

BETHESDA CHURCH SWALLOWNEST

England & Wales · Charity number 1052587

Details

Other names SWALLOWNEST ASSEMBLY

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-02-03

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

Contact

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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: To promote the gospel of Jesus Christ in Swallownest, Aston & Aughton.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE SHEFFIELD
- Barnsley
- Doncaster
- Rotherham
- Sheffield City

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £75,435 | £78,898 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £72,457 | £73,999 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £63,502 | £65,283 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £46,558 | £28,163 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £56,744 | £46,777 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Rev Iain Alexander Somerville | Chair | |
| MORAG SOMERVILLE | | |
| Nicholas Richard Malone | | 2022-03-06 |
| STEPHEN JOHN ROSCAMP | | 2014-02-21 |
| Sonia Elizabeth Smith | | 2022-03-06 |

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Charity commission Annual return for Bethesda Church

2024

Through this year we continued to reach into our community to share the Gospel of Jesus with all who live here. We have run many activities and put on various special events

Activities:

Toddlers

Community Café

Heart of Knitting

Community cards

Craft days

Evangelistic events

Bereavement course

Sunday services

The church turned 90 years old this year. We did a series of special events as well as celebrated within the activities we normally run

The purpose of the church remains to reach out into our community and teach people about being followers of Jesus.

The teaching and encouragement of the body of believers that call Bethesda their spiritual home.



Bethesda Church 2024

Statement of Income & Expenditure - Main Church activities

| Income | | | Expenditure | | |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Balance b/f | £ | 18,978.82 | Admin | £ | 9,495.41 |
| Tithes & Offerings | £ | 54,844.61 | Catering / Events | £ | 1,539.42 |
| Other Income | £ | 1,352.27 | Church Ministry | £ | 7,291.90 |
| Gift Aid | £ | 9,846.09 | Misc | £ | - |
| | | | Missions | £ | 504.00 |
| | | | Premises | £ | 28,398.56 |
| | | | Transfers | £ | - |
| | | | Wages | £ | 31,668.88 |
| | | | Balance Carried forward | £ | 6,123.62 |
| | <u>£</u> | <u>85,021.79</u> | | <u>£</u> | <u>85,021.79</u> |

Bethesda Church 2023 - Fund Statement

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| Brought forward from 2023 | £ | 234,095.42 |
| In year position | | |
| Church | -£ | 12,855.20 |
| Café | £ | 2,872.60 |
| Interest accrued | £ | 6,519.63 |
| Total to carry forward to 2025 | £ | 230,632.45 |
| | | |
| Current Accounts | | |
| Church | £ | 6,178.62 |
| Café | £ | 10,715.11 |
| Campaigners | £ | 980.21 |
| | | |
| Reserves | £ | 212,730.70 |
| Total | £ | 230,687.45 |

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Report for Bethesda Church, Mansfield Road, Swallownest

For the year ending 31st of December 2023

Bethesda continues to grow and reach the community of Aston, Aughton and Swallownest.

Knitting Group: now has 9 groups running knitting hats and clothes for babies. The group provides a place for people to meet and find friendship, care and support

Toddlers: The toddlers group is full. We run it for 25 children and their parents/carers.

Community Café: This is steadily growing. We have purchased new tables to cope with the numbers

Website: We have began a new website to reach out and inform the community of what is happening withing Bethesda

Community Cards: is still going. Bringing a lovely array of hand decorated cards

Sunday services: This is the main activity of the church. We have seen a steady growth with new people being added

We continue to explore what God would do in our community as well as our own lives.

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Bethesda Trustees Report 01/01/2022 – 01/01/2022

The trustees undertook to run the charity to best meet the objectives set out for Bethesda. Here is a summary of the activities we run:

Knitting Group: This group meets in various venues. It is there to knit various items to be distributed to needs and organisations. Also to bring people of the community together for friendship and support. As well as share the gospel with them.

Toddlers: Toddlers is a group for preschool children and their parents or carers. It runs on a Wednesday morning. We supply a place to meet together. As well as snacks for the children and parents.

Community Café: The Café is a place for anyone to come and get a cheap snack/food. A place for getting together and meeting some new friends. We attempt to keep cost low by running at costs.

Community Cards: Community Cards is a simple but effective idea. We want to provide a means for anyone to decorate/colour greetings cards. These cards can then be given to anyone that need them. People who enjoy colouring can take the card, decorate them and return them to the collection. Where anyone can take them to give out.

Sunday services: These are the main meeting of Bethesda Church. We come together to worship God. Encourage and care for one another. Pray and be taught from the bible. The meeting is open to everyone who wants to attend.

Prayer walks: Most Wednesday's we meet to walk around the community to pray for the people/businesses/schools and other churches.

Bible Studies: These occur at different times throughout the year. We cover subjects that the oversight think is important for the church body.

Prayer line: We have a dedicated prayer line so anyone can call or message so we can pray for them or with them.

Charitable giving: We have supported various Christian social needs. We have looked also to help those in our community where there is a need. All the giving is brought before the trustees and scrutinised and accepted by them.



Bethesda Church 2022

Statement of Income & Expenditure - Main Church activities

| Income | | | Expenditure | | |
|--------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------|
| Balance b/f | £ | 28,163.75 | Admin | £ | 9,996.38 |
| Tithes & Offerings | £ | 45,608.99 | Catering / Events | £ | 1,312.91 |
| Other Income | £ | 17,893.22 | Church Ministry | £ | 7,047.61 |
| | | | Misc | £ | - |
| | | | Missions | £ | 7,378.00 |
| | | | Premises | £ | 14,264.96 |
| | | | Transfers | £ | - |
| | | | Wages | £ | 25,283.25 |
| | | | Balance Carried forward | £ | 26,382.85 |
| | £ | <u>91,665.96</u> | | £ | <u>91,665.96</u> |

Bethesda Church 2022 - Fund Statement

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Brought forward from 2021 | £ | 231,610.23 |
| In year position | Church | -£ 1,780.90 |
| | Café | £ 1,510.91 |
| | Campaigners | -£ 8.62 |
| | Interest accrued | £ 2,141.36 |
| Total to carry forward to 2023 | £ | 233,472.98 |
| Cash | Café | £ 82.81 |
| Current Accounts | Church | £ 26,382.85 |
| | Café | £ 5,677.81 |
| | Campaigners | £ 980.21 |
| | Reserves | £ 200,349.00 |
| | Total | £ 233,472.68 |

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Trustees report for Bethesda Church 1052587

01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021

During this year we have been affected by the covid restrictions. We have worked keeping the objectives of the charity going and functioning.

We moved our Sunday services online. Setting up a YouTube channel and posting the meeting on there. We have kept this on after the restrictions were lifted for those who can't make it to church as well as a chance to reach the community around us. The numbers indicate that we are reaching more people through this than attend on a typical Sunday.

Once restrictions were lifted we began to start up various activities again

Knitting Group:

Throughout the restrictions the knitting group continued online and still knitted many thousands of hats for babies. It also provided friendship and companionship for those who knitted. They has "zoom" knitting meetings, but once the restrictions we lifted they reverted to meeting face to face.

The group now meets multiple times a week in different venues in the community.

Toddlers: Didn't begin again in this time period. It is now up and running again

Café:

The community café began again. It quickly grew and became a focal point to a group of local people. Many of them non church people. It continued to grow and function in this way.

During this time we looked at what we used to do and what we wanted to restart. It was a process of emerging from the restrictions and fitting

our activities to the need and the people we have to serve the
community

Iain Somerville
Pastor of Bethesda



Bethesda Church 2021

Statement of Income & Expenditure - Main Church activities

| Income | | | Expenditure | | |
|--------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|---|------------------|
| Balance b/f | £ | 24,469.21 | Admin | £ | 6,107.43 |
| Tithes & Offerings | £ | 46,558.69 | Catering / Events | £ | 295.55 |
| Other Income | £ | - | Church Ministry | £ | 7,215.58 |
| | | | Misc | £ | - |
| | | | Missions | £ | 504.00 |
| | | | Premises | £ | 5,557.16 |
| | | | Transfers | £ | - |
| | | | Wages | £ | 23,184.43 |
| | | | Balance c/f to 2022 | £ | 28,163.75 |
| | £ | 71,027.90 | | £ | 71,027.90 |

Bethesda Church 2021 - Fund Statement

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Brought forward from 2020 | £ | 226,789.50 |
| In year position | Church | £ 3,694.54 |
| | Café | £ 120.00 |
| | Campaigners | -£ 40.00 |
| | Interest accrued | £ 1,046.19 |
| Total to carry forward to 2022 | £ | 231,610.23 |
| Cash | Café | £ 149.00 |
| | Campaigners | £ 8.62 |
| Current Accounts | Church | £ 28,163.75 |
| | Café | £ 4,101.01 |
| | Campaigners | £ 980.21 |
| | Reserves | £ 198,207.64 |
| | Total | £ 231,610.23 |



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| | | | Misc | £ | - |
| | | | Missions | £ | 504.00 |
| | | | Premises | £ | 5,557.16 |
| | | | Transfers | £ | - |
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Bethesda Church 2020

Here is an overview of the activities in Bethesda during 2020. During this year our activities were restricted by government lockdown guidelines due to Covid 19. The church operated as normal up to lockdown at the end of March 2020

Parent and Toddlers

This group reaches out into the local community to support and help families. We ran 2 sessions on a Wednesday with approx. 50 families attending over the sessions

Mustard Seeds

This is for children of people attending the Sunday services at Bethesda. They are given craft activities as well as bible stories and teaching.

Campaigners

Campaigners is for children of infant and junior age. It runs on a Thursday night and provides crafts, games and biblical teaching to the children

Youth

This group is set up for secondary school age. They have many activities and outings. The approach is inclusive to all, but with the intension of sharing the Christian faith with them

Knitting Group

The Knitting group was set up to create a meeting space for people who may feel lonely or cut off from friends. They met and spent time knitting, chatting and enjoying refreshments. They have knitted over 10000 hats for new born children

Café

The café on a Thursday has been a social hub within the community. There have been about 50 people of all ages coming along, providing a place for friendship and social activities as well as food for those who attend.

Sunday service

The Sunday service has been a focal point for the church, a place of worship and teaching. It is open and available to all. We teach the Bible and bring direction and support for those who are Christians.

Home groups/bible studies

We have a midweek group that for part of the year meets in a home, but sometimes comes into the church building itself. The main aim is to allow a more intimate time of fellowship and a focused bible teaching.

COVID

Once the country went into lockdown we followed the government guidelines and stopped all face to face meetings. We provided virtual services on Sunday and in the home groups and set up a YouTube channel to make these available to all. The knitting group also did virtual meetings to help and keep in contact with the knitters.

We set up a church WhatsApp group to support the church members.

Bethesda Church 2020

Statement of Income & Expenditure - main Church activities

| Income | | | Expenditure | | |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------|
| Balance b/f | £ | 14,503.27 | Admin | £ | 7,139.20 |
| Tithes & Offerings | £ | 46,624.49 | Catering / Events | £ | 380.72 |
| Other Income | £ | 10,120.69 | Church Ministry | £ | 4,318.46 |
| | | | Misc | £ | - |
| | | | Missions | £ | 504.00 |
| | | | Premises | £ | 10,921.08 |
| | | | Transfers | £ | - |
| | | | Wages | £ | 23,515.78 |
| | | | Balance c/f to 2021 | £ | 24,469.21 |
| | £ | 71,248.45 | | £ | 71,248.45 |

Bethesda Church 2020 - Fund Statement

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| Brought forward from 2019 | £ | 216,100.17 |
| In year position | | |
| Church | £ | 9,965.94 |
| Café | £ | 325.18 |
| Campaigners | £ | - |
| Interest accrued | £ | 2,347.99 |
| Parent & Toddler - now separate | -£ | 1,949.78 |
| Total to carry forward to 2021 | £ | 226,789.50 |
| Cash | | |
| Café | £ | 149.00 |
| Campaigners | £ | 8.62 |
| Current Accounts | | |
| Church | £ | 24,469.21 |
| Café | £ | 3,981.01 |
| Campaigners | £ | 1,020.21 |
| Reserves | £ | 197,161.45 |
| Total | £ | 226,789.50 |