

# BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH, ROGERSTONE

England & Wales · Charity number 1132056

## Details

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Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-10-09
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

**Activities:** Furthering the Christian religion through public worship, prayer, bible study, communion of the Lord's Supper, evangelism and mission, giving and supporting pastoral care. Providing family support through toddler groups and luncheon facilities for older people. Supporting Christian Ministry and charitable social action in the UK and overseas.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED, IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Newport City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£157,645	£175,783	-	-
2024-12-31	£168,618	£188,369	-	-
2023-12-31	£188,267	£162,183	-	-
2022-12-31	£183,336	£187,452	-	-
2021-12-31	£147,260	£159,534	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev MARK THOMAS</b>	Chair	2013-09-11
Christopher James Lynbeck		2018-05-20
Christopher Perkins		2022-04-06
David Roger Goodall		2022-04-06
Douglas Arthur Radford		2022-04-06
Elizabeth Freeman		2022-04-06
Elizabeth Jones		2022-04-06
Jason Baker		2022-04-06
Martyn Ryan		2022-04-06
Mary Finch		2022-04-06

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# Accounts

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## **Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone**

### **Financial Statements**

**For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**



**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Charity name: Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone**

**Charity registration number: 1132056**

**Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity operates under a Governing Document which states that its principal purpose is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the principles of the Baptist denomination. This includes promoting education, supporting community services, and pursuing other general charitable activities in any parts of the United Kingdom or the wider world as determined by the Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>To fulfil its principal objective, the Church offers a wide range of activities for both its members and the wider community across its two sites on Cefn Road ("Bethesda") and the Cefn Wood estate ("Cefn Wood"). Guided by our commitment to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in both word and action, and to encourage spiritual growth and discipleship, the Church continues to work under its vision statement: <b>Inspiring People to Follow Jesus.</b></p> <p>Members of the congregation are encouraged to serve in specific roles within the life of the Church and the community. Established teams—Worship, Media, Welcome, World Mission, Pastoral Care, and Finance, ensures that the skills and experience of our members are used for the benefit of the whole fellowship.</p> <p>At the heart of the Church's ministry is the regular provision of public Christian worship. Services are held every Sunday at both Bethesda and Cefn Wood, with additional formal services taking place at other times as advertised. The Church aims to be a friendly and welcoming community, and all are free to attend any of its services. A full children's and youth programme is provided during the Sunday morning services.</p> <p>The Church also runs a weekly Bible study and fortnightly house groups to support growth in faith and discipleship. Opportunities for corporate prayer are offered mid-week and on Sunday mornings.</p>

		The Church employs a part-time Children and Youth Worker who serves both within the Church and the wider community. She and her team run weekly activities for children and young people ("Keeping the Faith 2gether") and coordinate children's work during Sunday services. Three Toddler Groups meet at Bethesda on Wednesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, and Thursday mornings, alongside a weekly story and rhyme time at Cefn Wood. A regular pattern of Messy Church and Dads & Toddlers sessions has also been established. Children's Holiday Clubs are held at Easter and/or during the summer.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All Church groups and activities are encouraged to maintain a community and/or missionary focus, and to raise funds for initiatives both in the UK and overseas. The Church supports a variety of charitable organisations working locally and internationally. At a local level, the Church provides ongoing support to the Food Bank.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The principal purpose of Bethesda Baptist Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also promote education and undertake other charitable activities within the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world.</p> <p>During the year ending December 2025, the Church continued its regular pattern of ministry and community engagement. Sunday morning services were held in person at both sites, alongside the introduction of live-streamed meetings. Communion services continued on the first Sunday evening of each month. Linx, our ladies' fellowship group, met twice monthly, occasionally three times depending on the month. Toddler groups ran on Wednesday mornings and afternoons, as well as Thursday mornings. Bible studies were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and streamed live on Facebook, with prayer meetings taking place fortnightly. Story Time sessions were held at Cefn Wood on Tuesday mornings, and a weekly fellowship meeting took place on Tuesday afternoons at Cefn Wood. Warm Welcome sessions were offered on Mondays at Cefn Wood and Fridays at Bethesda. Dads and Toddlers met on the last Saturday morning of each month.</p> <p><b>Key achievements in the year to December 2025 included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing support—through Harvest, the Christmas Appeal, and other initiatives—for our charity partners in the UK and worldwide, including BMS World Mission, TEAR Fund, Vision of Hope, ICE Wales, and Cariad Kenya.</li> <li>• An upgrade to the audio-visual system to improve the quality and reliability of live-streamed Sunday services.</li> <li>• Preparation and distribution of 28 clothing packs for children aged 0–7, each containing pyjamas, vests, pants, socks, babygrows, toiletries, a selection box, and a toy. These were again warmly received, following the success of the previous year.</li> <li>• Distribution of 100 Christmas hampers to members of the local community by invitation.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical support for individuals and families in the community experiencing difficult circumstances.</li> <li>• A full programme of Christmas services at both Bethesda and Cefn Wood.</li> <li>• Presentation and approval of the 2026 budget, including agreement to increase the salaries of the Church's three paid employees.</li> </ul>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite recording a deficit at the end of the year, the charity's financial position remains stable. Although building work at the Manse and remedial work to the fabric of both the Bethesda and Cefn Wood buildings required significant expenditure, the charity's liquid assets remain healthy
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees have adopted a policy that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ("free reserves") will be retained on deposit as a contingency fund, in recognition of the significant financial risks faced by charities today. Free reserves at year-end amounted to £243,202 (2024: £263,073).
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Funds at year-end totalled £260,246 (2024: £285,224).  It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain reserves equivalent to six months of operating costs, which currently amounts to approximately £75,000. The remaining unrestricted funds are to be used, as guided by God and the Church membership, to serve the community and support the Church's charitable giving.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

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Trustees Salaries & Expenses  The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The average number of employees during the year was three (equivalent to 2.1 full-time posts). No employee received emoluments exceeding £60,000, and no ex-gratia payments were made. No Trustee received remuneration or claimed expenses in relation to their duties as a Trustee. Pastor Mark Thomas serves as a Trustee by virtue of his role as Pastor. In this capacity, he receives
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		a stipend and reimbursement of expenses incurred in carrying out his pastoral duties.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		The Independent Examiner carries out her work without charge to the Church. No legal fees, meeting costs, or other governance-related expenses were incurred during the year.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The appointment of Charity Trustees shall be discerned through consultation with Church Members. Suggestions from Members will be submitted to the Ministry Team for prayerful consideration, without the nominee's prior knowledge and with no assurance that the nomination will proceed. Following this period of discernment, the Minister(s) or Church Secretary will approach the nominee to seek confirmation of God's leading. Nominees will then be presented to an Ordinary Church Members' Meeting for continued prayerful consideration, with a formal vote taking place at a subsequent properly convened Church Members' Meeting. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot at an Ordinary Church Members' Meeting. Members will be invited to vote for those nominated candidates whom they believe are suited to serve the Church as Charity Trustees. Each Member may vote for as many nominees as they consider appropriate. Candidates shall be elected if they receive votes from at least 80% of those Members voting.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The custodian Trustee of the Church is the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation Limited (charity number 248192), which is overseen by the Baptist Union of Wales Council. The Church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Wales, the Gwent Baptist Association, and the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Church makes annual donations to these bodies and has additionally contributed to the Baptist Union of Great Britain's Home Mission Scheme through the South Wales Baptist Association.
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1132056
Charity's principal address	Cefn Road Rogerstone Newport NP10 9AS

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev. Mark Thomas	Chair		Church Membership
2	Douglas Arthur Radford	Secretary		Church Membership
3	Martyn Ryan	Treasurer		Church Membership
4	Christopher Perkins			Church Membership
5	Chris Lynbeck			Church Membership
6	David Roger Goodall			Church Membership
7	Elizabeth Jones			Church Membership
8	Mary Finch			Church Membership
9	Jason Baker			Church Membership
10	Elizabeth Freeman			Church Membership
11	Dan Goulding		01.01.25 to 05.04.25	Church Membership

**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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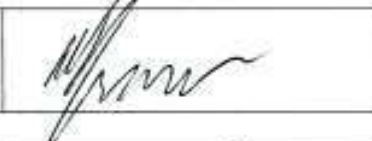

**Other optional information**

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**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name	Position	Signature
Mark Thomas	Chair	
Martyn Ryan	Treasurer	
Doug Radford	Secretary	

19/3/26
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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period  
from

01/01/2025

To

31/12/2025




**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	106,597	-	-	106,597	119,943
Mission Giving	-	6,698	-	6,698	5,184
Legacies/In Memory	1,214	-	-	1,214	320
Donations for Use of Premises	1,060	-	-	1,060	1,130
Donations from Church Activities	5,715	824	-	6,539	6,709
Gift Aid Received	27,447	771	-	28,218	27,466
Bank Interest	221	136	-	357	437
Building Society Interest	6,362	-	-	6,362	6,569
Other	-	600	-	600	860
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>148,616</b>	<b>9,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>157,645</b>	<b>168,618</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>148,616</b>	<b>9,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>157,645</b>	<b>168,618</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Overseas Mission	6,365	4,814	-	11,179	11,114
Mission in Britain	21,509	3,482	-	24,991	19,850
Affiliation Fees	4,519	-	-	4,519	3,979
Relief of Poverty	1,850	-	-	1,850	2,200
Staff Costs	73,158	-	-	73,158	75,677
Other	-	-	-	-	260
Premises Costs	55,994	-	-	55,994	63,361
Charity Running Costs	5,092	-	-	5,092	5,916
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>168,487</b>	<b>8,296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>176,783</b>	<b>182,356</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
Fixed Asset Purchases	-	5,840	-	5,840	6,013
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,840</b>	<b>6,013</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>168,487</b>	<b>14,136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>182,623</b>	<b>188,369</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(19,871)</b>	<b>(5,107)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(24,978)</b>	<b>(19,752)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>263,073</b>	<b>22,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>285,224</b>	<b>304,975</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>243,202</b>	<b>17,044</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>260,246</b>	<b>285,224</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Accounts	13,003	17,044	-
	Building Society Account	230,199	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	<b>243,202</b>	<b>17,044</b>	-
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors	-	3,071	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
	Bethesda Baptist Church Building	Unrestricted	-	-
	Cefn Wood Baptist Church Building	Unrestricted	-	-
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	-
	Furniture	Unrestricted		
	Computers & Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
	Oberammagau Trip		2	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark Thomas	19/3/26
	Martyn Ryan	19/3/26
	Doug Radford	19/3/26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2025 Charity no (if any) 1132056

Set out on pages

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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

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: [Signature] Date: 25/2/2026

Name: MRS. S. H. PARRY

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

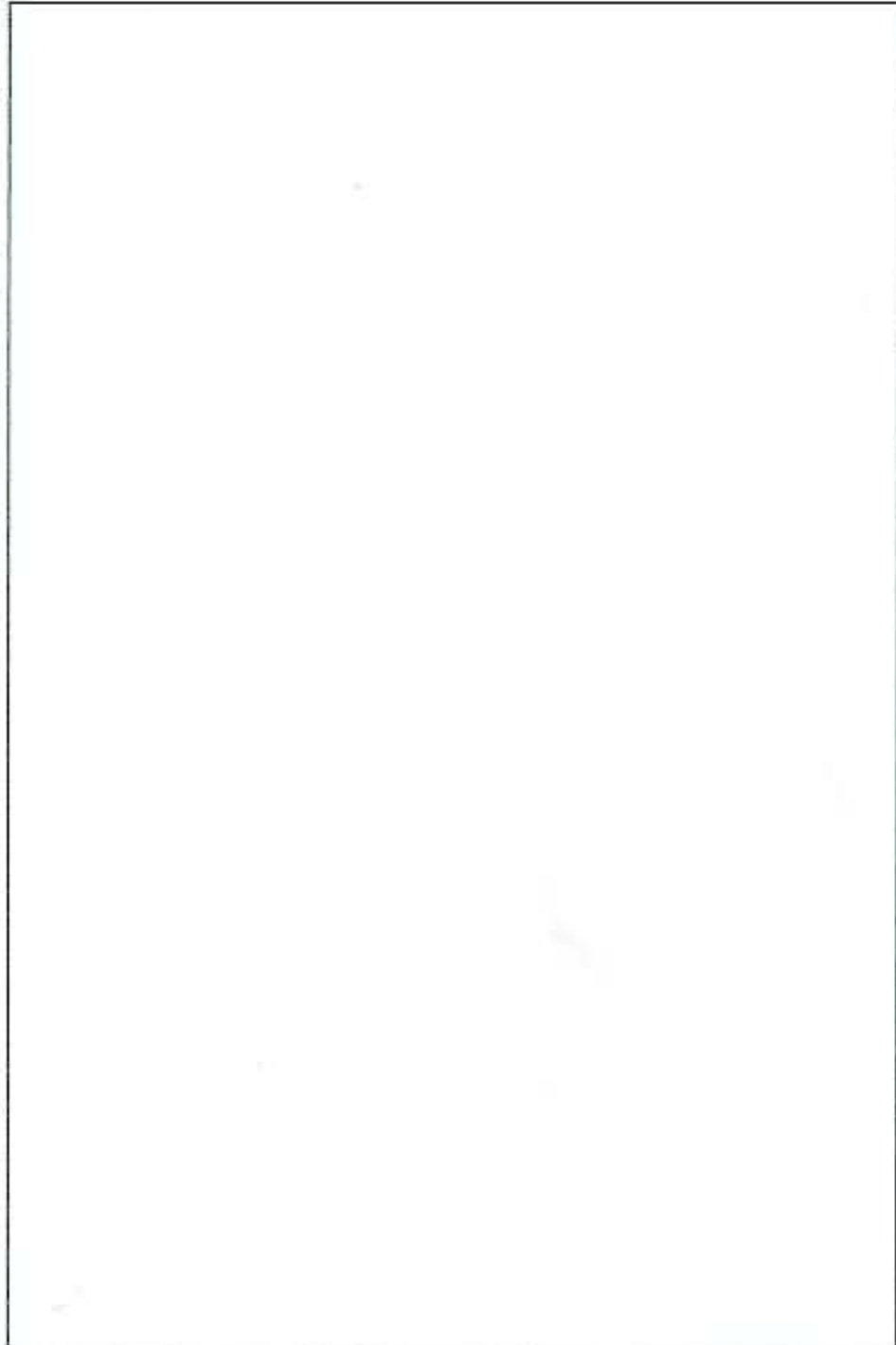
RETIRED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

39 PARKFIELDS, PENYFAR, BRIDGEND, CF31 4NP

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.**



**BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH, ROGERSTONE**

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# Accounts

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## **Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone**

### **Financial Statements**

**For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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		<p>opportunity for corporate prayer mid-week and on Sunday mornings.</p> <p>The Church employs a part-time Children and Youth Worker to work within the church and the wider community. She and her team run weekly activities for children and young people (Keeping the faith 2gether) and coordinate activity during our Sunday services. They run three Toddlers Groups at Bethesda's premises on a Wednesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons and Thursday morning and a weekly story and rhyme time at Cefn Wood. A regular pattern of Messy Church and Dads &amp; Toddlers sessions has also been established. Children's Holiday Clubs run at Easter and/or during the summer.</p>
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How is the charity constituted? ( <a href="#">e.g unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g.	Para 1.25	The process for discerning the appointment of Charity Trustees shall be through consultation with Church Members; suggestions from

<p>election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees</p>		<p>Members being put forward to the Ministry Team for prayerful consideration (without a nominee's knowledge and with no guarantee that the nomination will proceed); after which the Minister(s) or Church Secretary shall approach the nominee to discern God's leading. Nominees shall then be submitted to an ordinary Church Member's Meeting for continued prayerful consideration before voting subsequently at a properly convened Church Members' Meeting.</p> <p>Voting shall be by secret ballot at an Ordinary Church Members Meeting. Church Members shall be asked to vote for those nominated candidates who they believe would serve the church well as Charity Trustees. Each Member may vote for as many nominees as they believe meet this criterion. Candidates shall be elected provided they have received votes from at least 80%, of those members voting.</p>
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<p>Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees</p>	<p>Para 1.51</p>	
<p>The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works</p>	<p>Para 1.51</p>	
<p>Relationship with any related parties</p>	<p>Para 1.51</p>	<p>The custodian Trustee of the church is the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 248192, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union of Wales Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Wales, the Gwent Baptist Association and the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Church makes annual donations to these and has also made a donation to the Baptist Union of Great Britain Home Mission Scheme through the South Wales Baptist Association.</p>
<p>Other</p>		

**Reference and Administrative details**

<p>Charity name</p>	<p>Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone</p>
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Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1132056
Charity's principal address	Cefn Road Rogerstone Newport NP10 9AS

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Rev. Mark Thomas	Chair		Church Membership
2	Douglas Arthur Radford	Secretary		Church Membership
3	Martyn Ryan	Treasurer		Church Membership
4	Dan Goulding			Church Membership
5	Chris Lynbeck			Church Membership
5	David Roger Goodall			Church Membership
6	Elizabeth Jones			Church Membership
7	Mary Finch			Church Membership
8	Jason Baker			Church Membership
9	Elizabeth Freeman			Church Membership
10	Christopher Perkins			Church Membership

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

<b>Director name</b>		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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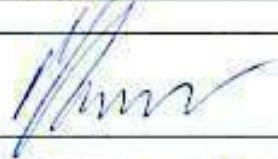

**Other optional information**

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**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name	Position	Signature
Mark Thomas	Chair	
Martyn Ryan	Treasurer	
Doug Radford	Secretary	

30/3/25
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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period  
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	109,943	10,000	-	119,943	118,078
Mission Giving	1,673	3,510	-	5,184	6,041
Legacies/In Memory	320		-	320	5,101
Donations for Use of Premises	1,130		-	1,130	1,230
Donations from Church Activities	6,709		-	6,709	5,798
Gift Aid Received	24,478	2,988	-	27,466	49,350
Bank Interest	289	148	-	437	251
Building Society Interest	6,569		-	6,569	2,268
Other		860	-	860	150
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>151,112</b>	<b>17,506</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>168,618</b>	<b>188,267</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>151,112</b>	<b>17,506</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>168,618</b>	<b>188,267</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Overseas Mission	11,114			11,114	9,557
Mission in Britain	22,338	3,428		25,766	20,421
Affiliation Fees	3,979			3,979	4,399
Relief of Poverty	2,200	-		2,200	4,742
Staff Costs	75,677			75,677	66,332
Other	-	260		260	0
Premises Costs	63,361			63,361	56,732
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>178,669</b>	<b>3,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>182,356</b>	<b>162,183</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Fixed Asset Purchases	4,483	1,530	-	6,013	-
				-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,483</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,013</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>183,152</b>	<b>5,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>188,369</b>	<b>162,183</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 32,040</b>	<b>12,289</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 19,751</b>	<b>26,084</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>295,113</b>	<b>9,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>304,975</b>	<b>278,892</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>263,073</b>	<b>22,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>285,224</b>	<b>304,976</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Accounts	39,276	22,111	-
	Building Society Account	223,837		-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	<b>263,113</b>	<b>22,111</b>	<b>-</b>
285,222				
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details			
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details			
	Bethesda Baptist Church Building	Unrestricted	-	-
	Cefn Wood Baptist Church Building	Unrestricted	-	-
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	-
	Furniture	Unrestricted		
Computers & Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-	
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details			
	Oberammagau Trip		2	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark Thomas	30/3/25
	Martyn Ryan	30/3/25
	Doug Radford	30/3/25



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31st DECEMBER 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1132056

**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:**

S.H. Parry

**Date:**

11/3/25

**Name:**

MRS S.H. PARRY

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

RETIRED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

**Address:**

39 PARKFIELDS, PEN-Y-FAE,  
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.**

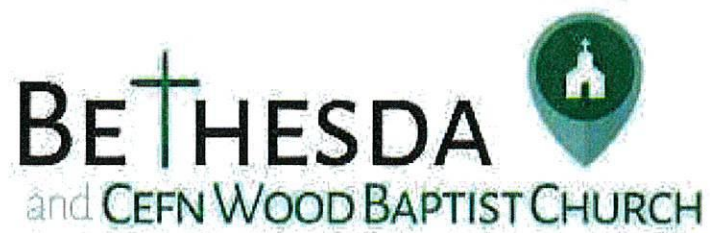
**BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH, ROGERSTONE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1132056

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# Accounts

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**Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone**

**Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Charity Number: 1132056**



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charity name: Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone

Charity registration number: 1132056

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity is governed by a Governing Document which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>In order to achieve the principal objective, set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities for its membership and for the wider community, at its two sites on Cefn Road ("Bethesda") and on the Cefn Wood estate ("Cefn Wood"). Recognising that our aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed, as well as to encourage spiritual growth and discipleship, the Church continues to work under its vision statement: Inspiring People to Follow Jesus.</p> <p>We encourage members of our congregation to take up specific roles within the life of the church and community. The established teams (Worship, Media, Welcome, World Mission, Pastoral Care, Finance) ensure that skills and experience are used for the benefit of the wider congregation.</p> <p>Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at both Bethesda and Cefn Wood. There are also occasional formal services of worship at other times, which are advertised as described below. The Church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend any of its services. There is a full children's and youth programme during the morning services. The Church runs a weekly bible study, as well as fortnightly house groups to encourage growth in faith and discipleship. The Church provides</p>

		<p>opportunity for corporate prayer mid-week and on Sunday mornings.</p> <p>The Church employs a part-time Children and Youth Worker to work within the church and the wider community. She and her team run weekly activities for children and young people (Keeping the faith 2gether) and coordinate activity during our Sunday services. They run three Toddlers Groups at Bethesda's premises on a Wednesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons and Thursday morning and a weekly story and rhyme time at Cefn Wood. A regular pattern of Messy Church and Dads &amp; Toddlers sessions has also been established. Children's Holiday Clubs run at Easter and/or during the summer.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All of the Church groups and activities are encouraged to have a community and/or missionary focus, and to raise funds for activities at home and abroad. Church supports a range of charitable organisations that operate either locally or internationally. Locally, the Church supports the Food bank.

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The principal purpose of Bethesda Baptist Church is the advancement of the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the UK and/or other parts of the World.</p> <p>The year to the end 2023 saw the Church return to a new normal. With Sunday morning services at both sites in person and an end to zoom meetings and a communion evening service on the first Sunday of every month. Linx, a ladies meeting, twice a month sometimes three depending on the month. Toddlers on a Wednesday morning and afternoon also Thursday morning a Bible study on a Tuesday and Thursday live on Facebook, prayer meetings fortnightly. Story time at Cefn Wood Tuesday morning, fellowship meeting Tuesday afternoons at Cefn wood. Warm welcome on a Monday at Cefn wood and a Friday at Bethesda. Dads and toddlers, the last Saturday morning of each month</p> <p>Key achievements in the year to December 2023 were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing support (including via Harvest, Christmas appeal) to our charity partners in the UK and worldwide (BMS World Mission, TEAR Fund, Vision of Hope, ICE Wales, Cariad Kenya).</li> <li>• Completion of new audio-visual system to enhance the provision for Sunday services, community events, funerals, weddings, etc.</li> <li>• Clothing packs for children 0 to 7. 48 bags were distributed containing pyjamas vests pants socks babygrow toiletries selection box and a toy</li> <li>• Distribution of 100 Christmas "hampers" via invitation to the local community.</li> <li>• Programme of Christmas services in Bethesda and Cefn Wood in December</li> <li>• Presentation and agreement of the budget for 2023, including agreement to increase the salaries of the Church's three paid employees</li> </ul>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

### Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	the charity made a surplus during the year, which was mainly due to the 2022 Gift Aid monies being received in 2023. The liquid assets remain healthy.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds, not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the "free reserves") held by the charity, and given the significant financial risks faced by charities nowadays, will be retained on deposit as a contingency fund. Free reserves are currently £295,113 (2022: £272,629).
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£304,975 (2022: £278,892)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Trustees Salaries & Expenses  The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The average number of employees during the year was 3. (2.1 Full-time Equivalent.) No employee received more than £60,000 in emoluments. No ex-gratia payments were made. No Trustee has received remuneration or charged expenses in relation to their work as a Trustee. Pastor Mark Thomas is a Trustee by virtue of his role as Pastor. Pastor Mark Thomas receives a stipend and repayment of expenses incurred in his role as Pastor of the Church.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		The Independent Examiner undertakes his work without charge to the Church. There were no legal costs, meeting costs or other costs incurred in governance of the Church.

### Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
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Other		

**Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name	Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1132056
Charity's principal address	Cefn Road Rogerstone Newport NP10 9AS

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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5	Chris Lynbeck			Church Membership
6	David Roger Goodall			Church Membership
7	Elizabeth Jones			Church Membership
8	Mary Finch			Church Membership
9	Jason Baker			Church Membership
10	Elizabeth Freeman			Church Membership
11	Christopher Perkins			Church Membership

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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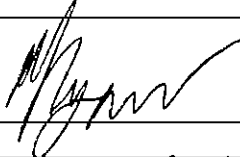
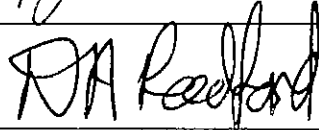
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name	Position	Signature
Mark Thomas	Chair	
Martyn Ryan	Treasurer	
Doug Radford	Secretary	

7/4/24
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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period  
from

01/01/2023

To

31/12/2023




**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	118,078	-	-	118,078	109,356
Mission Giving	549	5,492	-	6,041	9,810
Legacies/In Memory	5,101	-	-	5,101	3,954
Donations for Use of Premises	1,230	-	-	1,230	1,501
Donations from Church Activities	5,798	-	-	5,798	4,727
Gift Aid Received	48,287	1,063	-	49,350	52,572
Bank Interest	159	92	-	251	16
Building Society Interest	2,268	-	-	2,268	1,032
Other	-	150	-	150	400
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>181,470</b>	<b>6,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>188,267</b>	<b>183,366</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>181,470</b>	<b>6,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>188,267</b>	<b>183,366</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Overseas Mission	5,920	3,637	-	9,557	15,128
Mission in Britain	17,533	2,888	-	20,421	24,299
Affiliation Fees	4,399	-	-	4,399	4,954
Relief of Poverty	4,712	30	-	4,742	2,005
Staff Costs	66,332	-	-	66,332	69,130
Other	- 0	-	-	0	7,838
Premises Costs	56,732	-	-	56,732	43,943
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>155,628</b>	<b>6,555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,183</b>	<b>167,296</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Fixed Asset Purchases	-	-	-	-	20,156
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,156</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>155,628</b>	<b>6,555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,183</b>	<b>187,452</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>25,842</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,084</b>	<b>- 4,086</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	- 2,085	2,085	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	271,356	7,536	-	278,892	282,978
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>295,113</b>	<b>9,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>304,975</b>	<b>278,892</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Accounts	47,845	9,863	-
	Building Society Account	247,268		-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>295,113</b>	<b>9,863</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	301,107	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Oberammagau Trip		2	
	Pension		3,866	28 January 2024

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark Thomas	7/4/24
	Martyn Ryan	7/4/24
	Doug Radford	7/4/24



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1132056

**Set out on pages**

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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 31/12/2023.

**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  
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**Date:**

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**Name:**

Mr. Steve Villars

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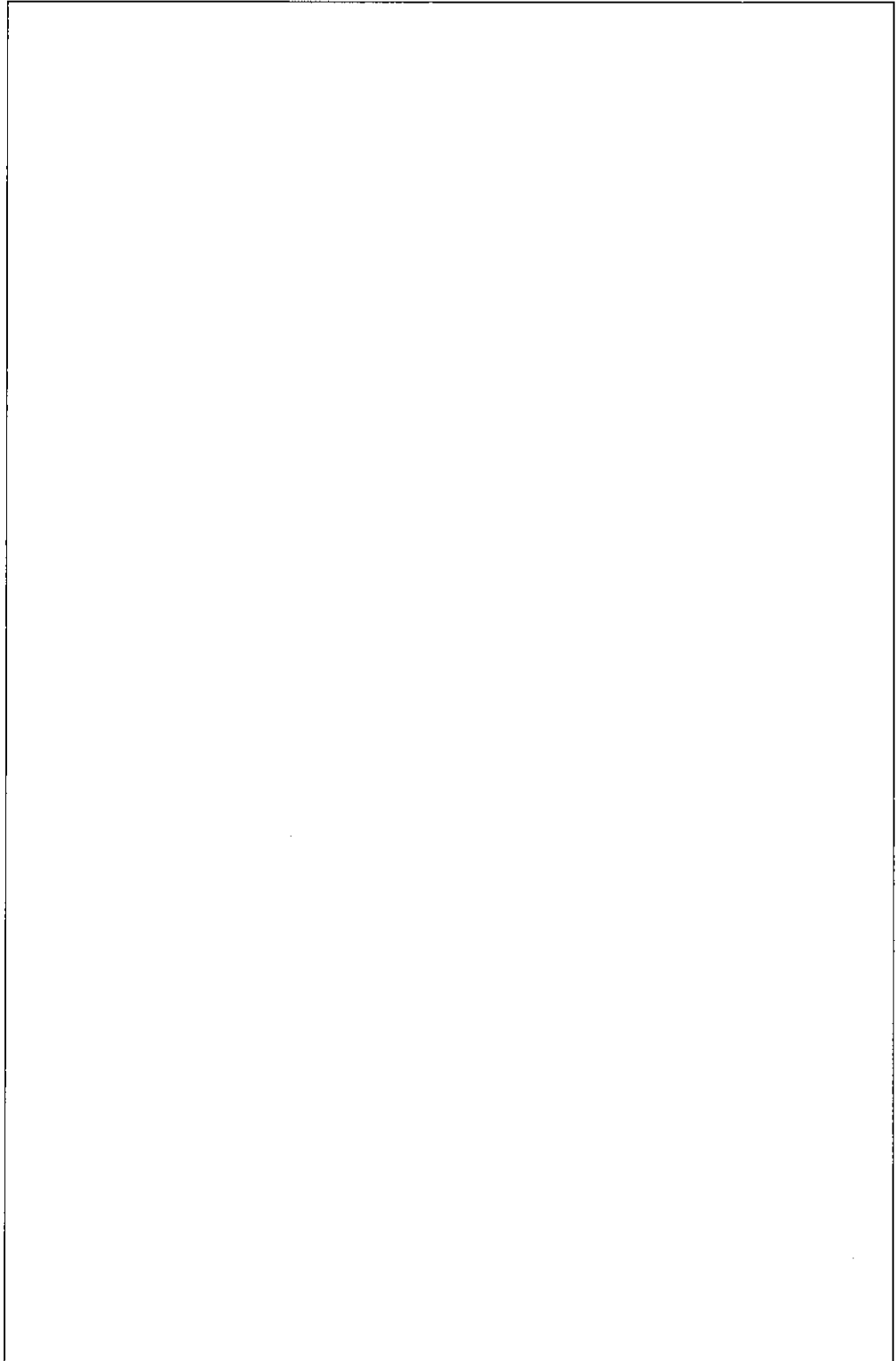
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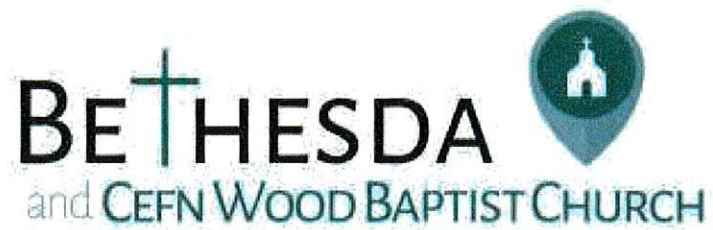
**BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH, ROGERSTONE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1132056

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# Accounts

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**Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone**

**Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Charity Number: 1132056**



**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The custodian Trustee of the church is the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 248192, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union of Wales Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Wales, the

		Gwent Baptist Association and the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Church makes annual donations to these and has also made a donation to the Baptist Union of Great Britain Home Mission Scheme through the South Wales Baptist Association.
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1132056
Charity's principal address	Cefn Road Rogerstone Newport NP10 9AS

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev. Mark Thomas	Chair		Church Membership
2	Alyson Thomas	Secretary	To 06.04.22	Church Membership
3	Dan Goulding	Treasurer		Church Membership
4	Chris Lynbeck			Church Membership
5	Geraint Stephens		To 06.04.22	Church Membership
6	Pamela Williams		To 06.04.22	Church Membership
7	David Roger Goodall		From 06.04.22	Church Membership
8	Elizabeth Jones		From 06.04.22	Church Membership
9	Mary Finch		From 06.04.22	Church Membership
10	Jason Baker		From 06.04.22	Church Membership
11	Elizabeth Freeman		From 06.04.22	Church Membership
12	Douglas Arthur Radford	Secretary	From 06.04.22	Church Membership
13	Christopher Perkins		From 06.04.22	Church Membership
14	Martyn Ryan	Treasurer	From 06.04.22	Church Membership

**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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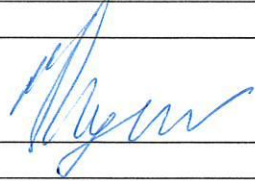
**Other optional information**

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**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name	Position	Signature
Mark Thomas	Chair	
Martyn Ryan	Treasurer	
Doug Radford	Secretary	

30/4/23
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Bethesda Baptist Church**

1132056

**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period  
from

01/01/2022

To

31/12/2022


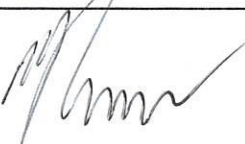
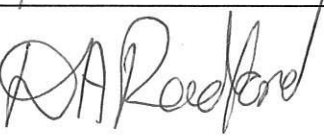
**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	109,356		-	109,356	111,582
Mission Giving	125	9,685	-	9,810	3,573
Legacies/In Memory	2,954	1,000	-	3,954	1,700
Donations for Use of Premises	1,501		-	1,501	220
Donations from Church Activities	4,727		-	4,727	653
Gift Aid Received	50,887	1,685	-	52,572	24,230
Bank Interest	8	8	-	16	2
Building Society Interest	1,032		-	1,032	1,039
Other	400		-	400	4,261
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>170,988</b>	<b>12,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>183,366</b>	<b>147,260</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Overseas Mission	4,884	10,244		15,128	21,635
Mission in Britain	19,352	4,947		24,299	15,121
Affiliation Fees	4,954			4,954	6,948
Relief of Poverty	2,005			2,005	5,214
Staff Costs	69,130			69,130	71,150
Other	7,838			7,838	-
Premises Costs	43,943			43,943	27,761
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>152,105</b>	<b>15,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>167,296</b>	<b>147,829</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Fixed Asset Purchases	20,156	-	-	20,156	11,705
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>20,156</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,156</b>	<b>11,705</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>172,261</b>	<b>15,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>187,452</b>	<b>159,534</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,273</b>	<b>- 2,813</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,086</b>	<b>- 12,274</b>
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	272,629	10,349	-	282,978	295,252
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>271,356</b>	<b>7,536</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>278,892</b>	<b>282,978</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Accounts			-
	Building Society Account			-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	Ok
	277,757	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Oberammagau Trip		2	
	Pension		1,133	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Mark Thomas	30/4/23
		Martyn Ryan	30/4/23
		Doug Radford	30/4/23



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1132056

Set out on pages

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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 31/12/2021.

**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.

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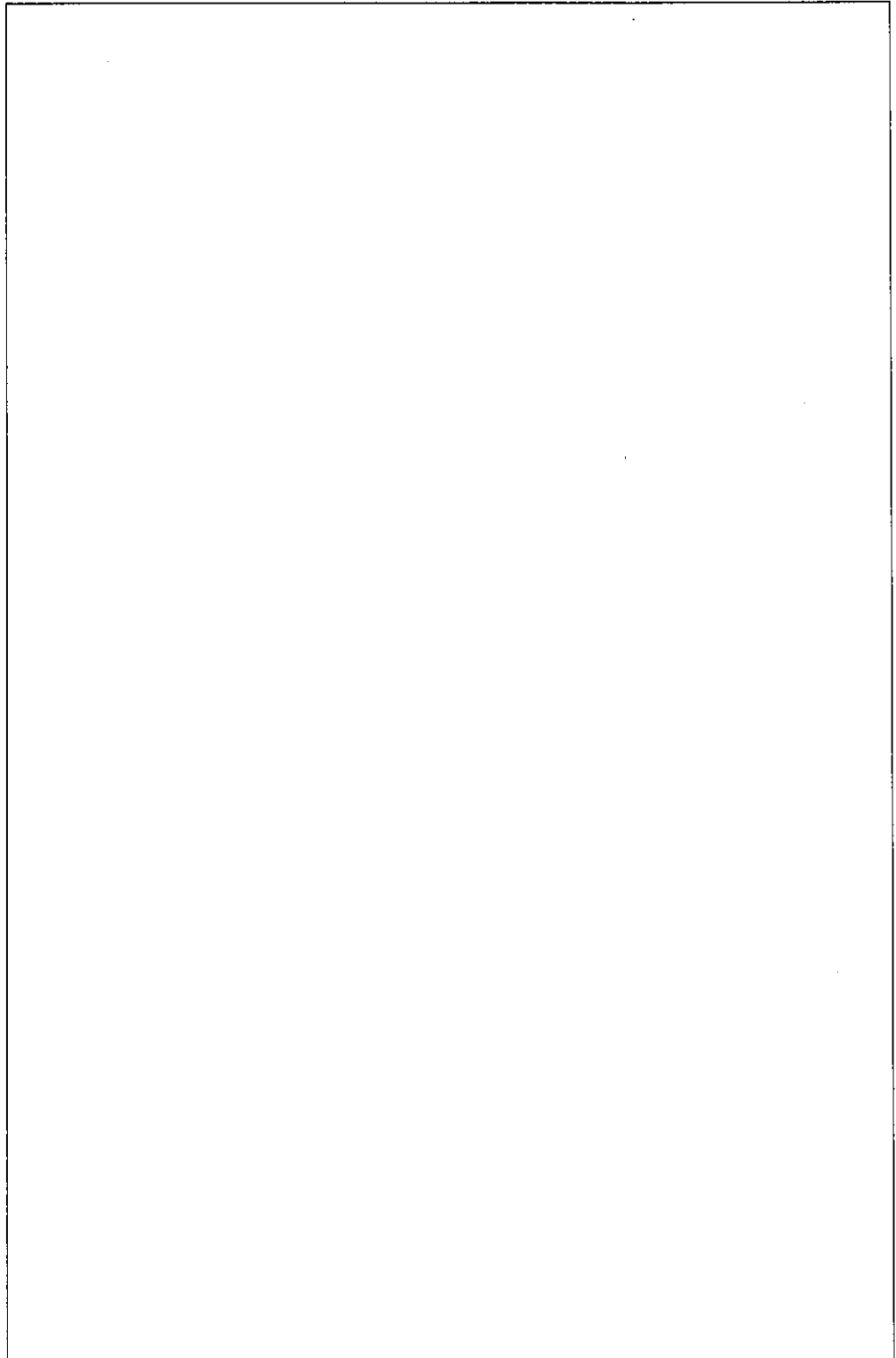
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**Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone**

**Financial Statements**

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How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The process for discerning the appointment of Charity Trustees shall be through consultation with Church Members; suggestions from Members being put forward to the Ministry Team for prayerful consideration (without a nominee's knowledge and with no guarantee that the nomination will proceed); after which the Minister(s) or Church Secretary shall approach the nominee to discern God's leading. Nominees shall then be submitted to an ordinary Church Member's Meeting for continued prayerful consideration before voting subsequently at a properly convened Church Members' Meeting.  Voting shall be by secret ballot at an Ordinary Church Members Meeting. Church Members shall be asked to vote for those nominated

		<p>candidates who they believe would serve the church well as Charity Trustees. Each Member may vote for as many nominees as they believe meet this criterion. Candidates shall be elected provided they have received votes from at least 80%, of those members voting.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The custodian Trustee of the church is the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 248192, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union of Wales Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Wales, the Gwent Baptist Association and the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Church makes annual donations to these and has also made a donation to the Baptist Union of Great Britain Home Mission Scheme through the South Wales Baptist Association.
Other		

**Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name	Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1132056
Charity's principal address	Cefn Road Rogerstone Newport NP10 9AS

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev. Mark Thomas	Chair		Church Membership
2	Alyson Thomas	Secretary		Church Membership
3	Dan Goulding	Treasurer		Church Membership
4	Chris Lynbeck			Church Membership
5	Geraint Stephens			Church Membership
6	Pamela Williams			Church Membership
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10				
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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**Other optional information**

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**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name	Position	Signature
Mark Thomas	Chair	
Dan Goulding	Treasurer	
Alyson Thomas	Secretary	

14 / 11 / 2022
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Bethesda Baptist Church**

**1132056**

**Receipts and payments accounts**

**CC16a**

For the period from	01/01/2021	To	31/12/2021
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	111,582	-	-	111,582	115,373
Missionary Giving	-	3,573	-	3,573	2,462
Legacies/In Memory	1,700	-	-	1,700	12,260
Donations for Use of Premises	220	-	-	220	1,890
Donations from Church Activities	653	-	-	653	6,569
Gift Aid Received	24,230	-	-	24,230	23,120
Bank Interest	1	1	-	2	22
Building Society Interest	1,039	-	-	1,039	1,034
Other	4,261	-	-	4,261	2,917
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>143,686</b>	<b>3,574</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,260</b>	<b>165,647</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>143,686</b>	<b>3,574</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,260</b>	<b>165,647</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Overseas Mission	19,848	1,787	-	21,635	1,820
Mission in Britain	14,471	650	-	15,121	18,669
Affiliation Fees	6,948	-	-	6,948	3,841
Relief of Poverty	5,214	-	-	5,214	5,850
Staff Costs	71,150	-	-	71,150	72,971
Other	-	-	-	-	4,588
Premises Costs	27,761	-	-	27,761	32,281
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>145,392</b>	<b>2,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,829</b>	<b>140,019</b>
<b>A4 Asset and Investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Fixed Asset Purchases	11,705	-	-	11,705	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>11,705</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,705</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>157,097</b>	<b>2,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>159,534</b>	<b>140,019</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 13,411</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,274</b>	<b>25,628</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	- 4,000	4,000	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	290,039	5,212	-	295,252	269,623
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>272,629</b>	<b>10,349</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>282,978</b>	<b>295,251</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Accounts	40,707	10,349	-
	Building Society Account	231,922	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>272,629</b>	<b>10,349</b>	<b>-</b>
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Salaries		58	
	Oberammagau Trip		7,840	
	BMS		1,136	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark Thomas	14/11/2022
	Dan Goulding	14/11/2022
	Alyson Thomas	14/11/22



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1132056

**Set out on pages**

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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 31/12/2021.

**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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

14/4/22

**Name:**

Mr Steve Villars

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

**Address:**

9 Magna Porta Gardens

Llantarnam

Cwmbran. NP44 3HF

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.**

