

## **Trustees' Report & Statement of Accounts for Financial Year ending 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Registered Charity no. 1131135





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

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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.



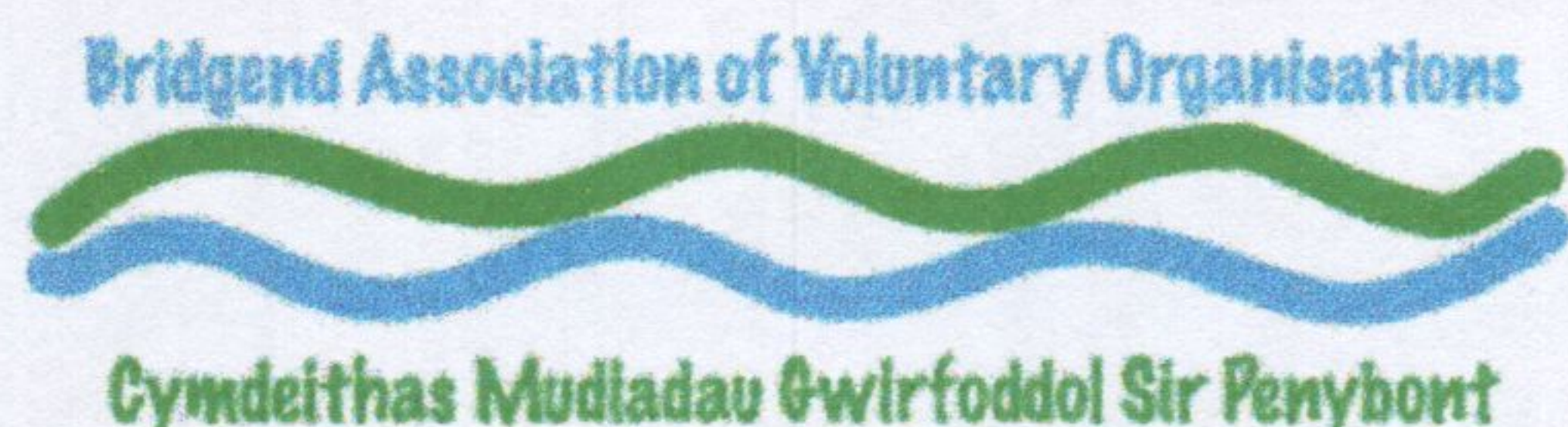
We had to stop in-person meetings again later in the year for a short time, but since then have been open for a morning service each week. All other church activities (such as ladies meetings, mens meetings, coffee mornings and other special events) have been on hold until restrictions allow.

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 Laviers

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

Signed.....

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Grindell', written over a dotted line.



**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON****CHARITY NUMBER 1131135****RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

	Notes	<u>2021</u> £ Designated Fund	<u>2021</u> £ Unrestricted Fund	<u>2020</u> £ Designated Fund	<u>2020</u> £ Unrestricted Fund
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
Collections			29121		28843
Grants received			2700		1384
Interest received			42		110
Donations received				110	
Gift Aid tax refund			5913		6105
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>		<u>0</u>	<u>37,776</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>36,442</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>					
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
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>		<u>0</u>	<u>34,565</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,298</u>
<b><u>NET RECEIPTS / PAYMENTS</u></b>		<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	<b><u>Donations</u></b>		
	BMS		600
	UFM		2400
	UNION		600
	Local Mission		166
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			3766
2	<b><u>Site Maintenance</u></b>		
	Boiler Service		79
	Grass cutting		200
	Fire Safety		585
	Repairs		2738
	Cess Pit		180
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			3782
3	<b><u>Sundry Expenses</u></b>		
	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



**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON**

**CHARITY NUMBER 1131135**

**ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT YEAR ENDING 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts

**2021**

**2020**

**Monetary Assets**

On accounts for the year ended

Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

5<sup>th</sup> April

**Barclays Account**

**3,332 2,163**

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**Barclays Account**

**4,486 116**

**Santander Account**

**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**

**LIABILITIES**

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

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- 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:

*Nigel Ewing Hughes*

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

Name:

Nigel Ewing Hughes

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

Address:

27 Cedric Street, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire SA15 1LP





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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Bethel Baptist Church Laleston		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1131135
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05-04-2021

**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.

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**Signed:** N. E. Hughes **Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

**Name:** Nigel Eurig Hughes

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
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