We will continue to make improvements to the church building to improve the facilities.

We are in the process of updating the Trust Deed for the Church in preparation for registering as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. In preparation for this we have instructed PearceLegal, solicitors, to recover our deeds and files previously held by Garner Canning from the SRA.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees
on 8 October 2023


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Alan J Harborne
Chairman



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

518320

Set out on pages

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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 trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed:

G Morton

Date:

16 October 2023

Name:

Mrs G Morton

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

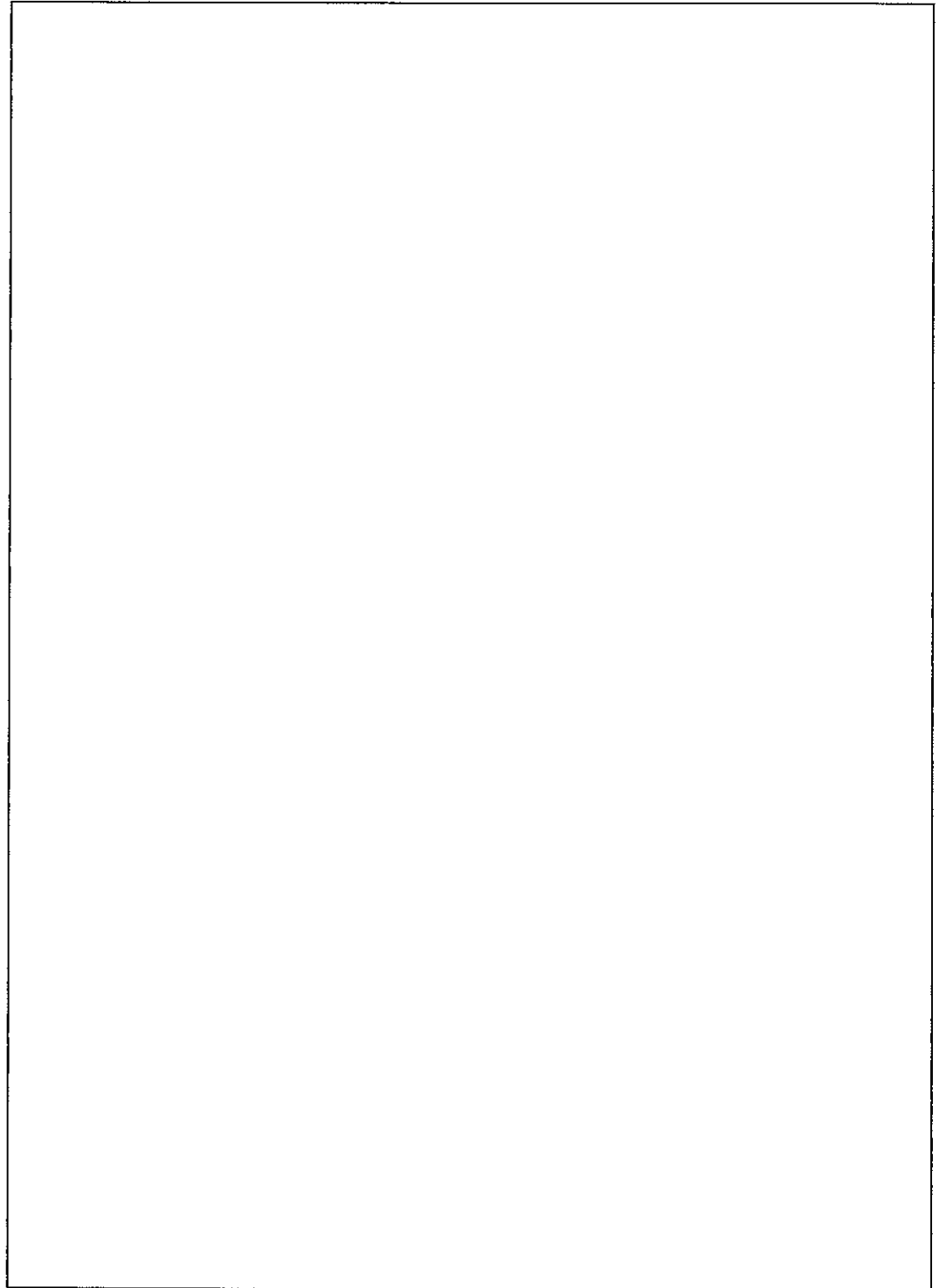
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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



FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**INCOME**

| | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Restricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Total Funds 2022</u> £ | <u>Total 2021</u> £ |
|------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Donations and Legacies | 22,333 | 4,101 | 26,434 | 28,805 |
| Charitable Activities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Income | 0 | 4,660 | 4,660 | 0 |
| Investments | 95 | 0 | 95 | 17 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 22,428 | 8,761 | 31,189 | 28,822 |

EXPENDITURE

| | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cost of Raising Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Charitable Activities | 15,374 | 9,476 | 24,850 | 13,658 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 15,374 | 9,476 | 24,850 | 13,658 |
| NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE | 7,054 | -715 | 6,339 | 15,164 |
| Fund Balances at Beginning of Year | 53,626 | 1,511 | 55,137 | 39,973 |
| FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR | 60,680 | 796 | 61,476 | 55,137 |

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2022

| <u>2021</u> | <u>INCOME</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|------------------|--|------------------|
| 6,245.00 | Offerings & Donations | 6,743.22 |
| 13,765.00 | Gift Aid Donations | 12,235.00 |
| | Offertory Box | 5.77 |
| 3,346.88 | HMRC Tax Refund | 3,349.54 |
| 5,098.37 | Legacy for General Fund | |
| 350.00 | Gifts for Building Fund | |
| | Gifts for Ciechenow City Mission | 3000.00 |
| 17.07 | Interest Received | 94.60 |
| | Quinta 2022 | 5,761.50 |
| <u>28,822.32</u> | Total Income | <u>31,189.63</u> |
| <u>39,972.78</u> | Opening Balance | <u>55,136.76</u> |
| <u>68,795.10</u> | | <u>86,326.39</u> |
| | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | |
| 178.66 | Gas | 1,001.59 |
| 110.02 | Electricity | 393.20 |
| 203.41 | Water Rates - Church | 174.99 |
| 999.80 | Insurance - Church | 1,050.00 |
| 300.00 | Speakers Expenses and Gifts | 500.00 |
| 2,800.00 | Gifts to Missionaries | 3,100.00 |
| | Gift for Ciechenow City Mission | 3,000.00 |
| 2,760.00 | Gifts to Birmingham City Mission | 2,760.00 |
| 1,153.20 | Building Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements | 1,391.34 |
| 600.00 | Tree Survey | |
| 200.00 | Church Weekend Quinta | 6,476.50 |
| 120.60 | Youth Expenses | 43.75 |
| 129.00 | Thirty one eight (Formerly CCPAS) | 129.00 |
| | Safeguarding Training | 255.60 |
| 70.00 | Outreach Expenses | 251.39 |
| 708.58 | CCLI - Copyright Licence | 743.17 |
| 510.68 | Other Miscellaneous Expenditure | 369.11 |
| | Bank Charges | 97.60 |
| 352.30 | Insurance - Church House | 399.10 |
| 551.89 | Water Rates - Church House | 584.40 |
| 414.00 | Church House Repairs and Maintenance | 730.68 |
| <u>1,496.20</u> | Church House Council Tax | <u>1,399.06</u> |
| <u>13,658.34</u> | Total Expenditure | <u>24,850.48</u> |
| <u>55,136.76</u> | Balance Carried Forward | <u>61,475.91</u> |
| <u>68,795.10</u> | | <u>86,326.39</u> |
| | Represented By: | |
| 386.07 | Current Account | 1,375.91 |
| 54,670.21 | Savings Account | 59,409.72 |
| 80.48 | Cash in Hand | 690.28 |
| <u>55,136.76</u> | | <u>61,475.91</u> |

In addition to the cash balances held above the charity owns the freehold Church buildings and the Church house in the unrestricted fund.

Liabilities

There were no liabilities outstanding at the year end.

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Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

Restricted Funds

| | <u>Ciechanow</u> | <u>Quinta</u> | <u>60+</u> | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>City Miss</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>Group</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Balances as at 31 December 2021 | 0 | 715 | 796 | 1,511 |
| Income for the year | 3000 | 5761 | 0 | 8,761 |
| Expenditure for the year | -3000 | -6476 | 0 | -9476 |
| Balances as at 31 December 2022 | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>796</u> | <u>796</u> |

Unrestricted Funds

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Balance as at 31 December 2021 | 53,626 |
| Net movement in year | <u>7,054</u> |
| Balance as at 31 December 2022 | <u><u>60,680</u></u> |

Total Funds

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Restricted Funds | 796 |
| Designated Funds | 800 |
| Unrestricted Funds | <u>59,084</u> |
| | <u><u>60,680</u></u> |