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Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence CIO

**Trustees Report and Accounts
for the year ended**

31 March 2024

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References and administrative information

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Trustees Report

Introduction

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence was incorporated as a charitable Incorporated organisation on 23 February 2023.

This decision was driven primarily by the desire to take advantage of the separate legal personality and limited legal liability for Trustees.

Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence is an Independent Member of the Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) UK and Europe family of Churches, which pursues similar aims and signposts local beneficiaries to our services.

Aims and purposes

Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence has the responsibility of promoting the Oneness Apostolic Faith, primarily but not exclusively within Ladywood, Birmingham and the surrounding area, evangelism, Outreach, social and community.

Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence worship services are through scriptures, preaching, teaching, prayer, singing and music.

Objectives and Activities

Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence is committed to ensuring that as many people as possible come to worship at the church and to become part of the community of Birmingham.

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Achievements and Performances

Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence (Ladywood) is an integral part of the ecclesiastical District 1 of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic UK and Europe, we organise weekly services, both in the sanctuary and online for the church members and the general public.

The Church financial year begins 1April to the end of March each year. The Church year runs from one national convocation to the next.

Quarterly, Pastor meets with the pastoral team to discuss the calendar, auxiliary departments, projects, initiatives and challenges that arise. This is good practice and needs to be encouraged to keep going on a regular basis with the inclusion of a strategic service delivery plan.

Sunday Services

Sunday Morning is grounded with Christian Education for both children and adults. Infants, children, young people, new converts and adults gather in their delegated areas for Sunday School. The worship services continue to be vibrant, uplifting with vibrant songs, testimonies and prayerful thanksgiving and petitions. Community members, family members and friends have continued to be in attendance.

Midweek Evening Services

Wednesday and Friday evening services involve worship, prayers, Bible study, interactive, discussions, various trainings and workshops. These services are also open to the general public. We also carried out activities for the Youth and Young Adults auxiliary (reading online and presentation nights), Women's Department (external speakers invited on Fridays) and the Men's Ministry (online and Fridays) and Treasured Saints leading prayer online (Tuesdays). There is also ongoing participation in Bethel UK National Prayer Call.

These combined activities help to train members in leadership roles, public peaking and building their confidence in their individual ministries.

Discipleship

Spiritual formation and development occurred on several platforms:

Youth – Planned and executed their first residential retreat and welcomed guests from regional churches and an international speaker who encouraged them for several days in teaching, team building activities, managing finance, and sports activities. Youth visited other youth events together throughout England and Wales. They also attended and contributed to District youth events.

Women – invited health and wellbeing speakers to empower and encourage women in the church and local community. Spiritual plant growing ongoing activity. Financial aid group to support single mothers.

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Other achievements in 2023-2024:

- Became coop union – encouraging savings and future finance goals
- Leadership Training
- Celebration Meal February 2024
- End of year fund raising Concert
- Community Outreach Meal
- Evangelism & Outreach Annual BBQ
- visits to Care homes
- visits to the shut ins
- Prison ministry training January 2024
- Street Ministry Spring and Summer 2024
- Collective efforts to reduce Church loan
- Collaboration with BBC and Foodbank (West Midlands)
- Foodbank service

We celebrated Christmas 2023 with a fellowship dinner (January 2024) and a private photographer to welcome the New Year. We celebrated with all our church members, community families and friends. For Easter, we joined with our District 1 to celebrate Easter with 'First Sayings of Jesus'.

We honoured and celebrated the life of the late Reverend Verna Joyce Wynter. Naming and dedicated phase two to her and naming it the Verna Joyce Room.

We celebrated 3 water Baptism; 3 Baby Blessings; 1 Homegoing Services; and a total of 11 people becoming members of the church. Inclusive of 8 people, Apostolic believers requested to join BACE.

Future Plans

The church leadership and Trustees plan to continue to promote spiritual growth through education and workshops by involvement in the local community and beyond as set out in the objectives.

We also plan to extend our summer school VBS with a mission director overseas in the Caribbean to sponsor, support and furnish less fortunate children with educational supplies and a Christian curriculum in Summer 2025.

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Statement of Trustees` responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2005;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Structure, Governance And Management

The Church is governed by an Approved Governing Document. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ and following a mode of baptism as per Acts 2v38.

A trustee meeting takes place throughout the year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees, who together with the Pastor, Church Secretary and Treasurer, are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All trustees are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the General Congregational Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in General Congregational Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided By:-

- Providing regular public worship open to all
- Providing sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- Teaching Christianity through sermons and Bible studies.
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups

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Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £54,546-2024(2023-£49,441) and are detailed in the financial statements.

£50,250-2024(2023-£45,949) was spent to provide the Christian ministry.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £4,296-2024(2023-£3,492) and adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 March 2024 for unrestricted funds totalled £276,003 (2023-£271,707).


Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the policy on reserves and set targets at least once per annum with reference to the guidance and terminology published by the Charity Commission. The policy is also reviewed, when warranted by changes in risk assessment or business plans. The review includes unrestricted and designated funds and tangible fixed assets. Transfer to and from funds are authorised by the Trustees acting as a whole.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major risks which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Thames Sylva (Jan 19, 2025 18:45 GMT)

Thames Sylva
Pastor & Chair of trustee

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Independent examiner's report to Bethel Apostolic Church of Excellence CIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of the Committee and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year 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.

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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 requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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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Statement of Financial Activities

		01 May 2023 to 31 March 2024	1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023
	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donation and legacies	2	39,502	48,602
Other Income	3	14,918	802
Investment income	4	126	37
Total		54,546	49,441
EXPENDED ON			
Charitable activities	5	50,250	45,949
Total		50,250	45,949
NET INCOME		4,296	3,492
RECONCILLIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		271,707	268,215
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		276,003	271,707

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	-	281,650
		912	-
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		12,238	28,621
Debtors	11	4,715	2,742
Current Liabilities			
Amount falling due within one year	9	900	-
Net current assets		16,053	31,363
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		298,615	313,013
Creditors: amount falling due after one year	10	22,612	41,306
Total Net Assets		276,003	271,707
Funds of the charity			
Total Unrestricted Funds		276,003	271,707

The notes on pages 12 to 16 form part of these financial statements

Accounts approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


 Thames Sylva (Jan 19, 2025 18:45 GMT)

Thames Sylva (Pastor & Chair)

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Notes to the financial statements for the period 1 May 2023 to 31 March 2024

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

b) Income and Expenditure

All income and expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis.

c) Fund Accounting

The unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

There are no restricted funds held by the Charity

d) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £200 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	not provided
Building improvement	4% straight line
Plant & Machinery	10% straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	20% straight line
Office Equipment	20% straight line
Audio Visuals	10% straight line
Laptops & Computers	20% straight line
Motor Vehicle	20% straight line

2 Donation and Legacies

	01/05/2023 to 31/03/2024	01/05/2022 to 30/04/2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£
Donations & Offering	39,502	39,502
Total	39,502	48,602

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3. Other Charitable Activities

	01/05/2023 to 31/03/2024		01/05/2022 to 30/04/2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Gift Aid	1,532	1,532	-
Sunday School Books	-	-	-
National Convocation Fees	-	-	-
District Convocation Fees	-	-	-
Fundraising & Sponsorship	328	328	-
National Grant	10,000	10,000	-
Other income	3,058	3,058	-
Total	14,918	14,918	-

4. Investment Income

	01/05/2023 to 31/03/2024		01/05/2022 to 30/04/2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Bank interest	126	126	-
Total	126	126	-

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5. Charitable Activities Cost

	01/05/2023 to 31/03/2024	01/05/2022 to 30/04/2023
	£	£
Administration cost	751	743
Communication cost	1,021	997
	2,516	1,951
Financing Cost		
Governance Cost	180	176
Depreciation on tangible assets owned by the charity	38	-
Consultancy fee	-	-
Legal fee	-	-
Accountancy fee	-	-
Independent Examination	900	1,065
Insurance	959	936
Property Cost	2,825	2,760
Small Equipment/Furniture/Repairs & Maintenance	607	593
Security	3,087	3,015
Supplies & Services	645	630
Transport & Transportation Cost	1,310	1,279
Training/Conferences/Short Courses	-	-
Utilities	4,427	4,323
Stipend/Honorarium	2,200	2,400
Personnel Cost	6,875	6,714
Mission & Ministry Cost	2,391	2,335
Outreach/Advertising/ Evangelism	15,366	15,006
Ecclesiastical Support Cost [Contribution towards the responsibilities of the National Church]	510	498
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,642	528
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	50,250	45,949

6. Trustees Remuneration and Benefits

One trustee received Honoria for the supply of contracted services for the year ended. 31 March 2024, £2,200 (2023-£2,400)

Trustees` expenses

There was no trustee`s expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024(2023-£0).

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7. Independent Examiner Fee

	01/05/2023 to 31/04/2024 £	01/05/2022 to 31/04/2023 £
Accountant's Invoice	900	1,065

8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property	Building Improvement	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures/ fittings	Office Equipment	Audio Visuals	Laptops & Computer	Motor Vehicle	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost									
1 May 2023	281,650								281,650
Additions		950	-	-	-	-	-	-	950
Surplus on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Disposal									
At 31 March 2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	282,600
Depreciation									
At 1 May 2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	=	38
On disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Net book value									
At 31 March 2024	-	912	-	-	-	-	-	-	282,562
At 30 April 2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	281,650

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9. Creditors

	01/05/2023	01/05/2022
	to	to
	31/03/2024	30/04/2023
	£	£
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	900	1,065
	900	1,065

10. Creditors

	01/05/2023	01/05/2022
	to	to
	31/03/2024	30/04/2023
	£	£
Creditors: amounts falling due more than one year	22,612	41,306
	22,612	41,306

11. Debtors

	01/05/2023	01/05/2022
	to	to
	31/03/2024	30/04/2023
	£	£
Members Loan	4,715	2,742
	4,715	2742