

Trustees' Annual Report

Bethel Independent Evangelical Church, Clydach

(Also known as Bethel Evangelical Church, Clydach)

For the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021

1. Basic details

Registered Charity number :	1142690
Principal Address:	Bethel Evangelical Church Heol Y Nant Clydach Swansea SA6 5HB
Trustees:	Mr. Mark Barnes (Elder) Mr. Nigel Paul Clifford (Elder) Mr. Stuart Morris (Acting Managing Trustee)

2. Structure and Governance

Structure

The church is governed by a constitution adopted on the 22nd June 2011 and amended on the 13th March 2013 and 13th April 2016. The trustees of the church are those appointed as Managing Trustees in accordance with the Church's Members' Handbook. The right of nomination to trusteeship belongs to the existing trustees, but nominees must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Church meeting. The Managing Trustees have full and final responsibility for the general control and management of the administration of the church.

Recruitment and training of new trustees

The trustees take formal responsibility for the effective induction of all new trustees as well as ensuring that all potential trustees are fully informed of their legal responsibilities before they agree to stand for election. The induction of trustees includes: (1) the legal responsibilities of a trustee; (2) the charity's financial position and an explanation of most recent accounts; (3) The Church's Constitution and Members' Handbook; (4) current and future plans and (5) a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance on trusteeship.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and sought to reduce these risks, so far as is possible. The major elements of reducing our exposure to risk are: prayer, effective oversight and regular review.

The trustees continue to be mindful of the inherent risks associated with the Church's work, especially in respect of the work with children, young people and vulnerable adults. A Safeguarding Policy is in place, and all who work regularly or intensively with children are subject to DBS checks.

Training is provided to church volunteers, to ensure they have the skills and knowledge required to carry out their work to a high standard.

The insurance requirements of the Church are regularly reviewed, to ensure that all prospective liability situations are adequately covered.

3. Objectives and Activities

The Church has the following objectives:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within Clydach and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
2. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the managing trustees further the work of the church.

We believe that the work of redemption through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is the greatest possible benefit to mankind. There is no greater task nor higher calling than its proclamation, and that is at the heart of the church's benefit to the public.

This is done through a variety of activities which are for public benefit, including:

1. The holding of weekly worship services, which are open to all, free of charge.
2. Regular meetings and courses that introduce the Christian faith to interested members of the public, again without charge.
3. Holding regular prayer meetings, which include prayer for the nation and local community.
4. The distribution of free Christian literature to those who live near the church.
5. A weekly Sunday School, children's club and youth group, that is free of charge, and open to all. These meetings offer Bible stories, games and quizzes, and help children to understand the spiritual and moral teaching of the Bible.
6. Free of charge pastoral visits and counselling for members of the church and the general public who request it.
7. Regular visits to local schools, to assist them in providing religious assemblies and in the teaching of religious education.

These activities are carried out both by salaried staff, office-bearers and by many church members who volunteer their time. It is estimated that church members contribute around 1,000 hours of volunteer time annually.

4. Brief review of the year

Whilst some other charities may talk about "achievements" and "performance", neither term is appropriate for a church. Throughout the year we have continued to provide regular opportunities for worship, with faithful and relevant Bible teaching, and to provide pastoral care both for church members and others who request it. We have been encouraged by the many local folk that we have been able to befriend. Most importantly of all, God has been at work in our midst, although we continue to long for an even greater sense of His presence. All of this is central to our charitable

objectives (see above). We, along with other churches, have felt the impact of the Covid Pandemic. From April 2020, we had been meeting virtually using Zoom, YouTube and Facebook. In July 2021 we were able to return to the building-with some restrictions in place.

5. Financial Review

The church had a total cash balance of £186,178.04 at the end of the period, together with £410,089.03 of fixed assets. The church's policy is to have sufficient free reserves to cover working capital requirements and the day to day running costs and planned deficits without the need for bank borrowing. The trustees have committed to maintaining a cash balance sufficient to cover six month's expenditure.

The charity's principal source of funds are donations received from church members and regular attenders. All the church's expenditure is spent on charitable objectives. None is spent on governance or fund-raising.

6. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Three handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is 'M B...', the middle one is 'S M...', and the bottom one is 'N P...'. The signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bethel Evangelical Church
Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 September 2020 to 31 August 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Incoming resources</i>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	45,479	—	380	—	45,859	134,120
Activities for generating funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
Investment income	773	—	—	—	773	1,087
Incoming resources from charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—	100
Other incoming resources	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total income	46,253	—	380	—	46,633	135,307
<i>Resources used</i>						
Costs of generating funds						
Costs of generating voluntary income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charitable activities	16,732	7,093	255	—	24,080	39,543
Total expenditure	16,732	7,093	255	—	24,080	39,543
Gains / losses on investment assets	(1,150)	—	—	—	(1,150)	(1,091)
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	28,369	(7,093)	125	—	21,401	94,671
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	429	4,946	5	—	5,381	13,429
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,946)	(314)	(120)	—	(5,381)	(13,429)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	23,852	(2,460)	10	—	21,401	94,671
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward	567,332	7,627	(95)	—	574,865	480,193
Total funds carried forward	591,185	5,167	(85)	—	596,267	574,865

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1142690

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 AUGUST 2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

P. A. Layton

Date:

1.7.22

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Section B

Disclosure

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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.