

Bethel Community Church
Report and Accounts
31 December 2024

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Bethel Community Church

Trustees Annual Report for Period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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		Deceased 30/06/2024
Beverley Chapman		
Andrew Dennison		
Margaret Dennison	Secretary/Treasurer	
Amanda Thompson	Chairperson (Temp)	
Andrew Chapman		
Jonathan Biggin		Resigned 29/12/2024

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	Deceased 30/06/2024
Muriel Bruntlett	
Margaret Dennison	
Amanda Thompson	

Professional advisor

Andrew S Parker (Independent Examiner)
16 Foundry Close
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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.

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.

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.

With grant funding we have sought to meet the needs spiritually and physically of both young and old. This has included a variety of events through the Summer and Autumn.

The work to provide social housing next to the church is complete and we have welcomed people from a variety of countries into the area, some of whom have joined in our activities.

Sadly, after the resignation of our minister on 29th December, with no one being willing or able to take a lead, a decision was made on 2nd January 2025 to close the church and its ministry. As there will be further financial and practical transactions this will be reported on in the next financial year.

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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 have also received funding from an outside agency for Wellbeing to support those within and outside the church.

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 dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Dennison', written over the printed name.

Full Name: Margaret Dennison

Date: March 19, 2025

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2024	2024	2023
	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Collections		-	26,511	26,511	24,542
Gift Day		-	1,660	1,660	1,160
HMRC Gift Aid		-	5,683	5,683	5,248
Earned income		-	2,153	2,153	800
Grants	1	15,500	-	15,500	9,705
Appeals		-	-	-	1,535
Interest Received		-	-	-	20
Total Receipts		<u>15,000</u>	<u>36,007</u>	<u>51,507</u>	<u>43,010</u>
Payments					
Minister's Remuneration and expenses		7,500	19,669	27,169	22,441
Youth Worker Fees		1,485	-	1,485	1,200
Building utilities		395	1,515	1,910	2,304
Building- maintenance and repairs		-	2,213	2,213	1,264
Cleaning		-	515	515	702
Ministry expenses		2,959	626	3,585	67
Union and Circuit Levy		-	587	587	579
Children's and YP Ministry		1,682	-	1,682	1,030
Stationery and Copier Expenses		-	599	599	940
Outreach Ministry		-	3,410	3,410	3,790
Hospitality including gifts and flowers		1,789	1,974	3,763	2,603
Fees		-	-	-	-
Total Payments		<u>15,810</u>	<u>31,108</u>	<u>46,918</u>	<u>40,917</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(310)	4,899	4,589	2,093
Cash funds last year end		<u>573</u>	<u>18,904</u>	<u>19,477</u>	<u>17,384</u>
Cash fund this year end		<u>263</u>	<u>23,803</u>	<u>24,066</u>	<u>19,477</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash Funds			
Cash Account	318	-	318
Current Account	<u>23,485</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>23,748</u>
	<u>23,803</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>24,066</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Dennison', with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Margaret Dennison
March 19, 2025

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 2024.

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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21 April 2025

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Grants	£
Wesleyan RU	7,500
Tong Wellbeing Hub	7,000
Bradford City Challenge	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>15,500</u>