

Registered Charity No. 1095131

**BETTER LIFE ASSEMBLY BIBLEWAY CHURCH**

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022**

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CHURCH INFORMATION

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Head Office

Innovation Centre Medway  
Maidstone Road  
Chatham  
ME5 9FD

Registered Charity Number

1095131

Pastor

Pastor Phillip Thomas

Executive Committee (Trustees)

Rev. Candy Thomas  
Irene Franchi  
Majorie Duncan, appointed 28 February 2022

Bankers

Santander  
9 Nelson Street  
Bradford  
BD1 5AN

Independent Examiner

Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
21-27 Lamb's Conduit Street  
London  
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 May 2022.

**1. Constitution**

The constitution was adopted on 28 November 2002 and amended on 9 April 2006.

**2. Objectives**

The Church is a Pentecostal assembly based at Chatham to advance the Christian faith.

The Church provides motivational courses, youth conferences to teach people to lead non-believers to Christ and meet other Christians and have fun in the Lord. Women of Destiny courses to equip women and let them know that they are blessed by God, training and development classes to effectively educate and develop individuals, discipleship classes and power session to empower the believer. Better Life Assembly also runs a community Foodbank supporting families and children in the Medway towns.

**3. Organisational structure**

The Charity governing document stipulates that an executive committee of not less than three members who will meet twice a year with additional meetings when called.

The Church is lead by Phillip and Candy Thomas who report to the other trustees.

**4. Trustees**

Those who served during the year were as follows: -

Rev. Candy Thomas  
Irene Franchi  
Majorie Duncan, appointed 28 February 2022

Trustees are recruited by personal recommendation and members are elected by majority vote of the members at the annual general meeting of the Church. Members are provided with appropriate training to undertake the role they will occupy within the church council.

**5. Review of activities**

Reinvigorating its commitment to the congregation and the broader community, Better Life Assembly, a steadfast Christian Ministry and community hub, emerged resolutely amid the challenges of the past year. Established upon unwavering biblical principles, the ministry holds the conviction that the sacred scripture stands as the inspired Word of God, serving as the ultimate authority for all matters of faith and Christian living. With a core focus on fostering deepened personal connections with Jesus Christ, Better Life Assembly remained resolute in its mission throughout a transformative period.

Within the fabric of the Medway towns, Better Life Assembly etched its identity through community groups and a notable food bank, recognized for their compassionate outreach to those who have felt lost and disheartened. During the challenging period marked by the Coronavirus pandemic, significant emphasis was placed on safeguarding the well-being of the congregation, especially within the BAME communities that constitute a vital portion of our church. We have seen how covid has contributed to the rise of economic hardships, mental health hurdles, and domestic disruptions that bore a heavier toll on families, particularly within the BAME communities.

Meeting adversity with unwavering resolve, Better Life Assembly adeptly navigated these turbulent waters by seamlessly transitioning its operations to both in person services, digital and mobile platforms. Leveraging tools like telephony, Zoom, streaming, and social media, the ministry upheld its connections with its members. Through diligent Pastoral teams, daily calls were maintained, and essential food parcels were distributed not only among the church's own community but also to the wider populace in need.

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**5. Review of activities *continued***

Embedded within the core of Better Life Assembly's identity is a commitment to nurturing community, families, and young individuals. This dedication is channelled through mentorship, empowerment, and equipping, all aimed at constructing enriched lives. Striving for holistic development, families and youth were urged to embrace a harmonious blend of spiritual, physical, and social well-being, all the while aligning with the guidelines set forth by the government.

Better Life Assembly's operational ethos is in consonance with the Church's constitution, a framework that propels the advancement of Christian faith. This mission is accomplished through diverse channels: community groups, meticulously organized programs and lectures, the dissemination of profound and prophetic spiritual teachings, and other forms of evangelical outreach, each meticulously aligned with the Church's founding principles.

Diversity in ministry lies at the heart of Better Life Assembly. A multitude of outreach initiatives stand as testament to the church's commitment to impacting the broader community. Spanning across a spectrum of ministries, activities cater to children, families, and young individuals. An annual women and family conference serves as a focal point, imparting transformative teachings that equip individuals to manifest improvements across the spiritual, physical, emotional, and financial dimensions of their lives.

In the tapestry of May 2022, Better Life Assembly stands not only as a beacon of hope but as a living testament to resilience, adaptability, and unwavering commitment. In rekindling its in-person services, the ministry encapsulates a powerful testament to the human spirit's capacity to persevere, adapt, and thrive even in the face of adversity.

**6. Public Benefit**

The trustees believe that the objectives and activities set out above provide public benefit.

**7. Reserve policy**

The trustees do not hold a reserve, all monies, donations and grants are spent yearly in line with the objectives.

**8. Independent examiner**

The firm appointed to carry out the independent examination was Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



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Rev. Candy Thomas  
Trustee

Date: 6 October 2023

Better Life Assembly Church  
Innovation Centre Medway  
Maidstone Road  
Chatham, ME5 9FD

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Better Life Assembly Bibleway Church**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity Better Life Assembly Bibleway Church for the year ended 31 May 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

**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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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Griffin Stone Moscrop & Co  
21-27 Lambs Conduit Street  
London  
WC1N 3GS

Date: 6 October 2023

**BETTER LIFE ASSEMBLY BIBLEWAY CHURCH**  
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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND)**

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	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Donations and conference income	34,652	19,679
Gift aid claims received	12,937	8,474
Interest received	-	4
Letting income	225	7,810
Grants	-	20,000
	<b><u>47,814</u></b>	<b><u>55,967</u></b>
<b><u>Total receipts</u></b>	<b><u>47,814</u></b>	<b><u>55,967</u></b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
Donation to Pastor	18,100	-
Admin fee	6,286	8,202
Rent (Jenkins Dale)	5,325	1,000
Advertising and marketing	6,028	5,125
Equipment hire	-	1,365
Fees/Gifts to musicians and performers	1,025	11,446
Utilities	-	1,490
Insurance	152	5,985
Travel and accommodation	3,908	376
Telephone	608	1,065
Printing, postage and stationery	321	519
Computer and website costs	-	315
Building repairs and refurbishment	10	260
Sundry	796	476
Storage	2,320	1,215
Legal and professional fees	85	6,024
Bank charge	84	-
Accountancy and Independent Examiners fees	1,086	1,044
Rubbish clearance	-	400
Fixtures and Fittings	6,347	-
	<b><u>52,482</u></b>	<b><u>46,308</u></b>
<b><u>Total payments</u></b>	<b><u>52,482</u></b>	<b><u>46,308</u></b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments) in the year</b>	<b>- 4,668</b>	<b>9,659</b>
Cash funds last year end	<b>8,238</b>	<b>855</b>
Purchase of fixed assets	-	- 7,276
Debtors - Loan issued	- 2,000	- 10,600
Debtors - repayment of loan during the year	-	14,800
Creditors - Loans received	-	1,000
Creditors - repayments of loan during the year	- 115	-
Creditors - HMRC corporation tax paid	- 1,210	- 200
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b><u>246</u></b>	<b><u>8,238</u></b>

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

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	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Monetary Assets</u></b>		
<b><u>Cash funds</u></b>		
Current account	50	237
Savings account	-	8001
Cash Plus Current Account	196	-
	<b><u>246</u></b>	<b><u>8238</u></b>
<b><u>Non Monetary Assets</u></b>		
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Fixtures and Equipment (note 3)	4,415	5,888
Debtor - Loan provided (note 4)	12,600	10,600
	<b><u>17,015</u></b>	<b><u>16,488</u></b>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Creditor (note 5)	15,219	16,544
Accruals (note 6)	-	400
	<b><u>15,219</u></b>	<b><u>16,944</u></b>

Approved by the Trustees on 6 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:




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Rev. Candy Thomas  
Trustee



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**1      Accounting policies**

**1.1    Basis of accounting**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011

**1.2    Fixed assets**

Fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis at 20%.

**1.3    Incoming resources**

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Church.

**1.4    Grants receivable**

Grants and donations are only included in the Receipts and Payments account when the Church has received them.

**1.5    Resources used**

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and allocated to the appropriate cost centre. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

**1.6    Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount.

**1.7    Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

**2      Funds**

The Church only maintains a general fund.

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**3 Fixed assets**

	<b><u>Fixtures &amp; Equipment</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b><u>Cost</u></b>		
Balance brought forward at 1 June 2021	60,435	60,435
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
<b>Balance carried forward at 31 May 2022</b>	<b><u>60,435</u></b>	<b><u>60,435</u></b>
<b><u>Depreciation</u></b>		
Balance brought forward at 1 June 2021	54,548	54,548
Charge for the year	1,472	1,472
Disposals	-	-
<b>Balance carried forward at 31 May 2022</b>	<b><u>56,020</u></b>	<b><u>56,020</u></b>
<b><u>Net Book Value</u></b>		
<b>As at 31 May 2022</b>	<b><u>4,415</u></b>	<b><u>4,415</u></b>
As at 31 May 2021	<u>5,887</u>	<u>5,887</u>

**4 Debtor**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Other debtors	<u>12,600</u>	<u>10,600</u>

**5 Creditors**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Government Bounce Back Loan	10,885	11,000
Loan from Candy Thomas	982	982
HMRC - corporation tax	<u>3,352</u>	<u>4,562</u>
	<b><u>15,219</u></b>	<b><u>16,544</u></b>

1. Government Bounce Back Loan was issued in response of COVID-19 in May 2020. First 12 months are interest free, thereafter annual interest is charged at 2.53%.

2. As at 31 May 2022 £982 (2021 - £982) was due to Candy Thomas, Trustee of the charity. The provided is an interest free loan.

3. A balance of £3,352 is owing to HMRC re. corporation tax. The charity is repaying this by agreed monthly instalments.

**6 Accruals**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Accruals (professional fees)	<u>-</u>	<u>400</u>

**7 Trustees**

Expenses reimbursed to 1 Trustee amounted to £424.

**8 Related Parties**

Total donations received from Trustees during the year was £120 (2021 - £360).

During the year £6,286 (2021 - £5,537) was paid to Baygold for administrative work, a company in which Pastor Phillip Thomas is a director.

At the balance sheet date the Pastor Phillip Thomas owed the charity £2,000. This is an interest free loan.