



## **Church Meeting: Monday 9th October 2023 at 8pm**

### **AGENDA**

Chair: John Prior

1. Welcome and open in worship
2. Apologies for absence and welcome new members
3. Minutes of the previous meeting 17th July ([read here](#))
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Finance report
6. Facilitation report
7. Membership matters
8. Close in prayer

## **Special Church Meeting: 9th October 2023**

### **AGENDA**

1. Proposal for CBC to open an outreach centre by joining in a Bid with Rudloe Community Association (RCA) to Wiltshire Council for use of the community centre.

## **CBC Finance Update – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

My update for you is based on two areas: a draft of where we finished the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, and a brief overview of our cash and funds position at the end of August 2023.

We can give thanks to God for his continued provision to CBC during times of economic uncertainty, changing costs and financial pressures!

### **DRAFT GENERAL FUND FIGURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2023**

Below are the draft figures for our financial year which has just finished. It's important to note these may change once our external accountant has reviewed the figures and whether there are any late expenses for the above year which haven't yet been submitted.

The key takeaways from the below figures are:

- Income was above budget – mainly due to one off gifts being above expectations and an increase in giving follow our call for pledges with Adam joining the team. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to CBC over the past year, not just with money, but also your time.
- Expenditure was overall below expectations. The main reasons for less expenditure against budget are:
  - An associate pastor was budgeted to join from April 23, however they didn't join until August 23.
  - Gas & electricity was over budgeted for as there was a lot of uncertainty around what the costs of our contracts would be.
  - A small amount of mission expenditure was covered through the use of mission funds, rather than the general fund.
- Although the below shows we made a deficit of £27,305 in the year, this is after deducting the capital expenditure on both the Priory Street building and The Tynings, which totaled £87,610. This was planned for. Due to the increased giving and lower expenditure than expected, we find ourselves in a blessed situation where we have £46,405 of unallocated general fund income available as a starting point to our current financial year.

### **Risks & Unknowns to Prayerfully Consider**

- Will the current economic climate impact people's ability to support the work at CBC?
- Costs relating to the possible works at Rudloe (more on this in a later agenda item). We won't have a clear picture on this until further down the line.
- Cost of repairs to the Church Building – windows need replacing and initial quotes have come back at thousands per window, which means we need to prayerfully consider how to approach this.
- Being an older building, will any emergency repairs crop up that need actioning?

Income and expenditure is continually monitored closely to identify and take action on any warning signs as they arise.

**Draft Results for the year ended 31st August 2023** – to be submitted to our independent auditor for review shortly.

	<b>DRAFT ACTUALS</b>	<b>BUDGET FY22-23</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£250,969</b>	<b>£225,973</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Ministry	-£107,948	-£119,857
Outreach	-£7,585	-£9,330
Teaching & Training	-£839	-£1,925
Worship	-£2,116	-£2,510
Building Repairs & Maintenance	-£11,673	-£8,425
Other Premises Costs	-£27,910	-£38,493
Administration	-£8,900	-£10,215
Fellowship Events	-£330	-£600
Mission	-£23,363	-£27,686
Contingency	£0	-£1,200
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-£190,664</b>	<b>-£220,240</b>
Capital Expenditure (CBC Building + Tynings Refurb)	-£87,610	
<b>DRAFT SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-£27,305</b>	<b>£5,733</b>

<b>General Fund Balance At 1st Sept 22:</b>	<b>£123,710</b>
<b>Deficit from year ended 31st Aug 23:</b>	<b>-£27,305</b>
<b>Set Aside As Reserves:</b>	<b>-£50,000</b>
<b>Unallocated (carried forward to current year)</b>	<b>£46,405</b>

### **A reminder on giving and pledges:**

If you pledged to increase your giving to support CBC's work, and haven't yet increased your contribution, please consider this a reminder to amend your giving. We recognise that for some, circumstances will have changed, and some pledges may no longer be feasible, so if you do not currently give and would like to start or didn't pledge and would like to increase your giving, **details on how to do this can be found on CBC's website**. Every little helps support the activities of the church and makes a real difference.

**BANKS BALANCES AS AT 31st August 2023**

Bank	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
BU 3 Month Notice	£14,754			<b>£14,754</b>
BU 7 Day Notice	£47,756			<b>£47,756</b>
Lloyds TSB	£10,553	£15,588	£32,642	<b>£58,783</b>
Santander Current Account	£11,798			<b>£11,798</b>
<b>Total Cash at bank</b>	<b>£84,861</b>	<b>£15,588</b>	<b>£32,642</b>	<b>£133,091</b>

**FUND BALANCES AS AT 31st August 2023**

Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
General Fund	£96,405			<b>£96,405</b>
Anne Killingback Mission		£4,613		<b>£4,613</b>
CBC Benevolent Fund		£5,504		<b>£5,504</b>
DTI Camp*		£1,446		<b>£1,446</b>
Fixed Assets		£1,318,891		<b>£1,318,891</b>
Ladies Ministry		£674		<b>£674</b>
Ladies Residential		(£834)		<b>(£834)</b>
Legacies		£1,000		<b>£1,000</b>
Men's Ministry		£1,915		<b>£1,915</b>
Souper Friday		£1,397		<b>£1,397</b>
Youth Events*		(£44)		<b>(£44)</b>
Youth Weekend*		(£84)		<b>(£84)</b>
CMDAC			£1,910	<b>£1,910</b>
Compassion			£20	<b>£20</b>
Junior Church			£75	<b>£75</b>
Mission Fund			£19,360	<b>£19,360</b>
Mission Trips			£6,367	<b>£6,367</b>
Oasis IT Austria			£79	<b>£79</b>
Souper Friday			£4,096	<b>£4,096</b>
Tear Fund			£736	<b>£736</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£96,405</b>	<b>£1,334,478</b>	<b>£32,643</b>	<b>£1,463,526</b>

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### Facilitation Update

#### Priory Street

- Hall refurbishment. The skirting boards have been installed and the first phase of the “sound clouds” fitting before the Ordination and Induction Service. While the difference made is significant there are a further six boards to install require hanging from the ceiling. Consideration is being given to the wall area around the kitchen serving hatch as a “high impact” area where significant damage is being seen on the walls.
- Replacement of the defibrillator machine. Following the “non return” of our previous defibrillator machine, a replacement has been ordered and is now in situ in the box on the outside wall. Many thanks to Ruth for working hard to firstly try and reclaim our old one, and more recently arrange for the replacement and register it with The Circuit (British Heart Foundation) so that it appears on the list of defibs in town as available to use.
- 24/25 Planning. A number of items are in scope of projects in the next year. In brief these comprise of: raising of balcony, rear window replacement, handrail/accessibility options for the main stage, cabinets around electrics, re-organisation/purpose of the “Debt Office”.

#### Sound & Technology

- The church wifi has been upgraded to improve wifi signal coverage throughout the main site, which will now be monitored. The new details are below:
  - SSID: TheBarnFT
  - Password: "The Teacher is here!" (excluding quotes including spaces)
- A dedicated guest wifi will be available at certain times:
  - SSID: TheBarnGuest
  - Password: Brothers&Sisters

#### Social Media and Communications

- Facebook content has had 9.5k views (Jul-Sep) through our organic (non-paid) content, and 7.2k views of our adverts. Almost 1,000 people have visited our Facebook page (again we can see that going up with the new content process), and we've gained an additional 14 followers.
- A mini 'back to church' series has recently been run that included our promo video, prompts to try church and a guide to what happens at church.
- Started integrating money advice promo on Social Media.
- Pleasing to see that the Facebook Group is becoming more of a community (102 members), with people using it to share questions, encouragements and photos.

#### Other

- Events. Successful Ordination and Induction Service for Adam held 23rd September. Plans now for the 200 Year and Harvest Service (29th October) and Born in a Barn (9th December).
- New Congregation. The Facilitation Team will be involved in the new works as this shapes up over the coming months. For FT Meetings next year (2024), we would like to ensure that there is service representation from each of the congregations.