

**Bethel Community Church**  
**Report and Accounts**  
**31 December 2023**

## Bethel Community Church

### Trustees Annual Report for Period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### 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		Resigned 22/03/2023
Lyndsey Wade		Resigned 22/03/2023
Andrew Chapman		Appointed 22/03/2023
Jonathan Biggin		Appointed 22/03/2023

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)  
16 Foundry Close  
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# **Bethel Community Church**

## **Trustees Annual Report for Period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (continued)**

### **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.

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 to see the many benefits of such a time as this.

We have held a Men's Night and a Ladies Evening on alternate months. These have been well received by those attending.

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.

We host a Neurodiverse Group, weekly entitled 'Colourful minds', a weekly drop in for 'Tea and Toast' for all ages and a weekly Senior Ladies Dance/Exercise Class. Each of these groups are attended by not only church members but members of the community.

The work to provide social housing next to the church is almost complete and some of the homes are now populated. We are hoping to welcome new people into the church.

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## **Trustees Annual Report for Period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (continued)**

### **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:



Full Name: Margaret Dennison

Date: March 21, 2024

# Bethel Community Church

## Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2023	2023	2022
	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Collections		-	24,542	24,542	25,623
Gift Day		-	1,160	1,160	1,621
HMRC Gift Aid		-	5,248	5,248	5,144
Earned income		-	800	800	350
Grants	1	9,705	-	9,705	5,925
Appeals		-	1,535	1,535	-
Interest Received		-	20	20	1
Total Receipts		<u>9,705</u>	<u>33,305</u>	<u>43,010</u>	<u>38,664</u>
Payments					
Minister's Remuneration and expenses		6,925	19,516	26,441	22,104
Youth Worker Fees		1,200	-	1,200	7,200
Building utilities		-	2,304	2,304	2,187
Building- maintenance and repairs		580	684	1,264	1,379
Cleaning		-	702	702	535
Ministry expenses		-	67	67	441
Union and Circuit Levy		-	576	576	499
Children's and YP Ministry		1,011	19	1,030	1,102
Stationery and Copier Expenses		-	940	940	1,192
Outreach Ministry		-	3,790	3,790	3,741
Hospitality including gifts and flowers		77	2,526	2,603	701
Fees		-	-	-	-
Total Payments		<u>9,793</u>	<u>31,124</u>	<u>40,917</u>	<u>41,081</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(88)	2,181	2,093	(2,417)
Cash funds last year end		<u>661</u>	<u>16,723</u>	<u>17,384</u>	<u>19,801</u>
Cash fund this year end		<u>573</u>	<u>18,904</u>	<u>19,477</u>	<u>17,384</u>

**Bethel Community Church**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**As at 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash Funds			
Cash Account	489	-	489
Current Account	<u>18,415</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>18,988</u>
	<u>18,904</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>19,477</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees



Margaret Dennison  
March 21, 2024

## **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.



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May 1, 2024

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**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

<b>1. Grants</b>	<b>£</b>
Wesleyan RU	8,125
Bradford City Challenge	<u>1,580</u>
	<u>9,705</u>