

Bethel Community Church
Report and Accounts
31 December 2022

Bethel Community Church

Trustees Annual Report for Period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name: Bethel Community Church
Other names the charity is known by: BCC
Charity's registered number: 1147497
Charity's principal address: Bethel Community Church, Bierley, Bradford.
Charity's public address: 46 Bierley Lane, Bradford, BD4 6AA

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year
Frank Bruntlett		
Beverley Chapman		
Andrew Dennison		
Margaret Dennison	Secretary/Treasurer	
Amanda Thompson	Chairperson (Temp)	
Andrew Mark Wade		
Lyndsey Wade		

The above are all appointed by the Church Members who are the governing body of the church.

The Custodian Trustees are:

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for the whole year
Frank Bruntlett	
Muriel Bruntlett	
Margaret Dennison	
Amanda Thompson	

Professional advisor

Andrew S Parker (Independent Examiner)
15 Meadow Court
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Structure, governance, and management

Bethel Community Church is a Trust, their governing document being a Trust Deed. All Trustees, being Custodian Trustees or Charity Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Church by the Church Members.

Bethel Community Church is a member of the Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches, the Evangelical Alliance.

Objectives and Activities

To promote Christianity in Bierley and the Bradford Area and provide opportunities for Christian experience and growth for its members and adherents.

A variety of opportunities to explore and experience Christian faith is offered. This embraces activities for all ages including children and young people.

To provide a building and activities that can be of benefit to the local community and events are held throughout the year to encourage social interaction.

In addition to a full-time paid minister and a part-time cleaner, volunteers from the membership contribute greatly to the ongoing life of the church and its many activities.

Achievements and Performance

Our work to support all members of our church community through difficult times has continued and we have been able to return to in person activities as legislation has allowed.

Messy Church, which is an initiative to provide a safe environment for families to engage with Christianity has continued on a monthly basis. This commences with a meal and is followed with activities and a short message and song. It always has a theme based on the church calendar or seasonal events. Families from within our community are able to attend without charge. It is amazing see the many benefits of such a time as this.

We have held a Men's Curry Night on a monthly basis. This has proved to be a popular event and engages well with the men in our community. Good discussion is enjoyed as well as good food.

Our building is being used by a local Christian Youth Organization for a variety of sessions to engage with the young people in our area.

A change of leadership towards the end of the year has proved a positive move forward. At Christmas we held a Christingle Service and a Carol Service with invitations going out into the Community.

Work has commenced on new houses being built next to the church and plans are being made to welcome our new neighbours.

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Financial Review

Although we do not have a reserves policy as such our aim is to use our financial reserves to make Bethel Community Church a place where people want to be both from a faith and practical point of view.

Our main source of funding is from our own people some of whom give sacrificially for the benefit of the church. We are able to claim some funding via the Gift Aid Scheme.

We are looking at seeking funding to enhance our work and improve both the internal and external facilities that we have.

Declaration

I declare, in my capacity of Charity Trustee, that:

- the trustees have approved the report above; and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Dennison', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Full Name: Margaret Dennison

Date: March 22, 2023

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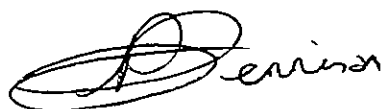
Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2022	2022	2021
	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Collections		-	25,623	25,623	25,697
Gift Day		-	1,621	1,621	1,095
HMRC Gift Aid		-	5,144	5,144	5,233
Earned income		-	350	350	700
Grants	1	5,925	-	5,925	4,875
Appeals		-	-	-	2,035
Interest Received		-	1	1	91
Total Receipts		<u>5,925</u>	<u>32,739</u>	<u>38,664</u>	<u>39,726</u>
Payments					
Minister's Remuneration and expenses		-	22,104	22,104	27,068
Youth Worker Fees		6,301	899	7,200	3,025
Building utilities		-	2,187	2,187	2,185
Building- maintenance and repairs		550	829	1,379	733
Cleaning		-	535	535	491
Ministry expenses		-	441	441	1,366
Union and Circuit Levy		-	499	499	864
Children's and YP Ministry		1,102	-	1,102	830
Stationery and Copier Expenses		-	1,192	1,192	1,074
Outreach Ministry		-	3,741	3,741	3,910
Hospitality including gifts and flowers		-	701	701	2,596
Fees		-	-	-	538
Total Payments		<u>7,953</u>	<u>33,128</u>	<u>41,081</u>	<u>44,680</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(2,028)	(389)	(2,417)	(4,954)
Cash funds last year end		<u>2,689</u>	<u>17,112</u>	<u>19,801</u>	<u>24,755</u>
Cash fund this year end		<u>661</u>	<u>16,723</u>	<u>17,384</u>	<u>19,801</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash Funds			
Cash Account	486	-	486
Current Account	9,504	661	10,165
National Savings Investments Account	<u>6,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,733</u>
	<u>16,723</u>	<u>661</u>	<u>17,384</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees



Margaret Dennison
March 22, 2023

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Bethel Community Church

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 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 not 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 the seeking of 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 to 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.



Andrew S Parker Chartered Accountant
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April 11, 2023

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Grants	£
Wesleyan RU	5,000
Bradford City Challenge	<u>925</u>
	<u>5,925</u>