

THE BETHEL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1052513

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-02-03

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: Church based charity which is actively involved in helping the local community through a variety of social activities involving all age groups from luncheon club etc for the elderly to clubs and activities for young people, and activities for people with disabilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE STOKE ON TRENT
- Staffordshire
- Stoke-on-trent City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£133,704	£124,859	-	-
2024-04-05	£119,009	£134,822	-	-
2023-04-05	£113,135	£113,756	-	-
2022-04-05	£118,552	£111,914	-	-
2021-04-05	£125,623	£96,191	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev PETER WOODALL	Chair	
Dr JUDITH WOODALL		
GARY DAVID BROUGH		
Jeffrey Charles Worsdale		2024-08-04
Michelle Brennan		2022-11-20
Susan Elaine Rammell		2019-09-17

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Accounts

BETHEL CHURCH

Dunrobin Street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 4NA

Minister's report to the trustees for the year ending 5th April 2025

This is my twenty-fifth report as chair of trustees, and I am pleased to report that Bethel continues in its mission to support the local community in a variety of ways.

Local community involvement

Bethel's Thursday three course lunch, including colouring and craft activities, continues to be successful with an average weekly attendance of more than 70 people. Since September we have seen an increase in the number of people with learning disabilities attending from across the city including Newcastle and Hanley. During February and March numbers have increased to over 80 attendees with a maximum of 97 people attending for two of these weeks.

On 18th June BBC Radio Stoke and BBC News held and recorded a hustings debate for the Stoke South MP candidates at Bethel. On 9th November Bethel held a BBQ and entertainment evening which was attended by 121 people and raised £516.50.

Our Christmas meal on Thursday 12th December was attended by 120 people and the Christmas party as well as the Christmas Eve Carol Service were well supported. We again helped Swan Bank Church with the provision of their Christmas meals.

Bethel continues to partner with Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank as a distribution centre on Wednesday mornings and on 8th November we hosted Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank's AGM providing food for 120 people. Also, on Wednesday mornings advice and information about services in Stoke-on-Trent can be accessed through the Community Lounge at Bethel.

Additionally, we work closely with local police, councillors, schools, and other organisations in providing food, provisions and household goods to those who need them. Bethel's charity shop continues to support the community by providing affordable clothing and household goods and we are grateful for all the generous donations which help to make this possible.

Bethel church

The number of people attending Bethel's Sunday morning service remains steady and we have seen several new people. Upgrades to the building have included the refurbishment of the chairs used in both the Sunday Service and week-day activities.

Funding, grants, and donations

We are grateful for the companies and individuals who support Bethel with regular finances as well as donations of food, toiletries, and other goods.

This year generous food donations were received from Sandford Hill Primary School and a Harvest donation from Alexandra Junior School. For Christmas £100 worth of food was received from Argos to support the families in need in our area and in March we received a donation of frozen food from Farmfoods.

Once again Bethel was one of the charities nominated by the Community Champion at Tesco Longton Extra for the Tesco Community Christmas Gift Appeal. Additionally, donations of food and toys were received from *Step up Stoke* and TWIST.

Throughout the year regular food and other essentials have been received from Tesco (Longton Extra, Meir Hay Express, and Meir Park), NISA Stoke, Farmfoods, LIDL, KFC Meir, TWIST, and Pak Foods Dresden. These are supplemented by fortnightly deliveries from Fareshare Midlands. These donations have helped Bethel provide an average of 350 meals to individuals and families every week. We really appreciate those who are willing to partner with us in this valuable work.

Financial donations have included £317.50 for a sponsored Zip Wire challenge, £500.00 Ward Funding from Councillor Lilian Dodd towards the Christmas meal, £324.01 from Florence Residents' Association, £70 for grip bars at the entrance of the church, £100.00 from TWIST, £1075.00 from Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank, and £200.00 from The Grand Charity. We have also received various donations from individuals which have helped Bethel to continue its work.

Conclusion

Whilst these remain difficult times for many people, we are grateful to all those who continue to support Bethel through finances, prayer, various donations, and volunteering. This year has seen an increase in financial receipts of £14695.24 and a decrease in expenditure of £9963.42. This has resulted in a surplus for the year of £8845.19. Bethel continues to be committed to supporting the local community in whatever ways possible.

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	6th April 2024	To	5th April 2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
SUNDAY SERVICE & GIFT AID	11,065	-	-	11,065	10,833
THURSDAY CRAFT & MEAL/LIGHT LUNCH	13,278	-	-	13,278	12,721
HALL HIRE	2,910	-	-	2,910	2,239
SHOP TAKINGS	74,341	-	-	74,341	72,133
	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER GRANTS AND FUNDING	700	-	-	700	716
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME & DONATIONS	31,410	-	-	31,410	20,367
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	133,704	-	-	133,704	119,009
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	133,704	-	-	133,704	119,009
A3 Payments					
SALARIES & PAYE	68,166	-	-	68,166	75,667
LIGHTING, HEATING & WATER	7,950	-	-	7,950	9,112
LITERATURE, STATIONERY ETC	118	-	-	118	1,334
REPAIRS, IMPROVEMENTS, MAINT & CLEAN	3,029	-	-	3,029	4,409
PREACHERS SECS., GIFTS & TRIPS	664	-	-	664	389
ANNUAL PAYMENTS	840	-	-	840	871
CHURCH PHONE & INTERNET	2,661	-	-	2,661	2,067
FIXED PROFIT CAR SCHEME	2,721	-	-	2,721	1,881
SHOP EXPENSES	25,614	-	-	25,614	23,838
FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT	4,346	-	-	4,346	4,647
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	193	-	-	193	13
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	660	-	-	660	2,461
VOLUNTEER EXPS, WORKWEAR & TRAINING	346	-	-	346	791
SAFEGUARDING EXPENSES					
THIRTYONE-EIGHT	159	-	-	159	238
PENSIONS	4,264	-	-	4,264	3,549
CHURCH INSURANCE	3,128	-	-	3,128	3,555
Sub total	124,859	-	-	124,859	134,822
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	124,859	-	-	124,859	134,822
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,845	-	-	8,845	- 15,813
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,681	-	-	21,681	37,494
Cash funds this year end	30,526	-	-	30,526	21,681

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BUSINESS RESERVE	15,573	-	-
	MAIN/GENERAL ACCOUNT	10,518	-	-
	BUILDING FUND	-	-	-
	CASH IN HAND	4,435	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,526	-	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	<small>OK</small>	<small>OK</small>	<small>OK</small>

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Judith Woodall</i>	Judith Woodall	25/11/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Bethel Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

Year Ended 5th April 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1052513

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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 **05 / 04 / 2025**.

**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").

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:

Jack Martin

Date:

25/11/2025

Name:

Jack Martin FCCA

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

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (the ACCA)

Address:

Paterson Brodie Limited, Cliveden Chambers, Cliveden Place,
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ST3 4JB

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.



THE BETHEL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1052513

Accounts

BETHEL CHURCH

Dunrobin Street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 4NA

Minister's report to the trustees for the year ending 5th April 2024

This is my twenty-fourth report as chair of trustees. During the year, Bethel has remained successful in its regular community activities and continues to help local people who are in need of extra support.

Local community involvement

Bethel's Thursday three course lunch remains a popular weekly event and this year we have incorporated the colouring and craft activities for people with learning disabilities into the same room as the meal. Numbers attending the meal and craft continue to steadily increase and we are now serving between 65 and 75 people each week. New connections have been made with organisations who provide supported living accommodation for people with learning disabilities. In March we retained our level 5 Food Hygiene rating.

Our Christmas meal on Thursday 14th December was attended by 104 people. We also supported Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank and Swan Bank Church with the provision of their Christmas meals.

On Wednesday mornings, Bethel remains a distribution centre for Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank as well as a Community Lounge which provides information and advice. In June we hosted a frontline professional meeting for Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank and provided a buffet for 75 people. On Friday 17th November we hosted and provided food for Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank's AGM which was attended by over 100 people.

Uke 'n' Sing continue to use our building every Thursday to practice and on Friday 2nd June they performed a concert at Bethel which raised £240.00 for our community activities. On 10th August, Karen Pfeiffer and Paul Weaver performed another music concert which raised a further £330.88 for Bethel.

Bethel's charity shop continues to provide affordable clothing and household goods. We also work closely with local police, councillors, schools, and other organisations in providing a variety of goods to those who need them. We remain grateful for the generous donations which help to make this possible.

Bethel church

The number of people attending Bethel's Sunday morning service has remained steady this year. On Easter Sunday 60 people shared in the Resurrection Breakfast and these included members of the congregation as well as people from the various weekly activities. Staff and residents from 4 different residential homes for people with learning disabilities joined in the breakfast.

This year various members of Bethel have helped to raise funds by engaging in different sponsored events. These included a sponsored cycle, abseil, and silence. On Saturday 21st October there was a sponsored 25-hour drumathon which included an open day in the afternoon and 2 concerts in the evening. The event was opened by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Lyn Sharpe and we are grateful for the support received from the Community Champion at Tesco Longton Extra as well as the staff at Sandford Hill Primary School for their donations towards the cost of the buffet. The drumathon raised £1640.81.

A Christmas music concert was held on 9th December and a carol service on 24th December. The carol service included the baptismal of 4 people from the church.

Funding, grants, and donations

Generous harvest donations were received from Sandford Hill Primary School, Alexandra Junior School, as well as St Mary and St Chad's church. Also, in December, Christmas food donations were received from Staffordshire University, *All Things Werrington*, and Farmfoods. These were distributed to families within our area. At Christmas Bethel was nominated by both Tesco Longton Extra and Tesco Meir Hay Express for the Tesco and Aspire Christmas Toy Appeal. Additionally, donations of food and toys were received from *Step up Stoke* and TWIST.


Regular food and other essentials have been received from Tesco (Longton Extra, Meir Hay Express, and Meir Park), LIDL, Farmfoods, TWIST, KFC Meir, and Pak Foods Dresden. Donations have also been received from DHL Nisa Stoke. The fortnightly deliveries from Fareshare Midlands have contributed additional supplies. Throughout the year between 300 and 400 hundred meals have been provided to individuals and families every week as Bethel

continues to partner with other individuals and organisations who have the same enthusiasm for helping people in our area.

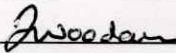
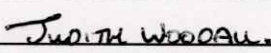
Financial donations have included £216.34 from MADL, £500.00 from Populus Housing, £100.00 from the Masonic Charitable Foundation, £100.00 from TWIST, £30.00 from a member of TWIST, and £1500.00 from Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank. Councillor Lilian Dodd helped towards the cost of Bethel's community Christmas meal with £500.00 Ward Funding.

Conclusion

We remain grateful to all those who support Bethel through various donations, finances, prayer, and volunteering. This year has seen an increase in financial receipts of £5874.59, but expenses have increased further meaning that at the close of the financial year there is a deficit of £15813.47. Despite financial pressures, Bethel remains committed to its valuable work supporting the local community.

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	THE BETHEL CHURCH		1052513		CC16a	
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	6th APRIL 2023	To	5th APRIL 2024		
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
SUNDAY SERVICE & GIFT AID	10,833	-	-	10,833	15,449	
THURSDAY CRAFT & MEAL/LIGHT LUNCH	12,721	-	-	12,721	8,628	
HALL HIRE	2,239	-	-	2,239	1,250	
SHOP TAKINGS	72,133	-	-	72,133	77,122	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
OTHER GRANTS AND FUNDING	716	-	-	716	700	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME & DONATIONS	20,367	-	-	20,367	9,985	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	119,009	-	-	119,009	113,134	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	119,009	-	-	119,009	113,134	
A3 Payments						
SALARIES & PAYE	75,667	-	-	75,667	68,143	
LIGHTING, HEATING & WATER	9,112	-	-	9,112	3,909	
LITERATURE, STATIONERY ETC	1,334	-	-	1,334	198	
REPAIRS, IMPROVEMENTS, MAINT & CLEAN	4,409	-	-	4,409	2,089	
PREACHERS SECS., GIFTS & TRIPS	389	-	-	389	339	
ANNUAL PAYMENTS	871	-	-	871	646	
CHURCH PHONE & INTERNET	2,067	-	-	2,067	2,339	
FIXED PROFIT CAR SCHEME	1,881	-	-	1,881	1,505	
SHOP EXPENSES	23,838	-	-	23,838	23,315	
FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT	4,647	-	-	4,647	3,458	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	13	-	-	13	57	
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	2,461	-	-	2,461	978	
VOLUNTEER EXPS, WORKWEAR & TRAINING	791	-	-	791	448	
SAFEGUARDING EXPENSES THIRTYONE:EIGHT	238	-	-	238	222	
PENSIONS	3,549	-	-	3,549	3,177	
CHURCH INSURANCE	3,555	-	-	3,555	2,933	
Sub total	134,822	-	-	134,822	113,756	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	134,822	-	-	134,822	113,756	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 15,813	-	-	- 15,813	- 622	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	37,494	-	-	37,494	38,116	
Cash funds this year end	21,681	-	-	21,681	37,494	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BUSINESS RESERVE	17,354	-	-
	MAIN/GENERAL ACCOUNT	3,718		
	BUILDING FUND #	561	-	-
	CASH IN HAND	48	-	-
	Total cash funds		21,681	-
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
				3/2/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
THE BETHEL CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2024

**Charity no
(if any)** 1052513

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Signed:

Date:

31/1/2025

Name:

GLENN GERALD PARKES MBE

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

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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BETHEL CHURCH

Dunrobin Street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 4NA

Minister's report to the trustees for the year ending 5th April 2023

This is my twenty-third report as chair of trustees. This year Bethel has continued to increase its local community involvement, numbers of people attending our weekly events are steadily increasing, and we continue to forge new links and partnerships with individuals and organisations.

Local community involvement

Over the year the number of people attending Bethel's Thursday three course lunch has increased to between fifty and sixty per week. New connections have been made with organisations who provide supported living accommodation for people with disabilities and the craft sessions for people with learning disabilities has seen a steady increase in numbers with up to seventeen people taking part each week. On Thursday 15th December eighty people attended Bethel's Christmas meal and entertainment was provided by the local ukulele band, 'Uke 'n' Sing'. Bethel was also able to support Swan Bank with the provision of their Christmas Day meals.

On Wednesday mornings, Bethel remains a distribution centre for Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank. On Friday 13th May we hosted Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank's 10 year celebration for its staff and volunteers. A buffet was provided and over ninety people attended. On 4th November Bethel hosted Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank's AGM and provided hot food for ninety people. A further hundred meals were provided for Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank for its open day in December.

During the winter months Bethel was part of the 'Stronger Together Through Winter' initiative and, partnering with Stoke-on-Trent City Council, is one of the 'Welcoming Spaces' which provides support to local residents. In December Bethel became a member of Coalfields community investment programme's practical support initiative and one of Coalfields' representatives partnered with us for a short period of time at our Thursday lunch.

Bethel's charity shop continues to provide good quality clothes and household goods etc. for very reasonable prices. We work closely with local police, councillors, schools, and

organisations to provide items for those who need additional support. All this is made possible because of the generous donations received.

Bethel church

This year has seen a steady increase in the number of people attending Bethel's Sunday morning service, including young families. The Resurrection Breakfast took place on Easter Sunday, and it was attended by over fifty people. The people who attended were from the wide range of weekly activities as well as the Sunday service congregation.

To celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee 'Big Lunch' on Sunday 5th June a roast dinner was served to sixty-four people. Again, this included people from all aspects of Bethel's community work as well as new people who have since started to regularly attend the Sunday services.

During October and November, we ran the eight-week course *Christianity Explored* which was well attended. This was followed by a baptismal service in December and a dedication of one of the young children who has started attending with their family.

On 20th November we held a 'thank you' party for everyone who has supported Bethel over recent years. This event included live music by the Bethel Band and a buffet. Over one hundred people attended.

The Christmas party on Sunday 11th December was a time of celebration and fun and was attended by fifty people. Bethel's carol service on 18th December was combined with a baptismal service and was a time of blessing for all involved.

Funding, grants, and donations

Donations have included £200 from MADL, £500 from Populus Housing, and £100 from the Masonic Charitable Foundation. Councillor Lilian Dodd provided £500 Ward Funding towards the cost of Bethel's community Christmas meal.

Regular food and other essentials have been received from Tesco (Longton Extra, Meir Hay Express, and occasional donations from Meir Park), LIDL, Farmfoods, TWIST, KFC Meir, and Pak foods Dresden. Donations have also been received from DHL Nisa Stoke. These donations are all valuable in helping Bethel continue its work supporting people in our local


area. Also, the fortnightly deliveries from Fareshare have contributed additional supplies. Throughout this year we have been providing between three to four hundred meals every week and have partnered with other individuals and organisations who have the same passion to help those who are in need in our area.

We are extremely grateful to Sandford Hill Primary School for providing milk and donating their Harvest contributions to Bethel. On Friday 9th September Bethel received 380 Walker's pies from Stoke Football Club after cancellation of the match following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Also, the Community Champion at Tesco Longton Extra nominated Bethel as one of the charities and we received numerous chocolate eggs in their Easter Egg Appeal.

At Christmas Bethel was again one of the charities nominated in the Tesco and Aspire's Christmas Toy Appeal. Additionally, donations of food and toys for Christmas were received from 'Step up Stoke' and TWIST.

Conclusion

We are grateful to all those who have supported Bethel this financial year through various donations, finances, prayer, and volunteering. Whilst this year has shown a financial deficit of £621.64, Bethel remains committed to supporting the local community.

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	THE BETHEL CHURCH		1052513		CC16a	
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	6th APRIL 2022	To	5th APRIL 2023		
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
SUNDAY SERVICE & GIFT AID	15,449	-	-	15,449	6,434	
THURSDAY CRAFT & MEAL/LIGHT LUNCH	8,628	-	-	8,628	4,680	
HALL HIRE	1,250	-	-	1,250	1,605	
SHOP TAKINGS	77,122	-	-	77,122	82,960	
HMRC - FURLOUGH PAY	-	-	-	-	7,025	
GRANT - STOKE-ON-TRENT CITY COUNCIL	-	-	-	-	5,334	
OTHER GRANTS AND FUNDING	700	-	-	700	1,300	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME & DONATIONS	9,985	-	-	9,985	9,214	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	113,134	-	-	113,134	118,552	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	113,134	-	-	113,134	118,552	
A3 Payments						
SALARIES - MINISTERS	29,489	-	-	29,489	27,443	
SALARIES - OTHERS	34,292	-	-	34,292	30,394	
PAYE	4,362	-	-	4,362	3,820	
LIGHTING, HEATING & WATER	3,909	-	-	3,909	3,887	
LITERATURE, STATIONERY ETC	198	-	-	198	89	
REPAIRS, IMPROVEMENTS, MAINT & CLEAN	2,089	-	-	2,089	7,496	
PREACHERS SECS., GIFTS & TRIPS	339	-	-	339	238	
ANNUAL PAYMENTS	646	-	-	646	2,359	
CHURCH PHONE & INTERNET	2,339	-	-	2,339	1,745	
FIXED PROFIT CAR SCHEME	1,505	-	-	1,505	2,300	
SHOP EXPENSES	23,315	-	-	23,315	23,076	
FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT	3,458	-	-	3,458	1,400	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	57	-	-	57	118	
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	978	-	-	978	1,123	
VOLUNTEER EXPS, WORKWEAR & TRAINING	448	-	-	448	743	
SAFEGUARDING EXPENSES THIRTYONE:EIGHT	222	-	-	222	129	
PENSIONS	3,177	-	-	3,177	2,813	
CHURCH INSURANCE	2,933	-	-	2,933	2,740	
Sub total	113,756	-	-	113,756	111,913	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	113,756	-	-	113,756	111,913	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 622	-	-	- 622	6,638	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	38,116	-	-	38,116	31,478	
Cash funds this year end	37,494	-	-	37,494	38,116	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
THE BETHEL CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1052513

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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 05/04/2022.

**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").

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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- 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:

Date:

2/2/24

Name:

GLENN GERALD PARKES MBE

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Section B

Disclosure

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THE BETHEL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1052513

Accounts

BETHEL CHURCH

Dunrobin Street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 4NA

Minister's report to the trustees for the year ending 5th April 2022

This is my twenty-second report as Chairman to the trustees and it comes at the end of a difficult year following the Covid-19 lockdowns and trying to re-establish our church and community activities. However, I am pleased to report that we have continued to support those in need in our community through these difficult times.

Local community involvement

Reopening our community activities after the Covid-19 lockdowns has proved to be a slow process. Light Lunch reopened on 10th June with 26 paid meals being served. A donation of cakes, milk, and other essentials was gratefully received from the Tesco Longton Community Champion as we reopened.

On Thursday 16th December we held our Light Lunch Christmas meal which was attended by 56 people. This was a much lower number than previous years, but we managed to support people in other ways. For example, Bethel Church Longton distributed 30 Christmas hampers as well as 30 wrapped presents donated by *TWIST* to families in our local area. Also, we teamed up with Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank who partnered with the 'Give for Good' Stoke initiative team to deliver 130 Christmas dinners to local people. We have also partnered this year with Stoke-on-Trent Adult Social Care to further help those who attend our weekday meals and access our food donations.

Unfortunately, due to poor attendance, we had to close the Thursday meals again at the beginning of 2022 for an additional 8 weeks. On 24th March we started a craft group for people with learning disabilities on Thursday mornings to run alongside the meal and within a couple of weeks we had 14 people attending this group.

We have continued throughout the year as a distribution centre for Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank on Wednesday mornings and again hosted their AGM on Friday 15th October. A buffet was provided for the 70 people who attended. In addition, we have continued to deliver food parcels to those who still need support following the Covid-19 lockdowns.

SPLAT used our facilities to run 5 children's sessions during the summer holidays and they continued with sessions on Tuesday evenings until the end of November.

A local ukulele band has started using Bethel Church's main hall for practicing. We have also hosted events and meetings for local residential homes and the Florence Park Residents Association.

Bethel church

Our Sunday services resumed on 25th July and since then there has been a steady growth in numbers with some new attendees. Sunday 12th December saw our Christmas Music Special with buffet. It was attended by approximately 100 people and Bethel's house band as well as the local *Uke 'n' Sing* group performed a variety of songs.

Necessary upgrades and improvements have been made to Bethel Church's building this year. These have included decorating the main hall, minor hall, back corridor, and toilets after being closed for a long period of time. The sound equipment has been upgraded, a drum booth established, and new lighting has been set up in the main hall. Also LED lights have been fitted in the minor hall, rear corridor, and preparation area which are more cost effective. Upgrades to the sound system have meant that the large mixer desk cabinet at the rear of the main hall has been removed which has given us additional space for tables for the meals. Also, the notice board in the minor hall has been re-done.

Funding, grants, and donations

In June 2021 a sponsored walk of the 55-mile Derwent Valley route raised £1050.58. Also, a donation of £100.00 was received from the Masonic Charitable Foundation and in September a donation of £200.00 from Silito Housing. Councillor Lilian Dodd provided £300.00 of Ward Funding to support us in running our Christmas meal. Further donations of £250.00, £300.00, and £150.00 respectively were received in memory of individual persons. Additionally, £113.65 was received from the Monday Mental Health Support Group. Restart grants for the charity shop were received from Stoke-on-Trent City Council amounting to £5334.00 as well as £7025.03 from the Government's furlough scheme. A further grant of £1000.00 came from *Tesco Bags of Help* which helped towards the cost of roof repairs.


As well as these monetary donations we are grateful to those who have supported Bethel through donations of food and goods. These included Sandford Hill Primary School who generously gave tins from their harvest collection in October and in December we were accepted as one of the charities in the Tesco Longton and Aspire Christmas toy appeal. These toys were distributed to needy families in our area.

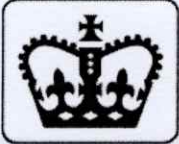
Regular food donations have been received from Tesco (Longton Extra and Meir Hay Express), Lidl, KFC, DHL, and Nisa (Stoke). One food collection from Nisa in December helped to feed a total of 250 people at Christmas. Also, our fortnightly deliveries from Fareshare Midlands have continue to be a valuable source of food. We have also received donations from Tesco Meir Extra and in February this year we commenced weekly food collections from PAK foods Dresden.

We are also grateful for the regular donations of food and other essentials from *TWIST* as well as goods from Tesco Longton Extra and Tesco Meir.

Conclusion

During these difficult times Bethel Church Longton remains committed to supporting the people in our local community. As we seek new ways of reaching out to those who need support, we value those who continue to help us through prayer, finances, various donations, and volunteering both in the church and through our charity shop.

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A1 Receipts					
SUNDAY SERVICE	6,434	-	-	6,434	7,563
LIGHT LUNCH	4,680	-	-	4,680	1,153
HALL HIRE	1,605	-	-	1,605	20
SHOP TAKINGS	82,960	-	-	82,960	37,496
HMRC - FURLOUGH PAY	7,025	-	-	7,025	26,770
GRANT - STOKE-ON-TRENT CITY COUNCIL	5,334	-	-	5,334	39,338
OTHER GRANTS AND FUNDING	1,300	-	-	1,300	7,356
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME & DONATIONS	9,214	-	-	9,214	5,926
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	118,552	-	-	118,552	125,624
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	118,552	-	-	118,552	125,624
A3 Payments					
SALARIES - MINISTERS	27,443	-	-	27,443	25,284
SALARIES - OTHERS	30,394	-	-	30,394	24,749
PAYE	3,820	-	-	3,820	2,611
LIGHTING, HEATING & WATER	3,887	-	-	3,887	5,141
LITERATURE, STATIONERY ETC	89	-	-	89	572
REPAIRS, IMPROVEMENTS, MAINT & CLEAN	7,496	-	-	7,496	2,942
PREACHERS SECS., GIFTS & TRIPS	238	-	-	238	540
ANNUAL PAYMENTS	2,359	-	-	2,359	923
CHURCH PHONE & INTERNET	1,745	-	-	1,745	1,820
FIXED PROFIT CAR SCHEME	2,300	-	-	2,300	2,086
SHOP EXPENSES	23,076	-	-	23,076	22,376
FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT	1,400	-	-	1,400	932
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	118	-	-	118	-
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	1,123	-	-	1,123	380
VOLUNTEER EXPS, WORKWEAR & TRAINING	743	-	-	743	48
SAFEGUARDING EXPENSES THIRTYONE:EIGHT	129	-	-	129	226
PENSIONS	2,813	-	-	2,813	2,737
CHURCH INSURANCE	2,740	-	-	2,740	2,826
Sub total	111,914	-	-	111,914	96,192
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	111,914	-	-	111,914	96,192
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,638	-	-	6,638	29,432
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,478	-	-	31,478	2,046
Cash funds this year end	38,116	-	-	38,116	31,478



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
THE BETHEL CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

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Signed:

Date:

2/2/2023

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THE BETHEL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1052513

Accounts

BETHEL CHURCH

Dunrobin Street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 4NA

Minister's report to the trustees for the year ending 5th April 2021

This is my twenty first report as Chairman to the trustees. We began this year with all church services, activities, and the charity shop closed due to the first COVID-19 lockdown in the UK. But our work within the community never stopped as we began delivering food parcels and other essentials to people who were isolating, individuals and families in crisis situations, as well as local residential homes.

Local community involvement

Throughout the first lockdown we delivered 6710 food parcels which equates to over 50,000 meals. We also remained open on Wednesdays as a distribution centre for Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank and supported other distribution centres which were unable to open due to volunteer shortages.

We continued throughout the lockdowns to work closely with Councillor Lilian Dodd, Jack Brereton MP, and local police officers who referred people to us that needed help. Some of our volunteers received official cards of thanks from Ian Dudson, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire, for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are grateful to have received regular food donations from Tesco, Lidl, KFC, DHL, and Nisa (Stoke). This year we have also teamed up with Fareshare Foodcloud and received our first delivery from them on 10th June 2020. These fortnightly deliveries have helped us to continue feeding those in need in our community. Also, in October we were grateful to Michelle and pupils from Sandford Hill Primary School who collected tins for us as part of their Harvest celebration.

On Thursday 10th September we reopened Light Lunch, abiding by strict Government rules concerning COVID. The first week 21 people attended including Jack Brereton MP who came along to show his support and he enjoyed a meal with us. The numbers of people attending gradually increased to 43, but unfortunately in November there was a further lockdown and the church activities had to close again.

Sadly, we were unable to engage in our usual Christmas activities this year, but instead we handed out almost 100 Christmas hampers to various households. We were also grateful for a donation of 70 turkeys from Wayne Walker which were distributed to local families.

Bethel church and charity shop

Church services were only open physically for a short period of time between 11th October and 5th November. However, some of our members engaged with our food distribution and community support activities. We are thankful for those church members who have continued to support us this year through volunteering, regular monetary donations, and their prayers.

Unfortunately, the charity shop has also been limited in the time it could open this year due to three lockdowns in England. However, when it was allowed to open, the shop continued to raise much needed funds for the charity. Thankfully we managed to retain our staff due to the Government's furlough scheme.

We are grateful to everyone who has continued to support our shop through donations and purchases. We would particularly like to thank the Salvation Army in Kidsgrove and Tesco Longton Extra for their generous donations of clothes and other goods. The amount brought in by the shop this year was £37,496.20.

Funding and grants

On 6th April 2020 we received a £1000 grant from the Community Foundation to support us in the delivery of food parcels. A further grant of £880 was received in September from the Community Foundation which helped us to continue the work. A grant of £500 was received from Groundworks and Councillor Lilian Dodd gave us two Ward Funding donations amounting to £1200. Also, Jack Brereton MP kindly recommended us to Western Power because of the community work we were doing during the COVID pandemic, and we received £1500 in July. A further £250 was received from Silito Housing and £1000 from Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank.

In November the local PAK Foods Stoke store nominated us for an £800 donation from MADL (making a difference locally) which operates through all Nisa independent stores. This was gratefully received.

To help with the distribution of our Christmas hampers Councillor Lilian Dodd gave us a further £500 Ward Funding.

Ward Fundings were also received from Councillor Maqsoom and Councillor Ali amounting to £800 and £176 respectively.

Further grants, relating to the charity shop, were received from Stoke-on-Trent City Council amounting to £39,338.42.

Conclusion

This has been an unusual year, but we have continued to find ways of reaching out and helping the community around us. We are extremely grateful for all the financial support we have received through donations, funding, and grants as well as the personal support from individuals who have prayed for us and offered voluntary support.

Bethel Church, Dunrobin Street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 4NA

Financial Report for Year Ending 5th April 2021

Sources and applications

Sources

Offerings	£	7,562.80
Gift Aid	£	-
Light Lunch	£	1,153.36
Hall Hire	£	20.00
Shop	£	37,496.20
HMRC - Furlough	£	26,770.47
Stoke-on-Trent CC	£	39,338.42
Funding & Grants etc.	£	7,356.00
Other Sources	£	5,926.28
	<u>£</u>	<u>125,623.53</u>

Applications

Salaries - Ministers	£	25,283.82
Salaries - Others	£	24,748.63
PAYE	£	2,611.34
Lighting, Heating & Water	£	5,140.78
Literature, Stationery etc.	£	572.15
Repairs, Improvements, Maintenance & Cleaning	£	2,941.78
Preachers Secs., Gifts & Trips	£	539.71
Annual Payments	£	923.48
Church Phone & Internet	£	1,820.29
Fixed Profit Car Scheme	£	2,085.75
Shop expenses	£	22,375.80
Food & Entertainment	£	932.12
Miscellaneous	£	-
Assemblies of God	£	380.00
Volunteer expenses, workwear & training	£	48.20
Thirtyone:Eight	£	225.80
Pensions	£	2,735.66
Church insurance	£	2,825.75
	<u>£</u>	<u>96,191.06</u>

Surplus for the year **£ 29,432.47**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BETHEL CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5th April 2021.

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).

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Independent examiner's statement

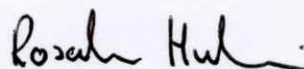
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- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which 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.

Westfield House
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Stoke on Trent

Date 10th December 2021



ROSALIND HULME
Chartered accountant