

BETHEL CHURCH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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Report and Accounts

Year ended 30 June 2024

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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

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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

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
		£		£		£
						Total Funds
						2023
						£
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								
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	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>					<u>793</u>
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Report and Accounts

Year ended 30 June 2024

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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.
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- 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.
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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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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:

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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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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024



**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:

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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
		£		£		£
						Total Funds
						2023
						£
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	
									235,000	
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	
									1,102	