

BETHEL CHURCH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

England & Wales · Charity number 1050300

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1995-10-31

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC: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; ANDC) 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.

Activities: The church is involved with general charity and overseas famine relief. As a church is holds regular Sunday meetings and services/prayer meetings midweek. It is also involved with running childrens clubs on Sundays and midweek.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE STONEHOUSE
- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£56,464	£56,654	-	-
2024-06-30	£54,246	£45,189	-	-
2023-06-30	£51,734	£35,537	-	-
2022-06-30	£41,296	£38,835	-	-
2021-06-30	£41,296	£38,435	-	-
2020-06-30	£54,997	£42,679	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PASTOR ROBERT HURTER	Chair	2019-09-01
ANGELA SMITH		2025-12-16
ANGELA VIVIEN WILSON		
HEATHER DAWN MOTEE		2011-09-05

Accounts

*REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025*

BETHEL CHURCH
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Report and Accounts

Year Ended 30 June 2025



Bethel Church Stonehouse

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Trustees

Heather Motee
Angela Wilson (Secretary)
Rev. Robert Hurter (Chair)
Graham Bristow

Treasurer

Faith Lavender

Governing Document

Constitution and Trust Deed
adopted on 14th March 2006

Charity Registration Number

1050300

Registered Office

28 Bath Road
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Bankers

HSBC

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trust deed provides for a minimum of 3 trustees which include the church minister(s). However, the number of trustees who receive remuneration for their services to the Church shall not form the majority of the trustees.

The trustees are known as the Church Council. The Church Council are responsible for the appointment of new members of the council as well as their induction training. This training includes making them aware of their responsibilities, the requirements of the governing trust deed, administrative procedures along with the history and philosophical approach to the charity.

The Church Council meets regularly to review risks that the charity faces. These include financial, health & safety, as well as the risks associated with working with children.

Objectives and Activities of the Charity

A summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document

- To advance the Christian faith including missionary activities in the UK and overseas.
- The relief of the poor and needy.
- The relief of the sick and elderly.
- The furtherance of religious or secular public education.
- Such other charitable objects and for the benefit of such other charitable bodies and institutions
- as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

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Achievements and Performance

Scripture Reflection

Matthew 28:19–20:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

This scripture has defined our vision for the past two years: **to transform people’s lives** through preaching, teaching, outreach, and personal discipleship. Many in our congregation have caught this Kingdom-focused vision, and as this is the vision Jesus Himself has given our pastor, we have seen God grow Bethel Church by transforming lives. God knows our pastor’s heart and sees his willingness to pursue this vision.

This is the vision our pastor has for Bethel:

Helping people.....Walk with Christ, Make disciples, Be the church.....in the everyday places of life.

General Overview

Despite challenges—Bethel Church (Assemblies of God, Stonehouse) has seen **significant growth**. We thank the Lord for this. Society is hungry for Jesus and searching for answers, and many have sought refuge at Bethel Church because we remain committed to preaching, teaching, and living according to the Word of God. We have seen a slight increase through the Quiet Revival 13 – 25-year-olds. Bethel has seen significant growth in families attending on a regular basis.

We have continued to trust God to build His church. Scripture assures us of a harvest if we rely on the Holy Spirit’s work. Although we have faced spiritual opposition—including illness among active members and the passing of some saints—we recognise we are in a spiritual battle, especially as we anticipate the imminent rapture and second coming of Jesus.

In January 2024 a Tamil Congregation began meeting at Bethel as part of Bethel Assemblies of God. This Tamil congregation has now been registered as a separate church with its own governance and leadership. This church has now also relocated to alternative premises.

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Growth and Attendance

- **Membership:** 51.
- **Families:** We have been blessed with many families with children.
- **Children's Ministry:** Regular attendance of around 13 children, supported by an increased number of volunteers.
- **Sunday Services:** Attendance has grown from 50 to 60 regularly.
- **Zoom:** Attendance is stagnant with some congregation who fellowship weekly through Zoom. This attendance is around 5 weekly
- **Worship Ministry:** The worship team has grown significantly. We received an additional keyboard, and more team members can now lead worship, easing the load on our current leader. We have also recently purchased a new Microphone system.

New and Continuing Ministries

The Haven

A weekly Tuesday afternoon ministry that developed from our "Warm Space" initiative. This programme has been discontinued owing to the volunteers' personal commitments and other responsibilities.

Alpha Course

- Held in September 2024.
- 7-week programme held at Bethel.
- Included meals, video sessions, and discussion times.
- Attendance was 8.

Study and Prayer

- **Wednesday Morning:** Prayer and Bible study continues to thrive, mainly on Zoom but with some in-person attendance.
- Many attendees have led Bible studies themselves.
- Prayer sessions have been powerful, Spirit-filled times interceding for members and the church.
- Study have been the book of Revelation and Romans

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Thursday Ministries

- Music practice has resumed.
- Alternate Thursday coffee mornings have seen strong attendance (20–30 people), with numbers increasing.
- Sportily has now stopped at Bethel as they have now found their own venue.

Friday Ministry

- Hosanna: A Maylalam service takes place on Friday evenings.

Men's Ministry

- Monthly Men's Breakfast (2nd Friday) attendance 8–10.
- BoysToMen: Saturday morning men's fraternity gathering. The series consists of three volumes:
- The Quest for Authentic Manhood (24 sessions)
- Winning at Work and Home (16 sessions)
- The Great Adventure (20 sessions)

More than just a Bible study, Men's Fraternity provides men with an encouraging process that teaches them how to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ and directed by the Word of God. Men's Fraternity was designed to help men come together and strengthen each other through weekly sessions that combine biblical teaching and small group interaction. These resources have been used to equip men to make their pursuit of noble manhood a lifelong priority. Church leaders and lay members are using the series to energize the men of their church and to connect with men in the community.

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Discipleship Initiatives

Discipleship Group: Our Discipleship Group is an intentional ministry designed to nurture spiritual growth, strengthen biblical understanding, and build meaningful relationships within our church community. This group meets once a month, providing a consistent opportunity for focused learning and fellowship.

Each meeting includes sharing a meal together, fostering a warm and welcoming environment where participants can deepen connections and build trust. Following the meal, the group engages in a discipleship theme designed to help attendees grow in their faith, apply biblical principles to everyday life, and develop as mature followers of Christ.

The group currently has 8 regular attendees who are committed to this journey of growth and accountability. We anticipate further growth in participation following the conclusion of the upcoming Alpha Course, as new believers and seekers are invited to continue their discipleship journey in this supportive setting.

We believe this monthly group is a vital part of our mission to make disciples, providing a structured yet relational space where individuals can ask questions, share experiences, pray together, and be equipped to live out their faith in practical ways. It is our hope that through this ministry, attendees will be empowered to serve, lead, and disciple others in turn, multiplying the impact of the Gospel in our community.

GO Connect: GO Connect is a new ministry initiative designed to deepen discipleship and strengthen relationships within our church community. It takes the form of a home-based cell group, meeting regularly in the welcoming environment of a congregant's home. This setting fosters a sense of intimacy, trust, and belonging, making it easier for participants to share openly and support one another in their faith journeys.

The group has so far explored themes such as "Fan or Follower", challenging attendees to consider their personal commitment to Christ, and "The Big Picture", offering an overview of God's redemptive plan as revealed in Scripture.

These studies encourage participants to move beyond surface-level faith and develop a deeper understanding of biblical principles and their application to daily life.

GO Connect provides a space where members can engage in meaningful discussion, ask questions, and wrestle with the truths of the Bible in a safe, supportive setting. It also emphasises prayer for one another, building spiritual friendships, and equipping attendees to live out their faith confidently and authentically.

Our hope is that GO Connect will continue to grow and multiply, becoming an essential part of our strategy for discipling believers, reaching out to newcomers, and fostering spiritual maturity within our congregation.

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Wednesday Afternoon Connect Group is an important ministry focused on providing accessible, meaningful Bible teaching and study for those who are new to the Christian faith, as well as for members who are unable to attend the Wednesday morning sessions due to work or other commitments.

This group has a **regular attendance of 12 participants**, demonstrating a strong and growing interest in deepening biblical understanding and building supportive relationships within our church family.

Each week, participants gather for structured yet welcoming study sessions that aim to make Scripture accessible and practical. Recently, the group has explored **the miracles of Jesus**, examining these events not only as historical accounts but as powerful demonstrations of Christ's divinity, compassion, and authority—helping members see their relevance for faith today.

In addition to Bible teaching and discussion, the group also enjoys watching the acclaimed series **"The Chosen"** once a month. These viewings serve as a creative and engaging way to visualise the life and ministry of Jesus, sparking lively conversation and deeper reflection on the Gospel narratives.

Through this Connect Group, participants are encouraged to ask questions, share insights, and support one another in prayer. Our goal is to foster a safe, inclusive environment where spiritual growth can flourish, empowering new believers and all attendees to grow in faith, confidence, and knowledge of God's Word.

Outreach Events for the Community

- **Coffee Morning:** Thriving ministry with 20–30 regular attendees, meeting a post-lockdown community need.
- **Alpha Course:** Scheduled for late 2025.
- **Encounter Ladies Fellowship:** Monthly meeting with ~15 regular attendees, many of whom are unchurched.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Consistently 8 regular attendees.
- **Ladies Choir:** Monday evening practices in the church hall, averaging 20 attendees.
- **ToddleIn Group:** Monday mornings. A space for children 1 – 4 to be active and engage with and build relationships with other children their age.
- **Funerals:** Memorial held Bethel.
- **Tract Distribution:** Several members have been distributing tracts locally, resulting in at least one new attendee.
- **Youth:** We were able to take our youth to the Franklin Graham Gospel event. Some of our youth came to salvation for the first time, whilst others made a recommitment.
- **Conference:** We were able to host an Awaken conference. Bethel was blessed to have guest speakers come from Singapore to share and bless us.
- **Alpha:** We hosted and Alpha which had 8 attendees.
- **Goodwill:** Goodwill bacon & bap event cancelled due to weather.

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Financial Report and Thanks

Special thanks to our Treasurer for outstanding behind-the-scenes work.
Gratitude to Paul Mallett for conducting the audit and accounts.

Missionary Support

We continue to financially support five missionaries:

- Andrew Wesley (Top Kids)
- Claire Kinkead (Jamaica)
- Gabriel & Daniela Corradini (Asturias, Spain)
- John & Eliana Whyte (IBTI Bible College)
- Compassion UK

We have received feedback and visits.

We also supported the Food Bank and provided groceries and essentials for families in Ukraine through material contributions by our members.

Future Plans

Leadership Structure

We are currently seeking God's guidance as we plan and implement changes to our leadership structure. Some of our existing trustees have indicated that they will be stepping down, and we are prayerfully considering the appointment of new trustees to ensure continuity and effective governance. In addition to this, we are introducing a Leadership Team (LT). This new team will serve alongside, but distinct from, the Trustee Board. While the Trustee Board will continue to oversee the management and governance of the church, the LT will be specifically responsible for all spiritual aspects of church life.

The introduction of the Leadership Team represents a new approach to leadership within our congregation, aimed at ensuring dedicated, focused oversight of our spiritual health, growth, and direction in alignment with our mission and values.

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Youth

We are currently in the praying stages of launching a **Youth Group** aimed at serving young people aged **13 to 18**. This initiative reflects our commitment to investing in the next generation and ensuring that they have a dedicated space within our church community to grow in their faith.

The vision for the Youth Group is to provide consistent, age-appropriate discipleship that equips young people to understand, live out, and share their faith with confidence. Through regular gatherings, Bible study, discussion, worship, and social activities, we aim to create an engaging and supportive environment where youth feel valued, heard, and spiritually nurtured.

Our goal is not only to teach biblical principles but also to help youth develop strong, personal relationships with Jesus Christ. We want to see them grow as disciples—grounded in Scripture, led by the Holy Spirit, and prepared to navigate the challenges of their formative years with faith and integrity.

We also hope that the Youth Group will serve as a welcoming place for young people from the wider community who may not yet know Christ. By fostering genuine friendships, sharing the Gospel in relevant ways, and providing a safe, inclusive atmosphere, we pray that many will encounter the love of God and choose to follow Him.

We believe this ministry is vital to the long-term health and growth of our church, as we intentionally invest in raising up the next generation of believers and leaders. We ask for the church's prayerful support as we prepare, recruit volunteers, and seek God's guidance for this important work.

Children

We are committed to nurturing the spiritual growth of our youngest members through the development and support of a dedicated **Children's Group** for ages **4 to 11**. This ministry is a vital part of our vision to make disciples of all generations, recognising the importance of laying a strong spiritual foundation from an early age.

The Children's Group will meet weekly to provide **age-appropriate Bible teaching**, worship, prayer, and creative activities that help children engage with God's Word in meaningful and memorable ways. Our aim is to make learning about Jesus exciting, accessible, and relevant to their everyday lives.

We want to encourage them to develop a personal relationship with God, to grow in prayer, and to begin recognising and responding to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

We are also committed to creating a **safe, welcoming, and fun environment** where children feel loved, included, and valued. Through games, crafts, stories, and discussions, we hope to build strong relationships with them and among them—fostering a sense of belonging and community within the church.

Importantly, this ministry will also serve as an outreach opportunity, welcoming children from families in our wider community who may not yet have a church home. By sharing the Gospel in clear and compelling ways, we pray that many will come to know Jesus at an early age and grow as lifelong disciples.

We invite the whole church to support this ministry through prayer, volunteering, and encouragement, recognising its

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essential role in raising up the next generation of believers who will continue the mission of Christ in the world.

We will continue to focus on prayer, ministry of the Word of God, discipling, and soul winning. We recognise that nothing is accomplished except through prayer and that people need to be disciplined through effective preaching of Kingdom principles.

We will continue to promote:

Jesus Christ as Saviour, Healer, Baptiser, and Coming King

Prayer and the Bible

Extravagant worship

Sharing the love of Jesus with everyone

We are committed to building a culture of positive, forward-looking faith, encouragement, honour, respect, and excellence. We are thankful for feedback from visitors and new attendees who consistently describe Bethel as warm, friendly, and welcoming. Several testimonies highlight how people have felt loved, accepted, and at home from their very first visit.

Budgets and Stewardship

We recognise that despite increased attendance, it remains crucial to use our finances for the **three objectives** outlined in our constitution/governing document.

We will continue to:

- Remain vigilant in keeping within our annual budgets.
- Request regular financial reports from the Treasurer to the Trustee Team.
- Encourage faithful tithes and offerings, including online giving.
- Promote Gift Aid registration through the Treasurer.

We continue prioritising support for missionaries and outreach in our budgeting. Throughout this period, God has blessed us through the faithful giving of our members both in-person and online. We trust and pray that He will continue to prosper His church financially as we pursue His will.

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Going Concern

The trustees, having reviewed all financial and other obligations, they expect the charity to continue to operate as normal for the foreseeable future. It is able to meet its obligations as they fall due, and there are no plans to close the charity or to significantly curtail its operations.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the requirements of the Charities Act to ensure the Charity meets its obligations in respect of public benefit.

In planning activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees believe that this annual report helps to demonstrate the Charity's commitment to the communities in which it is based, as well as its achievements during the year and its future plans.

Grant Making Policy

Gifts to individuals, families and external organizations are considered on the basis of need and the fulfilment of its charitable objectives, in line with its Grant Making Policy.

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Financial Review

The financial year under review shows that our total donations (tithes and offerings) from all funds saw a slight reduction of £117 for the year. When we look purely at general tithes and offerings (i.e. excluding specific mission offerings) these actually increased by 4.4% i.e. up from £41,295 to £43,122.

Gift aid reclaims also increased by 14% from £5,325 to £6,094. These increases are entirely due to the continued generosity of our members towards outworking of the vision of the church.

Again, a heart-felt “thank you” doesn’t do justice to acknowledge the continued sacrifices that we know many have made over the last 12 months.

Our total income from all sources for the year also increased by 4.5% from £54,246 to £56,705, helped by increased Interest earned on our bank balances and a higher level of car park income.

If we now look at expenditure. Total expenditure saw another large increase of 26% (against the 27.7% increase that was seen in the previous year). Expenditure increased from £45,175 to £56,898, i.e. a rise of £11,723.

A breakdown is provided in note 3. The two largest increases were seen in premises costs due to the purchase of the New sound system (£7,287) and increased external support missions etc., up 61% from £5,793 to £9,348.

The net result was a year-end deficit of £193 against the surplus of £9,071 seen in the previous year.

As a result, our cash reserves fell slightly from £105,618 to £105,210 but this level is still considered to be more than adequate to see us through the next season.

Reserves Policy

The charity’s current levels of unrestricted reserves are more than acceptable. £35,000 of the total had previously been designated as a contingency and there are no current plans to change this.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate these. All major insurance risks are subject to normal volunteer insurance.

Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess their impact on the charity’s ability to fulfil its objectives. An annual review of all areas of risk is undertaken by the Trustees in conjunction with volunteers responsible for the area of activity.

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Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales require that trustees provide financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and;

prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping financial records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the trustees on 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
BETHEL CHURCH, ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

On accounts for the year ended

30th JUNE 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1050300

Set out on pages

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(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 30/06/2024.

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: *P Mallett*

Date: 8th SEPT 2025

Name: PAUL MALLET

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



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Address:

GLOUCESTER

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.

NIL

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOME FROM					
Donations & Legacies	2	49,216	241	49,457	48,804
Charitable Activities		-	-	-	30
Investments		2,889	-	2,889	1,767
Trading Activities		4,359	-	4,359	3,645
Total income		<u>56,465</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>56,705</u>	<u>54,246</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable Activities	3	56,654	244	56,898	45,175
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-
Support		-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		<u>56,654</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>56,898</u>	<u>45,175</u>
Net Income/ (expenditure)		-190	-3	-193	9,071
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>-190</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>-193</u>	<u>9,071</u>
Reconciliation in funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward		<u>308,027</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>308,031</u>	<u>298,959</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>307,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307,838</u>	<u>308,031</u>

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Balance Sheet

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets		200,000	-	200,000	200,000
		<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand	5	25,494	-	25,494	42,815
Investments	6	79,716	-	79,716	62,803
Debtors	7	2,627	-	2,627	2,433
		<u>107,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,838</u>	<u>108,051</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	-	-	-	20
Net current assets		<u>107,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,838</u>	<u>108,031</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>307,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307,838</u>	<u>298,959</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds		72,838	-	72,838	73,027
Designated Funds	9	235,000	-	235,000	235,000
Restricted Funds	10	-	-	-	3
		<u>307,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307,838</u>	<u>308,031</u>

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1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the FRS 102 Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities 2015. The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:-

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis, as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. Based on the adequacy of the charity's reserves as at the balance sheet date, along with their knowledge of the charity's ability to meet bills, payments and other liabilities as they fall due, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

a) Donated and grant income:

Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity. Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to HM Revenues and Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax reclaimed from HM Revenues and Customs but not yet received is shown within the charity's debtors.

b) Other income and expenditure

Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless on when payment is made. Grants payable are taken into account at the earlier of when they are paid or become constructive obligations.

c) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specific purpose and are available for purposes directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which they are used.

d). Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life, unless they cost less than £10,000 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	Not depreciated
Equipment	Between 3 and 7 years

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e). Taxation:

A registered charity which is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

2 Donations and legacies	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	43,122	241	43,362	43,479
Gift Aid reclaimed	6,094	-	6,094	5,325
	<u>49,216</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>49,457</u>	<u>48,804</u>
 3 Charitable expenditure				
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Activities	2,654	3	2,657	2,324
Admin	1,690	-	1,690	672
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	159	-	159	176
Gifts Given	10,904	241	11,144	5,793
Other Expenditure	2,271	-	2,271	4,233
Premises	12,743	-	12,743	6,651
Staff Costs	25,769	-	25,769	23,772
Training	465	-	465	1,555
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-
Total resources used	<u>56,654</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>56,898</u>	<u>45,175</u>



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4 Grants and mission support			2025	2024
	Institutions	Individuals	Total	Total
Mission support	4,516	4,615	9,131	3,921
Relief of hardship	217	-	217	1,872
	<u>4,733</u>	<u>4,615</u>	<u>9,348</u>	<u>5,793</u>
Recipients				
			2025	2024
Street Pastors			-	500
IBTI			1,500	400
Top Kids			1,200	400
Compassion UK			356	386
World of Worth			1,210	110
Wycliffe translators			-	100
Open doors brother Andrew			-	100
BIBLE SOCIETY			-	100
GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION			-	50
GLORY RD MINISTRIES			-	50
Visiting Ministries/Speakers			575	625
David Taylor			850	400
Claire Kinkead (Jamaica)			1,690	300
G & D Corradini (Spain)			1,500	300
MOROCCO/LIBYA (AOG)			-	1,000
Israel/Palestine (AOG)			-	566
Gift to Ukraine (AOG)			53	56
STROUD FOODBANK			-	150
HomeStart Stroud and Gloucester			-	100
Encounter			-	100
AOG - impact flood appeal			164	-
YEAM			250	-
TOTAL			<u>9,348</u>	<u>5,793</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
5 Cash at bank and in hand				
bank current accounts	6,457	-	6,457	12,974
bank deposits	19,037	-	19,037	29,841
	<u>25,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,494</u>	<u>42,815</u>
6 Current asset investments				
Cash deposits and similar cash investments maturing after 3	<u>79,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,716</u>	<u>62,803</u>
7 Debtors				
Gift aid tax recoverable	<u>2,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,433</u>
8 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year				
Creditors & Accruals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>
9 Designated funds				

During the year the movements in the charity's designated funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2025	Incoming resources 2025	Outgoing resources 2025	Transfers in the year 2025	Closing balance 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Contingency	35,000	-	-	-	35,000
Fixed Assets	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>
	<u>235,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>235,000</u>

Name of designated fund	Description, name and purposes of the fund
Fixed assets	valuation of church premises
Contingency	monies set aside to cover potential unforeseen expenditure

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Designated funds (continued)

In the previous year the movements in the charity's designated funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
Contingency	35,000	-	-	-	35,000
Fixed Assets	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
	<u>235,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>235,000</u>

10 Restricted funds

During the year the movements in the charity's restricted funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2025 £	Incoming resources 2025 £	Outgoing resources 2025 £	Transfers in the year 2025 £	Closing balance 2025 £
Missions & Special Offerings	-	240	240	-	-
Building	-	-	-	-	-
Children	3	-	3	-	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Name of

restricted funds

Description, name and purposes of the fund

Missions & Special Offerings	donations given for missions or other appeals
Building	donations given to help with building costs
Children	donations given to help children's work

In the previous year the movements in the charity's restricted funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
Missions & Special Offerings	-	2,013	2,013	-	-
Building	309	121	430	-	-
Children	793	60	850	-	3
	<u>1,102</u>	<u>2,194</u>	<u>3,293</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>

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Trustees

Heather Motee
James Mason – resigned May 2024
Angela Wilson (Secretary)
Rev. Robert Hurter (Chair)
Graham Bristow

Non-trustee Leader

Irene Hall

Treasurer

Faith Lavender

Governing Document

Constitution and Trust Deed
adopted on 14th March 2006

Charity Registration Number

1050300

Registered Office

28 Bath Road
Stonehouse
GL10 2JA

Bankers

HSBC

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The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trust deed provides for a minimum of 3 trustees which include the church minister(s). However, the number of trustees who receive remuneration for their services to the Church shall not form the majority of the trustees.

The trustees are known as the Church Council. The Church Council are responsible for the appointment of new members of the council as well as their induction training. This training includes making them aware of their responsibilities, the requirements of the governing trust deed, administrative procedures along with the history and philosophical approach to the charity.

The Church Council meets regularly to review risks that the charity faces. These include financial, health & safety, as well as the risks associated with working with children.

Objectives and Activities of the Charity

A summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document

- To advance the Christian faith including missionary activities in the UK and overseas.
- The relief of the poor and needy.
- The relief of the sick and elderly.
- The furtherance of religious or secular public education.
- Such other charitable objects and for the benefit of such other charitable bodies and institutions
- as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

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Achievements and Performance

Before I start my report let me open with this scripture: **Matthew 28: 19 - 20**

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This has been our vision for the past 3 years, which is to transform people's lives. This has been our focus through preaching, teaching, outreach, etc.. Many of our congregation have caught this vision, and so have been Kingdom focussed. The 3 ways that this Transformation will be achieved is as follows:

1. Encounter Jesus: In every church context we aim to create space for people (nonbelievers and believers) to have encounter with Jesus.
2. Encourage the found: In every church context we aim to create space to encourage and equip the found to live out a relationship with Jesus and to make disciples.
3. Reach the lost and unchurched: In every church context there maybe people walking into our service who may be saved yet not going to church (unchurched) or not saved (lost). Both groups of people could be seeking something, we need to ensure that we are making space to reach out to both, through the way are services are, the messages preached and the love of Jesus.

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As this is the vision that Jesus Himself has given to our pastor, Jesus has been growing Bethel church through transforming people's lives. God also knows the heart of the pastor and sees his willingness to the vision. Bethel Church Assemblies of God in Stonehouse has seen significant growth. We thank the Lord for this. Society has become hungry for Jesus and the have had many questions – we are privileged that many have sought refuge in Bethel Church, we trust that this is because at Bethel Church Assemblies of God Stonehouse, we preach, teach, and live according to the Word of God. One result of this growth is that we had started a Tamil service on Sunday Mornings at 08:30am. Pastor identified that there are many Tamil/ Indian people in our community who may not attend church due to the language and culture barrier. This Tamil service has now become a church plant as a subset/ campus of Bethel Church Stonehouse. Sam Sridharann, is leading Bethel Tamil Church and has started his MiT journey. Pastor Robert is the senior pastor/ leader of both. The Tamil church started off with only 7 people attended, but has grown to 16 people attended weekly. We praise the Lord.

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We have been blessed with a good sense of the presence of God in our services. We want to thank God for his goodness to us during the past year and for the privilege of being able to still hold live fellowship on zoom and at the church building. For both the main church and the Tamil campus there have been set-backs, clear spiritual opposition yet We remain positive in our trust in God that He will build this church. The scripture assures us that we will reap a harvest if we rely on outworking of the Holy Spirit and know that it is God who does it through the Holy Spirit.

As a whole over both churches we have had many others join as attendees. We have been blessed with many families, having children. Our Children's work has increased to a regular attendance of 16 children, which has increased our volunteers for children's ministry. Our full attendance has increased from around 30 to a regular attendance of 60 (in main service) and 16 (in Tamil Service) on Sunday service. The in-person attendance has increased and more of our members are attending in person than on zoom, we still offer zoom, with about 4 regular people attending on Zoom who have a legitimate reason for not attending in person. We are in the process of looking at our on-line footprint. We would like to thank our worship leader for continuing leading us in worship, our worship team has grown significantly. We been blessed with 2 additional keyboard players, 1 additional drummer and 1 additional guitarist who can relieve our current guitarist. We also have others in our worship team who can lead worship, assisting and relieving our worship leader.

In May 2024, one of our members and member of trustee board decided to leave church. This was a tough decision for them, but needed to attended a church where their slightly autistic son would have the necessary care he needed. We were sad to see the family leave.

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This has opened up a space for us to potentially seek a new trustee. Our trustee board will undergo a thorough skills audit (as requirement by regulators) to identify what skills we lack on the board. The trustee board will also undergo training.

We have also started a weekly Tuesday evening prayer ministry called “Seek His Face”. This came out of prayer and God showing pastor 2 Chronicles 7: 14. “if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land”. We believe that God is telling His church that we need to Seek His Face, repent, and humble ourselves before Him. This is held in person in the church.

In October we held a 7-week ALPHA course on Wednesday evenings. This was held at Bethel in partnership with Stroud Baptist church and Five Valleys Fellowship. We didn’t see many attendees this time, only about 8. However, we felt the Lord working in many lives. 1 of the attendees joined our church and was baptised. WE are planning to host another Alpha in January 2025.

Prayer and Bible study has continued to be a success, on a Wednesday morning. Many of the attendees have had the chance to lead the Bible study. The prayer has been a real Holy Spirit experience and filled time, praying for our members and Bethel. This is still mostly attended via zoom; however, we have opened it at the church, being attended by 2 other people in person. We are currently studying the book of Revelation.

Thursday music practice has changed to Wednesday evenings as an organisation called Sportily now use the church for their youth leadership academy. Coffee mornings continues with 20 – 30 people attending each time. The numbers do seem to be increasing. Weekly on Wednesday afternoon we have started a connect group. A bible teaching/ study group aimed at those who are new Christians or simply want to learn more about the Bible. This is also aimed at people who work during the day and cannot attend the Wednesday morning Bible Study. This group has grown to 6 attendees.

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Our men's breakfast once a month on every 3rd Friday – the attendance has grown to 8 – 10 people for most meetings. We have also had the privilege for starting a men's fraternity that meet every Saturday morning at 09am at Bethel. At these meetings we are going through 3 series: The series consists of three volumes:

The Quest for Authentic Manhood (24 sessions)

Winning at Work and Home (16 sessions)

The Great Adventure (20 sessions)

Once a month we have been having our Family Service followed by a bring and share meal. We have decided to change this to a youth takeover service every second month. Our Youth Champion, leads this and all the children/ youth are involved in serving in church. We want to encourage and equip the youth as leaders and bring out their gifting and talents.

In May 2024, Sam Sridharann, the leader of the Tamil Church started his MiT journey endorsed by senior leader/ senior pastor. The areas he study are: Self Leadership, Biblical Literacy, Cultural Intelligence, Charitable Governance, Working with people.

We have endeavoured to build up and disciple people using a Connect-Group. This has been an opportunity for people needing prayer or chat to connect with us, by means of text or email and have had a few people meeting in church to chat with pastor. Our pastor has also set up a discipleship group operating once a month. This has a regular attendance of 8 people. We expect more to attend once the Alpha in January 2025 comes to an end.

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Outreach Events for the Community

- Coffee Morning continues to thrive, and we are making good connections with people who have been consistently attending. This has been much needed for the community after the lockdown and isolation. We have had 20 – 30 regular attendees.
- We hosted a "Goodwill"/ Butty and bacon bap evening in December. This was a great success with over 100 bacon baps given away. This was free to the community.
- In January 2024 we will host Alpha course. This will be a meal followed by a video and then discussion time. Pastor decided to open this up to partner with 2 other churches, as this is an outreach. This will be in collaboration with Five Valleys Fellowship and Stroud Baptist Church.
- Encounter ladies fellowship. This continues and is still successful.
- The Men's Breakfast continue to do well. The venue has changed as well as an increase in attendees.
- Phonics classes have been held in the church hall on Tuesdays. This has seen an increase in number.
- A Ladies choir has started to hold practices in our church hall on Monday evenings. There are on average 20 ladies who attend the practice.
- We had an active tots class which came to an end due to volunteers leaving to go to university. We are in the process of starting another active tots class weekly on Friday mornings with assistance from Sportily. This may be followed by a community cafe every second week. We are praying and seeking God.
- We held our "Bethel Buzz", an outreach for children and families. We hosted various games, with prizes and had BBQ. This was well attended by the community.
- Several of our members have started putting out tracts in the community, one person has attended church as a result.

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Our treasurer has been doing an amazing job behind the scenes. And I would like to send a big thank you to Paul Mallett for doing the audit and accounts.

We have continued to financially support five missionaries:

- Andrew Wesley (Top Kids)
- Claire Kinkead (Jamaica)
- Gabriel & Daniela Corradini (Asturias, Spain)
- John & Eliana Whyte (IBTI Bible College)

Compassion UK

We have had feedback as well as visits from the Corradini's.

We have also supported Food bank and Ukraine by giving material contributions through our members. We were able to deliver a considerable amount of food stuffs to foodbank and groceries and essentials to families in Ukraine.

For the Future

- We are also seeking God with church planting, as this part of the vision that God has put our pastor's heart. God has already given pastor the area to plant.
- We are also wanting to restart our evening services. With the emphasis being on worship, prayer, and testimonies.

As mentioned, we are wanting to start another active tots which will be followed by a community café. Both with the assistance of Sportily.

- In August we are hosting a Wonder event! A time for youth and children to get together. There will be bible devotions, activities, food, games.
- In August and September we will have 2 infant dedications.

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We are continuing to focus on prayer, ministry of the Word of God, discipling and soul winning. We recognise that nothing is accomplished except through prayer, and people need to be disciplined through effective preaching of Kingdom principles to help them grow in God.

We continue to promote Jesus Christ (Saviour, Healer, Baptiser, and Coming King), prayer and the Bible.

We encourage extravagant worship in the church, and sharing the love of Jesus with everyone.

Also we are continuing to build a culture of positive, forward-looking faith, and attitude of encouragement honour and respect, and excellence in all we do. We are happy to report that the feedback we are getting from those who recently attend and those who visit, is that there is a warm and friendly culture here. One person who started attending recently told us that the thing that they felt that the messages having been speaking to them and they feel this is the place they belong as they were just accepted and befriended. Another has said that they felt love and belonging the minute they walked through our doors. That is good news.

Budgets

We recognise that, although church attendance is up, recognising though that our finances need to be used for the promotion of our 3 objectives as set out in our constitution/ governing document, and the vision we need to continue to be vigilant at keeping within our budgets for the year, which have been set. We would encourage everyone attending to be faithful in tithes and offerings through online giving, and all who can to register for Gift-Aid should do so with the Treasurer.

We are trusting God and praying that we will see the church prosper financially, as we endeavour to do the will of God, working out His vision.

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Going Concern

The trustees, having reviewed all financial and other obligations, they expect the charity to continue to operate as normal for the foreseeable future. It is able to meet its obligations as they fall due, and there are no plans to close the charity or to significantly curtail its operations.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the requirements of the Charities Act to ensure the Charity meets its obligations in respect of public benefit.

In planning activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees believe that this annual report helps to demonstrate the Charity's commitment to the communities in which it is based, as well as its achievements during the year and its future plans.

Grant Making Policy

Gifts to individuals, families and external organizations are considered on the basis of need and the fulfilment of its charitable objectives, in line with its Grant Making Policy.

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Financial Review

The financial year under review shows that our total donations (tithes and offerings) increased by 4.8% (£1,987) on year, up from £41,492 to £43,479. These figures also include restricted donations. General donations increased by 6.4% (£2,477), up from £38,818 to £41,295.

This is entirely due to the continued generosity of our members towards outworking of the vision of the church. Again, a heart-felt “thank you” doesn’t do justice to acknowledge the continued sacrifices that we know have been made over the last 12 months.

Our total income from all sources for the year also increased by 4.9% from £51,735 to £54,246.

If we now look at expenditure. Total expenditure saw a large increase of 27.7% from £35,537 to £45,189. Note 3 provides a breakdown of expenditure. Major additional costs for the year included new chairs - £1,344, New website - £1,192, CCLI license - £866 and safeguarding training and checks - £1,500.

In addition, gifts made to support missions and others included by £1,073, from £4,720 to £5,793. Fuller details are Provided in note 4.

The year-end position shows an increased surplus of £9,057 against the £16,197 seen in the previous year.

As a result, our cash reserves have increased to £105,617 (2023: £96,122) and are considered to be more than adequate to see us through the next season.

Reserves Policy

The charity’s current levels of unrestricted reserves are more than acceptable. £35,000 of the total had previously been designated as a contingency and there are no current plans to change this.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate these. All major insurance risks are subject to normal volunteer insurance.

Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess their impact on the charity’s ability to fulfil its objectives. An annual review of all areas of risk is undertaken by the Trustees in conjunction with volunteers responsible for the area of activity.

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Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales require that trustees provide financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and;

prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping financial records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the trustees on 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
BETHEL CHURCH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30TH JUNE 2024

**Charity no
(if any)** 1050300

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 30/06/2024.

**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:

Paul Mallett

Date: 24.07.2024

Name:

PAUL MALLET

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

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(if any):

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Address:

1 FIRETHORNE CLOSE
GLOUCESTER

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.

NIL

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Statement of Financial Activities						
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£	
INCOME FROM						
Donations & Legacies	2	46,620	2,184	48,804	47,839	
Charitable Activities		20	10	30	601	
Investments		1,767	-	1,767	344	
Trading Activities		3,645	-	3,645	2,950	
Total income		52,052	2,194	54,246	51,734	
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable Activities	3	41,896	3,293	45,189	35,377	
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	
Support		-	-	-	-	
Other		-	-	-	159	
Total expenditure		41,896	3,293	45,189	35,536	
Net Income/ (expenditure)		10,156	-1,099	9,057	16,197	
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds		10,156	-1,099	9,057	16,197	
Reconciliation in funds		10,156	-1,099	9,057	282,761	
Total Funds Brought Forward		297,857	1,102	298,959	298,959	
Total Funds Carried Forward		308,013	3	308,016	298,959	

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Balance Sheet						
		Unrestricted		Restricted		Total Funds
	Note	Funds		Funds		2024
		£		£		£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets		200,000		-		200,000
		200,000		-		200,000
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	5	2,433		-		2,433
Investments	6	62,803		-		62,803
Cash at bank and in hand	7	42,812		3		42,815
		108,048		3		108,051
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	34		-		34
Net current assets		108,014		3		108,017
TOTAL NET ASSETS		308,027		3		308,031
FUND BALANCES						
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds		73,013		-		73,013
Designated Funds	9	235,000		-		235,000
Restricted Funds	10	-		3		3
		308,013		3		308,016

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the FRS 102 Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities 2015. The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:-

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis, as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. Based on the adequacy of the charity's reserves as at the balance sheet date, along with their knowledge of the charity's ability to meet bills, payments and other liabilities as they fall due, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

a) Donated and grant income:

Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity. Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to HM Revenues and Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax reclaimed from HM Revenues and Customs but not yet received is shown within the charity's debtors.

b) Other income and expenditure

Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless on when payment is made. Grants payable are taken into account at the earlier of when they are paid or become constructive obligations.

c) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specific purpose and are available for purposes directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which they are used.

d). Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life, unless they cost less than £2,500 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	Not depreciated
Equipment	Between 3 and 7 years

e). Taxation:

A registered charity which is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

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2	Donations and legacies	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
	Donations & Legacies				
	Donations	41,295	2,184	43,479	41,492
	Gift Aid reclaimed	5,325	-	5,325	6,347
		<u>46,620</u>	<u>2,184</u>	<u>48,804</u>	<u>47,839</u>
3	Charitable expenditure	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
	Activities	1,474	850	2,324	2,406
	Admin	672	-	672	516
	Advertising	-	-	-	-
	Bank Charges	176	-	176	-
	Gifts Given	3,780	2,013	5,793	4,720
	Other Expenditure	5,802	-	5,802	1,871
	Premises	6,221	430	6,651	4,097
	Staff Costs	23,772	-	23,772	21,926
	Governance Costs	-	-	-	-
	Total resources used	<u>41,897</u>	<u>3,293</u>	<u>45,189</u>	<u>35,536</u>
4	Grants and mission support			2024	2023
		Institutions	Individuals	Total	Total
	Mission support	2,196	1,725	3,921	3,720
	Relief of hardship	1,872	-	1,872	1,000
		<u>4,068</u>	<u>1,725</u>	<u>5,793</u>	<u>4,720</u>
		Recipients			
	Street Pastors	500			
	IBTI	400			
	Top Kids	400			
	Compassion UK	386			
	World of Worth	110			
	Wycliffe translators	100			
	Open doors brother Andrew	100			
	BIBLE SOCIETY	100			
	GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION	50			
	GLORY RD MINISTRIES	50			
	Visiting Ministries/Speakers	625			
	David Taylor	400			
	Claire Kinkead (Jamaica)	300			
	G & D Corradini (Spain)	300			
	MOROCCO/LIBYA (AOG)	1,000			
	Israel/Palestine (AOG)	566			
	Gift to Ukraine (AOG)	56			
	STROUD FOODBANK	150			
	HomeStart Stroud and Gloucester	100			
	Encounter	100			
	TOTAL	<u>5,793</u>			

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		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
5 Debtors					
	Gift aid tax recoverable	2,433	-	2,433	2,837
6 Current asset investments					
	Cash deposits and similar cash investments maturing after 3 months	62,803	-	62,803	40,590
7 Cash at bank and in hand					
	bank current accounts	12,971	3	12,974	25,981
	bank deposits	29,841	-	29,841	29,551
		42,812	3	42,815	55,532
8 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year					
	Creditors & Accruals	34	-	34	-

9 Designated funds									
	During the year the movements in the charity's designated funds were as follows:								
		Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance			
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2024			
		£	£	£	£	£			
	Contingency	35,000	-	-	-	35,000			
	Fixed Assets	200,000	-	-	-	200,000			
		235,000	-	-	-	235,000			
	Name of designated fund	Description, name and purposes of the fund							
	Fixed assets	valuation of church premises							
	Contingency	monies set aside to cover potential unforeseen expenditure							

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	Designated funds (continued)									
	In the previous year the movements in the charity's designated funds were as follows:									
		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers					
		balance	resources	resources	in the year				Closing	
		2023	2023	2023	2023				balance	
		£	£	£	£				2023	
	Contingency	35,000	-	-	-				£	
	Fixed Assets	200,000	-	-	-				35,000	
		<u>235,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>				200,000	
									<u>235,000</u>	
10	Restricted funds									
	During the year the movements in the charity's restricted funds were as follows:									
		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers					
		balance	resources	resources	in the year				Closing	
		2024	2024	2024	2024				balance	
		£	£	£	£				2024	
	Missions & Special Offerings	-	2,013	2,013	-				£	
	Building	309	121	430	-				-	
	Children	793	60	850	-				-	
		<u>1,102</u>	<u>2,194</u>	<u>3,293</u>	<u>-</u>				3	
	Name of									
	restricted funds	Description, name and purposes of the fund								
	Missions & Special Offerings	donations given for missions or other appeals								
	Building	donations given to help with building costs								
	Children	donations given to help children's work								
	Restricted funds (continued)									
	In the previous year the movements in the charity's restricted funds were as follows:									
		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers					
		balance	resources	resources	in the year				Closing	
		2023	2023	2023	2023				balance	
		£	£	£	£				2023	
	Missions & Special Offerings	-	2,154	2,876	722				£	
	Building	289	20	-	-				-	
	Children	293	500	-	-				309	
		<u>582</u>	<u>2,674</u>	<u>2,876</u>	<u>722</u>				793	
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BETHEL CHURCH STONEHOUSE

Pastor's Report

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We continue to promote Jesus Christ (Saviour, Healer, Baptiser, and Coming King), prayer and the Bible.

We encourage extravagant worship in the church, and sharing the love of Jesus with everyone.

Also we are continuing to build a culture of positive, forward-looking faith, and attitude of encouragement honour and respect, and excellence in all we do. We are happy to report that the feedback we are getting from those who recently attend and those who visit, is that there is a warm and friendly culture here. One person who started attending recently told us that the thing that they felt that the messages having been speaking to them and they feel this is the place they belong as they were just accepted and befriended. Another has said that they felt love and belonging the minute they walked through our doors. That is good news.

Budgets

We recognise that, although church attendance is up, recognising though that our finances need to be used for the promotion of our 3 objectives as set out in our constitution/ governing document, and the vision we need to continue to be vigilant at keeping within our budgets for the year, which have been set. We would encourage everyone attending to be faithful in tithes and offerings through online giving, and all who can to register for Gift-Aid should do so with the Treasurer.

We are trusting God and praying that we will see the church prosper financially, as we endeavour to do the will of God, working out His vision.

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Report and Accounts

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Trustees

Heather Motee
James Mason – resigned May 2024
Angela Wilson (Secretary)
Rev. Robert Hurter (Chair)
Graham Bristow

Non-trustee Leader

Irene Hall

Treasurer

Faith Lavender

Governing Document

Constitution and Trust Deed
adopted on 14th March 2006

Charity Registration Number

1050300

Registered Office

28 Bath Road
Stonehouse
GL10 2JA

Bankers

HSBC

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The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trust deed provides for a minimum of 3 trustees which include the church minister(s). However, the number of trustees who receive remuneration for their services to the Church shall not form the majority of the trustees.

The trustees are known as the Church Council. The Church Council are responsible for the appointment of new members of the council as well as their induction training. This training includes making them aware of their responsibilities, the requirements of the governing trust deed, administrative procedures along with the history and philosophical approach to the charity.

The Church Council meets regularly to review risks that the charity faces. These include financial, health & safety, as well as the risks associated with working with children.

Objectives and Activities of the Charity

A summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document

- To advance the Christian faith including missionary activities in the UK and overseas.
- The relief of the poor and needy.
- The relief of the sick and elderly.
- The furtherance of religious or secular public education.
- Such other charitable objects and for the benefit of such other charitable bodies and institutions
- as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

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Achievements and Performance

Before I start my report let me open with this scripture: **Matthew 28: 19 - 20**

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This has been our vision for the past 3 years, which is to transform people's lives. This has been our focus through preaching, teaching, outreach, etc.. Many of our congregation have caught this vision, and so have been Kingdom focussed. The 3 ways that this Transformation will be achieved is as follows:

1. Encounter Jesus: In every church context we aim to create space for people (nonbelievers and believers) to have encounter with Jesus.
2. Encourage the found: In every church context we aim to create space to encourage and equip the found to live out a relationship with Jesus and to make disciples.
3. Reach the lost and unchurched: In every church context there maybe people walking into our service who may be saved yet not going to church (unchurched) or not saved (lost). Both groups of people could be seeking something, we need to ensure that we are making space to reach out to both, through the way are services are, the messages preached and the love of Jesus.

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As this is the vision that Jesus Himself has given to our pastor, Jesus has been growing Bethel church through transforming people's lives. God also knows the heart of the pastor and sees his willingness to the vision. Bethel Church Assemblies of God in Stonehouse has seen significant growth. We thank the Lord for this. Society has become hungry for Jesus and the have had many questions – we are privileged that many have sought refuge in Bethel Church, we trust that this is because at Bethel Church Assemblies of God Stonehouse, we preach, teach, and live according to the Word of God. One result of this growth is that we had started a Tamil service on Sunday Mornings at 08:30am. Pastor identified that there are many Tamil/ Indian people in our community who may not attend church due to the language and culture barrier. This Tamil service has now become a church plant as a subset/ campus of Bethel Church Stonehouse. Sam Sridharann, is leading Bethel Tamil Church and has started his MiT journey. Pastor Robert is the senior pastor/ leader of both. The Tamil church started off with only 7 people attended, but has grown to 16 people attended weekly. We praise the Lord.

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We encourage extravagant worship in the church, and sharing the love of Jesus with everyone.

Also we are continuing to build a culture of positive, forward-looking faith, and attitude of encouragement honour and respect, and excellence in all we do. We are happy to report that the feedback we are getting from those who recently attend and those who visit, is that there is a warm and friendly culture here. One person who started attending recently told us that the thing that they felt that the messages having been speaking to them and they feel this is the place they belong as they were just accepted and befriended. Another has said that they felt love and belonging the minute they walked through our doors. That is good news.

Budgets

We recognise that, although church attendance is up, recognising though that our finances need to be used for the promotion of our 3 objectives as set out in our constitution/ governing document, and the vision we need to continue to be vigilant at keeping within our budgets for the year, which have been set. We would encourage everyone attending to be faithful in tithes and offerings through online giving, and all who can to register for Gift-Aid should do so with the Treasurer.

We are trusting God and praying that we will see the church prosper financially, as we endeavour to do the will of God, working out His vision.

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Going Concern

The trustees, having reviewed all financial and other obligations, they expect the charity to continue to operate as normal for the foreseeable future. It is able to meet its obligations as they fall due, and there are no plans to close the charity or to significantly curtail its operations.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the requirements of the Charities Act to ensure the Charity meets its obligations in respect of public benefit.

In planning activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees believe that this annual report helps to demonstrate the Charity's commitment to the communities in which it is based, as well as its achievements during the year and its future plans.

Grant Making Policy

Gifts to individuals, families and external organizations are considered on the basis of need and the fulfilment of its charitable objectives, in line with its Grant Making Policy.

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Financial Review

The financial year under review shows that our total donations (tithes and offerings) increased by 4.8% (£1,987) on year, up from £41,492 to £43,479. These figures also include restricted donations. General donations increased by 6.4% (£2,477), up from £38,818 to £41,295.

This is entirely due to the continued generosity of our members towards outworking of the vision of the church. Again, a heart-felt “thank you” doesn’t do justice to acknowledge the continued sacrifices that we know have been made over the last 12 months.

Our total income from all sources for the year also increased by 4.9% from £51,735 to £54,246.

If we now look at expenditure. Total expenditure saw a large increase of 27.7% from £35,537 to £45,189. Note 3 provides a breakdown of expenditure. Major additional costs for the year included new chairs - £1,344, New website - £1,192, CCLI license - £866 and safeguarding training and checks - £1,500.

In addition, gifts made to support missions and others included by £1,073, from £4,720 to £5,793. Fuller details are Provided in note 4.

The year-end position shows an increased surplus of £9,057 against the £16,197 seen in the previous year.

As a result, our cash reserves have increased to £105,617 (2023: £96,122) and are considered to be more than adequate to see us through the next season.

Reserves Policy

The charity’s current levels of unrestricted reserves are more than acceptable. £35,000 of the total had previously been designated as a contingency and there are no current plans to change this.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate these. All major insurance risks are subject to normal volunteer insurance.

Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess their impact on the charity’s ability to fulfil its objectives. An annual review of all areas of risk is undertaken by the Trustees in conjunction with volunteers responsible for the area of activity.

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Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales require that trustees provide financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and;

prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping financial records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the trustees on 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
BETHEL CHURCH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30TH JUNE 2024

**Charity no
(if any)** 1050300

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 30/06/2024.

**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:

Paul Mallett

Date: 24.07.2024

Name:

PAUL MALLET

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

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(if any):

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Address:

1 FIRETHORNE CLOSE
GLOUCESTER

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.

NIL

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Statement of Financial Activities						
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£	
INCOME FROM						
Donations & Legacies	2	46,620	2,184	48,804	47,839	
Charitable Activities		20	10	30	601	
Investments		1,767	-	1,767	344	
Trading Activities		3,645	-	3,645	2,950	
Total income		52,052	2,194	54,246	51,734	
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable Activities	3	41,896	3,293	45,189	35,377	
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	
Support		-	-	-	-	
Other		-	-	-	159	
Total expenditure		41,896	3,293	45,189	35,536	
Net Income/ (expenditure)		10,156	-1,099	9,057	16,197	
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds		10,156	-1,099	9,057	16,197	
Reconciliation in funds		10,156	-1,099	9,057	282,761	
Total Funds Brought Forward		297,857	1,102	298,959	298,959	
Total Funds Carried Forward		308,013	3	308,016	298,959	

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Balance Sheet						
		Unrestricted		Restricted		Total Funds
	Note	Funds		Funds		2024
		£		£		£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets		200,000		-		200,000
		200,000		-		200,000
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	5	2,433		-		2,433
Investments	6	62,803		-		62,803
Cash at bank and in hand	7	42,812		3		42,815
		108,048		3		108,051
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	34		-		34
Net current assets		108,014		3		108,017
TOTAL NET ASSETS		308,027		3		308,031
FUND BALANCES						
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds		73,013		-		73,013
Designated Funds	9	235,000		-		235,000
Restricted Funds	10	-		3		3
		308,013		3		308,016

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1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the FRS 102 Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities 2015. The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:-

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis, as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. Based on the adequacy of the charity's reserves as at the balance sheet date, along with their knowledge of the charity's ability to meet bills, payments and other liabilities as they fall due, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

a) Donated and grant income:

Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity. Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to HM Revenues and Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax reclaimed from HM Revenues and Customs but not yet received is shown within the charity's debtors.

b) Other income and expenditure

Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless on when payment is made. Grants payable are taken into account at the earlier of when they are paid or become constructive obligations.

c) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specific purpose and are available for purposes directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which they are used.

d). Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life, unless they cost less than £2,500 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	Not depreciated
Equipment	Between 3 and 7 years

e). Taxation:

A registered charity which is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

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2	Donations and legacies	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
	Donations & Legacies				
	Donations	41,295	2,184	43,479	41,492
	Gift Aid reclaimed	5,325	-	5,325	6,347
		<u>46,620</u>	<u>2,184</u>	<u>48,804</u>	<u>47,839</u>
3	Charitable expenditure	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
	Activities	1,474	850	2,324	2,406
	Admin	672	-	672	516
	Advertising	-	-	-	-
	Bank Charges	176	-	176	-
	Gifts Given	3,780	2,013	5,793	4,720
	Other Expenditure	5,802	-	5,802	1,871
	Premises	6,221	430	6,651	4,097
	Staff Costs	23,772	-	23,772	21,926
	Governance Costs	-	-	-	-
	Total resources used	<u>41,897</u>	<u>3,293</u>	<u>45,189</u>	<u>35,536</u>
4	Grants and mission support			2024	2023
		Institutions	Individuals	Total	Total
	Mission support	2,196	1,725	3,921	3,720
	Relief of hardship	1,872	-	1,872	1,000
		<u>4,068</u>	<u>1,725</u>	<u>5,793</u>	<u>4,720</u>
		Recipients			
	Street Pastors	500			
	IBTI	400			
	Top Kids	400			
	Compassion UK	386			
	World of Worth	110			
	Wycliffe translators	100			
	Open doors brother Andrew	100			
	BIBLE SOCIETY	100			
	GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION	50			
	GLORY RD MINISTRIES	50			
	Visiting Ministries/Speakers	625			
	David Taylor	400			
	Claire Kinkead (Jamaica)	300			
	G & D Corradini (Spain)	300			
	MOROCCO/LIBYA (AOG)	1,000			
	Israel/Palestine (AOG)	566			
	Gift to Ukraine (AOG)	56			
	STROUD FOODBANK	150			
	HomeStart Stroud and Gloucester	100			
	Encounter	100			
	TOTAL	<u>5,793</u>			

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		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
5 Debtors					
	Gift aid tax recoverable	2,433	-	2,433	2,837
6 Current asset investments					
	Cash deposits and similar cash investments maturing after 3 months	62,803	-	62,803	40,590
7 Cash at bank and in hand					
	bank current accounts	12,971	3	12,974	25,981
	bank deposits	29,841	-	29,841	29,551
		42,812	3	42,815	55,532
8 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year					
	Creditors & Accruals	34	-	34	-

9 Designated funds									
	During the year the movements in the charity's designated funds were as follows:								
		Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance			
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2024			
		£	£	£	£	£			
	Contingency	35,000	-	-	-	35,000			
	Fixed Assets	200,000	-	-	-	200,000			
		235,000	-	-	-	235,000			
	Name of designated fund	Description, name and purposes of the fund							
	Fixed assets	valuation of church premises							
	Contingency	monies set aside to cover potential unforeseen expenditure							

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	Designated funds (continued)									
	In the previous year the movements in the charity's designated funds were as follows:									
		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers					
		balance	resources	resources	in the year				Closing	
		2023	2023	2023	2023				balance	
		£	£	£	£				2023	
	Contingency	35,000	-	-	-				£	
	Fixed Assets	200,000	-	-	-				35,000	
		<u>235,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>				200,000	
									<u>235,000</u>	
10	Restricted funds									
	During the year the movements in the charity's restricted funds were as follows:									
		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers					
		balance	resources	resources	in the year				Closing	
		2024	2024	2024	2024				balance	
		£	£	£	£				2024	
	Missions & Special Offerings	-	2,013	2,013	-				£	
	Building	309	121	430	-				-	
	Children	793	60	850	-				-	
		<u>1,102</u>	<u>2,194</u>	<u>3,293</u>	<u>-</u>				<u>3</u>	
	Name of									
	restricted funds	Description, name and purposes of the fund								
	Missions & Special Offerings	donations given for missions or other appeals								
	Building	donations given to help with building costs								
	Children	donations given to help children's work								
	Restricted funds (continued)									
	In the previous year the movements in the charity's restricted funds were as follows:									
		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers					
		balance	resources	resources	in the year				Closing	
		2023	2023	2023	2023				balance	
		£	£	£	£				2023	
	Missions & Special Offerings	-	2,154	2,876	722				£	
	Building	289	20	-	-				-	
	Children	293	500	-	-				309	
		<u>582</u>	<u>2,674</u>	<u>2,876</u>	<u>722</u>				793	
									<u>1,102</u>	

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Trustees

Heather Motee
James Mason
Angela Wilson (Secretary)
Rev. Robert Hurter (Chair)
Graham Bristow

Non-trustee Leader

Irene Hall

Treasurer

Faith Lavender

Governing Document

Constitution and Trust Deed
adopted on 14th March 2006

Charity Registration Number

1050300

Registered Office

28 Bath Road
Stonehouse
GL10 2JA

Bankers

HSBC

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The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trust deed provides for a minimum of 3 trustees which include the church minister(s). However, the number of trustees who receive remuneration for their services to the Church shall not form the majority of the trustees.

The trustees are known as the Church Council. The Church Council are responsible for the appointment of new members of the council as well as their induction training. This training includes making them aware of their responsibilities, the requirements of the governing trust deed, administrative procedures along with the history and philosophical approach to the charity.

The Church Council meets regularly to review risks that the charity faces. These include financial, health & safety, as well as the risks associated with working with children.

Objectives and Activities of the Charity

A summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document

- To advance the Christian faith including missionary activities in the UK and overseas.
- The relief of the poor and needy.
- The relief of the sick and elderly.
- The furtherance of religious or secular public education.
- Such other charitable objects and for the benefit of such other charitable bodies and institutions
- as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

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Achievements and Performance

Before I start my report let me open with this scripture: **Matthew 28: 19 - 20**

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This has been our vision for the past 2 years, which is to transform people's lives. This has been our focus through preaching, teaching, outreach, etc. Many of our congregation have caught this vision, and so have been Kingdom focussed. As this is the vision that Jesus Himself has given to our pastor, Jesus has been growing Bethel church through transforming people's lives. God also knows the heart of the pastor and sees his willingness to the vision.

In May 2020 the world fell victim to the Covid-19 pandemic. There were many who said that churches would not grow, and unfortunately many have since been in decline – mainly due to online and difference of opinion. However, Bethel Church Assemblies of God in Stonehouse has seen significant growth. We thank the Lord for this. Society has become hungry for Jesus and the have had many questions – we are privileged that many have sought refuge in Bethel Church, we trust that this is because at Bethel Church Assemblies of God Stonehouse, we preach, teach, and live according to the Word of God.

We have remained positive in our trust in God that He will build this church. The scripture assures us that we will reap a harvest if we rely on outworking of the Holy Spirit and know that it is God who does it through the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, there have been set-backs, clear spiritual opposition - with many of our active people becoming sick, a few going to be with Lord. We are in a spiritual battle as the rapture and 2nd coming of our Lord Jesus is imminent.

Yet through the setbacks, the Lord promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against His kingdom. We have had many others join our attendees. With about 7 becoming members. We have been blessed with many families, having children. Our Children's work has increased to a regular attendance of 13 children, which has increased our volunteers for children's ministry. Our full attendance has increased from around 30 to a regular attendance of 60 on Sunday service. The in-person attendance has increased and more of our members are attending in person than on zoom, we still offer zoom, although some weeks there have been zero on Zoom. We will however retain zoom for those folk who may be ill or have a legitimate reason for not attending in person, and for those that are far away. We would like to thank our worship leader for continuing leading us in worship, however our worship team has grown significantly. We have received an additional keyboard from one of our members, this keyboard along with our current electric piano is regularly used. We also have others in our worship team who can lead, which relieves our current worship leader.

We have also started a weekly Tuesday afternoon ministry called "The Haven". This came off the back of "Warm Space" which was run in winter. This is a space of people who are lonely or need fellowship. We have seen lives transformed through this group, with some now regularly attending church on Sunday mornings. Study and prayer held in person in the church. In October we have 7-week ALPHA course being run on a Wednesday evening. This is being held at Bethel in partnership with Stroud Baptist church and Five Valleys Fellowship. We are expecting many people to attend this. Prayer and Bible study has continued to be a

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success, on a Wednesday morning. Many of the attendees have had the chance to lead the Bible study. The prayer has been a real Holy Spirit experience and filled time, praying for our members and Bethel. This is still mostly attended via zoom; however, we have opened it at the church, being attended by 3 other people in person.

Thursday music practice has re started and alternate Thursday coffee morning. These Coffee mornings have had a great response, with 20 – 30 people attending each time. The numbers do seem to be increasing.

Weekly on Thursday evenings we have started a connect group. A bible teaching/ study group aimed at those who are new Christians or simply want to learn more about the Bible. This is also aimed at people who work during the day and cannot attend the Wednesday morning Bible Study. This group currently has 4/ 5 regular attendees.

Our men's breakfast once a month on every 3rd Friday – the attendance has grown to 8 – 10 people for most meetings. In partnership with Five Valley's Fellowship and Stroud Baptist, we have started a weekly prayer meeting currently held on a Wednesday evening at Stroud Baptist.

We have been blessed with a good sense of the presence of God in our services. We want to thank God for his goodness to us during the past year and for the privilege of being able to still hold live fellowship on zoom and at the church building. In May 2023, our pastor graduated from the Assemblies of God MiT (Minister's in Training) and was ordained as a full status minister with Assemblies for God Great Britain. The areas he studied were: Self Leadership, Biblical Literacy, Cultural Intelligence, Charitable Governance, Working with people.

We have endeavoured to build up and disciple people using a Connect-Group. This has been an opportunity for people needing prayer or chat to connect with us, by means of text or email and have had a few people meeting in church to chat with pastor. Our pastor has also set up a discipleship group operating once a month. This has a regular attendance of 8 people. We expect more to attend once the Alpha in October comes to an end.

Outreach Events for the Community

- Coffee Morning continues to thrive, and we are making good connections with people who have been consistently attending. This has been much needed for the community after the lockdown and isolation. We have had 20 – 30 regular attendees.
- We hosted a "Goodwill"/ Butty and bacon bap evening in December. This was a great success with over 100 bacon baps given away. This was free to the community.
- In October 2023 we will an Alpha course. This will be a meal followed by a video and then discussion time. Pastor decided to open this up to partner with 2 other churches, as this is an outreach.
- Encounter ladies fellowship. We have started a ladies' meeting once a month. This is seeing a growth with around 15 ladies regularly attending, many of whom aren't part of Bethel or any church.

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- The Men's Breakfast continue to do well. We have had 8 regular attendees.
- Phonics classes had been held in the church hall on Tuesdays. This has seen an increase in number.
- A Ladies choir has started to hold practices in our church hall on Monday evenings. There are on average 20 ladies who attend the practice.
- We have also had an active tots groups on Wednesday mornings. With assistance from Sportily. However, this has since stopped due to the lack of volunteers. We are praying for it to resume soon.
- Bethel also held several funerals.
- We ran a prayer course over 8 weeks on Friday evenings. This was attended by 8 – 10 people.
- We held our "Bethel Buzz", an outreach for children and families. We hosted various games, with prizes and had BBQ. This was well attended by the community.
- Several of our members have started putting out tracts in the community, one person has attended church as a result.

Our treasurer has been doing an amazing job behind the scenes. And I would like to send a big thank you to Paul Mallett the external examination of our accounts.

We have continued to financially support five missionaries:

- Andrew Wesley (Top Kids)
- Claire Kinkead (Jamaica)
- Gabriel & Daniela Corradini (Asturias, Spain)
- John & Eliana Whyte (IBTI Bible College)

Compassion UK

We have had feedback as well as visits from Claire Kinkead, the Corradini's.

We have also supported Food bank and Ukraine by giving material contributions through our members. We were able to deliver a considerable amount of food stuffs to foodbank and groceries and essentials to families in Ukraine.

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For the Future

- We are also seeking God with church planting, as this part of the vision that God has put our pastor's heart. God has already given pastor the area to plant.
- We are also wanting to restart our evening services. With the emphasis being on worship, prayer, and testimonies.

We are continuing to focus on prayer, ministry of the Word of God, discipling and soul winning. We recognise that nothing is accomplished except through prayer, and people need to be disciplined through effective preaching of Kingdom principles to help them grow in God.

We continue to promote Jesus Christ (Saviour, Healer, Baptiser, and Coming King), prayer and the Bible.

We encourage extravagant worship in the church, and sharing the love of Jesus with everyone.

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Budgets

We recognise that, although church attendance is up, recognising though that our finances need to be used for the promotion of our 3 objectives as set out in our constitution/ governing document, we need to continue to be vigilant at keeping within our budgets for the year, which we will need to set. With this in mind, we have asked the Treasurer to pass finance reports to the Leadership Team at our leadership meetings. We would encourage everyone attending to be faithful in tithes and offerings through online giving, and all who can to register for Gift-Aid should do so with the Treasurer.

We had already decided to increase our missionary giving, we also looked at our budgets and will put as much as we can towards missionary support, and towards outreach. Through this period God has still blessed us with financial support by our members faithfully giving in church and online. We are trusting God and praying that we will see the church prosper financially, as we endeavour to do the will of God.

BETHEL CHURCH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Going Concern

The trustees, having reviewed all financial and other obligations, they expect the charity to continue to operate as normal for the foreseeable future. It is able to meet its obligations as they fall due, and there are no plans to close the charity or to significantly curtail its operations.

Public Benefit

The Trustees/Directors have considered the requirements of the Charities Act to ensure the Charity meets its obligations in respect of public benefit.

In planning activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

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Grant Making Policy

Gifts to individuals, families and external organizations are considered on the basis of need and the fulfilment of its charitable objectives, in line with its Grant Making Policy.

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Financial Review

The financial year under review shows that our donations (tithes and offerings) increased by 24% (£8,043) on the previous year, up from £33,449 to £41,492.

This is entirely due to the continued generosity of our members towards outworking of the vision of the church. Again, a heart-felt “thank you” doesn’t do justice to acknowledge the continued sacrifices that we know have been made over the last 12 months.

Our total income from all sources for the year also increased by 15.7% from ££44,731 to £51,735.

If we now look at expenditure. Total expenditure saw a small reduction of 1.6% down from £36,098 to £35,537. A full breakdown of expenditure is shown on page 17 of this report.

The year-end position shows an increased surplus of £16,197 against the £8,633 seen in the previous year.

As a result, our cash reserves have increased to £98,959 (2022: £82,761) and are considered to be more than adequate to see us through the next season.

Reserves Policy

The charity’s current levels of unrestricted reserves are more than acceptable. £35,000 of the total had previously been designated as a contingency and there are no current plans to change this.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate these. All major insurance risks are subject to normal volunteer insurance.

Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess their impact on the charity’s ability to fulfil its objectives. An annual review of all areas of risk is undertaken by the Trustees in conjunction with volunteers responsible for the area of activity.

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Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires that trustees provide financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and;

prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping financial records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the trustees on 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name BETHEL CHURCH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD		
On accounts for the year ended	30 TH JUNE 2023	Charity no (if any)	1050300
Set out on pages	12 - 17		
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 30/06/2021 As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: • accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or • the accounts do not accord with the accounting records I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:	P Mallett	Date:	08.09.23
Name:	P Mallett		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	Gloucester		

Section B Disclosure

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

None highlighted.

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	45,165	2,673	—	47,839	39,549
Income from charitable activities	601	—	—	601	2,223
Investments	344	—	—	344	109
Other income	2,950	—	—	2,950	2,849
Total income	49,061	2,673	—	51,735	44,731
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	32,501	2,876	—	35,377	36,035
Other expenditure	159	—	—	159	62
Total expenditure	32,661	2,876	—	35,537	36,098
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	16,400	(202)	—	16,197	8,633
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	722	—	722	2,256
Gross transfers between funds - out	(722)	—	—	(722)	(2,256)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	15,677	520	—	16,197	8,633
Total funds brought forward	282,179	582	—	282,761	274,128
Total funds carried forward	297,857	1,102	—	298,959	282,761
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	62,857	—	—	62,857	47,179
Designated					
Contingency	35,000	—	—	35,000	35,000
Fixed Assets	200,000	—	—	200,000	200,000
Restricted					
Building Fund	—	309	—	309	289
Children's Work	—	793	—	793	293

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Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
FA001	Freehold Property	200,000	200,000
	Total Fixed assets	200,000	200,000
Current assets			
CA001	HSBC - Current Account	25,980	16,012
CA003	HSBC - Deposit Account	27,923	24,909
CA004	Virgin Money	—	37,406
CA005	Kingdom Bank - Deposit Account	1,628	612
CA007	Kingdom Bank - Sub. Deposit	—	1,000
CA008	PettyCash	—	—
CA009	Kingdom Bank - Reserve Account	40,589	—
Z05	Accounts Receivable	2,837	2,819
	Total Current assets	98,959	82,761
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	16,197	8,633
Z01	Starting balances	282,761	274,128
	Total Reserves	298,959	282,761
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	62,857	47,179
	Designated	235,000	235,000
	Restricted	1,102	582
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	298,959	282,761

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1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the FRS 102 Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities 2015. The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:-

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis, as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. Based on the adequacy of the charity's reserves as at the balance sheet date, along with their knowledge of the charity's ability to meet bills, payments and other liabilities as they fall due, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

a) Donated and grant income:

Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity. Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to HM Revenues and Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax reclaimed from HM Revenues and Customs but not yet received is shown within the charity's debtors.

b) Other income and expenditure

Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless on when payment is made. Grants payable are taken into account at the earlier of when they are paid or become constructive obligations.

c) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specific purpose and are available for purposes directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which they are used.

d) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £2,500 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	Not depreciated
Equipment	Between 3 and 7 years

e) Taxation:

A registered charity which is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

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2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior year total funds
Donations and Offerings	38,818.49	2,673.90	---	41,492.39	33,449.34
Gift Aid Reclaim	6,346.74	—	—	6,346.74	6,299.90
Total	45,165.23	2,673.90	—	47,839.13	39,749.33

3. Debtors & Prepayments

	2022	2021
Tax recoverable	2,837.24	2,819.75
Other Debtors	—	—
	2,837.24	2,819.75

4. Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Accounts Receivable	—	—
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5. Funds

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
Building - Building Fund							
Restricted	289	20	—	—	—	—	309
Sub-total for Building	289	20	—	—	—	—	309
Child - Children's Work							
Restricted	293	500	—	—	—	—	793
Sub-total for Child	293	500	—	—	—	—	793
Conting - Contingency							
Designated	35,000	—	—	—	—	—	35,000
Sub-total for Conting	35,000	—	—	—	—	—	35,000
FAssets - Fixed Assets							
Designated	200,000	—	—	—	—	—	200,000
Sub-total for FAssets	200,000	—	—	—	—	—	200,000
Missions - Missions							
Restricted	—	2,153	2,876	722	—	—	—
Sub-total for Missions	—	2,153	2,876	722	—	—	—
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	47,179	49,061	32,661	(722)	—	—	62,857
Sub-total for General	47,179	49,061	32,661	(722)	—	—	62,857
Grand total	282,761	51,735	35,537	—	—	—	298,959

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6. Analysis of income and expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gifts & Offerings - Auto Gift Aided	17,329	—	—	—	17,329	12,985
Gifts & Offerings - Auto Non Gift Aided	5,395	—	—	—	5,395	2,935
Gifts & Offerings - Gift Aided	2,326	—	—	—	2,326	8,445
Gifts & Offerings - Non Gift Aided	13,766	—	—	—	13,766	8,648
HMRC - Gift Aid Reclaimed	6,346	—	—	—	6,346	6,299
Missions - Non Gift Aided	—	—	2,153	—	2,153	120
Children's work	—	—	500	—	500	100
Building Fund	—	—	20	—	20	15
Total	45,165	—	2,673	—	47,839	39,549
Income from charitable activities						
Miscellaneous Income	601	—	—	—	601	2,223
Total	601	—	—	—	601	2,223
Investments						
Credit Interest	344	—	—	—	344	109
Total	344	—	—	—	344	109
Other income						
Car Park Income	2,950	—	—	—	2,950	2,849
Total	2,950	—	—	—	2,950	2,849
INCOME TOTAL	49,061	—	2,673	—	51,735	44,731

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EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on charitable activities

Church Life - General Resources	2,403	—	—	—	2,403	1,522
Church Life - Printing	137	—	—	—	137	—
Church Life - Website & Software	379	—	—	—	379	230
Church Life - Gifts & Donations	1,744	—	—	—	1,744	219
Church Life - Visiting Speakers	100	—	—	—	100	250
Missions - Regular Support	—	—	2,626	—	2,626	2,276
Missions - Visiting Ministries	—	—	250	—	250	100
Staffing - Payroll	21,797	—	—	—	21,797	21,748
Staffing - Expenses	129	—	—	—	129	30
Premises - General Maintenance	1,535	—	—	—	1,535	3,694
Utilities -	1,401	—	—	—	1,401	1,365
Gas/Electric/Broadband/Phone						
Utilities - Water	260	—	—	—	260	290
Utilities - Insurance	901	—	—	—	901	—
Regulatory - Licenses	—	—	—	—	—	2,653
Regulatory - AOG Fees	1,279	—	—	—	1,279	1,080
Regulatory - subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	130
Regulatory - Payroll Fees	433	—	—	—	433	446
Total	32,501	—	2,876	—	35,377	36,035

Other expenditure

Regulatory - Bank Charges	159	—	—	—	159	62
Total	159	—	—	—	159	62
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	32,661	—	2,876	—	35,537	36,098
GRAND TOTAL	16,400	—	(202)	—	16,197	8,633

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Trustees

Heather Motee
James Mason
Angela Wilson
Rev. Robert Hurter
Graham Bristow

Non-trustee Leader

Irene Hall

Charity Secretary

Angela Wilson

Governing Document

Constitution and Trust Deed
adopted on 14th March 2006

Charity Registration Number

1050300

Registered Office

28 Bath Road
Stonehouse
GL10 2JA

Bankers

HSBC

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The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2021.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trust deed provides for a minimum of 3 trustees which include the church minister(s). However, the number of trustees who receive remuneration for their services to the Church shall not form the majority of the trustees.

The trustees are known as the Church Council. The Church Council are responsible for the appointment of new members of the council as well as their induction training. This training includes making them aware of their responsibilities, the requirements of the governing trust deed, administrative procedures along with the history and philosophical approach to the charity.

The Church Council meets regularly to review risks that the charity faces. These include financial, health & safety, as well as the risks associated with working with children.

Objectives and Activities of the Charity

A summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document

- To advance the Christian faith including missionary activities in the UK and overseas.
- The relief of the poor and needy.
- The relief of the sick and elderly.
- The furtherance of religious or secular public education.
- Such other charitable objects and for the benefit of such other charitable bodies and institutions
- as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

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Achievements and Performance

This past year has been both challenging and rewarding. We have remained positive in our trust in God that He will build this church. It has been Challenging as we have been challenged in bringing God's vision to the church, when 90% of our church, including pastor and his family became ill with Covid, blessed to see God growing His church (Bethel), with new people attending and some even staying and becoming members despite this.

We have continued to hold services both in person and on Zoom. 90% of our people have been gathering in person.

We have unfortunately lost some members – a member went to be with the Lord. One other member has left due to personal reasons and one other member left because their ministry did not agree with that of the church. 15 others have started fellowshiping at Bethel in 2021/ 2022, all have been real blessings to many of our members and Bethel.

Of those 15, 9 have become members, however all of them attend regularly.

The church atmosphere is good, and attendance steady, with some new people coming in. We have a regular attendance of 45/50 people on Sundays at the church building with others joining on zoom. We would like to thank our worship leader for continuing leading us in worship, playing guitar, which and for leading us in worship in person on Sundays. Two new members have joined in the worship team on vocals. One member plays drums while one is our vocalist. We have had the privilege of many guest speakers who have come on Sundays.

In December we did water baptism for 2 of our new members.

We have also had 2 gathering for missionaries. One for Shevet Achim and the other for the Corridinis whom we financially support as a church. We have also had Compassion U.K present to us on Sunday service, having 4 more children been supported.

Our C.A.C.C (community awareness coffee and chat) has continued with various local charities gaining the necessary exposure.

We have also started a Sunday evening bible Study and prayer held in person in the church which is attended by 5 people. We will relook at this in the future with a view of more worship. Powerhouse Prayer and Bible study has continued to be a success, on a Wednesday morning. Many of the attendees have had the chance to lead the Bible study. The prayer has been a real Holy Spirit experience and filled time, praying for our members, Bethel, the community, and the world. We have been through the Books of Acts, the 2 books of Timothy and currently the book of Proverbs. This is still mostly attended via zoom; however, we have opened it at the church, being attended by two other people in person.

Thursday music practice has re started and alternate Thursday's coffee morning. These Coffee mornings have had a great response, with 20 – 30 people attending each time.

We have had a men's breakfast once a month on every 3rd Friday – the attendance has been six people for most meetings. Also, every 3rd Friday of the month we have been continuing with our Prayer Power Hour, being held on Zoom. The attendance for this has been on average five people.

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Our Sunday Club/ school has continued by the pastor's wife, under the go head of Sunday School leader. There has been an increase in children attending. The regular attendance is 8 children for which we praise the Lord.

In September we held an ALPHA course, this had 13 attendees. We are pleased to hear that most of them are attending church, either at Bethel or elsewhere.

We also held a harvest event in October with all the proceeds going to foodbank and Gloucester City Mission, both of whom we support throughout the year.

We have had the privilege of an ladies group start at Bethel, called Encounter. This is held once a month in the back room of the church attended by 10 ladies on average. This is an encouragement to many of the ladies.

The ladies' choir and the phonics group continue meeting at Bethel once a week. Both have seen an increase in people attending.

We have held 3 children's events. The biggest number of attendees has been 6, these have been put on hold due to other commitments.

We have also been privileged to support Ukraine through a collection at church, which is then sent to Ukraine. This is not monetary support; we support by sending products which are needed by the people of Ukraine.

We have been blessed with a good sense of the presence of God in our services. We want to thank God for his goodness to us during the past year and for the privilege of being able to still hold live fellowship on zoom and at the church building.

We have endeavoured to build up and disciple people using a Connect-Group called R.R.R (Renew, Restore, Refresh). This has been an opportunity for people needing prayer or chat to connect with us and have had a few people meeting in church to chat with pastor. This is held one Saturday a month.

Outreach Events for the Community

Coffee Morning continues to thrive, and we are making good connections with people who have been consistently attending. This has been much needed for the community after the lockdown and isolation. We have had twenty-five regular attendees.

Afternoon Tea: This was unfortunately stopped due to the Covid 19 pandemic. It has not yet been resumed.

The Men's Breakfast continue to do well. We have had six regular attendees.

Phonics classes have been held in the church hall on Tuesdays. This has been resumed and has seen an increase in number.

A Ladies choir has started to hold practices in our church hall on Monday evenings. There are on average twenty ladies who attend the practice.

We have also had a Saturday ministry service called Restoration Saturday. This included healing, prophecy, and the other gifts of the Holy Spirit. It was a time for people to come and prayer and sit quietly. These will be held initially every second month.

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We held a C.A.C.C (Community Awareness Coffee and Chat) day on a Saturday. The vision for this is to introduce or reintroduce local charities into the community. Our first one saw about twenty people come in during the day. We had representatives from The Door, Maggie's and The Bible Society. There was nothing sold; however, donations could be given to the various charities, The Door had new volunteers signed up.

Bethel also held 2 funerals, one for Mary Coopey and one for Anthony Coopey.

Our treasurer has been doing an amazing job behind the scenes. And I would like to send a big thank you to Paul Mallet for doing the audit and accounts.

During 2021 & 2022 we have been looking at all our accounts and making sure that all signatories are correct and up to date.

We have continued to financially support five missionaries:

- Andrew Wesley (Top Kids)
- Claire Kinkaid (Jamaica)
- Gabriel & Daniela Corradini (Asturias, Spain)
- John & Eliana Whyte (IBTI Bible College)
- Compassion UK

We have had feedback from Coridinis, Compassion, Claire Kinkaid, and Andrew Wesley.

For the Future

We are seeking God for vision.

We are looking at running a youth Alpha and another adult ALPHA as we have had some interest.

We are continuing to focus on prayer, ministry of the Word of God, discipling and soul winning. We recognise that nothing is accomplished except through prayer, and people need to be disciplined through effective preaching of Kingdom principles to help them grow in God.

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Budgets

We recognise that with more limited resources, we need to be more vigilant than in the past at keeping within our budgets for the year. With this in mind, we have asked the Treasurer to pass finance reports to the Leadership Team at our leadership meetings. We would encourage everyone attending to be faithful in tithes and offerings through online giving, and all who can to register for Gift-Aid should do so with the Treasurer.

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Going Concern

The trustees, having reviewed all financial and other obligations, they expect the charity to continue to operate as normal for the foreseeable future. It is able to meet its obligations as they fall due, and there are no plans to close the charity or to significantly curtail its operations.

Financially, Bethel is viable for the next 2 years (24 Months), should the Covid-19 pandemic carry on.

Public Benefit

The Trustees/Directors have considered the requirements of the Charities Act to ensure the Charity meets its obligations in respect of public benefit.

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Financial Review

The financial year under review does, of course, include the period when Covid-19 was still having a major effect on the UK, and consequently on the lives of us all.

It is therefore entirely due to the continued generosity of our members that we are able to report a strong position, despite the difficult circumstances which we all faced. Again a heart-felt "thank you" doesn't do justice to acknowledge the continued sacrifices that we know have been made over the last 12 months.

Overall gifts and offerings (and associated gift aid reclaims) were on a par with 2021 levels, however, if we look solely at general offerings, these actually increased by 32.4% (up from £24,934 to £33,014). Again can I express a heartfelt thank you for your continued generosity.

Our total income from all sources for the year also increased by 8.3% from £41,296 to £44,731.

If we now look at expenditure. Total expenditure for the year showed a reduction of 7% down from £38,835 to £36,098. A full breakdown of expenditure is shown on page 16 of this report.

The year-end position shows an increased surplus of £8,633 against the surplus of £2,460 recorded in 2021.

As a result, our cash reserves remain healthy at £82,761 (2021: £74,128) and are considered to be more than adequate to see us through the next season and will help towards achieving the vision we have for our community.

Reserves Policy

The charity's current levels of unrestricted reserves are more than acceptable. £35,000 of the total had previously been designated as a contingency and there are no current plans to change this.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate these. All major insurance risks are subject to normal volunteer insurance.

Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess their impact on the charity's ability to fulfil its objectives. An annual review of all areas of risk is undertaken by the Trustees in conjunction with volunteers responsible for the area of activity.

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Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires that trustees provide financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and;

prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping financial records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the trustees on 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name BETHEL CHURCH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD		
On accounts for the year ended	30 TH JUNE 2022	Charity no (if any)	1050300
Set out on pages	11 - 16		
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 30/06/2021 As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: • accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or • the accounts do not accord with the accounting records I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:	P Mallett	Date:	15.08.2022
Name:	P Mallett		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	Gloucester		

Section B Disclosure

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

None highlighted.

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	39,314.33	235.00	—	39,549.33	38,129.63
Income from charitable activities	2,223.50	—	—	2,223.50	1,038.73
Investments	109.65	—	—	109.65	87.82
Other income	2,849.00	—	—	2,849.00	2,040.00
Total income	44,496.48	235.00	—	44,731.48	41,296.18
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	33,659.70	2,376.00	—	36,035.70	38,435.88
Other expenditure	62.69	—	—	62.69	400.00
Total expenditure	33,722.39	2,376.00	—	36,098.39	38,835.88
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	10,774.09	(2,141.00)	—	8,633.09	2,460.30
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	2,256.00	—	2,256.00	2,182.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(2,256.00)	—	—	(2,256.00)	(2,182.00)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	8,518.09	115.00	—	8,633.09	2,460.30
Total funds brought forward	273,661.01	467.21	—	274,128.22	271,667.92
Total funds carried forward	282,179.10	582.21	—	282,761.31	274,128.22
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	47,179.10	—	—	47,179.10	38,661.01
Designated					
Contingency	35,000.00	—	—	35,000.00	35,000.00
Fixed Assets	200,000.00	—	—	200,000.00	200,000.00
Pension reserves	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted					
Building Fund	—	289.00	—	289.00	274.00
Children's Work	—	293.21	—	293.21	193.21
Missions	—	—	—	—	—
Pension reserves	—	—	—	—	—

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Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
	Freehold Property	200,000.00	200,000.00
	Total Fixed assets	200,000.00	200,000.00
Current assets			
	HSBC - Current Account	16,012.61	14,789.06
	HSBC - Deposit Account	24,909.95	18,200.83
	Virgin Money – Deposit Account	37,406.83	37,361.93
	Kingdom Bank - Deposit Account	612.17	552.12
	Kingdom Bank - Sub. Deposit	1,000.00	1,000.00
	PettyCash	—	—
	Accounts Receivable	2,819.75	2,224.28
	Total Current assets	82,761.31	74,128.22
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	8,633.09	2,460.30
	Starting balances	274,128.22	271,667.92
	Total Reserves	282,761.31	274,128.22
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	47,179.10	38,661.01
	Designated	235,000.00	235,000.00
	Restricted	582.21	467.21
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	282,761.31	274,128.22

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1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the FRS 102 Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities 2015. The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:-

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis, as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. Based on the adequacy of the charity's reserves as at the balance sheet date, along with their knowledge of the charity's ability to meet bills, payments and other liabilities as they fall due, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

a) Donated and grant income:

Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity. Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to HM Revenues and Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax reclaimed from HM Revenues and Customs but not yet received is shown within the charity's debtors.

b) Other income and expenditure

Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless on when payment is made. Grants payable are taken into account at the earlier of when they are paid or become constructive obligations.

c) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specific purpose and are available for purposes directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which they are used.

d). Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £2,500 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	Not depreciated
Equipment	Between 3 and 7 years

e). Taxation:

A registered charity which is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

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2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior year total funds
Donations and legacies	33,014.43	235.00	-	33,249.34	33,322.60
Gift Aid Reclaim	6,299.90	0.00	-	6,299.90	4,807.03
Total	39,314.43	235.00	-	39,549.33	38,129.63

3. Debtors & Prepayments

	2022	2021
Tax recoverable	2,819.75	2,224.00
Other Debtors	0	400.00
	2,819.75	2,624.00

4. Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Accounts Receivable	0	0
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5. Funds

Fund movement by type

		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
Building Fund								
Restricted		274.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	289.00
Sub-total		274.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	289.00
Children's Work								
Restricted		193.21	100.00	—	—	—	—	293.21
Sub-total		193.21	100.00	—	—	—	—	293.21
Contingency								
Designated		35,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	35,000.00
Sub-total		35,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	35,000.00
Fixed Assets								
Designated		200,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	200,000.00
Sub-total		200,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	200,000.00
Missions - Missions								
Restricted		—	120.00	2,376.00	2,256.00	—	—	—
Sub-total		—	120.00	2,376.00	2,256.00	—	—	—
General - General fund								
Unrestricted		38,661.01	44,496.48	33,722.39	(2,256.00)	—	—	47,179.10
Sub-total		38,661.01	44,496.48	33,722.39	(2,256.00)	—	—	47,179.10
Grand total		274,128.22	44,731.48	36,098.39	—	—	—	282,761.31

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Analysis of income and expenditure

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
						This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS							
Donations and legacies							
Offerings - Auto Gift Aided		12,985.00	—	—	—	12,985.00	13,824.00
Offerings - Auto Non-Gift Aided		2,935.45	—	—	—	2,935.45	1,200.00
Offerings - Gift Aided		8,445.20	—	—	—	8,445.20	3,531.00
Offerings - Non-Gift Aided		8,648.78	—	—	—	8,648.78	6,379.00
HMRC - Gift Aid Reclaimed		6,299.90	—	—	—	6,299.90	4,807.03
Missions - Non-Gift Aided		—	—	120.00	—	120.00	8,094.60
Children's work		—	—	100.00	—	100.00	50.00
Building Fund		—	—	15.00	—	15.00	244.00
Total		39,314.33	—	235.00	—	39,549.33	38,129.63
Income from charitable activities							
Miscellaneous Income		2,223.50	—	—	—	2,223.50	1,038.73
Total		2,223.50	—	—	—	2,223.50	1,038.73
Investments							
Credit Interest		109.65	—	—	—	109.65	87.82
Total		109.65	—	—	—	109.65	87.82
Other income							
Car Park Income		2,849.00	—	—	—	2,849.00	2,040.00
Total		2,849.00	—	—	—	2,849.00	2,040.00
INCOME TOTAL		44,496.48	—	235.00	—	44,731.48	41,296.18

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EXPENDITURE

Total

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Church Life - General Resources	1,522.25	—	—	—	1,522.25	226.20
Church Life - Printing	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church Life - Website & Software	230.14	—	—	—	230.14	275.75
Church Life - Gifts & Donations	219.00	—	—	—	219.00	8,660.60
Church Life - Visiting Speakers	250.00	—	—	—	250.00	—
Missions - Regular Support	—	—	2,276.00	—	2,276.00	2,156.00
Missions - Visiting Ministries	—	—	100.00	—	100.00	100.00
Staffing - Payroll	21,748.32	—	—	—	21,748.32	21,162.17
Staffing - Expenses	30.00	—	—	—	30.00	135.85
Premises - General Maintenance	3,694.09	—	—	—	3,694.09	980.74
Utilities - Gas/Electric/Bband/Phone	1,365.52	—	—	—	1,365.52	961.94
Utilities - Water	290.13	—	—	—	290.13	267.59
Utilities - Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	945.95
Regulatory - Licenses	2,653.97	—	—	—	2,653.97	780.58
Regulatory - AOG Fees	1,080.00	—	—	—	1,080.00	1,080.00
Regulatory - subscriptions	130.00	—	—	—	130.00	80.00
Regulatory - solicitors	—	—	—	—	—	—
Regulatory - Bank Charges	62.69	—	—	—	62.69	—
Total	33,722.39	—	2,376.00	—	36,098.39	38,435.88
Other expenditure						
Staffing - loan	—	—	—	—	—	400.00
Total	-	—	—	—	-	400.00
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	33,722.39	—	2,376.00	—	36,098.39	38,835.88
GRAND TOTAL	10,774.09	—	(2,141.00)	—	8,633.09	2,460.30

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Report and Accounts

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Trustees

Heather Motee
James Mason
Angela Wilson
Rev. Robert Hurter
Graham Bristow

Non-trustee Leader

Irene Hall

Charity Secretary

Angela Wilson

Governing Document

Constitution and Trust Deed
adopted on 14th March 2006

Charity Registration Number

1050300

Registered Office

28 Bath Road
Stonehouse
GL10 2JA

Bankers

HSBC

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2021.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trust deed provides for a minimum of 3 trustees which include the church minister(s). However, the number of trustees who receive remuneration for their services to the Church shall not form the majority of the trustees.

The trustees are known as the Church Council. The Church Council are responsible for the appointment of new members of the council as well as their induction training. This training includes making them aware of their responsibilities, the requirements of the governing trust deed, administrative procedures along with the history and philosophical approach to the charity.

The Church Council meets regularly to review risks that the charity faces. These include financial, health & safety, as well as the risks associated with working with children.

Objectives and Activities of the Charity

A summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document

- To advance the Christian faith including missionary activities in the UK and overseas.
- The relief of the poor and needy.
- The relief of the sick and elderly.
- The furtherance of religious or secular public education.
- Such other charitable objects and for the benefit of such other charitable bodies and institutions
- as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

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Achievements and Performance

Before I start my report let me open with this scripture: **Isaiah 40: 31**

But those who wait on the Lord, shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This for me has been so true during this past year. There have been many times during the past year we could have grown weary, weary in trying to do the things set before us by the Lord, when the world is trying to stop us from meetings and fellowship.

In May 2020 the world fell victim to the Covid-19 pandemic. We, along with businesses and churches worldwide were advised to close due to a national and global lockdown. This had devastating effects to fellowship, member numbers and attendees numbers as well as finance. We started recording our Sunday service and making them available on YouTube.

Pastor Robert also did a daily encouragement which he sent out on the Bethel WhatsApp group. Eventually we set up Zoom, which was attended by most, if not all, our members every Sunday. On back of the success of the Sunday zoom, we have been able to re start our Wednesday morning Bible Study and prayer also via Zoom. Our services are no longer been recorded and made available on YouTube since the introduction of zoom.

We have remained positive in our trust in God that He will build this church. The scripture assures us that we will reap a harvest if we do not faint. Unfortunately, there have been set-backs, COVID 19 and we have had clear spiritual opposition - with many of our active people becoming sick, one of our members went to be with the Lord, also our pastor's wife was admitted to Hospital in March 2021, after a severe mental health breakdown - but we remain focused on building the church numerically and spiritually. We recognise that our priority must be on prayer, ministering the Word of God, and winning people for Christ.

We have unfortunately lost some members – a member moving on to University and obtaining employment in Leicester, but have also gained new attendees/ members. 5 others joined our attendees, have started fellowshiping at Bethel. With 3 becoming members in 2020. One has become a member in 2021. 4 others have started fellowshiping at Bethel in 2021, all have been real blessings to many of our members and Bethel.

Since the easing of the lockdown rules and regulations in July 2021, we have been able to reopen our church and resume many of our ministries and fellowships. Generally, the church atmosphere is good, and attendance steady, with some new people coming in. We have a regular attendance of 27 people on Sundays at the church building with others joining on zoom. We have resumed our Sunday morning services, both on zoom and in person in the church building. The in person attendance has increased and more of our members are attending in person than on zoom. We will however retain zoom for those folk who may be ill or have a legitimate reason for not attending in person. We would like to thank our worship leader for continuing leading us in worship, playing guitar, through zoom, which has not been easy and now for leading us in worship in person on Sundays.

One new member has joined in the worship team playing piano. 1 members plays drums while 1 is our vocalist. We have also started a Tuesday evening bible Study and prayer held in person in the church. We have put this on hold due to the 10 week ALPHA course been run on a Tuesday evening. Powerhouse Prayer and Bible study has continued to be a success, on a Wednesday morning. Many of the attendees have had the chance to lead the Bible study. The prayer has been a real Holy Spirit experience and filled time, praying for our members and Bethel. We have been through the Beatitudes, the miracles of Jesus, a few books of the Bible, currently just completed the book of Titus, starting Malachi next week. This is still mostly attended via zoom; however, we have opened it at the church, being attended by 1 other person in person. Thursday music practice has re started and

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alternate Thursdays coffee morning. These Coffee mornings have had a great response, with 20 – 30 people attending each time. The numbers do seem to be increasing. In August and September, we had men's breakfast once a month on every 3rd Friday – the attendance has been 6 people both meetings. Also, every 3rd Friday of the month we have had the privilege of having a Prayer Power Hour. We started this during the lockdown, being held on Zoom, we will be starting to hold this both in person and on Zoom from October. The attendance for this has been on average 5 people. Our Sunday Club/ school has resumed by the pastor's wife, under the go head of Sunday School leader (who is currently unable to join in person), there has been 2 – 4 children attending. We presume the Sunday Club should restart fully in October.

We have been blessed with a good sense of the presence of God in our services. We want to thank God for his goodness to us during the past year and for the privilege of being able to still hold live fellowship on zoom and at the church building.

We have endeavoured to build up and disciple people using a Connect-Group. This has not been easy due to where people live and the availability of homes to meet in.

Outreach Events for the Community

- Coffee Morning continues to thrive, and we are making good connections with people who have been consistently attending. This has been much needed for the community after the lockdown and isolation. We have had 25 regular attendees.

- In September we started an Alpha course, which has seen 10 – 13 attendees. This is a meal followed by a talk and then discussion time. We were told that the Alpha was encouraging and started to notice an improvement in the lives of the attendees. We have 3 attendees from Bethel, the remainder are from other churches and the community. Pastor decided to open this up to CTiS (churches together in Stonehouse), as this is an outreach. We have various speakers from the various churches to do a talk during one of the sessions.

- Afternoon Tea: This was unfortunately stopped due to the Covid 19 pandemic. It has not yet been resumed.

- The Men's Breakfast continue to do well. We have had 6 regular attendees.

- In March 2019 Phonics classes had been held in the church hall on Tuesdays. This has been resumed and has seen an increase in number and an additional class starting.

A Ladies choir has started to hold practices in our church hall on Monday evenings. There are on average 20 ladies who attend the practice.

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Our treasurer has been doing an amazing job behind the scenes.

During 2020 & 2021, we have been looking at all our accounts and making sure that all signatories are correct and up to date.

We have continued to financially support five missionaries:

- Andrew Wesley (Top Kids)
- Claire Kinhead (Jamaica)
- Gabriel & Daniela Corradini (Asturias, Spain)
- John & Eliana Whyte (IBTI Bible College)
- Compassion UK

For the Future

We are continuing to focus on prayer, ministry of the Word of God, discipling and soul-winning. We recognise that nothing is accomplished except through prayer, and people need to be disciplined through effective preaching of Kingdom principles to help them grow in God. We are looking at running a youth Alpha. Our aim is to re-open both KRASH and ROCK as soon as is possible in the future, we have some people already stepping forward as volunteers, these may re-open under new names. Our Big Pot kitchen will reopen in 2022 due to regulations that need to be met and availability of the volunteers. We are praying and seeking God for a woman's fellowship meeting, which will be run by the pastor's wife. This will include a Shine course to encourage women of all ages. We are also seeking the Lord and praying for ministry services. These will include healing, prophecy and the other ministry which we can support with our other missionaries. The Word of the Lord says we should pray for and support Israel.

We continue to promote Jesus Christ (Saviour, Healer, Baptizer, and Coming King), prayer and the Bible.

We encourage extravagant worship in the church, and sharing the love of Jesus with everyone.

Also, we are continuing to build a culture of positive, forward-looking faith, and attitude of encouragement honour and respect, and excellence in all we do. We are happy to report that the feedback we are getting from those who recently attend and those who visit, is that there is a warm and friendly culture here. One person who started attending recently told us that the thing that they felt that the messages having been speaking to them and they feel this is the place they belong as they were just accepted and befriended. Another has said that they felt love and belonging the minute they walked through our doors. That is good news.

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Budgets

We recognise that with more limited resources, we need to be more vigilant than in the past at keeping within our budgets for the year. With this in mind, we have asked the Treasurer to pass finance reports to the Leadership Team at our leadership meetings. We would encourage everyone attending to be faithful in tithes and offerings through online giving, and all who can to register for Gift-Aid should do so with the Treasurer.

We had already decided to increase our missionary giving, we also looked at our budgets and will put as much As we can towards missionary support, and towards outreach. Through this period of the Covid 19 pandemic, God has still blessed us with financial support by our members faithfully giving online, those that cannot give on Line we have collected the giving and handed it to our treasurer. We are trusting God and praying that we will see the church prosper financially, as we endeavour to do the will of God.

Going Concern

The trustees, having reviewed all financial and other obligations, they expect the charity to continue to operate as normal for the foreseeable future. It is able to meet its obligations as they fall due, and there are no plans to close the charity or to significantly curtail its operations.

Financially, Bethel is viable for the next 2 years (24 Months), should the Covid-19 pandemic carry on.

Public Benefit

The Trustees/Directors have considered the requirements of the Charities Act to ensure the Charity meets its obligations in respect of public benefit.

In planning activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees/Directors believe that this annual report helps to demonstrate the Charity's commitment to the communities in which it is based, as well as its achievements during the year and its future plans.

Grant Making Policy

Gifts to individuals, families and external organizations are considered on the basis of need and the fulfilment of its charitable objectives, in line with its Grant Making Policy.

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Financial Review

The financial year under review does, of course, include the period when Covid-19 was having a major affect on the UK, and consequently on the lives of us all.

It is therefore due entirely to the continued generosity of our members that we are able to report a strong position, despite the difficult circumstances which we all faced. A heart-felt “thank you” doesn’t do justice to acknowledge the continued sacrifices that we know have been made over the last 12 months.

Whilst, general offerings (and associated gift aid reclaim) saw a 16.2% reduction in the year. Overall, offerings were, in fact, 5.5% higher as you rallied to stand in the gap to meet the needs of a very difficult situation.

Our total income resources also increased by 5.5% from £36,129 to £38,129.

If we now look at expenditure. Total expenditure for the year showed a reduction of 12.5% down from £44,359 to £38,835. A full breakdown of expenditure is shown on the page 16 of this report.

The year-end position shows a surplus of £2,460 against the deficit of £5,535 recorded in 2020, which is again down to our members generosity.

As a result, our cash reserves remain healthy at £74,128 (2020: £71,667) and are considered to be more than adequate to see us through this present uncertain season.

Reserves Policy

The charity’s current levels of unrestricted reserves are more than acceptable. £35,000 of the total had previously been designated as a contingency and there are no current plans to change this.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate these. All major insurance risks are subject to normal volunteer insurance.

Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess their impact on the charity’s ability to fulfil its objectives. An annual review of all areas of risk is undertaken by the Trustees in conjunction with volunteers responsible for the area of activity.

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Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires that trustees provide financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and;

prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping financial records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the trustees on 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section **A**

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
BETHEL CHURCH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

On accounts for the year
ended

30th JUNE 2021

Charity no
(if any):

1050300

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 **30/06/2021**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

P Mallett

Date:

29.09.2021

Name:

P Mallett

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

Address:

Gloucester

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	29,741	8,388	—	38,129	36,129
Income from charitable activities	1,038	—	—	1,038	50
Investments	87	—	—	87	324
Other income	2,040	—	—	2,040	2,320
Total income	32,907	8,388	—	41,296	38,824
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	28,159	10,276	—	38,435	44,359
Other expenditure	400	—	—	400	—
Total expenditure	28,559	10,276	—	38,835	44,359
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	4,348	(1,888)	—	2,460	(5,535)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	2,182	—	2,182	24,469
Gross transfers between funds - out	(2,182)	—	—	(2,182)	(24,469)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	2,166	294	—	2,460	(5,535)
Total funds brought forward	271,494	173	—	271,667	277,203
Total funds carried forward	273,661	467	—	274,128	271,667
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	38,661	—	—	38,661	36,494
Designated					
Contingency	35,000	—	—	35,000	35,000
Fixed Assets	200,000	—	—	200,000	200,000
Restricted					
Building Fund	—	274	—	274	30
Children's Work	—	193	—	193	143

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Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
FA001	Freehold Property	200,000	200,000
	Total Fixed assets	200,000	200,000
Current assets			
CA001	HSBC - Current Account	14,789	17,240
CA002	HSBC - Pension Reserve	—	—
CA003	HSBC - Deposit Account	18,200	15,199
CA004	VIRGIN MONEY	37,361	37,290
CA005	Kingdom Bank - Deposit Account	552	537
CA006	HSBC - Children's work Account	—	—
CA007	Kingdom Bank - Sub. Deposit	1,000	1,000
CA008	PettyCash	—	—
Z05	Accounts Receivable	2,224	400
	Total Current assets	74,128	71,667
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	2,460	(5,535)
Z01	Starting balances	271,667	277,203
	Total Reserves	274,128	271,667
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	38,661	36,494
	Designated	235,000	235,000
	Restricted	467	173
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	274,128	271,667

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1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the FRS 102 Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities 2015. The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items:-

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis, as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. Based on the adequacy of the charity's reserves as at the balance sheet date, along with their knowledge of the charity's ability to meet bills, payments and other liabilities as they fall due, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

a) Donated and grant income:

Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity. Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to HM Revenues and Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax reclaimed from HM Revenues and Customs but not yet received is shown within the charity's debtors.

b) Other income and expenditure

Investment income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, when incurred by the charity, regardless on when payment is made. Grants payable are taken into account at the earlier of when they are paid or become constructive obligations.

c) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specific purpose and are available for purposes directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which they are used.

d) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £2,500 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	Not depreciated
Equipment	Between 3 and 7 years

e) Taxation:

A registered charity which is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

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2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from: Donations and legacies	27,941	8,388	-	38,129	36,129

3. Debtors & Prepayments

	2021	2020
Tax recoverable	£2,224	£0
Other Debtors	£0	£400
	£2,224	£400

4. Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

Accounts Receivable	£0	£0
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5. Funds

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Building - Building Fund						
Restricted	30	244	—	—	—	274
Sub-total for Building	30	244	—	—	—	274
Child - Children's Work						
Restricted	143	50	—	—	—	193
Sub-total for Child	143	50	—	—	—	193
Conting - Contingency						
Designated	35,000	—	—	—	—	35,000
Sub-total for Conting	35,000	—	—	—	—	35,000
FAssets - Fixed Assets						
Designated	200,000	—	—	—	—	200,000
Sub-total for FAssets	200,000	—	—	—	—	200,000
Missions - Missions						
Restricted	—	8,094	10,276	2,182	—	—
Sub-total for Missions	—	8,094	10,276	2,182	—	—
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	36,494	32,907	28,559	(2,182)	—	38,661
Sub-total for General	36,494	32,907	28,559	(2,182)	—	38,661
ZPension - Pension reserves						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for ZPension	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	271,667	41,296	38,835	—	—	274,128

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Analysis of income and expenditure

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS							
Donations and legacies							
A0100 - Offerings - Auto Gift Aided		13,824	—	—	—	13,824	8,099
A0200 - Offerings - Auto Non Gift Aided		1,200	—	—	—	1,200	—
A0300 - Offerings - Gift Aided		3,531	—	—	—	3,531	18,793
A0400 - Offerings - Non Gift Aided		6,379	—	—	—	6,379	2,602
A05000 - HMRC - Gift Aid Reclaimed		4,807	—	—	—	4,807	5,990
B0400 - Missions - Non Gift Aided		—	—	8,094	—	8,094	550
D0100 - Children's work		—	—	50	—	50	70
D0400 - Building Fund		—	—	244	—	244	24
Total		29,741	—	8,388	—	38,129	36,129
Income from charitable activities							
C0800 - Miscellaneous Income		1,038	—	—	—	1,038	50
Total		1,038	—	—	—	1,038	50
Investments							
E0700 - Credit Interest		87	—	—	—	87	324
Total		87	—	—	—	87	324
Other income							
C0700 - Car Park Income		2,040	—	—	—	2,040	2,320
Total		2,040	—	—	—	2,040	2,320
INCOME TOTAL		32,907	—	8,388	—	41,296	38,824

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EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on charitable activities

F0100 - Church Life - General Resources	226	—	—	—	226	563
F0200 - Church Life - Printing	—	—	—	—	—	240
F0300 - Church Life - Website & Software	275	—	—	—	275	102
F0400 - Church Life - Gifts & Donations	640	—	8,020	—	8,660	850
F0500 - Church Life - Visiting Speakers	—	—	—	—	—	425
G0100 - Missions - Regular Support	—	—	2,156	—	2,156	2,870
G0200 - Missions - Visiting Ministries	—	—	100	—	100	—
M0100 - Staffing - Payroll	21,162	—	—	—	21,162	30,635
M0200 - Staffing - Expenses	135	—	—	—	135	405
P0100 - Premises - General Maintenance	980	—	—	—	980	1,845
U0100 - Utilities - Gas/Electric/Broadband/Phone	961	—	—	—	961	1,798
U0200 - Utilities - Water	267	—	—	—	267	294
U0300 - Utilities - Insurance	945	—	—	—	945	921
V0100 - Regulatory - Licenses	780	—	—	—	780	708
V0200 - Regulatory - AOG Fees	1,080	—	—	—	1,080	1,150
V0300 - Regulatory - subscriptions	80	—	—	—	80	180
V0400 - Regulatory - solicitors	—	—	—	—	—	927
V0500 - Regulatory - Payroll Fees	622	—	—	—	622	440
Total	28,159	—	10,276	—	38,435	44,359

Other expenditure

M0300 - Staffing - loan	400	—	—	—	400	—
Total	400	—	—	—	400	—
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	28,559	—	10,276	—	38,835	44,359
GRAND TOTAL	4,348	—	(1,888)	—	2,460	(5,535)