

Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone

**Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st December 2023**

Charity Number: 1132056



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 to 31st 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 & 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	
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.	Para 1.20	<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"> • 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). • Completion of new audio-visual system to enhance the provision for Sunday services, community events, funerals, weddings, etc. • Clothing packs for children 0 to 7. 48 bags were distributed containing pyjamas vests pants socks babygrow toiletries selection box and a toy • Distribution of 100 Christmas "hampers" via invitation to the local community. • Programme of Christmas services in Bethesda and Cefn Wood in December • Presentation and agreement of the budget for 2023, including agreement to increase the salaries of the Church's three paid employees

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 (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 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 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.
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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	Douglas Arthur Radford	Secretary		Church Membership
3	Martyn Ryan	Treasurer		Church Membership
4	Dan Goulding			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	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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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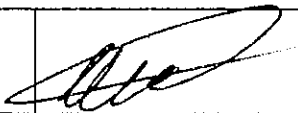
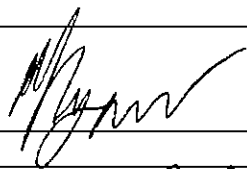

Other optional information

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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	

7/4/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bethesda Baptist Church

1132056

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2023



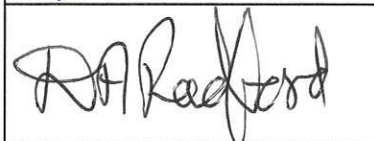
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
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
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	181,470	6,797	-	188,267	183,366
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	181,470	6,797	-	188,267	183,366
A3 Payments					
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
Sub total	155,628	6,555	-	162,183	167,296
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fixed Asset Purchases	-	-	-	-	20,156
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	20,156
Total payments	155,628	6,555	-	162,183	187,452
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,842	242	-	26,084	- 4,086
A5 Transfers between funds	- 2,085	2,085	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	271,356	7,536	-	278,892	282,978
Cash funds this year end	295,113	9,863	-	304,975	278,892

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

31st 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
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:

28/3/24

Name:

Mr. Steve Villars

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

Address:

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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.