

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WEST BROMWICH

England & Wales · Charity number 1052751

Details

Other names BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, BETHEL TEMPLE CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-02-08

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

Contact

Address Gads Lane
West Bromwich
West Midlands
B70 8QL

Phone 01215258434

Website bcfwestbrom.org.uk

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: Communion and Gospel services, Bible Study, Prayer Times, Mothers and Toddlers, Childrens activities for 5-11 year olds, Teenagers activities, Aftrenoon classes for the retired, Coffee mornings

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE WEST BROMWICH
- Sandwell

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£83,643	£91,835	-	-
2023-12-31	£175,170	£112,977	-	-
2022-12-31	£77,047	£76,083	-	-
2021-12-31	£76,474	£93,531	-	-
2020-12-31	£57,025	£56,121	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Belcher		2025-06-01
DENNIS ARTHUR SIMPSON		
Daniel Deepak Cherian		2019-05-12
Lorraine Samuels		2025-06-01
Nigel Atkins		2025-06-01

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Accounts

**Bethel Christian Fellowship, West Bromwich.
Charity No. 1052751**

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The Church Building.

The Church Council ensure that building is kept in excellent state of general repair.

Electrical lighting upgrades were carried out in the main hall (stage area).

The kitchen was refurbished to meet current hygiene requirements.

The Church House. The tenants vacated the property in October – repairs and redecoration were carried out. New tenants are due to over the lease in January 2025

No serious incidents were recorded.

Finances.

To comply with current employment law, the employees are enrolled into a Pension Scheme

The church continues to promote Paypal as an avenue for electronic donations.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 5th November 2024.

No income was received from either professional or commercial fundraisers.

No income was received from Government contracts.

The Church Council monitor its Financial Controls.

Treasurers Report.

Tithes and Offerings decreased by 2.09% we still give God the glory for the faithful giving but, recognise that if the giving keeps decreasing, we will have to look at ways to cut our overall spending. The new methods of payment continue to be in place. The main giving streams continue to be online, bank standing order, and the donation box in the main hall. We have continued to promote giving via Paypal and there is also a donation page via Paypal with the link available on our website.

Sundry income increased once more by 9.9% which includes £5750.00 of donations from Woody's After School Club who use our facilities, Gift Aid receipts of £6281.08 and a wedding donation of £400. The Slovak church donated £3125.16.

The church house provided a rental income of £6,400 this is slightly lower than expected due to our tenant moving out in October.

Salaries increased by 8.71% for our employees totalling £36,670.18, this is mainly due to the rise in minimum wage regulations for employees and taking inflation into account. We continue to have 5 part-time members of staff on our books.

Outreach costs totalled £2093.54 and included Gifts £281.99 (these include special birthdays, anniversaries and get-well items). Breakfast with Santa parents and children were charged for entry and this successful event financed itself. Other significant expenditure was the trip to Southport again financing itself and was a very successful family outreach event. Other events included the ladies Afternoon Tea, again this was a great outreach for family and friends.

Lighting and heating increased by a smaller margin of 7% from last year which accords with the present economic climate of increasing costs in this area. The Electricity is in the process of being fixed for 3 years. This should help keep any increases in the future to a small percentage. We are aware of the increases and the effect this has on our funds we will continue to monitor.

A net loss of £16,631.00 was made overall, but this is largely attributable to the legacy payment received in 2023's figures (see elsewhere). Without the benefit of this, a net loss of £36,689 would have resulted in 2023. Much of this is due to increased cost of the minimum wage, pensions and the continued high cost of energy which the energy alone increased by 7.7% over the 12-month period. Rates and insurances rose by 15% over the 12-month month period. Youth and Children's work expenditure rose by 57%, these increases will be closely monitoring during 2025 and 2026.

During 2024 a number of smaller maintenance jobs were carried out. total of £12592.15 was spent on repairs and Maintenance to the church and the church house. a full breakdown is available if required. This is the lowest figure in the past 4 years. We continued to pay All Nations £1,200 for the year for their support with Pastor Dan and Anna. The church also purchased a new guitar and speaker which totalled £613.95.

Missionary Income has seen a sharp decrease down by 66% on last year.

The Church savings account ended the year with a balance of £90,500.

The church has no liabilities.

Anne Belcher
Church Treasurer
28th October 2025

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE PROPRIETOR ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Bache Brown & Co Limited

30 September 2025

Chartered Accountants

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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024		2023
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Tithes and offerings		56,530		57,713
Sundry income		17,292		15,566
Missionary donations		1,630		4,921
Legacy donation		-		88,221
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		75,452		166,421
Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries	39,670		36,490	
Rates and insurance	3,216		2,732	
Youth and childrens work	1,197		511	
Outreach work	2,064		3,561	
Light and heat	11,266		10,472	
Missionary expenses	10,856		14,517	
Repairs and maintenance	13,206		36,683	
Printing, postage and stationery	387		1,367	
Telephone	798		763	
Legal and prof fees	22		213	
Accountancy	972		936	
Bank charges	376		252	
Canteen	823		648	
Sundry expenses	1,763		1,308	
Charitable donations and ministry gifts	2,700		2,341	
Depreciation on freehold property	9,306		9,306	
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	1,652		1,529	
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		(100,274)		(123,629)
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		(24,822)		42,792
Other operating income				
Rent receivable		6,400		7,180
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Operating (loss)/profit		(18,422)		49,972
Other income				
Bank interest received		1,791		1,560
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Net (loss)/profit for the year		(16,631)		51,532
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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	1		232,517		240,818
Current assets					
Prepayments		91		208	
Cash at bank and in hand		95,513		103,706	
		<u>95,604</u>		<u>103,914</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		<u>2,216</u>		<u>2,196</u>	
Net current assets			<u>93,388</u>		<u>101,718</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>325,905</u>		<u>342,536</u>
Capital account					
At 1 January 2024			342,536		291,004
(Loss)/Profit for the year			<u>(16,631)</u>		<u>51,532</u>
			<u>325,905</u>		<u>342,536</u>

I approve the accounts set out on pages 2 to 4. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts and for providing Bache Brown & Co Limited with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Mr H Sharman

Date : 30 September 2025

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings Freehold	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	266,129	99,830	365,959
Additions	-	2,657	2,657
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At 31 December 2024	266,129	102,487	368,616
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Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	152,411	90,981	243,392
Charge for the year	9,306	1,652	10,958
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At 31 December 2024	161,717	92,633	254,350
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Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	104,412	9,854	114,266
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At 31 December 2023	113,718	8,849	122,567
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			Investment properties
			£
Cost			
At 1 January 2024 & at 31 December 2024			118,251
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (WEST BROMWICH)

On accounts for the year ended

31/2/24

Charity no (if any)

1052751

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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:

[Signature]

Date:

30/08/25

Name:

Karen Monaghan

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

FCCA

(if any):

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Address:

12 Beckfield Close
Walsall
WS4 1XG

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.

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	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Tithes and offerings		57,713		53,601
Sundry income		15,566		12,879
Missionary donations		4,921		3,604
Legacy donation		88,221		-
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		166,421		70,084
Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries	36,490		33,056	
Rates and insurance	2,732		2,266	
Youth and childrens work	511		198	
Outreach work	3,561		4,270	
Light and heat	10,472		5,330	
Missionary expenses	14,517		8,949	
Repairs and maintenance	36,683		15,008	
Printing, postage and stationery	1,367		2,162	
Telephone	763		413	
Legal and prof fees	213		255	
Accountancy	936		876	
Bank charges	252		196	
Canteen	648		274	
Sundry expenses	1,308		1,155	
Charitable donations and ministry gifts	2,341		2,115	
Depreciation on freehold property	9,306		9,306	
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	1,529		1,764	
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		(123,629)		(87,593)
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		42,792		(17,509)
Other operating income				
Rent receivable		7,180		6,930
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Operating profit/(loss)		49,972		(10,579)
Other income				
Bank interest received		1,560		73
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Net profit/(loss) for the year		51,532		(10,506)
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Tangible assets	1		240,818		251,279
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Prepayments		208		400	
Cash at bank and in hand		103,706		41,512	
		<u>103,914</u>		<u>41,912</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		<u>2,196</u>		<u>2,187</u>	
Net current assets			<u>101,718</u>		<u>39,725</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>342,536</u>		<u>291,004</u>
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At 1 January 2023			291,004		301,510
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The Church Council ensure that building is kept in excellent state of general repair. A major electrical upgrade was completed.

The Church House. The tenants and rent remain the same.

No serious incidents were recorded.

Finances.

To comply with current employment law, the employees were enrolled into a Pension Scheme.

The church introduced Paypal as an avenue for electronic donations.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 28th November.

No income was received from either professional or commercial fundraisers.

No income was received from Government contracts.

The Church Council monitor its Financial Controls.

Treasurers Report.

The main source of church income comes from church member voluntary donations and represents the funding needed for the church to carry out its day-to-day activities.

Tithes and Offerings increased by a healthy 7.7%.

Sundry income increased by 21% which includes £5,750 of donations from Woody's After School Club who use our facilities, Gift Aid receipts of £6537, and funeral fees of £700.

The church house provided us with a rental income of £7180.00.

Salaries increased by 10% for our employees totalling £36,490.00.

Most outgoings again remained consistent with previous years.

Expenditure of note includes:

Outreach costs £3561 included The Kings Coronation celebrations £835, the Breakfast with Santa event £314, and the coach trip to Llandudno £650.

Lighting and heating increased by a huge 96% from last year which accords with the present economic climate of increasing costs in this area. We are in the process of fixing the price of our energy accounts to hedge against future increases in the short term.

A net profit of £51532 was made overall, but this is largely attributable to a legacy payment (£88,000.00). Without the benefit of this, a net loss of £36689 would have resulted. Much of this would have been attributed to the extensive repairs, the increased energy costs, and additional expenditure on donations to missions etc.

Missionary Income has seen a welcome increase of 36%. This includes money that was gifted for needs arising from the war in Ukraine and the earthquake disaster appeal made by AOG.

Repairs and maintenance include £17269 for major Electrical works.

The Church savings account ended the year with a balance of £100,000.00

The church has no liabilities.

Peter Kay
Church Administrator.
1st October 2024.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

On accounts for the year ended

311223

Charity no (if any)

1052751

Set out on pages

1-4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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:

Perry

Date:

11/9/2024

Name:

PATRICIA PERRY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

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.

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WEST BROMWICH

England & Wales - Charity number 1052751

Accounts

Bethel Christian Fellowship, West Bromwich.
Charity No. 1052751

Annual Report for the year to 31st December 2022.

The Church Council present their report for the year ended 31st December 2022

Administrative Information.

The members of the **Church Council** during the year were;

Daniel Cherian:	Senior Minister & Council Member.
Peter Kay:	Church Elder, Administrator & Holding Trustee
Haydn Sharman	Church Elder, Treasurer & Holding Trustee
Dennis Simpson	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Malcolm Hannah	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Wayne Harris	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Susan Wright	Council Member & Holding Trustee

Church Council members are appointed by Pastor Daniel Cherian, Peter Kay and Haydn Sharman (Spiritual Leadership of the Church) Holding Trustees are appointed by the Church Council.

The Charity was established by Trust Deed dated 29th September 1995 by the Bethel Christian Fellowship Church Council, and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 1052751.

The charity's address is, Gads Lane, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 8QL.

Objectives.

Bethel Christian Fellowship Mission Statement.

To reach all age and people groups in our community with the gospel and to see those who are saved baptised in water and with the Holy Spirit. To subsequently promote discipleship and commitment to the Lord by encouraging and developing the outworking of each individual's gifting so that finally, we present each one mature in Christ.

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The charity is affiliated to The Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Northern Ireland and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. The Church is also a Network Church of The All Nations Movement, Wolverhampton

Staff.

The charity is currently staffed by four part time employees, a large team of church member volunteers who undertake everything from church cleaning to conducting church services. The charity is heavily dependant on this voluntary help continuing in order to achieve its objectives in the future.

The Church Council employed a new Children & Family worker on a part-time basis.

Pastoral Care.

Pastoral Care continues to be carried out mainly via phone calls to the membership on a regular basis by the Community Pastor and his wife. Post Covid home visit have recommenced to ensure the most vulnerable members of the congregation received a visit.

Residents from the community who request a Pastoral visit are able to receive one. Those congregants who request communion are also visited and those who are housebound are visited on request. The website and mobile apps enable congregants to keep them in touch with church life. The Pastor along with the two Church Elders are able to carry out visits as and when necessary.

Activities and Performance.

The Leadership are fully committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at the church and become part of our church community at Bethel Christian Fellowship. The services and worship enable people to put faith into practice through prayer, bible ministry, music, and fellowship.

The weekly Church Services are conducted by the Spiritual Leadership of the Church assisted by members of the Church Council, members of the congregation and occasionally the Leadership seek the help of ministers from Churches within the locality to minister. This means that the congregation received a full and varied range of preaching styles and topics.

The church's activities are concentrated on the area immediately surrounding the church with the building being used throughout the week for a range of activities that the Leadership trust the community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

The activities include Communion and Gospel Outreach Services, Bible Study, Prayer Times and Children's Activities for 5-11-year olds. A ten-week Alpha Course was held for people to discover more about the Christian faith, followed by a "New Christian Basic Christianity" course. The Church also organised an outing to Llandudno that was very well attended by various members of the membership and non-members from the community.

The Toddler and Parent/Carer group and "A Place of Welcome " group are both proving to be very popular. The monthly services at our local care home continues. The church is actively involved in mission and outreach work.

We contribute to the local food bank as well as helping casual visitors to the church who seek help and assistance in emergency circumstances.

The Church hall is used on weekday afternoons by a neighbourhood after school club "Woodys" and again the leadership see this as a great way to connect with the community.

The church held a ladies afternoon tea, and this was very successful. During the year the church held a number of "Messy Church" events offering food and fun activities to the parents and children from the locality. The Church took part in the Rotary Club's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for Eastern Europe.

The various departments of the church continue to attract a limited interest from the local housing estates that surround the church, although special events always attract extra people. The Harvest Festival was well attended, and a collection of food was given to the local Food Bank. The Christmas programme was full and varied; the main Carol Service was very well attended by both church members and the local community. A community "Breakfast with Santa" for pre-senior school children was a huge success. The Church was used for baby blessing services and several funeral services.

The Leadership seek to be actively involved in mission and outreach work and the Church Council believe these activities meet the Commissions guidance on public benefit.

Membership.

Church numbers we believe has remained stable in line with the National trend. With an ageing congregation, we continue to look for numerical growth, especially amongst younger people, to sustain the church going into the future, both financially and spiritually.

Mission.

We continue to support the various projects for orphaned children in both Zambia and India. We continue to support other individuals in foreign mission's work. The church members contribute regularly to the West Bromwich Food Bank, an organisation that feeds the underprivileged in West Bromwich.

The Church Building.

After major refurbishment and improvements during lockdown no major work was undertaken, although a disabled toilet was installed. The Church Council ensure that building is kept in excellent state of general repair.

The Church House. The tenants and rent remain the same.

No serious incidents were recorded.

Finances.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 1st November.

No income was received from either professional or commercial fundraisers.

No income was received from Government contracts.

The Church Council monitor its Financial Controls.

Treasurers Report.

Haydn Sharman stood down as Treasurer and switched to the role of Co-Treasurer.

He is continuing to oversee the training of Anne Belcher who adopted the role of Co-Treasurer.

The main source of church income comes from church member voluntary donations and represents the funding needed for the church to carry out its day-to-day activities.

Tithes and Offerings decreased by 6.5%.

Sundry income increased by 52%, this is largely due to Gift Aid receipts as these were not included in 2021.

We received £4,650.00 from Woody's After School Club who use our facilities.

Missionary donations increased slightly by 6% £3604.00.

Salaries increased by 6.5% for our employees totalling £33,056.00.

Lighting and heating increased by 48% from last year which accords with the present economic climate of increasing costs in this area.

Most outgoings again remained consistent with previous years.

Expenditure of note includes:

Boiler repair £1172.00. £590.00 installation of new light and pull alarm for the disabled toilet. Materials for the new disabled toilet and materials for the overhead and all sound equipment and two first aid boxes £1764.00, £5304.00 for the outside contractor works to complete the work on the disabled toilet. Handrail £795.00.

A net loss of £10,506.00 was made overall, but this is largely attributable to accounting adjustments for depreciation of the building £9306.00.

The Church saving account ended the year with a balance of £37,500.00.

The church has no liabilities.

Peter Kay

Church Administrator.

7th October 2023.

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BUSINESS INFORMATION

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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE PROPRIETOR ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

As described on page 3, you have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 2 to 4 and have acknowledged your responsibility for them and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Bache Brown & Co Limited

9 October 2023

Chartered Accountants

Swinford House
Albion Street
Brierley Hill
West Midlands
DY5 3EE

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022		2021
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Tithes and offerings		53,601		57,401
Sundry income		12,879		8,484
Missionary donations		3,604		3,376
		<u>70,084</u>		<u>69,261</u>
Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries	33,056		31,021	
Rates and insurance	2,266		2,601	
Youth and childrens work	198		773	
Outreach work	4,270		1,741	
Light and heat	5,330		3,594	
Missionary expenses	8,949		9,245	
Repairs and maintenance	15,008		14,218	
Printing, postage and stationery	2,162		1,706	
Telephone	413		391	
Travelling expenses	-		77	
Legal and prof fees	255		391	
Accountancy	876		834	
Bank charges	196		-	
Canteen	274		198	
Sundry expenses	1,155		1,130	
Charitable donations and ministry gifts	2,115		4,773	
Depreciation on freehold property	9,306		5,564	
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	1,764		2,077	
		<u>(87,593)</u>		<u>(80,334)</u>
		(17,509)		(11,073)
Other operating income				
Rent receivable		6,930		7,020
		<u>(10,579)</u>		<u>(4,053)</u>
Operating loss		(10,579)		(4,053)
Other income				
Bank interest received		73		2
		<u>(10,506)</u>		<u>(4,051)</u>
Net loss for the year		<u><u>(10,506)</u></u>		<u><u>(4,051)</u></u>

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	1		251,279		262,348
Current assets					
Prepayments		400		308	
Cash at bank and in hand		41,512		40,547	
		<u>41,912</u>		<u>40,855</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		2,187		1,693	
		<u>2,187</u>		<u>1,693</u>	
Net current assets			39,725		39,162
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>291,004</u>		<u>301,510</u>
Capital account					
At 1 January 2022			301,510		305,561
Loss for the year			(10,506)		(4,051)
			<u>291,004</u>		<u>301,510</u>

I approve the accounts set out on pages 2 to 4. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts and for providing Bache Brown & Co Limited with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Mr H Sharman

Date : 9 October 2023

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings Freehold £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2022 & at 31 December 2022	266,129	99,455	365,584
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	133,798	87,688	221,486
Charge for the year	9,306	1,764	11,070
At 31 December 2022	143,104	89,452	232,556
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	123,025	10,003	133,028
At 31 December 2021	132,330	11,767	144,097

	Investment properties £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022 & at 31 December 2022	118,251



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WEST BRAMWICH

On accounts for the year ended

311222

Charity no (if any)

1052751

Set out on pages

1-4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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:

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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:

Perry

Date:

10/9/2023

Name:

PATRICIA PERRY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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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.

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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WEST BROMWICH

England & Wales - Charity number 1052751

Accounts

Bethel Christian Fellowship, West Bromwich.
Charity No. 1052751

Annual Report for the year to 31st December 2021

The Church Council present their report for the year ended 31st December 2021

Administrative Information.

The members of the **Church Council** during the year were;

Daniel Cherian:	Senior Minister & Council Member.
Peter Kay:	Church Elder, Administrator & Holding Trustee
Haydn Sharman	Church Elder, Treasurer & Holding Trustee
Dennis Simpson	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Malcolm Hannah	Council Member & Holding Trustee
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Church Council members are appointed by Pastor Daniel Cherian, Peter Kay and Haydn Sharman (Spiritual Leadership of the Church) Holding Trustees are appointed by the Church Council.

The Charity was established by Trust Deed dated 29th September 1995 by the Bethel Christian Fellowship Church Council, and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 1052751.

The charity's address is, Gads Lane, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 8QL.

Objectives

Bethel Christian Fellowship Mission Statement.

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The charity is affiliated to The Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Northern Ireland and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. The Church is also a Network Church of The All Nations Movement, Wolverhampton

Staff.

The charity is currently staffed by three part time employees, a large team of church member volunteers who undertake everything from church cleaning to conducting church services. The charity is heavily dependant on this voluntary help continuing in order to achieve its objectives in the future.

The Church Council employed a Children & Family worker on a part-time basis but unfortunately due to ill health this contract ended in December. The Church council are to seek a replacement.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care continues to be carried out mainly via phone calls to the membership on a regular basis by the members of the Leadership Team. When Covid restrictions allowed "door step" visits were carried out ensuring the most vulnerable received a visit. As we returned to regular Church Services the monitoring of the congregation and their perceived needs became much easier, and home visitation was once more resumed.

Activities and Performance.

From January to March onwards following the Government Covid guidelines the church closed and its activities ceased. We continued to have online services and distributed CD's to those members unable to join us online. Through our online presence we were able to have Sunday School and also ran an Alpha course on Zoom.

In July as Covid restrictions were lifted completely we returned initially to a reduced programme in the Church building.

As the year progressed, we were able to hold an number events for the membership, these included afternoon tea for the ladies, a Church Picnic and a Christmas party.

We began a Toddler and Parent/Carer group which has attracted a number of people from the local community and proves to be popular. We also started "A Place of Welcome" group and "Messy Church" for pre Senior School Children.

We continued to contribute to the local Food Bank, Care homes and a Women's refuge. At Christmas we delivered parcels to two local residential care homes and Mince pies to every house in the two streets around the Church.

The Church Hall when allowed was used on weekday afternoons by a neighbourhood after school club "Woodys" and again the leadership see this as a great way to connect with the community.

Although closed for part of the year we believe the church was still actively involved in mission and outreach work and the Church Council believe these activities meet the Commissions guidance on public benefit.

Membership.

Church Membership we believe has remained stable in line with the National trend. With an ageing congregation, we continue to look for numerical growth, especially amongst younger people, to sustain the church going into the future, both financially and spiritually.

Mission.

We continue to support the various projects for orphaned children in both Zambia and India. We continue to support other individuals in foreign mission's work.

The Church Building.

The main building, foyer and toilets were redecorated to a high standard. New Carpet was laid in the main church hall. A disabled toilet has been installed. The main church roof has been replaced. The Church Council ensure that building is kept in excellent state of general repair.

The Church House. The tenants and rent remain the same.

Finances.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 21st November and covered the previous year, postponed because of Covid restrictions.

Treasurers Report.

Tithes and Offerings bounced back from the Covid closure period to £57401 – an increase of 28%. More pertinently, this is 4% up on the pre-Covid figure of 2019. This has been helped a slightly wider uptake of direct to bank payments. Sundry income increased by 140% to £8484 and includes £2920 donated towards the roof repair fund, £2800 donated by Woody's After-School Club who use our facilities, and a donation of £1000 via the Charities Aid Foundation.

Missionary donations increased by 21% to £3594.

The largest outgoings were the salaries for our employees totalling £31021.

Extraordinary expenditure of note includes: Roof repairs (£22800), Carpet (3900), Stage Extension (3120), church house repairs (£850), and sound equipment (£700). Light and heat costs returned to their pre-Covid levels.

A net loss of £4053 was made overall, but this includes accounting adjustments for depreciation of £7641.

The church savings account ended the year with a balance of £37500.

In light of the church closure period during Covid, and especially in view of our ability to pay a substantial repair bill for the roof, the church has come through soundly thanks to the generosity of those who attend and give faithfully.

We are presently reviewing our strategy for encouraging giving which will include further encouragement to donate direct to bank and the use of Gift Aid, a new receptacle in the foyer for receipt of cheques and cash, and a further investigation into the possibility of taking card payments.

Peter Kay
Church Administrator.
5th August 2022.

**BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BUSINESS INFORMATION

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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE PROPRIETOR
ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

As described on page 2, you have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 set out on pages 2 to 4 and have acknowledged your responsibility for them and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Bache Brown & Co Limited

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Chartered Accountants

Swinford House
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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Turnover				
Tithes and offerings		57,401		44,764
Sundry income		8,484		3,523
Missionary donations		3,376		2,857
		<u>69,261</u>		<u>51,144</u>
Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries	31,021		23,008	
Rates and insurance	2,601		2,256	
Youth and childrens work	773		466	
Outreach work	1,741		469	
Light and heat	3,594		2,514	
Missionary expenses	9,245		5,301	
Repairs and maintenance	14,218		9,415	
Printing, postage and stationery	1,706		2,304	
Telephone	391		399	
Travelling expenses	77		90	
Hospitality	-		99	
Legal and prof fees	391		40	
Accountancy	834		834	
Canteen	198		68	
Sundry expenses	1,130		1,407	
Charitable donations and ministry gifts	4,773		4,304	
Depreciation on freehold property	5,564		4,994	
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	2,077		2,407	
		<u>(80,334)</u>		<u>(60,375)</u>
		<u>(11,073)</u>		<u>(9,231)</u>
Other operating income				
Rent receivable		7,020		5,940
		<u>(4,053)</u>		<u>(3,291)</u>
Operating loss				
Other income				
Bank interest received		2		43
		<u>(4,051)</u>		<u>(3,248)</u>
Net loss for the year		<u><u>(4,051)</u></u>		<u><u>(3,248)</u></u>

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	1		262,348		247,189
Current assets					
Prepayments		308		2,229	
Cash at bank and in hand		40,547		57,604	
		<u>40,855</u>		<u>59,833</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		1,693		1,461	
		<u>1,693</u>		<u>1,461</u>	
Net current assets			39,162		58,372
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>301,510</u>		<u>305,561</u>
Capital account					
At 1 January 2021			305,561		308,809
Loss for the year			(4,051)		(3,248)
			<u>301,510</u>		<u>305,561</u>

I approve the accounts set out on pages 2 to 4. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts and for providing Bache Brown & Co Limited with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

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Date :

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021****1 Tangible fixed assets**

	Land and buildings Freehold	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2021	243,329	99,455	342,784
Additions	22,800	-	22,800
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At 31 December 2021	266,129	99,455	365,584
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Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	128,235	85,611	213,846
Charge for the year	5,564	2,077	7,641
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At 31 December 2021	133,799	87,688	221,487
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Net book value			
At 31 December 2021	132,330	11,767	144,097
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At 31 December 2020	115,094	13,844	128,938
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			Investment properties
			£
Cost			
At 1 January 2021 & at 31 December 2021			118,251
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, WEST BROMWICH

On accounts for the year ended

311221

Charity no (if any)

1052751

Set out on pages

1-4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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:

P. Perry

Date:

28/7/2022

Name:

PATRICIA PERRY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WEST BROMWICH

England & Wales - Charity number 1052751

Accounts

Bethel Christian Fellowship, West Bromwich.
Charity No. 1052751

Annual Report for the year to 31st December 2020

The Church Council present their report for the year ended 31st December 2020

Administrative Information.

The members of the **Church Council** during the year were;

Daniel Cherian:	Senior Minister & Council Member.
Peter Kay:	Church Elder, Administrator & Holding Trustee
Haydn Sharman	Church Elder, Treasurer & Holding Trustee
Dennis Simpson	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Malcolm Hannah	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Wayne Harris	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Susan Wright	Council Member & Holding Trustee

Julie Vaughan resigned her position as Council Member.

Church Council members are appointed by Pastor Daniel Cherian, Peter Kay and Haydn Sharman (Spiritual Leadership of the Church) Holding Trustees are appointed by the Church Council.

The Charity was established by Trust Deed dated 29th September 1995 by the Bethel Christian Fellowship Church Council, and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 1052751. The charity's address is, Gads Lane, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 8QL.

Objectives

Bethel Christian Fellowship Mission Statement.

To reach all age and people groups in our community with the gospel and to see those who are saved baptised in water and with the Holy Spirit. To subsequently promote discipleship and commitment to the Lord by encouraging and developing the outworking of each individual's gifting so that finally, we present each one mature in Christ.

Bethel Christian Fellowship is established to provide Pentecostal fellowship for those of like faith, to proclaim and further the Gospel of God concerning his Son Jesus Christ, to consolidate converts in their faith, to maintain a place of worship for the meeting of believers, the solemnisation of marriages, funerals, the dedication of infants together with providing caring ministries and social assistance.

The charity is affiliated to The Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Northern Ireland and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. The Church is also a Network Church of The All Nations Movement, Wolverhampton

Staff.

The charity is currently staffed by three part time employees, a large team of church member volunteers who undertake everything from church cleaning to conducting church services. The charity is heavily dependant on this voluntary help continuing in order to achieve its objectives in the future.

Pastoral Care

The Covid Pandemic meant that Pastor Care was carried out via phone calls to the membership on a regular basis by the Leadership Team, ensuring everyone had a monthly call, with the most vulnerable receiving extra calls. When Covid restrictions allowed "door step" visits were carried out.

Activities and Performance.

From March onwards following the Government Covid guidelines the church closed and its activities ceased. We moved to online services and distributed CD's to those members unable to join us online. Through our online presence we were able to have Sunday School and special events including such things as a Macmillan's Coffee Morning, Christmas party, a Christmas play, Zoom cafe and celebrate special birthdays. We also ran an Alpha course on Zoom.

We continued to contribute to the local Food Bank, Care homes and a Women's refuge. At Christmas we delivered Mince pies to every house in the two streets around the Church.

The Church hall when allowed was used on weekday afternoons by a neighbourhood after school club "Woodys" and again the leadership see this as a great way to connect with the community.

Although closed we believe the church was still actively involved in mission and outreach work and the Church Council believe these activities meet the Commissions guidance on public benefit.

Membership.

Church Membership we hope has remained stable in line with the National trend.

Mission.

We continue to support the various projects for orphaned children in both Zambia and India. We continue to support other individuals in foreign mission's work.

The Church Building.

The main building, foyer and toilets were redecorated to a high standard. The Church Council ensure that building is kept in excellent state of general repair.

The Church House. The tenants and rent remain the same.

Finances

The Annual General Meeting was postponed due to Covid Restrictions.

The main source of church income comes from church member voluntary donations and represents the funding needed for the church to carry out its day-to-day activities.

Tithes and Offerings decreased by 19 % to £44764 which included Gift Aid receipts of £6004.

Sundry income decreased by 59 % to £3523 and includes £2540 donated by Woody's After-School Club who use our facilities, and a donation of £500 via the Charities Aid Foundation.

Missionary donations increased by 64% to £2857.

The largest outgoings were the salaries for our three part-time employees totalling £23008.

Light and heat costs also decreased due to the reduced building activities.

A net loss of £3291 was made overall, but this includes accounting adjustments for depreciation of £7401.

The church savings account ended the year with a balance of £54671.

This report covers a year unprecedented inasmuch as the church and its activities were largely closed from March onwards due to the Covid pandemic. Inevitably much income was lost due to the absence of the traditional collections taken during services. However, many people continued to generously donate via direct payments and post. The church has weathered the storm financially and has no liabilities.

Peter Kay

Church Administrator.

5th June 2021

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BUSINESS INFORMATION

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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE PROPRIETOR ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

As described on page 2, you have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 set out on pages 2 to 4 and have acknowledged your responsibility for them and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Bache Brown & Co Limited

22 September 2021

Chartered Accountants

Swinford House
Albion Street
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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		2020		2019
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Tithes and offerings		44,764		55,136
Sundry income		3,523		8,540
Missionary donations		2,857		1,738
		<u>51,144</u>		<u>65,414</u>
Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries	23,008		20,025	
Rates and insurance	2,256		2,157	
Youth and childrens work	466		847	
Outreach work	469		794	
Light and heat	2,514		3,531	
Missionary expenses	5,301		5,959	
Repairs and maintenance	9,415		13,298	
Printing, postage and stationery	2,304		1,531	
Telephone	399		501	
Travelling expenses	90		345	
Hospitality	99		415	
Legal and prof fees	40		40	
Accountancy	834		834	
Canteen	68		1,599	
Sundry expenses	1,407		1,505	
Charitable donations and ministry gifts	4,304		4,615	
Depreciation on freehold property	4,994		8,122	
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	2,407		2,517	
		<u>(60,375)</u>		<u>(68,635)</u>
		(9,231)		(3,221)
Other operating income				
Rent receivable		5,940		6,125
		<u>(3,291)</u>		<u>2,904</u>
Operating (loss)/profit				
Other income				
Bank interest received		43		112
Interest payable				
Bank interest payable		-		(169)
		<u>(3,248)</u>		<u>2,847</u>
Net (loss)/profit for the year				
		<u><u>(3,248)</u></u>		<u><u>2,847</u></u>

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	1		247,189		253,514
Current assets					
Prepayments		2,229		219	
Cash at bank and in hand		57,604		56,700	
		<u>59,833</u>		<u>56,919</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		1,461		1,624	
		<u>1,461</u>		<u>1,624</u>	
Net current assets			58,372		55,295
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>305,561</u>		<u>308,809</u>
Capital account					
At 1 January 2020			308,809		305,962
(Loss)/Profit for the year			(3,248)		2,847
			<u>305,561</u>		<u>308,809</u>

I approve the accounts set out on pages 2 to 4. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts and for providing Bache Brown & Co Limited with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Date : 22 September 2021

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings Freehold £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2020	243,329	98,379	341,708
Additions	-	1,076	1,076
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
At 31 December 2020	243,329	99,455	342,784
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Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	123,241	83,204	206,445
Charge for the year	4,994	2,407	7,401
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At 31 December 2020	128,235	85,611	213,846
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Net book value			
At 31 December 2020	115,094	13,844	128,938
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At 31 December 2019	120,088	15,175	135,263
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Cost	
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Section A

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Date: 17/7/21

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