

BETEL ROMANIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

BETEL ROMANIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are set out in the Trust Declaration of 2009. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. There has been no change in these during the year.

The objects of the Charity for the benefit of the public are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support and
- To advance education.

The trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Charity in promoting the Objects.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Activities to achieve the objectives for public benefit:

The Charity offered spiritual services, financial and moral support to families and individuals and donations to other organisations for missionary work.

Achievements and performance

How our programmes deliver public benefit:

- We continued our successful association with Kenton Baptist Church who kindly offered to share the church premises every week.
- The charity offered services during the week and over the course of the period that was beneficial and spiritually fulfilling for our community.
- We offered financial support to families and individuals from our congregation and families in Romania such as living costs. etc.
- We are still working on projects where large families are in need of extra space and we continued this project to support as many families as possible. We completed the building works at the Unit in Romania. We renewed the contract for renting the industrial unit in Romania (Comesti-Targu Jiu) as a deposit and place where all the items donated by church members and other supporters can be organised and distributed where necessary.
- We continued the project where church members visited hundreds of poor families in Romanian villages giving boxes of food and provided counselling support.
- We invited and had Pastors, choir singers and other guests to preach and entertain the congregation.
- We continued Sunday schools classes as usual by preaching and educating the children about the Bible and how to live life well including good values and ethics. At the end of the year, books and small gifts were given to acknowledge their dedication and achievements. We have also organised Sunday School Seminar for developing teachers skills from our congregation and other Romanian Churches.
- During the year, music classes recommenced and were being conducted as usual at the Church following ease of lockdown per government guidelines.
- We had a day out in a hired place with the Church members having different activities.
- We organised groups of singers from our congregation who visited other Romanian churches in England and Wales.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Financial review

During the year, the Charity received Donations of £69,010 (2022 - £91,867) and Collection of £50,032 (2022 - £44,618). All these receipts were unrestricted.

During the year, the Charity paid grants to individuals of £nil (2022 - £4,739) and spent on support and missionary work amounting to £41,674 (2022 - £38,536).

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The principal funding sources of income are donations and collection during services.

The Trust has a very conservative, risk free approach on investments and hence the funds are kept only in current or interest bearing bank accounts.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The Charity has a very conservative, risk free approach. In view of minimal interest on deposit accounts, the funds are kept in a current account.

Plans for the future

Charity continues to offer spiritual services, support families and individuals and other charities for missionary work. It is committed to providing music lessons, good values and ethics to enhance the future of the younger generations.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity was established by a charitable trust deed on 26 June 2009.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr B Hrab

Mr D Soimaru

Mr A Sarban

Mr S Martincu

Mr D Stan

Mr S Iliso

Mr L G Pahomi

Mr C Bujdei

Mr B A Ceaciru

The Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed by a simple majority at a meeting of the Spiritual Leadership. Every future trustee is required to sign a declaration of willingness to act as a Trustee of the Charity before he or she is eligible to vote at any meeting of the Trustees. All Trustees are required to subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs. If there are trustees who are not members of the Spiritual Leadership then their role is confined to the management and administration of the Charity in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed and of the general law.

All trustees give their time freely and no remuneration is paid.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The Charity has the first Spiritual Leadership comprising five leaders who then appoint successors. Governance and Management are as described above. The trustees are required to hold at least two meetings each year. The quorum at the meeting is two or one-half of the total number of Trustees, whichever is greater.

The Trustees have the powers to appoint a Chair, Treasurer, Committees and other honorary officers to help in the administration of the Charity.

Funds held as custodian trustee

One of the trustees, Mr Andrei Sarban, holds the cash balances on behalf of the Charity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

Mr B Hrab

Trustee

Dated: 30 April 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BETEL ROMANIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of BETEL ROMANIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (the Charity) for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Yashlal P Hindocha, BA, FCA

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
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Dated: 30 April 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Notes							
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	3	119,042	-	119,042	136,485	-	136,485
Investments	4	2,648	-	2,648	117	-	117
Other income	5	842	-	842	4,000	-	4,000
Total income		<u>122,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,532</u>	<u>140,602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>140,602</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Charitable activities	6	<u>146,773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,773</u>	<u>141,032</u>	<u>(1,043)</u>	<u>139,989</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(24,241)	-	(24,241)	(430)	1,043	613
Fund balances at 1 July 2022		<u>368,649</u>	<u>47,902</u>	<u>416,551</u>	<u>369,079</u>	<u>46,859</u>	<u>415,938</u>
Fund balances at 30 June 2023		<u><u>344,408</u></u>	<u><u>47,902</u></u>	<u><u>392,310</u></u>	<u><u>368,649</u></u>	<u><u>47,902</u></u>	<u><u>416,551</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		4,490		5,987
Current assets					
Debtors	12	924		926	
Cash at bank and in hand		394,336		419,478	
		<u>395,260</u>		<u>420,404</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(7,440)</u>		<u>(9,840)</u>	
Net current assets			387,820		410,564
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>392,310</u>		<u>416,551</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			47,902		47,902
Unrestricted funds			344,408		368,649
			<u>392,310</u>		<u>416,551</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30 April 2024

Mr B Hrab
Trustee

BETEL ROMANIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

BETEL ROMANIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH is a registered charity, number 1131232, and is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 26th June 2009 which is the governing document. The principal address is 22 Woodridge Way, Northwood, HA6 2BE.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are those that can only be used for restricted purposes within the objects of the Trust. Restrictions arise when specified by donors or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The purposes and the uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the receipt.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

Charitable activities include donations paid to individuals, institutions and support costs paid to further the objectives of the charity.

Governance costs represent those costs of the strategic management of the charity and of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% p.a. on a reducing balance basis
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Foreign exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are included in net outgoing resources.

1.11 Taxation

The Church is an exempt charity within the meaning of Schedule 2 of the Charities Act 1993 and as such is a charity within the meaning of Section 506(1) of the Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, the Church is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered under Section 505 of Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively for charitable purposes.

The Church receives no such exemption in respect of Value Added Tax.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

3 Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	69,010	91,867
Collection plate	50,032	44,618
	<u>119,042</u>	<u>136,485</u>

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2023 £	2022 £
Interest receivable	<u>2,648</u>	<u>117</u>

5 Other income

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift aid claims received	<u>842</u>	<u>4,000</u>

6 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation and impairment	1,497	1,996
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	-	4,918
Share of support costs (see note 8)	63,846	75,914
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	81,430	57,161
	<u>146,773</u>	<u>139,989</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	146,773	141,032
Restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,043)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

7 Grants payable

	2023 £	2022 £
Other	-	179
Grants to individuals	-	4,739
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,918</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,918</u>

Grants paid include donations to individuals for purposes which are in line with the Charity's objectives.

8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	2022 £	Basis of allocation
Exchange Losses/(gains)	-	16	16	(34)	
Missionary work costs	41,674	-	41,674	38,536	
Church guests costs	9,945	-	9,945	21,207	
Sunday school meeting costs	4,647	-	4,647	6,553	
Bibles, books and gifts costs	1,977	-	1,977	1,024	
Members meeting costs	5,603	-	5,603	8,594	
Accountancy	-	2,400	2,400	2,400	Governance
Rent and utilities	-	72,468	72,468	64,189	Governance
Printing, postage and telephone	-	-	-	861	Governance
Bank charges and general expenses	-	6,546	6,546	(10,255)	Governance
	<u>63,846</u>	<u>81,430</u>	<u>145,276</u>	<u>133,075</u>	
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>63,846</u>	<u>81,430</u>	<u>145,276</u>	<u>133,075</u>	

Support costs include expenses incurred for Church guests to advance the Christian faith. Church guests expenses include travelling, subsistence and other expenses for Pastors, choir singers and groups to preach and entertain the congregation.

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £2,400 (2022- £2,400) for accounting and reporting fees.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 July 2022	41,261
At 30 June 2023	41,261
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 July 2022	35,274
Depreciation charged in the year	1,497
At 30 June 2023	36,771
Carrying amount	
At 30 June 2023	4,490
At 30 June 2022	5,987

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	924	926

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	7,440	9,840

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 30 June 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	4,490	-	4,490	5,987	-	5,987
Current assets/(liabilities)	339,918	47,902	387,820	410,564	-	410,564
	<u>344,408</u>	<u>47,902</u>	<u>392,310</u>	<u>416,551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>416,551</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year, living support grant amounting to £nil (2022 - £500) was paid to one of the previous Trustees, Mr C Pomohaci.