



**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
LALESTON**

**TRUSTEES REPORT & ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDING 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023**



Bethel Baptist Church  
High Street  
Laleston  
CF32 0HP

Charity No: 1131135

Trustees Report & Statement of Accounts  
For the Financial Year ending 5<sup>th</sup> 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.”

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. 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.

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 Lavers.

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.

### 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)

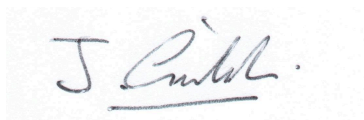
**Pastor:**

Jim Grindell

**Deacons:**

Marilyn John  
David Lavers (treasurer)

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



Signed.....

## Bethel Baptist Church Laleston

Registered Charity No: - 1131135

## Receipts &amp; Payments Account

Receipts	Notes	Year Ending 5th April 2023		Year Ending 5th April 2022	
		Unrestricted	Designated	Unrestricted	Designated
		Fund £	Fund £	Fund £	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			
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>44,276</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>37,048</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
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	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>38,267</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34,628</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Annual Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>6,009</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funds as at 5th April 2022 &amp; 2021</b>		<b>23,539</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>21,119</b>	<b>4,486</b>
<b>Funds as at 5th April 2023 &amp; 2022</b>		<b>29,548</b>	<b>5,536</b>	<b>23,539</b>	<b>4,486</b>

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**Notes to Accounts**

<b>Note</b>		<b>Year Ending 5th April 2023</b>	<b>Year Ending 5th April 2022</b>
		£	£
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	71	59
	Safeguarding Subscription	36	32
	CCLI Music Copyright	87	83
	Folding Tables		90
	Clock & Batteries		45
	Paper Towels & Handwash	81	
	Cleaning Materials	19	
	Stationery	5	
	Wedding Gift	100	
	Flowers	6	
	Total	<u>405</u>	<u>309</u>



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**Assets & Liabilities**

	Year Ending 5th April 2023		Year Ending 5th April 2022	
	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Church Building, Graveyard & Grounds	400,000		400,000	
<b>Liquid Assets</b>				
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		
<b>Notes</b>				
Contingent Debtor for Unclaimed Gift Aid	6,610		6,078	
Overpayment re Electricity	9		109	
<b>Contingent Liabilities</b>				
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

Report to the trustees/  
members of

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LALESTON

On accounts for the year  
ended

5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

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:

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-FAR, 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.

2TH APRIL 2013 Charity no (if any)		On account for the year ended
13/11/17		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		
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 dated 31st March 2013 under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Disclosure Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(2)(b) of the Act.		
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than those 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.		
Date: 26-6-17	Signed: JH P...	Independent examiner's statement
Name: SUSANNE HELEN PARKER	Position: RETIRED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT	Basis of report
Address: 3A PARKFIELD PEN-Y-FAT, BARTON	(if any)	Responsibility and