

Charity number: 1149299

Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 April 2021

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Trustees Rev Verna Wynter, (Chairman)
Mrs Thames Sylva
Mrs Nerissa Purkiss
Mrs Marcia Woolley
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Registered company

number 08047415

Charity registered

number 1149299

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Trustees' Report For the Year Ended 30 April 2021

Structure, Governance and Management

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 11th October 2012.

Objects of the Charity

The principal object of the company is to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs, in Birmingham, its surrounding areas and such other parts of the United Kingdom and overseas, as the Trustees may from time to time think fit and other such purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and relate to the charitable work of the charity.

Main Activities for Public Benefit

The Trustees consider the wide range of activities provide benefit to those who worship at the Church, the people of Birmingham, its surrounding areas and overseas in line with our objectives. Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence has continued to retain its commitments to the projects and activities that it has carried out over the last few years. These projects have been identified to ensure that they are:

- a) Advancing the Christian faith in the UK and/or overseas
- b) Providing a place of worship and community for people in Birmingham and the wider West Midlands
- c) Promoting education, employment, economic development and/or social inclusion programmes within Birmingham and surrounding areas.
- d) Equipping church members and others in the community to operate in advancing the Christian faith outside of the physical church building, in nursing homes, community centres, hospitals etc.

Achievements and performance

As with all places of worship, we were impacted by the government regulations implemented following the outbreak and ensuing growth of the COVID 19 pandemic. We immediately closed the church for on-site services and initiated an on-line operation, which has permitted us to continue to reach our members and friends, catering for their spiritual needs, via Zoom and WhatsApp.

Our weekly services were conducted live throughout the week, which involved hours of preparation from our dedicated Leaders, whilst still operating under government guidelines. We continued to review and implement our policies in conjunction with existing government regulations to be ready to return to Church during the latter part of 2021.

The Church held a virtual main service every Sunday morning. On Tuesdays there was intercessory prayer in the afternoon with other Bethel churches joining, Bible teaching every evening, Youth Ministry meetings on Wednesday, Quiz night on Thursdays and Youth Group on Friday. Through the time of the COVID restrictions, attendances at the on-line services and bible teaching continued to grow with both members and non-members. There were occasional visits to our on-line services from India and USA and a Well Being session held for everyone visiting the ZOOM transmission.

We operated one-to-one prayer call service, where church members and guests alike could come together by phone, to pray.

We also continued to offer both spiritual and secular counselling services on an appointment basis and maintained one-to-one contact.

During this period of COVID the whole ability of the church to adopt and operate new technology, has meant that by embracing Zoom and other platforms, we have been able to communicate, support and reach out to people not only in the UK, but in the wider world.

Local community organisations discontinued to utilise the meeting facilities available in the building due to COVID 19 and as an organisation we seek to support them in any positive way by continuing to let them have use of the car park.

Our long-standing relationship with the church in India continues with our regular financial support.

Regular meetings are held for all current leaders to ensure continuity and continual improvement in the operation of the organisation.

To provide the outstanding quality and content of service during COVID-19 and beyond, that we as a church aspire to, we are investing in finding ways in upgrading our media equipment. This is to support the delivery of live services, which can both accommodate congregations, whilst at the same time transmitting and broadcasting live to those online.

We are currently dealing with trying to source best consistent internet wi-fi provision across the whole building.

Appreciation is extended to all who have devoted many hours of their time and efforts in enabling the organisation to continue delivering inspirational service content during difficult times and setting us up to continue post-COVID.

The Food Bank is now in its eighth year of operation. This provides food, toiletries and other domestic items to clients who are self-referred or from other community organisations, as well as word of mouth from others in need from the local area. Our foodbank opens once a week on Saturdays and numbers attending have increased and continue to do so. We have also catered to those who knock on our door by chance when the office is open. Donations from supermarkets, FareShare and monetary donations helps to restock the food bank. We offer a delivery service for those unable to get to the church hall due to illness or self-isolation. We ensure the elderly and children are catered for as a priority.

Our dedicated foodbank volunteers have continued to work tirelessly as an essential service throughout the period of the pandemic and beyond. We recognise their support and commitment to the work of this ministry during this period

Policy on Reserves

The aim of the reserves policy is to maintain a healthy liquid position to cover any decline in income in any material shape or form. The board consider that three months recurring expenditure is reasonable (@ approximately £3,500p.m.). The purpose of any reserves will be clearly stated. It is not the intention of the board to build undue reserves where such can be used otherwise to advance further the aims and

objectives of the organisation. The current general reserve (being unrestricted funds excluding fixed assets and the loans relating to fixed assets) amounts to £5,586.16 as of end of this financial year.

Verna J Wynter

Chair of Trustees Board

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Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic (Telford)

We have examined the financial statements of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic (Telford) for the year ended 30 April 2021 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. Our examination work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Examiners' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our examiners work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiners

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view. We have been appointed as examiners and have reviewed this report in accordance with expected norms.

Andrew Thompson Onestop Management Services Ltd

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Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account) For the Year Ended 30 April 2021

Income from:

	30.04.21	30.04.20
Note	£	£
Donations and legacies	41,334	63,575
Activities for generated funds	58	430
Investment Income	31	1,650
Total Income	41,423	65,655
Expenditure on:		
Fundraising trading	762	680
Charitable activities	22,178	9,868
Support costs	850	34,358
Governance costs	129	1,365
Total expenditure	23,919	46,271
Net expenditure before investment gains	17,504	19,384
Net gains on investments		
Net Income I (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses	17,504	19,384
Gains from changes in provisions	1,051	
Net movement in funds	18,555	19,384
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	241,328	221,944
Total funds carried forward	259,883	241,328

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet As at 30 April 2021

	Note	30.04.21 £	30.04.20 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		281,650	281,650
Investment property			
Total tangible assets		281,650	281,650
Current assets			
Debtors		3,555	10,800
Cash at bank and in hand		28,173	23,015
		31,728	33,815
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		4,636	4,150
Net current (liabilities)/assets		27,092	29,665
Total assets less current liabilities		308,743	311,315
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		48,860	69,987
Net assets		259,883	241,328
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted funds		259,883	241,328
Total funds		259,883	241,328

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 February 2022 and signed on their behalf, by:

Thames Margaret Sylva
Trustee

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Net Income/(expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses

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Cash Flow Statement For the Year Ended 30 April 2021

	Note	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities			<u>17,473</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest on deposits			31
Net cash used in investing activities			<u>31</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayments of borrowings			<u>(1,342)</u>
Cash inflows from new borrowing			
Net cash used in financing activities			1,342
Change In cash and cash equivalents in the year			16,162
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward			23,015
Prior year cash adjustment			<u>(11,004)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward			<u>28,173</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 April 2021

Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The charity has reported a surplus for the year of £17,504 and has net current liabilities of £27,092. The trustees' consider that the outlook provides positive forecasts in terms of cash flows. The trustees have instituted measures to preserve cash and maintain fundraising activities and these circumstances create material certainties over future cash flows.

1.3 Incoming resources

Voluntary Income Donations and offerings Tithed income Unrestricted funds totalled £41,423 and NIL was to restricted funds.

1.4 Fundraising

Unrestricted funds In 2022, of the total fundraising income, £762 was to unrestricted funds and NIL was to restricted funds.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land	-	not depreciated
Fixtures, fittings	25%	straight line
Computer equipment -		25% straight line

1.6 Debtors

The debtor amount of £3,555 includes loans to members of the charity and are due to be paid back within a period of two years.