

## **Bethel Community Church Report of the Trustees for the year 01/09/2022 – 31/08/2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIONS DETAILS:**

<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	1050244
<b>Principal Address:</b>	Pond Lane, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 1BQ.
<b>Trustees:</b>	J Gunn (Lead Pastor). D Wood. D Pollard. A Richardson.
<b>Treasurer:</b>	D Wood.
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Keith Lyons Certified Public Accountants, Suite 1b, Gateway Business Centre, Barncoose Industrial Estate, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3RQ

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, Assemblies of God Model Deed 2 and constitutes an unincorporated charity. There are currently four Trustees. They are responsible for making sure that Bethel Community Church complies with charity law, that proper financial accounts are kept and independently reviewed, that meetings and decisions are recorded and that policies and procedures are developed and followed. The trustees also ensure that Bethel Community Church adheres to the general tenets laid down by the Assemblies of God of which Bethel Community Church is a member. The trustees continue to comply with their duties having due regard to guidance on public benefit.

**Risk management:**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide assurance against fraud and error.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES:****Objectives and aims:**

(A) 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; (B) 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 (C) 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.

**Significant activities:**

Bethel has seen an increase in attendance in its faith related services it provides. Sunday morning and Thursday evening meetings have both been well attended.

The youth cabin was completed in this period and now provides a suitable and comfortable space for children and youth activities.

The church, during this period open its doors on a Sunday evening once a month for a church youth club. This club has been supported by local teenagers. The club provides a safe space for youth to gather to enjoy games, conversations and company. The club also provides an opportunity for youth to discuss matters that are important to them.

In October 2022, Bethel began a project to tackle food waste and poverty within the community. The project was named “Bethel Community Larder and Café”. It works alongside local shops, charities and service providers. Its aim is

to partner with shops who have food surplus and pass that excess food onto people and families, free of charge, who need it. The project works with those who are homeless; those who are struggling financially (from all walks of life) and those who are living with mental health problems.

Every Tuesday morning, between fifty and one hundred and fifty people from the community attend the church and collect food items and other products (such as free sanitary items). A free café is also available at the church during this time which a number of people who access the larder also use. The church provides a safe and warm place for people to enjoy hot drink and food and company. A number of people who access the café state they suffer from loneliness and value having the space to come to each week. Other community agencies are present in the café at this time to help provide advice and guidance to those service users who need signposting or guidance.

An review on this project was recently carried out by the church trustees and it was found to be meeting all of the Bethel Community Church charity objectives as mentioned previously in this document and in particularly objectives [B] and [C].

As well as church activities, the local Cocaine Anonymous (CAUK) used the Bethel facilities each Monday to host their meetings.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW:**

Bethel Community Church at this time has agreed a contingency reserve level of £11000. The church has no funds in deficit.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:	J.Gunn
Full Name:	Jason Robert Gunn
Position Held:	Lead Pastor
Date:	15th May 2024

**BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**ACCOUNTS REPORT**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023**

We report on the accounts to the Charity for the year ended 31st August which are set out on pages 2 and 3.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act  
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission  
(under section 145(5) of the Charities Act and  
to state whether particular matters have come to our attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes the 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

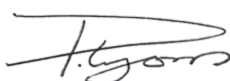
**Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (i) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
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- (ii) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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14th March 2024.



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BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH  
POND LANE, REDRUTH  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Last Year 2021</u>
Bank balance at 1st September 2022	9,178.18	19,720.02	62,591.01
Donations restricted	3,245.77	-	-
AOG HMRC	-	3,603.59	5,541.59
Offerings:           Wednesday	-	-	-
Sunday	-	30,863.02	33,615.08
Donations			
Coffee morning	-	140.35	195.51
Camp	-	-	318.00
Welfare	-	-	100.00
Commissioning	-	-	70.00
Gifts	-	60.00	-
Personal gift	-	-	200.00
JG Gift	-	-	100.00
Ukraine	-	-	686.00
Bank charges (Net)	-	-	175.00
Bank Interest	-	109.77	10.84
	<u>12,423.95</u>	<u>54,496.75</u>	<u>103,603.03</u>

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<u>Payments</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Last Year</u> <u>2021</u>
Pastors salary and NIC	-	29,707.08	28,824.85
Gifts to visiting speakers	-	575.00	950.00
Donations	440.00	-	1,946.00
Evangelism	-	1,200.00	2,200.00
318	-	72.50	64.50
Heat and light	-	1,747.63	819.32
Church maintenance	-	377.71	12,869.19
Telephone and Internet	-	514.04	588.91
Stationery	-	-	146.80
Insurance	-	1,356.34	1,106.87
Accountancy fees	-	342.00	324.00
AOG Subscriptions	-	1,246.21	1,224.96
CCLI	-	454.89	434.66
Bank charges	-	-	-
Website and computer	-	-	233.87
Travel and training	-	-	69.30
Refurb	9,404.98	-	21,025.93
Outreach	-	200.66	143.88
Sundry expenses	-	1,252.59	1,731.79
	<u>9,844.98</u>	<u>39,046.65</u>	<u>74,704.83</u>

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<b>Note 1 movement of funds</b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b>	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Receipts	3,245.77	34,776.73	38,022.50
Payments	9,844.98	39,046.65	48,891.63
	<u>- 6,599.21</u>	<u>- 4,269.92</u>	<u>- 10,869.13</u>

Bank balances at 1st September 2022

Nat West	No. 05810388	10,384.42
	No. 39605264	10,524.75
	No. 39605256	<u>7,989.03</u>
		28,898.20
Net movement in funds as above		- 10,869.13
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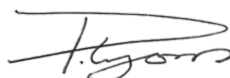
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