

Trustees' Annual Report (year ended 31st March 2022)

The Trustees of Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church are happy to present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2022 in keeping with the requirements of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2006, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 and Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church Constitution and Rules 2011.

Trustees:

Rev Stephen Darby
Mr Peter Evans
Mr Marc Howells

Mr Alun Johnson
Mr Peter Martin
Mr John Morley

Hope Church @ Bethel & Calvary

Serving God in Cefn Hengoed and Penybryn

Bethel Chapel, Gelligaer Road, Cefn Hengoed, CF82 7HH
Calvary Chapel, Penybryn Terrace, Penybryn, CF82 7GG
Registered Charity 1143626
(Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church)

Structure, Governance and Management:

The governing documents of the Church are its Constitution and Rules 2011.

The Managing Trustees of the Church are the persons appointed as church officers in accordance with the Church Rules provided that a person may not be appointed as a Managing Trustee if he is disqualified from being a trustee of any charity under section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 or any amendment to it or new regulations under it unless such disqualification has been waived by the Charity Commission. There shall be not less than 3 Managing Trustees. The appointment of a Managing Trustee requires a 75% majority vote of those Church Members present at a Church Members' Meeting who will have been notified of the meeting three weeks in advance.

Objectives and Activities:

The purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Cefn Hengoed and the surrounding neighbourhood and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the Managing Trustees, further the work of the Church. The Church is a group of Christians committed to serving God in the local community by helping to address spiritual, social and practical needs. It is independently governed by its own church officers but is in fellowship with the Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales and its income is largely from gifts. Regular activities include Sunday Services, Sunday School, Prayer Meeting/Bible study and Children's Club. Due to ongoing restrictions because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Toddlers' Group, Friday Fellowship and Men's and Ladies' Breakfasts were not yet able to recommence.

Developments during the year:

We were very pleased that with the gradual easing of Coronavirus restrictions, Sunday evening services were able to recommence in the chapel building from April 2021 with the necessary risk assessments and safety measures, with limited seating and the option of joining online from home for those who could not attend in person. Then Sunday School began again in the building from May with some still connecting from home on Zoom. By June the rules allowed congregational singing with face coverings being worn, and we resumed Sunday morning services in August in addition to evening services. In September we could include communion again in our services. Our children's club Trailblazers could meet in person from November. These were very encouraging developments and allowed a greater level of interaction and fellowship than had been possible for a long time. The opportunity to include singing and the breaking of bread together, which had been greatly missed, were really valued and enjoyed as important elements in our corporate worship of God.

The pastor was invited again by Gelligaer Community Council to lead a community Remembrance Service in November, and this time an 'in person' gathering with social distancing and safety measures was possible at the Memorial Garden in the grounds of Derwendeg Primary School. In December, since some restrictions were still in place, the Community Carols by Candlelight took place over four services (two consecutive Sunday afternoons and evenings). With a booking system, a good number of people attended from the local community. Some of the music and readings were video recorded in advance and shared on the large screen during the service and some aspects of the services were live. There were contributions to the service from Derwendeg Primary School, Hengoed Primary School, Cefn Hengoed Ladies' Choir, Gelligaer Community Council, New Hengoed Baptist Church and Hope Church's Trailblazers, Sunday School and Music Group. These services were also livestreamed on YouTube as had been the practice with our Sunday morning services since May and our Sunday services since September. From January 2022 the pastor was able to visit Valley View Care Home each month to lead a service and to speak and pray with individual residents who requested this.

Due to health issues or age some of those who had attended church prior to the pandemic have not returned in person, although most are able to join the services online. and overall attendance at the various meetings is similar or slightly higher than pre-pandemic.

We are thankful for the faithful commitment of those who willingly use the gifts God has given them to serve in teaching the children, music, preaching and leading services, administering the church accounts, assisting with projection and livestreaming, cleaning, maintenance, health and safety, arranging flowers and a whole range of other work in the life of the church.

Financial Review:

The church's annual income for the year 2021/22 was £57919, an increase of around £8000 on the previous year. The annual expenditure was £53368, an increase of just under £11000 on the previous year. There was a surplus of £4550. With a number of meetings and activities resuming following restrictions, and with the increased cost of goods and services, the church thankfully acknowledged God's provision for the ongoing needs of the work.

Monthly income ranged between £3298 and £6808, the four highest figures being in April, July, October and January, due to the fact that HMRC Gift Aid reimbursements were received in those months. Monthly expenditure was between £2434 and £11395. The highest of these figures was in March and is accounted for by the fact that a large payment of £2082 (included under Miscellaneous Expenditure) went out to Edward Connor Solicitors for a detailed review of the church's trust documents, and a gift of £3620 (included under Missionary Expenditure) was sent to Barnabas Fund to support Ukrainian families in need. In addition, HMRC Tax and National Insurance payments went out during that month as well as in June, September and December, when expenditure was also higher than in other months. The other month which had a higher than usual expenditure was October when a Harvest offering of £700 was sent to Barbabas Fund to aid victims of the Pakistan flooding and a gift of £250 towards the support of a UFM missionary in Ireland (both listed under Missionary Expenditure).

The balance in the Current Account on 31st March 2022 was £36025 and the balance in the Savings Account was £15677. This will be retained as a contingency to meet any further potential building maintenance costs or shortfall in ongoing ministry and running costs.

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Signed
(on behalf of the Trustees)

S. C. Darby (Pastor)
John Morley (Secretary)

Date

26th January 2023

	April 21	May 21	June 21	July 21	August 21	September 21	October 21	November 21	December 21	January 22	February 22	March 22	Total
Income													
Offerings	525	511	330	528	421	350	365	373.2	313.6	348	335	365	4764.8
Communion/Missionary Donations	0	0	0	0	0	50	530	0	1540	120	275	1933	4448
Envelopes	0	240	450	140	340	155	320	250	220	250	300	150	2815
S/O Gift Aided	2510	2718	2646	2500	2470	2445	2510	2295	3066	3060	2230	2645	31095
S/O Non Gift Aided	655	465	655	655	305	625	305	380	395	430	580	520	5970
HMRC Gift Aid reimbursement	2040.64	0	0	2141	0	0	2005	0	0	2570	0	0	8756.64
Friday Fellowship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mens/Ladies Meeting Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30.18	0	0	70.18
Total	5730.64	3974	4081	5964	3536	3625	6035	3298.2	5534.6	6808.18	3720	5613	57919.62
Less cash payments for Sundry items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food mens/Ladies breakfast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	5730.64	3974	4081	5964	3536	3625	6035	3298.2	5534.6	6808.18	3720	5613	57919.62
Expenditure													
Pastors Salary Payments													
Nett Salary	1948.84	1951.24	2933.92	2292.4	2292.4	2277.2	2292.4	2292.4	2292.4	2292.4	2292.4	2292.4	27450.4
Tax and NI	0	0	1692	0	0	1664	0	0	1648.8	0	0	1648.8	6653.6
Pension Scheme	165.2	165.2	165.2	165.2	165.2	165.2	165.2	165.2	165.2	165.2	165.2	165.2	1982.4
Total	2114.04	2116.44	4791.12	2457.6	2457.6	4106.4	2457.6	2457.6	4106.4	2457.6	2457.6	4106.4	36086.4
E.E. Contract	0	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	220
Visiting Preachers(Wed/Sunday)	120	0	40	120	80	165	0	200	0	125	80	0	930
Preacher Friday Fellowship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missionary Expenditure	0	250	0	400	0	300	950	0	200	370	225	3920	6615
Outreach Expenses	200	0	150	0	0	0	300	0	1290	101.25	0	0	2041.25
Gas	0	0	0	0	0	51.91	0	0	130.5	222.7	0	298.84	703.95
Electric	0	0	0	0	0	42.36	0	0	110.28	0	0	85.51	238.15
Water	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	256.99	256.99
Building Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	730.79	0	0	0	0	0	730.79
Building Maintenance	0	70	0	0	0	0	200	18	122.3	66.59	171.2	414.4	1062.49
Web Site	0	0	0	143.88	0	0	218.79	0	0	209	4.99	0	576.66
Sunday School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holiday Bible Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106.34	106.34
Children Clubs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105.91	71.96	0	0	177.87
Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	7.92	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.92
Printing for Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.1	0	0	0	21.1
Misc	0	55	637.96	480.58	0	58.44	31.5	0	0	0	0	2123.33	3386.81
Visiting Preachers Ladies/Mens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Birthday/Anniversaries Gifts	0	0	0	0	0	0	43.5	0	0	0	0	0	43.5
Special payments	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63.46	163.46
Total	320	495	847.96	1164.46	100	645.63	2494.58	238	2000.09	1186.5	501.19	7288.87	17282.28
Total Expenditure	2434.04	2611.44	5639.08	3622.06	2557.6	4752.03	4952.18	2695.6	6106.49	3644.1	2958.79	11395.27	53368.68
Surplus & Deficit	3296.6	1362.56	-1558.08	2341.94	978.4	-1127.03	1082.82	602.6	-571.89	3164.08	761.21	-5782.27	4550.94

Bank balance April-June 21			
Bank balance b/fwd March 21	31474.14		
Plus Income	13785.64		
Less Pastors salary payments	-9021.6		
Less Cheques cashed			
Bank transfer/DD (utilities)	-1662.96		
Less offering banked			
Plus cheques not cashed			
Total	34575.22		
Bank balance end June 21	34575.22		
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Bank Balance April-September 21

	31474.14
	26910.64
	-18043.2
Sep-21	190
	36958.53
	36958.53

Bank Balance April-December 21

	31474.14
	41778.44
	-27064.8
Dec-21	200
	38082.06
	38082.06

Bank Balance April-Mar 22

	31474.14
	57919.62
	-36086.4
	36025.08
	36025.08

I confirm that I have audited the accounts which are on order
and in true and accurate review of the ret 21/22

Audited by : Miss Sarah Liverick

Signature: 

Date: 7.5.22

Apr-21
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Building fund
15675.87
1.56
15677.43

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 25/1/23

Signature: 