

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1131135

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2009-08-14

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

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Activities

Objects: TO GLORIFY GOD BY THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, IN PARTICULAR BY:A) TEACHING THE WHOLE WORD OF GOD;B) LIVING IN SUBMISSION TO THE WHOLE WORD OF GOD;C) ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER TO GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:D) NURTURING LOVE AND UNITY IN THE SPIRIT WITHIN THE CHURCH AND WITH OTHER BELIEVERS;E) MAKING KNOWN THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO ALL, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE LIVING IN LALESTON AND THE SURROUNDING BRIDGEND AREA;F) WORKING TOWARDS THE PLANNING OF CHURCHES;G) EXPRESSING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE THROUGH RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL ACTION FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL:H) SUPPORT OF MISSION.

Activities: TO GLORIFY GOD BY THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH OF THE CHURCH.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED BUT IN PARTICULAR THOSE LIVING IN LALESTON AND THE SURROUNDING BRIDGEND AREA
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Nepal
- Bridgend

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£56,664	£48,042	-	-
2024-04-05	£46,151	£39,612	-	-
2023-04-05	£45,326	£38,267	-	-
2022-04-05	£37,048	£34,628	-	-
2021-04-05	£37,776	£34,565	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JAMES MARK GRINDELL	Chair	2009-02-16
Kevin Green		2016-01-14

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**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
LALESTON**

TRUSTEES REPORT & ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 5th APRIL 2025



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Trustees Report & Statement of Accounts
For the Financial Year ending 5th April 2025

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Bethel Baptist Church Trustees Report – 2024-2025

Objectives and Activities

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When planning our activities for the year, the trustees, pastor and deacons have considered the Commission’s guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. More information on this guidance can be found here:

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To meet these objectives and to continue to run activities, we also need to maintain and upgrade our buildings and facilities.

Achievements and Performance

During the last year, we have continued our weekly programme of services on Sundays (10.30am and 6.00pm), various ladies meetings on Mondays and bible study and prayer meetings on Thursday evenings and Friday mornings. In addition to those weekly events, we also hold monthly coffee mornings and occasional men’s breakfast events. A few times a year we host free lunches, either on Sunday or mid-week and then usually in the summer, we hold a garden party to provide an afternoon of social time, activities for children and an event to publicise the church. We also occasionally visit two local care homes (Newton care home and Breaksea care home in Porthcawl) to take worship services for their residents.

Our Sunday services have been well attended during the last year with a small increase of people attending, especially on Sunday mornings. We have continued recording the morning sermon and sending out the YouTube link and notes to members and friends in case anyone was not able to attend. This has been helpful for some members who have been kept from services for various health reasons or have been away on holiday.

The ladies meetings continue to alternate between a craft meeting attended by local ladies and a worship meeting with an invited speaker. Both meetings usually have around 10-15 people in attendance and are run by church volunteers.

Craft meeting - many thanks to Mary Isaac for organising this meeting and for the report details following. New members have been added over the last year and are very welcome. The group knit, sew and crochet items donated to the people of Ukraine through Anne and Godfrey Morris who deliver them to a collection hub in Maesteg.

The group has made blankets and children's clothes to support this work throughout the year. Many thanks to Godfrey and Anne for their help.

The group gave £50 out of their funds to two charities, RNLI and Guide dogs for the blind. They also enjoyed food together on a couple of occasions. The meeting is enjoyed by all those who attend and is a helpful benefit to those who live alone or may be lonely.

Worship meeting - on the alternate weeks, there is a worship service for ladies. Many thanks to Marilyn John for organising and arranging this meeting. Over the past year, a number of guests have been invited to come and speak along with a few people from within the church. The group sings hymns and songs together before the speaker brings a message from the bible. The time is followed by refreshments and as with the craft meeting, serves a very beneficial purpose for those who attend.

Our monthly coffee morning is a free event organised by church volunteers and is attended by around 15-20 people, many of whom live in our local community. We serve drinks and other refreshments, all offered free, and give a short talk from the bible for about 10 mins.

The men's breakfast events are an opportunity for local men to meet up and chat and listen to someone give a short talk, often an invited guest. During this last year, we held a total of four events, attended by around 10-15 men each time and again, this event was offered for free.

As an active part of our local community, we attended the Laleston Village Fete in June to publicise the church and provide activities for children. We also gave away a number of bibles and other books to those interested to know more about the Christian faith.

We held a garden party in July to invite local people into the church to enjoy a free community event. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all who came.

In addition to other local events, we started a free walking group during 2024. This is an opportunity for people to enjoy a 2-3 hour guided walk around the local area, ending with refreshments in the church. Numbers fluctuated, but between 3-8 people attended this new event and we plan to continue this from Spring to Autumn in 2025.



Mission – during the year we continued to support a number of missionaries working in S. Ireland, Hungary and also in the UK. As some of our former mission partners finished their work, we began supporting the work of Grace Rural Wales Partnership (Y GRWP), working with rural farming communities in the heart of Wales. We also support Union, the organisation that runs the theological college, Union School of Theology in Bridgend.

Building work – we made some progress in our building project, looking to extend the present buildings with a new main meeting room in our garden space to the rear of the church. Following a positive response from the local council to our preliminary enquiry, we put in an application for planning permission in July. The planning department has been very delayed in responding to this application and we are still waiting for permission to be granted.

Some regular maintenance work was carried out during the year, including repairs to parts of the roof damaged over the winter. We also continued to maintain the graveyard and garden area.

Financial Review

The giving for the year was again increased from the previous year which is encouraging and we are grateful for the gift aid money recovered from those who are taxpayers. Our accounts for the year show a surplus of just over £7,000 which we plan to use for possible building work in the future.

We are thankful and grateful for the faithful way the members and friends of the church support the church in all that we seek to do.

Our total income for the year was £56,664, comprising £49,629 into the unrestricted fund and £7,035 into the designated fund. Our total expenses were £48,042, leaving us a surplus of £1,587 in our unrestricted fund and £5,451 in the designated fund (£7,038 total). The designated fund stands at £14,427. With money already in the unrestricted fund of £32,647, the total at the end of the year was £34,234. As mentioned above in the section on future building work, we have longer term plans for some expansion and the surplus money in the unrestricted fund will be used for that purpose along with any extra money from grants that we hope to apply for as soon as planning permission is granted.

Reserves Policy

The trustees along with the deacons and pastor have agreed together to maintain a reserve fund of £5,000 to cover running costs of the church for a period of approximately 3 months in the case of any financial emergency affecting the current account finances of the church. The level of this fund will be reviewed annually by the trustees and members of the church.

Volunteers

Many of the activities of the church rely on the time and energy given by volunteers. Activities include organising speakers for ladies meetings, setting up the rooms for meetings, cleaning, preparing flowers, serving refreshments, playing piano, recording and banking money and auditing the church accounts. The trustees would like to register their sincere thanks to all those who work so hard to make the church run smoothly and who give their time so freely.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trustees are appointed annually at the AGM. The day-to-day running of the church is under the pastor and the deacons, appointed by the members. Deacons serve for 3 years and must then be appointed by the members to continue to serve for 3 year periods. The deacons and pastor meet monthly to discuss the life and ministry of the church and to review the finances.

The current deacons are Marilyn John and David Laviers.



The church is now administered by two trustees, Jim Grindell (Pastor) and Kevin Green (secretary) and we are hoping to add to the number of trustees soon. To further help the church in the future, we would like to change our status from being a Charitable Trust to becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. We will be formally discussing this at our AGM this year.

Administrative Information

Bethel Baptist Church is situated in the village of Laleston, just outside Bridgend. Our postal address is:

Bethel Baptist Chapel

High Street
Laleston
CF32 0HP

Trustees:

Jim Grindell (Pastor)
Kevin Green (Secretary)

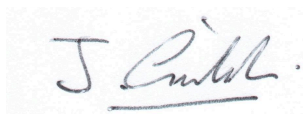
Pastor:

Jim Grindell

Deacons:

Marilyn John
David Lavers (treasurer)

Report approved by the Trustees on 4th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by Jim Grindell (Pastor).



Signed.....

Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

Registered Charity No: - 1131135

Receipts & Payments Account

Receipts	Notes	Year Ending 5th April 2025		Year Ending 5th April 2024	
		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund
		£	£	£	£
Weekly Collections		11,041		10,192	
Gift Aid Donations		31,540	6,560	25,668	60
Gift Aid Recovered		6,667		6,610	
Building Fund Donations			475		1,880
Public Charity Donations		0	0		1,500
Hire of Church Premises		0			
Interest Received		381		241	
Funeral Gifts		0			
Grants Received		0			
Legacy			0		
Total Receipts		49,629	7,035	42,711	3,440
Payments					
Ministers Stipend		28,468		26,764	
Pension Contribution - Employers Contribution		1,993		1,873	
Visiting Speakers		1,081		1,009	
Local Mission		73		800	
Conference - Zoom					
Missionary Donations	1	3,600		2,550	
Grant Expenditure		0		2,658	
Safeguarding		150		208	
Electricity		369		367	
Gas		1,232		838	
Insurance		753		732	
Boiler Service		(162)		410	
Building Repairs		9,190		79	
Cess Pit		100		100	
Fire Safety		0			
Grounds Maintenance		570		469	
Fellowship Expenditure		146		51	
Sundries	2	479		704	
Bethel Extension			1,584		
Total Payments		48,042	1,584	39,612	0
Annual Surplus / (Deficit)		1,587	5,451	3,099	3,440
Funds as at 5th April 2024 & 2023		32,647	8,976	29,548	5,536
Funds as at 5th April 2025 & 2024		34,234	14,427	32,647	8,976
			48,661		41,623

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Notes to Accounts

Note		Year Ending 5th April 2025	Year Ending 5th April 2024
		£	£
1	Union	750	600
	B. Griffin - 100 Fold	750	600
	J. McMaster - Eire	750	750
	S. Bowkett - YGRWP	750	
	T. Burgan - Hungary	600	600
	Total	<u>3,600</u>	<u>2,550</u>
2	Payroll Software	101	178
	CCLI Music Copyright	97	93
	Financial Assistance		300
	Paper Towels & Handwash	15	
	Garden Chairs		64
	Miscellaneous	8	
	Cleaning Materials		22
	Vacuum Cleaner	229	
	Flowers	29	47
	Total	<u>479</u>	<u>704</u>

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Assets & Liabilities

	Year Ending 5th April 2025		Year Ending 5th April 2024	
	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £
Fixed Assets				
Church Building, Graveyard & Grounds	400,000		400,000.00	
Liquid Assets				
Santander Bank Account	44,556		26,175	
Barclays Bank Account	2,178		7,972	
Barclays Bank Account		1,927		7,476
Total Funds	46,734	1,927	34,147	7,476
		48,661		41,623
Unrestricted Funds	34,234		32,647	
Designated Funds	14,427		8,976	
Total Funds	48,661		41,623	
Note: - re Designated Fund				
Barclays Bank Account for the Designated Fund contains		1,927		7,476
The Santander Account also holds funds for the Designated Fund		12,500		1,500
		<u>14,427</u>		<u>8,976</u>
The Santander Account gives interest Barclays does not				
Notes				
Contingent Debtor for Unclaimed Gift Aid	9,959		6,667	
Overpayment re Electricity			33	
Contingent Liabilities				
Electricity	48			
Gas	91		98	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON

On accounts for the year ended

5TH APRIL 2025

Charity no (if any)

1131135

Set out on pages

6,7,8

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 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:

SH Parry

Date:

10.6.25

Name:

SUZANNE HELEN PARRY

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

RETIRED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

39 PARKFIELDS, PEN-Y-FAI BRIDGEND, CF31 4NQ

Section B

Disclosure

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.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH		Report to the trustees or members of
11/3/13	Charity no. (if any)	of accounts for the year ended
	27th APRIL 2013	Set out on pages
6-7-8		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the accounts do not accord with the accounting records accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or 		
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Date: 10.6.13	Signed: [Signature]	
	Name: SUZANNE HELEN PARRY	
	Professional designation(s) or body (if any): RETIRED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT	
	Address: 39 PARKFIELD, PEN-Y-FEL, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WD	

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Craft meeting - many thanks to Mary Isaac for organising this meeting and for the report details following. New members have been added over the last year and are very welcome. The group

continued to make items for charitable causes in the area. Princess of Wales Hospital received 14 large blankets, 35 new-born caps and 7 small blankets.

From summer onwards, items have been sent to orphanages in Ukraine through the Bryn Ukraine Support Group (Maesteg). Items collected and sent include the following: 22 large blankets, 19 baby caps, also booties, gloves, hats, cardigans, and 12 small blankets. Thanks to Anne and Godfrey Morris for delivering contributions. The group also collects stamps for charity purposes and knitted 209 poppies to help with decorations at St Tello's church for Remembrance services.

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We were saddened as a church to lose three of our regular congregation during the last year. Pat Gulwell passed away in April 2023, Roy Anthony in November 2023 and Tony Powell in April 2024. We will miss our friends greatly, but we rejoice as Christians that those who die trusting Christ as their Saviour are now at rest with the Lord Jesus.

We rejoiced with two members of our congregation, Jemimah Grindell and Harry Coombe as they were married just after Easter. Due to numbers, we were not able to use the chapel, but instead were able to hire the SaRang Thomas Centre at Union School of Theology nearby.

As an active part of our local community, we attended the Laleston Village Fete in June to publicise the church and provide activities for children. We also gave away a number of bibles and other books to those interested to know more about the Christian faith.

We held a garden party in July (picture to the right) to invite local people into the church to enjoy a free community event. The rain meant we couldn't enjoy the garden as much as we would have liked, but the event was well attended and enjoyed by all who came.



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Building work – we set up a building committee to look into extending the present facility with a new main meeting room in the garden area to the rear of the church. The present chapel building has a number of limitations and we would like to be able to have more space for a possible children's work or creche facility alongside our regular services. The building committee has met at regular intervals throughout the year and with others who might be able to help us with the project. Through one of those contacts (Nigel Clifford), we submitted a pre-planning application to the council and have now received a positive response (April) from our statutory preliminary enquiry, highlighting the planning considerations that we would need to observe. We hope to apply for full planning permission in the near future.

Some minor maintenance work was carried out during the year as well as regular maintenance of the building, graveyard and garden area.

Financial Review

The giving for the year was again increased from the previous year which is encouraging and we are grateful for the gift aid money recovered from those who are taxpayers. Our accounts for the year show a surplus of just over £6,500 which we plan to use for possible building work in the future.

We are thankful and grateful for the faithful way the members and friends of the church support the church in all that we seek to do.

Our total income for the year was £46,151, comprising £42,711 into the unrestricted fund and £3,440 into the designated fund. Our total expenses were £39,612, leaving us a surplus of £3,099 in our unrestricted fund and £3,440 in the designated fund (£6,539 total). The designated fund stands at £8,976. With money already in the unrestricted fund of £29,548, the total at the end of the year was £32,647. As mentioned above in the section on future building work, we have longer term plans for some expansion and the surplus money in the unrestricted fund will be used for that purpose along with any extra money from grants.

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Reserves Policy
The trustees along with the deacons and pastor have agreed together to maintain a reserve fund of £2,000 to cover running costs of the church for a period of approximately 3 months in the case of any financial emergency affecting the current account finances of the church. The level of this fund will be reviewed annually by the trustees and members of the church.

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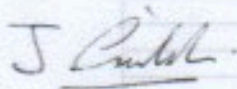
Bethel Baptist Chapel
 High Street
 Laleston
 CF32 0HP

Trustees:
 Jim Grindell (Pastor)
 Kevin Green (Secretary)

Pastor:
 Jim Grindell

Deacons:
 Marilyn John
 David Lavers (treasurer)

Report approved by the Trustees on 28th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by Jim Grindell (Pastor).

Signed..... 

Receipts & Payments Account

Receipts	Notes	Year Ending 5th April 2024		Year Ending 5th April 2023	
		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund
		£	£	£	£
Weekly Collections		10,192		8,339	
Gift Aid Donations		25,668	60	24,126	50
Gift Aid Recovered		6,610		6,121	
Building Fund Donations			1,880		
Public Charity Donations			1,500	1,000	
Hire of Church Premises				70	
Interest Received		241		45	
Funeral Gifts					
Grants Received				2,654	
Legacy					1,000
Earthquake Appeal				1,921	
Total Receipts		42,711	3,440	44,276	1,050
Payments					
Ministers Stipend		26,764		25,465	
Pension Contribution - Employers Contribution		1,873		1,782	
Visiting Speakers		1,009		876	
Local Mission		800		356	
Conference - Zoom				144	
Missionary Donations	1	2,550		3,600	
Grant Expenditure		2,658			
Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal				2,000	
Safeguarding		208			
Electricity		367		174	
Gas		838		579	
Insurance		732		805	
Boiler Service		410		394	
Building Repairs		79		775	
Cess Pit		100		90	
Fire Safety		0		303	
Grounds Maintenance		469		365	
Fellowship Expenditure		51		154	
Sundries	2	704		405	
Total Payments		39,612	0	38,267	0
Annual Surplus / (Deficit)		3,099	3,440	6,009	1,050
Funds as at 5th April 2023 & 2022		29,548	5,536	23,539	4,486
Funds as at 5th April 2024 & 2023		32,647	8,976	29,548	5,536
			41,623		35,084

Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

Registered Charity No: - 1131135

Assets & Liabilities

	Year Ending 5th April 2024		Year Ending 5th April 2023	
	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Church Building, Graveyard & Grounds	400000		400000	
Liquid Assets				
Santander Bank Account	24675	1500	17834	
Barclays Bank Account	7972		11714	
Barclays Bank Account		7476		5536
Total Funds	32647	8976	29548	5536
		41623		35084
Notes				
Contingent Debtor for Unclaimed Gift Aid		6667		6610
Overpayment re Electricity		33		9
Contingent Liabilities				
Gas		98		56
Grant re Keyboard, Loop System, Computer				2654
Easter Trail				165

Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

Registered Charity No: - 1131135

Notes to Accounts

Note		Year Ending 5th April 2022	Year Ending 5th April 2023
		£	£
1	Union	600	600
	B. Griffin - 100 Fold	600	600
	A. Douglas - Nepal		600
	M. Dunkley - Middle East		600
	J. McMaster - Eire	750	600
	T. Burgan - Hungary	600	600
	Total	2,550	3,600
2	Payroll Software	178	71
	Safeguarding Costs - See Accounts		36
	CCLI Music Copyright	93	87
	Financial Assistance	300	
	Paper Towels & Handwash		81
	Garden Chairs	64	
	Cleaning Materials	22	19
	Stationery		5
	Wedding Gift		100
	Flowers	47	6
	Total	704	405



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5TH APRIL 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1131135

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 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:

Suzanne Helen Parry

Date:

28.5.2024

Name:

SUZANNE HELEN PARRY

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

RETIRED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

39, PARKFIELDS, PEN-Y-FAF,
BRIDGEND, CF31 4NQ

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.

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Independent examiner's statement

Date: 28.2.2024	Signed: AH PARRY	
	Name: SUSANNE HELEN PARRY	
	Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): RETIRED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT	
	Address: 89 PARKFIELD, PEN-Y-FAR, BLEDING, CE31 4ND	

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1131135

Accounts



**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
LALESTON**

TRUSTEES REPORT & ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 5th APRIL 2023



Bethel Baptist Church
High Street
Laleston
CF32 0HP

Charity No: 1131135

Trustees Report & Statement of Accounts
For the Financial Year ending 5th April 2023.

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Bethel Baptist Church Trustees Report – 2022-2023

Objectives and Activities

Our stated charitable objective is “to glorify God by the advancement of the Christian Religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the basis of faith of the church.”

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Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees, pastor and deacons have considered the Commission’s guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. More information on this guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-benefit-rules-for-charities>

We benefit the public by providing a safe, accessible and welcoming environment for Christian worship in the village of Laleston. This is achieved through our regular weekly meetings, some less frequent but regular activities and through special events at various times throughout the year. We meet a valuable social need in providing opportunities for local people to meet together.

To meet these objectives and to continue to run activities, we also need to maintain and upgrade our buildings and facilities.

Achievements and Performance

During the last year, we have continued our weekly programme of services on Sundays (10.30am and 6.00pm), ladies meetings on Mondays and bible study and prayer meetings on Thursday evenings and Friday mornings. In addition to those weekly events, we also hold monthly coffee mornings and occasional men’s breakfast events. A few times a year we host free lunches, either on Sunday or mid-week and then usually in the summer, we hold a garden party to provide an afternoon of social time, activities for children and an event to publicise the church.

Our Sunday services have been well attended during the last year with an increase of people attending, especially on Sunday mornings. We have continued recording the morning sermon and sending out the YouTube link and notes to members and friends in case anyone was not able to attend. This has been helpful for some members who have been kept from services for various health reasons or away on holiday.

The ladies meetings continue to alternate between a craft meeting attended by local ladies and a worship meeting with an invited speaker. Both meetings usually have around 10-15 people in attendance and are run by church volunteers.

Our monthly coffee morning is a free event organised by church volunteers and is attended by around 20-25 people, many of whom live in our local community. We serve drinks and other refreshments, all free, and give a short talk from the bible for about 10 mins.

The men's breakfast events are an opportunity for local men to meet up and chat and listen to someone give a short talk, often an invited guest. During this last year, we held a total of four events, attended by around 10-15 men each time.

We were saddened as a church to lose two of our regular congregation during the last year. Our friend Beryl Richards passed away in July. Beryl served the church faithfully in many ways alongside her late husband David. For many years she served us spiritually and practically and she will be greatly missed.

We were also saddened by the loss of our friend Paul Radford in October. Paul along with his wife Pat joined the church recently and Paul enjoyed being part of our services even though he struggled with his health. We will miss our friends greatly, but we rejoice that as Christians, they are now at rest with the Lord Jesus Christ whom they loved and served throughout their lives.

Joint church activities – we joined with several other churches in the town with a combined Easter mission event under the banner of "Passion for Life", a UK wide initiative. We held a week of events held in various of the Bridgend churches, helped by a small team and invited special guest speakers.

Mission – during the year we also continued to support a number of missionaries working in S. Ireland, Hungary, Nepal, the Middle East and also in the UK. The church supports the Baptist Missionary Society that has missionaries engaged in a variety of activities worldwide. We also support Union, the organisation that runs the theological college in Bridgend (Union School of Theology).

Building work – We applied for a Suncredit Solar grant administered by BAVO at the start of 2023. This was to help improve the facilities at Bethel with a new digital piano, a new hearing loop amplifier and also a new laptop for use in recording services and video editing.

The grant application was successful and the grant was awarded at the end of March. The new items have now been purchased and are regularly in use.

Some minor building repair work was carried out during the year as well as regular maintenance of the grounds.

We continued discussions during the year for plans to extend the present buildings and held an open meeting for all church members and friends in March to discuss this. At this meeting, it was decided to appoint a building committee to investigate further both our needs and options for expanding the buildings into what is now the garden space at the rear of the church.

Financial Review

The giving for the year was increased from the previous year which is encouraging and our income was also added to by the grant mentioned above and donations toward the appeal following the earthquake in Syria in February. Even though our expenses increased over the year, that still left a surplus of just over £6,000. We are thankful and grateful for the faithful way the members and friends of the church support the church in all that we seek to do.

BAVO

Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations
Cymdeithas Sefydliadau Gwirfoddol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr



Our total income for the year was £44,276 and our total expenses were £38,267, leaving us a surplus of £6,009 in our unrestricted fund. The restricted fund stands at £5,536. With money already in the unrestricted fund of £23,539, the total at the end of the year was £29,548. As mentioned above in building work, we have longer term plans for some expansion and the surplus money in the unrestricted fund will be used for that purpose along with any extra money from grants.

Reserves Policy

The deacons and pastor have agreed together to maintain a reserve fund of £5,000 to cover running costs of the church for a period of approximately 3 months in the case of any financial emergency affecting the current account finances of the church. The level of this fund will be reviewed annually by the trustees and members of the church.

Volunteers

Many of the activities of the church rely on the time and energy given by volunteers. Activities include organising speakers for ladies meetings, setting up the rooms for meetings, cleaning, preparing flowers, serving refreshments, playing piano and recording and banking money. The trustees would like to register their sincere thanks to all those who work so hard to make the church run smoothly and who give their time so freely.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trustees are appointed annually at the AGM. The day-to-day running of the church is under the pastor and the deacons, appointed by the members. Deacons serve for 3 years and must then be appointed by the members to continue to serve for 3 year periods. The deacons and pastor meet monthly to discuss the life and ministry of the church and to review the finances.

The current deacons are Marilyn John and David Laviors.

The church is now administered by two trustees, Jim Grindell (Pastor) and Kevin Green (secretary) and we will be looking for at least one more member to join the trustees in the near future.

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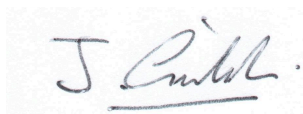
Pastor:

Jim Grindell

Deacons:

Marilyn John
David Lavers (treasurer)

Report approved by the Trustees on 22nd June 2023 and signed on their behalf by Jim Grindell (Pastor).



Signed.....

Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

Registered Charity No: - 1131135

Receipts & Payments Account

Receipts	Notes	Year Ending 5th April 2023		Year Ending 5th April 2022	
		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund
		£	£	£	£
Weekly Collections		8,339		6,954	
Gift Aid Donations		24,126	50	24,140	
Gift Aid Recovered		6,121		5,872	
Public Charity Donations		1,000			
Hire of Church Premises		70			
Interest Received		45		2	
Funeral Gifts				80	
Grants Received		2,654			
Legacy			1,000		
Earthquake Appeal		1,921			
Total Receipts		44,276	1,050	37,048	0
Payments					
Ministers Stipend		25,465		24,820	
Pension Contribution - Employers Contribution		1,782		1,575	
Visiting Speakers		876		926	
Local Mission		356		160	
Missionary Donations	1	3,600		3,600	
Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal		2,000			
Zoom Prayer & Conference Subscription		144		144	
Electricity		174		470	
Gas		579		538	
Insurance		805		654	
Boiler Service		394		208	
Building Repairs		775		581	
Cess Pit		90		90	
Fire Safety		303		296	
Grounds Maintenance		365		200	
Auditors Fee					
Fellowship Expenditure		154		57	
Sundries	2	405		309	
Total Payments		38,267	0	34,628	0
Annual Surplus / (Deficit)		6,009	1,050	2,420	0
Funds as at 5th April 2022 & 2021		23,539	4,486	21,119	4,486
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Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

Registered Charity No: - 1131135

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	Total	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>
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	Folding Tables		90
	Clock & Batteries		45
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	Cleaning Materials	19	
	Stationery	5	
	Wedding Gift	100	
	Flowers	6	
	Total	<u>405</u>	<u>309</u>

Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

Registered Charity No: - 1131135

Assets & Liabilities

	Year Ending 5th April 2023		Year Ending 5th April 2022	
	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £
Fixed Assets				
Church Building, Graveyard & Grounds	400,000		400,000	
Liquid Assets				
Santander Bank Account	17,834		17,789	
Barclays Bank Account	11,714		5,750	
Barclays Bank Account		5,536		4,486
Total Funds	<u>29,548</u>	<u>5,536</u>	<u>23,539</u>	<u>4,486</u>
		35,084		
Notes				
Contingent Debtor for Unclaimed Gift Aid	6,610		6,078	
Overpayment re Electricity	9		109	
Contingent Liabilities				
Gas	56		40	
Building Repairs - Storm Eunice			100	
Grant re Keyboard, Loop System, Computer	2,654			
Easter Trail	165			



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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members of

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On accounts for the year
ended

5TH APRIL 2023

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Signed:

SH Parry

Date:

24-6-23

Name:

SUZANNE HELEN PARRY

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

RETIRED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

39 PARKFIELDS

PEN-Y-FAE, BRIDGEND,

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1131135

Accounts

Bethel Baptist Church Trustees Report – 2021-2022

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To meet these objectives and to continue to run activities, we also need to maintain and upgrade our buildings and facilities.

Achievements and Performance

At the start of the financial year of this report (April 2021) we were back meeting in person for just a morning service each Sunday after all the changes to our routine brought about by covid restrictions in Wales the previous year. We were minimising contact by having just one service with no refreshments and still adhering to rules on sanitising, distancing and mask-wearing. Our mid-week bible study and prayer time continued on Zoom and all other meetings remained on hold until restrictions eased.

As more people felt comfortable coming back to in-person meetings, we struggled to fit everyone in with the social distancing rules and so we began repeating our Sunday morning service in the evening. This continued for most of July and August and allowed all who wanted to attend one service. When the requirement for social distancing ended (Sept), we returned to holding two services on a Sunday as before.

We have continued recording the morning sermon and sending out the YouTube link and notes to members and friends in case anyone was not able to attend. This has been helpful for some members who have been kept from services for other non-covid health reasons.

Other events and meetings began to restart during October and November. We hold a monthly coffee morning which is a free event organised by church volunteers and attended by around 15-20 people, many of whom belong to the local community of Laleston.

We have two ladies meetings that started back in September and November, one a craft meeting, the other a worship service with an invited speaker.

The craft meeting usually has around 11 ladies in attendance and during the year they supplied knitted blankets to the hospital and a local nursing home. The worship meeting started again in September and welcomed local speakers as well as those representing some mission organisations, including Tirzah Jones (UBM) and Tabitha Doey (Wycliffe). There are usually about 10-15 ladies who attend.

We also hold a men's breakfast event around four times a year which had been on hold during covid, but restarted in March 2022. This is another free event and usually about 10-15 local men attend.

We were saddened as a church to lose three of our dear members during the past year. Mr. Ken Smith had served the church faithfully for many years as deacon and secretary and alongside his wife Sybil, had maintained services at Bethel during some difficult times in the past. Ken passed away on the 8th June 2021.

Another of our long-standing members, Mrs. Pat Ward passed away on the 13th January 2022. Pat had also been a key part of Bethel for many years, helping alongside her husband Frank in almost every area of the church's life.

And finally, Mr. David Richards passed away on the 25th January 2022 after an extended period suffering from cancer. David had served the church faithfully as a trustee, deacon and as treasurer for many years and also worked tirelessly to maintain the building and grounds.

We will miss our friends greatly, but we rejoice that as Christians, they are now at rest with the Lord Jesus Christ whom they loved and served throughout their lives.

Joint church activities – Due to remaining covid restrictions and caution in some of the local churches, we haven't been able to connect with local churches through most of the year, but with lessening restrictions from the start of 2022, we planned a joint week of mission activities in April. To prepare for the week, local pastors met together and there were several joint prayer meetings that Bethel members attended.

Mission – during the year we continued to support a number of missionaries working in S. Ireland, Hungary, Nepal, the Middle East and also in the UK. The church supports the Baptist Missionary Society that has missionaries engaged in a variety of activities worldwide. We also support Union, the organisation that runs the bible college in Bridgend (Union School of Theology).

Building work – There were no grants to assist with building work in the past year, but we have started researching a number of grant opportunities for future expansion of our facilities, particularly with respect to another room for use by small meetings and for children during services.

Some minor building repair work was carried out during the year as well as servicing of the boiler and regular maintenance of the grounds.

Financial Review

The giving for the year was slightly down on the previous year due in some part to the loss of members but still high enough to leave us a small surplus at the end of the year (£2,420). We are

very thankful and grateful for the faithful way the members and friends of the church support all that the church does.

The reduction in some church activities has resulted in lower utility costs, although it will be noted that those utility costs have increased dramatically in the early part of 2022 and will continue to rise.

Our total income for the year was £37,048 and our total expenses were £34,628, leaving us a surplus of £2,420 in our unrestricted fund. The restricted fund stands at £4,486. With money already in the unrestricted fund of £21,119, the total at the end of the year was £23,539. As mentioned above in building work, we have longer term plans for some expansion and the surplus money in the unrestricted fund will be used for that purpose along with any extra money from grants.

Reserves Policy

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Structure, Governance and Management

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David Richards stepped down from serving as a trustee, deacon and treasurer on 20th April 2021 due to his worsening health. The current deacons are Marilyn John and David Laviers.

The church is now administered by two trustees, Jim Grindell (Pastor) and Kevin Green (secretary).

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Jim Grindell (Pastor)
Kevin Green (Secretary)
David Richards (Treasurer) - resigned 20th April 2021

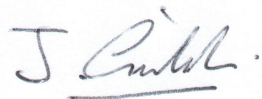
Pastor:

Jim Grindell

Deacons:

David Richards - resigned 20th April 2021
Marilyn John
David Lavers

Report approved by the Trustees on 16 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by Jim Grindell (Pastor).



Signed.....



**Trustees' Report & Statement of Accounts
for Financial Year ending 5th April 2022**

Registered Charity 1131135

Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

Registered Charity No: - 1131135

Receipts & Payments Account

Receipts	Notes	Year Ending 5th April 2022		Year Ending 5th April 2021	
		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund
		£	£	£	£
Weekly Collections		6,954		5726	
Gift Aid Donations		24,140		23395	
Gift Aid Recovered		5,872		5913	
Interest Received		2		42	
Funeral Gifts		80			
Grants Received				2700	
Designated Gifts					
Total Receipts		37,048	0	37776	0
Payments					
Ministers Stipend		24,820		23850	
Pension Contribution - Employers Contribution		1,575		1075	
Visiting Speakers		926		160	
Local Mission		160		166	
Missionary Donations	1	3,600		3600	
Zoom Prayer & Conference Subscription		144			
Electricity		470		200	
Gas		538		155	
Insurance		654		626	
Boiler Service		208		79	
Building Repairs		581		2738	
Cess Pit		90		180	
Fire Safety		296		585	
Grounds Maintenance		200		200	
Auditors Fee		0		50	
Fellowship Expenditure		57		655	
Sundries	2	309		246	
Total Payments		34,628	0	34565	0
Annual Surplus/ (Deficit)		2,420	0	3211	0
Funds as at 5th April 2022 & 2021		21,119	4,486	17908	4486
Funds as at 5th April 2022 & 2021		23,539	4,486	21119	4486

Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

Registered Charity No: - 1131135

Assets & Liabilities

	Year Ending 5th April 2022		Year Ending 5th April 2021	
	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund
	£	£	£	£
Liquid Assets				
Santander Bank Account	17,789		17787	
Barclays Bank Account	5,750		3332	
Barclays Bank Account		4,486		4486
Total Funds	<u>23,539</u>	<u>4,486</u>	<u>21119</u>	<u>4486</u>
Notes				
Contingent Debtor for Unclaimed Gift Aid		6,078	5872	
Electricity Overpayment		185		
Contingent Liabilities				
Gas		40		Nil
Building Repairs Storm Eunice		100		

Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

Registered Charity No: - 1131135

Notes to Accounts

Note		Year Ending 5th April 2022	Year Ending 5th April 2021
		£	£
1	Union	600	600
	B. Griffiths - 100 Fold	600	600
	A. Douglas - Nepal	600	600
	M. Dunkley - Middle East	600	600
	J. McMaster - Eire	600	600
	T. Burgan - Hungary	600	600
	Total	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>
2	Payroll Software	59	59
	Safeguarding Subscription	32	32
	CCLI Music Copyright	83	80
	Wheelchair Repair		45
	Folding Tables	90	
	Clock & Batteries	45	
	Flowers		30
	Total	<u>309</u>	<u>246</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON

On accounts for the year ended

5th APRIL 2022

Charity no (if any)

1131135

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 2021 and 2022.

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:

17/5/22

Name:

SUZANNE HELEN PARRY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

RETIRED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

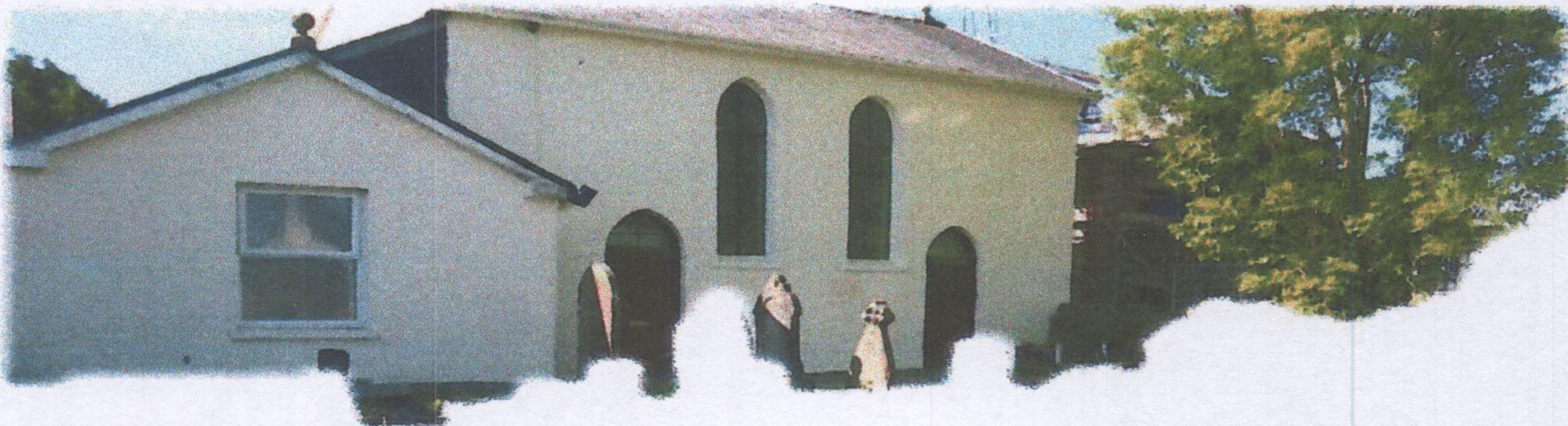
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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1131135

Accounts

Bethel
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Trustees' Report & Statement of Accounts
for Financial Year ending 5th April 2021

Registered Charity no. 1131135



**Bethel Baptist Church
High Street
Laleston CF32 0HP**

CHARITY NO. 1131135

**Trustees' Report & Statement of Accounts for
Financial Year ending 5th. April 2021**

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Bethel Baptist Church Trustees Report – 2020-2021

Objectives and Activities

Our stated charitable objective is “to glorify God by the advancement of the Christian Religion for the benefit of the public in accordance with the basis of faith of the church.”

The trustees work alongside the pastor and deacons of the church to promote the ministry of the church in every way. This includes pastoral ministry to members and other attenders, evangelistic ministry to those outside the church and mission ministry supporting friends who are working in other parts of the world. We are committed to following the teaching of the bible in our activities and the basis of faith of the church reflects that commitment.

Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees, pastor and deacons have considered the Commission’s guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We benefit the public by providing a safe, accessible and welcoming environment for Christian worship in the village of Laleston. This is achieved through our regular weekly meetings, some less frequent but regular activities and through special events at various times throughout the year. We meet a valuable social need in providing opportunities for local people to meet together.

To meet these objectives and to continue to run activities, we also need to maintain and upgrade our buildings and facilities.

Achievements and Performance

Due to covid restrictions in Wales, we were not able to meet in person from March 2020 for some months. We quickly moved to make our Sunday morning service available on YouTube, with a playlist of hymns and songs, and a recorded sermon from our pastor. This enabled a good proportion of the church to access the service. The notes of the sermon were sent out via email to everyone, and a number of people with limited internet access or experience received printed copies of the notes. We have continued recording sermons and uploading to YouTube since then and also sending out notes.

To replace our weekly bible study and prayer meeting, we moved to an online Zoom meeting on average, around 10-12 people have been able to join in with that time each week. We continued holding our weekly prayer meeting this way throughout the year.

As covid restrictions eased in the Autumn, we were able to meet in person again and started back with in-person meetings on 6th September 2020. This involved taking a number of extra precautions to keep everyone safe, including rearranging the church to allow social distancing, making hand sanitizer available, recording attendees with their contact details, modifying entrance to and exits from the building to keep distancing and risk assessments and cleaning protocols. This involved some cost to the church which the finances allowed with savings in other areas.

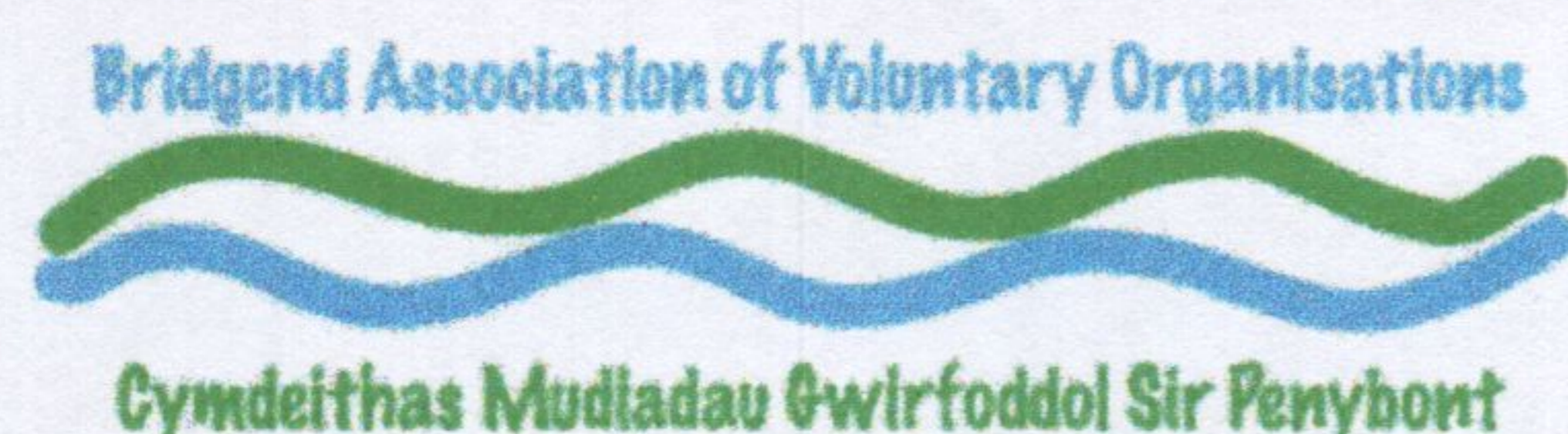
We had to stop in-person meetings again later in the year for a short time, but since then have been open for a morning service each week. All other church activities (such as ladies meetings, mens meetings, coffee mornings and other special events) have been on hold until restrictions allow.

We have attempted to keep contact with church members through phone calls and visits if allowed. We have also arranged a number of deliveries of small gifts to church friends to encourage them and remind them we are thinking of them (Christmas time for example).

Joint church activities – We haven't been able to connect with other local churches because of covid, but our pastor has continued with regular Zoom meetings with the other local pastors to share information and ideas for how best to continue church activities.

Mission – during the year, despite covid we were still able to support a number of missionaries working in S. Ireland, Hungary, Nepal, the Middle East and also in the UK. The church supports the Baptist Missionary Society that has missionaries engaged in a variety of activities worldwide. We also support Union, the organisation that runs the bible college in Bridgend (Union School of Theology).

Building work – To assist in achieving our objectives as a charity to the local community, we received grant assistance through a community grant (administered by BAVO). This allowed us to carry out maintenance work on the boundary wall of the church.



Financial Review

Although experiencing a reduction in church services and activities because of the covid pandemic, collections and gift aid relief compare well to the previous year.

The reduction in church services and activities has resulted in lower utility costs, ministry expenses and local mission expenditure. However, expenses relating to Covid were additional costs. These circumstances have led to a surplus of 3.2K in our Unrestricted Fund for the year. It is good to see the continuing financial commitment on behalf of members and friends of the church.

Grant income, administered by BAVO, was £2700. This allowed us to carry out repointing work to a boundary wall. There were no receipts or payments in the year for the Designated Fund.

Reserves Policy

The deacons and pastor have agreed together to maintain a reserve fund of £5,000 to cover running costs of the church for a period of approximately 3 months in the case of any financial emergency affecting the current account finances of the church. The level of this fund will be reviewed annually by the trustees and members of the church.

Volunteers

Many of the activities of the church rely on the time and energy given by volunteers. Activities include organising speakers for ladies meetings, setting up the rooms for meetings, cleaning, preparing flowers, serving refreshments and recording and banking money. The covid pandemic brought some extra challenges and the trustees would like to register their sincere thanks to all those who work so hard to make the church run smoothly and who give their time so freely.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trustees are appointed annually at the AGM. The day-to-day running of the church is under the pastor and the deacons, appointed by the members. Deacons serve for 3 years and must then be appointed by the members to continue to serve for 3 year periods. The deacons and pastor meet monthly to discuss the life and ministry of the church and to review the finances.

The current deacons are Marilyn John, David Laviers and David Richards.

The church is administered by three trustees, Jim Grindell (Pastor), David Richards (deacon and treasurer) and Kevin Green (secretary).

Administrative Information

Bethel Baptist Church is situated in the village of Laleston, just outside Bridgend. Our postal address is:

Bethel Baptist Chapel

High Street
Laleston
CF32 0HP

Trustees:

Jim Grindell (Pastor)
Kevin Green (Secretary)
David Richards (Treasurer)

Pastor:

Jim Grindell

Deacons:

David Richards
Marilyn John
David Lavers

Report approved by the Trustees on 22nd April 2021 and signed on their behalf by Jim Grindell (Pastor).

Signed.....

J. Grindell

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON

CHARITY NUMBER 1131135

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5th April 2021

Notes	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Designated	Unrestricted	Designated	Unrestricted
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund
<u>Receipts</u>				
Collections		29121		28843
Grants received		2700		1384
Interest received		42		110
Donations received			110	
Gift Aid tax refund		5913		6105
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>37,776</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>36,442</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
Ministers Stipend		23850		23400
Pension (employers cont.)		1075		1565
Other ministry fees		160		1506
Mission donations	1	3766		4214
Site Maintenance	2	3782		1617
Sundries	3	951		2717
Utilities		355		676
Insurances		626		603
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,565</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,298</u>
<u>NET RECEIPTS / PAYMENTS</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,211</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>144</u>
Funds available at previous year end	4,486	17,908	4,376	17,764
Funds available at this year end	4,486	21,119	4,486	17,908

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON

CHARITY NUMBER 1131135

**NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
IN THE UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5th APRIL 2021**

NOTES

1	<u>Donations</u>		
	BMS		600
	UFM		2400
	UNION		600
	Local Mission		166
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2	<u>Site Maintenance</u>		
	Boiler Service		79
	Grass cutting		200
	Fire Safety		585
	Repairs		2738
	Cess Pit		180
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3	<u>Sundry Expenses</u>		
	auditors fee		50
	covid 19		
	dispensers, notices,etc	289.57 }	
	audio facilities	122.27 }	
	zoom facilities 4/20-12/21	243.22 }	655
	Sundries		246
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			951
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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON

CHARITY NUMBER 1131135

ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT YEAR ENDING 5th APRIL 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

2021 **2020**

Report to the trustees/
Monetary Assets

On accounts for the year
ended

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Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

5th April **Barclays Account**

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Santander Account

Charity
of 2021 **3,332** **2,163**

4,486 **116**

17,787 **20,115**

Note to unrestricted funds

Contingent Debtor

As gift aid tax relief has not yet been claimed on gift aid donations made in the accounting period, we would advise that a claim will be made for the following amount at a future date.

5,872 **5913**

**Independent
examiner's statement**

LIABILITIES

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Signed: *Nigel Gurg Hughes*

Date: 22nd April 2021

Name: Nigel Gurg Hughes

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

Address: 27 Cedric Street, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire SA15 1LP



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Bethel Baptist Church Laleston		
On accounts for the year ended	5 th April 2021	Charity no (if any)	1131135
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Signed: N. E. Hughes **Date:** 22nd April 2021

Name: Nigel Eurig Hughes

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

Address: 27 Cedric Street, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire SA15 1LP