

BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1149548

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2012-10-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Townfoot Industrial Estate
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST ARE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: Sunday Church Services 10.00am Communion Service. 11.00am Family Service Tuesday: Ministry and Prayer Service. Thursday 10.00am. Parent & Toddler Group. Annual KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB July/August.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£105,775	£98,854	-	-
2023-12-31	£79,815	£59,393	-	-
2022-12-31	£70,260	£64,341	-	-
2021-12-31	£79,920	£59,262	-	-
2020-12-31	£90,119	£61,138	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
HUW NATHAN ILEY	Chair	2016-03-01
Christine Fenwick		2024-05-23
Jonathan Mark Knowles		2024-05-23
PAUL WILLIAM BACON		2012-10-29
RUSSELL JOHN NOBLE		2022-05-15
Robert Stephen Pickett		2016-03-01

BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	01	2024	To	31	12 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

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Bethesda Evangelical Church

Other names charity is known by

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1149548

Charity's principal address

Bethesda Evangelical Church

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Brampton

Postcode

CA8 1SW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paul Bacon			Trustees
2	Huw Iley	Pastor/Chair		Trustees
3	Robert Pickett	Secretary		Trustees
4	Russell John Noble			Trustees
5	Mark Knowles		23/05/2024	Trustees
6	Christine Fenwick		23/05/2024	Trustees

Section B

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Bethesda @ 5 - is offered once per month, and is now a valued part of church life. All ages are welcome, for a mixture of eating together, games, coffee & chat; followed by a topic to explore and time to pray. It has helped people of different ages and backgrounds to interact and grow in friendship.

Young at Heart - emerged from our social events into a regular group for those of retired age, meeting half-termly through the year, usually in coffee shops! The group is providing valuable friendship and encouragement.

Socials - we organised a range of social events over the year, some with specific age-groups in mind, and some for all. These popular events can enhance existing friendships, but are also very effective for newcomers to Brampton to meet people and settle in.

Special services - we have special services around Christmas, Easter, and Remembrance Sunday, some on our own and some in partnership with other churches in Brampton.

Holiday Clubs for children – Summer Holiday Club is organised in partnership with other churches in the Brampton area, and provides primary school age children the opportunity to explore the Christian faith, with lots of games, craft, singing, drama sketches, snacks and fun thrown in! It can also be a help to parents/carers. It ran in the first week of the school summer holidays. In partnership with other local churches, we ran 'Exploring Easter', as a one-off after school event, with different 'stations' for children and parents/carers to explore the Easter story, with crafts and other fun activities.

Night Light – is a youth group aimed at those of secondary school age, on Friday evening, in school term time. The group aims to create a fun and safe environment where young people can learn something of the Christian faith. Night Light began as a joint initiative with other churches in Brampton area, and is now run by Network Youth Church, with support from local churches. We continue to help provide leaders and speakers for the Club.

Public Benefit

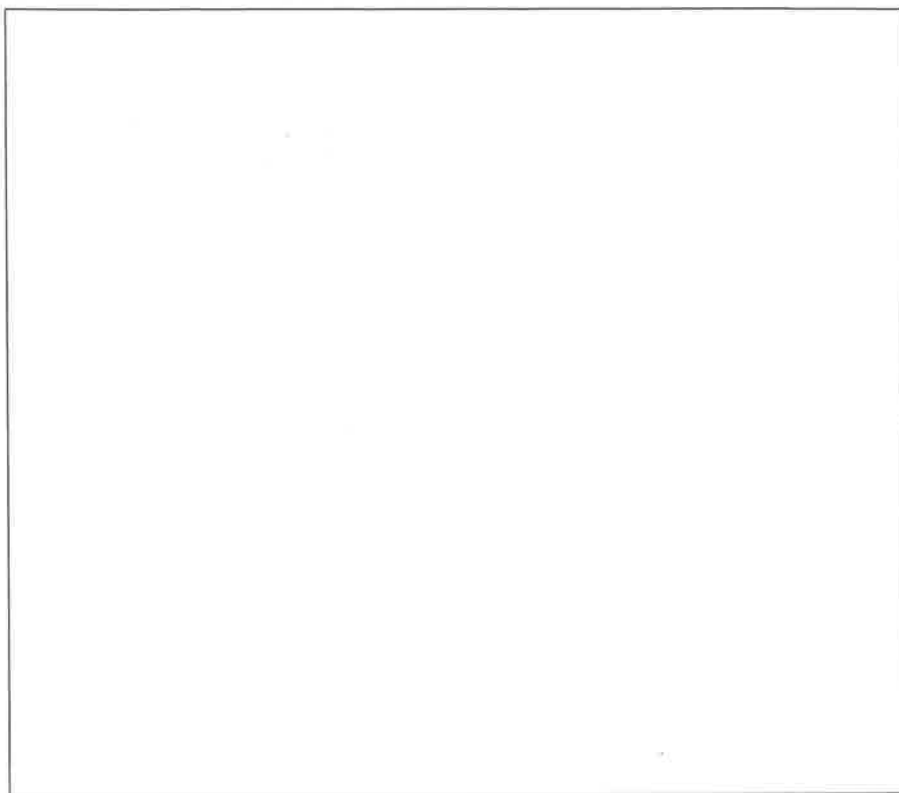
We, as trustees, take our responsibility to ensure that our activities provide public benefit very seriously. We are confident that all the activities listed above provide such benefit. They are all open to members of the general public and are advertised in various ways.

We also very much encourage church attendants to invite friends and acquaintances to these activities and to serve the community in any way that they can. Some of our church services (e.g. Christmas) and the Christianity Explored course are especially geared towards those who might not normally come to church and give people an opportunity to learn more about the Christian Faith.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2024 was an encouraging year of growth for Bethesda. We began the year with Sunday attendance back to pre-Covid levels, and the church continued to grow over the year. As many were new, they need time and help to settle in, and find how they can best contribute to the church community, but we are in a more encouraging position as we head into 2025.

Newcomers are from a wide mix of ages and backgrounds - some have moved into the area, some are returning to church after years away, others have moved from churches where they have been discouraged for a variety of reasons. It has been particularly encouraging to see people return to church after many years away, and their joy in re-connecting. Services continued to be available online, with 5-10% of those attending typically online.

Children (and parents/carers) have enjoyed Sunday Club. The Pathfinders group continued to grow (including some who moved up from the children's groups in September), and it is encouraging to see the Bible discussions developing. Some also attended and enjoyed Christian summer camps, and we hope more will attend in future.

Community Groups, some in-person and some online, have been highly valued by those in them, and now play a key role in the prayer and community life of the church.

The summer Holiday Club went well, with a mix of children from different primary schools in the area, and lots of enthusiasm. It also provided some good links with families in the town.

Bethesda @5 provides good variety to our regular Sunday morning services, facilitates integration across the age groups in the church, and some have found it easy to invite others along to it.

Some new trustees were appointed and we are encouraged with a growing leadership team, with differing skills and experience.

There was significant progress with the refurbishment work on the church building - new doors and windows have made the building warmer and much more welcoming.

We continue to be encouraged by those from Bethesda who are currently away studying at university, as they have continued to grow and serve in new places and churches.

The informal fellowship in Haltwhistle has grown and developed over the year, friendships and vision have deepened. Bethesda continues to offer support and prayer that it will grow into a healthy church to serve Haltwhistle and the surrounding area in the longterm. Some retired missionaries in the church re-visited South Sudan in the summer. That has led to a new church partnership for us, and we were glad to support their building project, which they hope to begin in 2025.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is our Charity's policy to hold at least three months expenditure in its unrestricted funds

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our income is primarily from the giving of members of the church congregation plus some additional external supporters.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	ROBERT PICKATT	Huw ILEY
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY	CHAIR
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Date	20/04/2025
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Bethesda Evangelical Church	No (if any) 1149548
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offering and donations	49,375	2,245	-	51,620	51,189
Property Fund donations	-	34,023	-	34,023	13,305
Grants, gifts and tax refunds received	13,869	5,203	-	19,072	14,126
Book stall income	145	-	-	145	333
Interest income	65	850	-	915	862
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	63,454	42,321	-	105,775	79,815
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63,454	42,321	-	105,775	79,815
A3 Payments					
Employee costs	40,416	-	-	40,416	39,215
Gifts to Missionaries and Evangelists	7,880	-	-	7,880	9,105
Training and conferences	1,446	-	-	1,446	1,931
Property Fund expenditure	-	2,709	-	2,709	343
Repairs, renewals and equipment	1,292	30,235	-	31,527	971
Light, heat and water rates	1,915	-	-	1,915	660
Youth work	891	-	-	891	673
Printing, postage and stationery	518	-	-	518	391
Outreach	1,087	-	-	1,087	1,086
Book stall expenditure	327	-	-	327	413
Rent	4,500	-	-	4,500	-
Sundries	5,308	-	-	5,308	3,711
Legal and Professional	330	-	-	330	894
Sub total	65,910	32,944	-	98,854	59,393
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	65,910	32,944	-	98,854	59,393
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,457	9,378	-	6,921	20,422
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,865	187,509	-	218,374	197,952
Cash funds this year end	28,408	196,886	-	225,294	218,374

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Bank Ltd- Church Account	28,408	3,061	-
	CAF Bank Ltd - Property Account	-	172,622	-
	Kingdom Bank	-	21,203	-
	Total cash funds	28,408	196,886	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


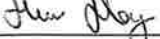
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ROBERT PICKETT	22/7/25
	HUW ILEY	22/7/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1149548

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

08/08/2025

Name:

Joanne Thomlinson FCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1149548

Accounts



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A1 Receipts					
Offerings and donations	51,189	-	-	51,189	39,865
Property Fund donations		13,305	-	13,305	16,604
Grants, gifts and tax refunds received	14,126		-	14,126	13,472
Book stall income	333		-	333	157
Interest income	55	807	-	862	162
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	65,703	14,112	-	79,815	70,260
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	65,703	14,112	-	79,815	70,260
A3 Payments					
Employee costs	39,215	-	-	39,215	38,247
Gifts to Missionaries and Evangelists	9,105	-	-	9,105	8,290
Training and conferences	1,931	-	-	1,931	1,093
Property Fund expenditure	-	343	-	343	4,002
Repairs, renewals and equipment	971	-	-	971	467
Light, heat and water rates	660	-	-	660	3,097
Youth work	673	-	-	673	1,181
Printing, postage and stationery	391	-	-	391	104
Outreach	1,086	-	-	1,086	1,162
Book stall expenditure	413	-	-	413	124
Sundries	3,711	-	-	3,711	4,217
Legal and professional	894	-	-	894	2,357
Sub total	59,050	343	-	59,393	64,341
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	59,050	343	-	59,393	64,341
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,653	13,769	-	20,422	5,919
A5 Transfers between funds	-	2,392	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,604	171,348	-	197,952	192,033
Cash funds this year end	30,865	187,509	-	218,374	197,952

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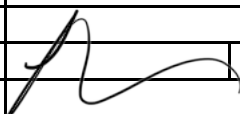
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	ROBERT PICKETT	11/7/24
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Signed:		Date:	25/07/2024
Name:	Joanne Thomlinson FCA		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales		
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Special services - we have special services around Christmas, Easter, and Remembrance Sunday, some on our own and some in partnership with other churches in Brampton.

Holiday Clubs for children – Summer Holiday Club is organised in partnership with other churches in Brampton area, and provides

primary school age children the opportunity to explore the Christian faith, with lots of games, craft, singing, drama sketches, snacks and fun thrown in! It can also be a help to parents/carers. It ran in the first week of the school summer holidays. Prior to the Covid pandemic we ran an Easter Cub, in a similar way, on Good Friday. In 2023 we re-started it, but with a changed format. In partnership with other local churches, we ran 'Exploring Easter', as a one-off after school event, with different 'stations' for children and parents/carers to explore the Easter story, with crafts and other fun activities. It seemed to be a success and is likely to continue in this format.

Night Light – is a youth group aimed at those of secondary school age, on Friday evening, in school term time. The group aims to create a fun and safe environment where young people can learn something of the Christian faith. Night Light began as a joint initiative with other churches in Brampton area, and is now run by Network Youth Church, with support from local churches. We continue to help provide leaders and speakers for the Club.

Hope Explored - a new resource, produced by Christianity Explored ministries. We offered a course early in the year, and those who came along enjoyed some really good discussions. The course is shorter, very encouraging, and a good introduction to Christianity. It is likely we will offer it in future years, as well as Christianity Explored.

Public Benefit

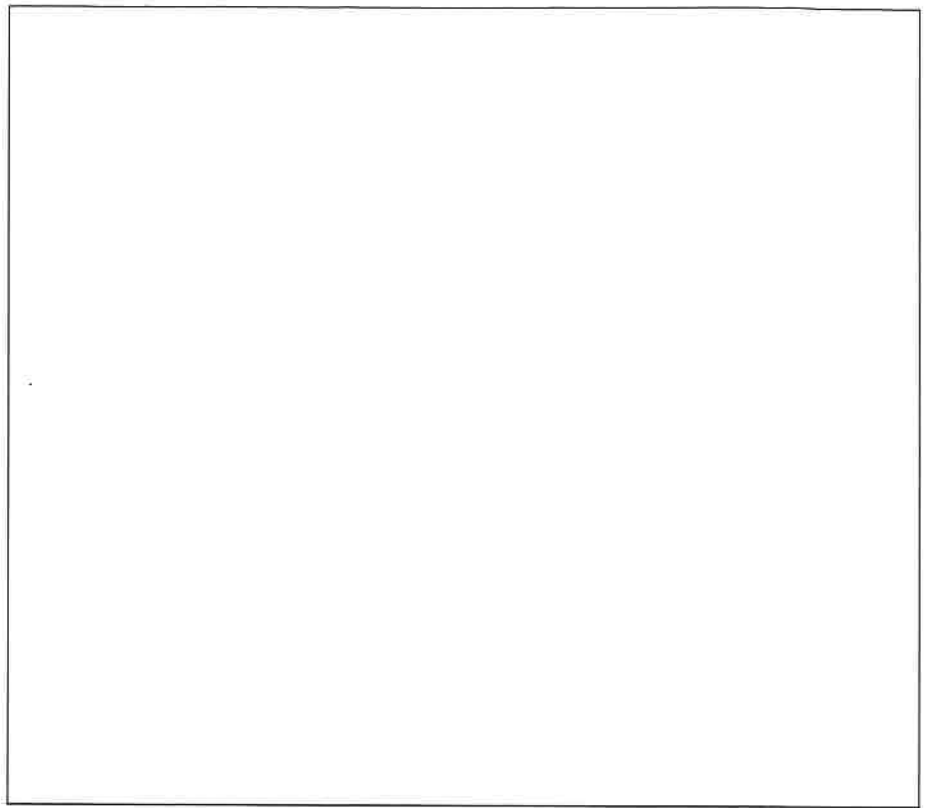
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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2023 turned into an encouraging year of growth for Bethesda. At the start of the year, we were still significantly lower in terms of Sunday attendance compared to pre-Covid, which in turn had implications for the number of volunteers to serve, invite new people, and support the church financially. During the year, numbers increased and the amount of church activity was able to grow. By the end of the year, numbers attending were very similar to pre-Covid. As many were new, they need time and help to settle in, and find how they can best contribute to the church community, but it means we are in a more encouraging position as we head into 2024.

Newcomers are a wide mix of ages and backgrounds - some have moved into the area, some are returning to church after years away, others have moved from churches where they have been discouraged for a variety of reasons. It has been particularly encouraging to see people return to church after many years away, and their joy in re-connecting. Services continued to be available online, with 5-10% of those attending typically online.

Children (and parents/carers) have enjoyed Sunday Club. The Pathfinders group continued to grow, and it is encouraging to see the Bible discussions developing. Three from the group attended and enjoyed Christian summer camps, and we hope more will attend in future.

Community Groups, some in-person and some online, have been highly valued by those in them, and now play a key role in the prayer and community life of the church.

The summer Holiday Club went well, with the highest attendance we can remember, and lots of enthusiasm. It was limited to 3 days (plus a set-up day), and we will explore whether 4 days are possible in 2024. It also provided some good links with families in the town.

Bethesda @5 became an established ministry over the year, and provides good variety to our regular Sunday morning services, facilitates integration across the age groups in the church, and some have found it easy to invite others along to it.

Hope Explored is a positive new way for us to help people explore the hope that Jesus offers, and is likely to be useful in the future.

We continue to be encouraged by those from Bethesda who are currently away studying at university, as they have continued to grow and serve in new places and churches.

The informal fellowship in Haltwhistle has grown and developed over the year, friendships and vision have deepened. Bethesda continues to offer support and prayer that it will grow into a healthy church to serve Haltwhistle and the surrounding area in the longterm.

Section E

Financial review

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Our income is primarily from the giving of members of the church congregation plus some additional external supporters.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Huw Iley	
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Full name(s)

Huw NATHAN ILEY	ROBERT STEPHENSON PICKETT
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR	SECRETARY
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Date

12/05/24

BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1149548

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

1149548

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings and donations	39,865	-	-	39,865	37,083
Property Fund donations	-	16,604	-	16,604	33,082
Grants, gifts and tax refunds received	7,872	5,500	-	13,472	9,684
Book stall income	157	-	-	157	6
Interest income	30	132	-	162	55
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for A1)	48,024	22,236	-	70,260	79,920
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	48,024	22,236	-	70,260	79,920
A3 Payments					
Employee costs	38,247	-	-	38,247	36,353
Gifts to Missionaries and Evangelists	8,290	-	-	8,290	8,140
Training and conferences	1,093	-	-	1,093	259
Property Fund expenditure	-	4,002	-	4,002	7,130
Repairs, renewals and equipment	467	-	-	467	1,769
Light, heat and water rates	3,097	-	-	3,097	1,368
Youth work	1,181	-	-	1,181	434
Printing, postage and stationery	104	-	-	104	67
Outreach	1,162	-	-	1,162	112
Book stall expenditure	124	-	-	124	23
Sundries	4,217	-	-	4,217	3,807
Legal & Professional	2,357	-	-	2,357	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	60,339	4,002	-	64,341	59,262
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,339	4,002	-	64,341	59,262
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,315	18,234	-	5,919	20,658
A5 Transfers between funds	- 2,663	2,663	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	41,582	150,451	-	192,033	171,375
Cash funds this year end	28,804	171,348	-	197,952	192,033

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Bank Ltd - Church Account	26,604	816	-
	CAF Bank Ltd - Property Account	-	150,344	-
	Kingdom Bank	-	20,188	-
	Total cash funds	26,604	171,348	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))



	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

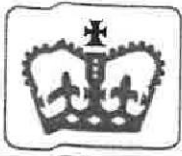
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Huw ILEY	30/08/23
	ROSALYN PICKETT	31/8/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1149548

Set out on pages

1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

5/9/23

Name:

Joanne Thomlinson FCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

Dodd & Co Limited, FIFTEEN, Montgomery Way, Rosehill Industrial Estate,
CARLISLE, CA1 2RW

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2022	To	31	12	2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bethesda Evangelical Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1149548

Charity's principal address

Bethesda Evangelical Church

Townfoot Industrial Estate

Brampton

Postcode

CA8 1SW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 David Niven		Resigned 25/03/2022	Trustees
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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg trust deed, constitution)

Trust Deed (16th October 2012)

How the charity is constituted
(eg trust, association, company)

Trust

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Appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Section C

Objectives and activities

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Sunday Worship Services – in-person services were held every Sunday morning of 2022. These services are for people of all ages (younger children usually join in for the first part of the service, and are then invited to their own group - 'Sunday Club'). Services are designed to be accessible to those who wish to find out more about the Christian faith, as well as for those who have been Christians for some time. The service includes sung worship, prayer, reading and preaching of the Bible, news of what's happening in the church and local community; and people typically stay as long after the service for refreshments and time to chat! Numbers of holiday-makers visiting on Sundays started to grow again.

Sunday Club (School) – for pre-school, infant and junior aged children. The group is available every Sunday, and numbers attending can vary from 5-18! Volunteer leaders work hard to prepare sessions that help children learn from the Bible (especially it's overall storyline) in an age-appropriate and fun way.

Community Groups – we have three groups, meeting weekly for friendship, group Bible study and prayer, some in-person and some continued on Zoom throughout the year. These have been a key source of friendship and encouragement, and have strengthened the church community.

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Bethesda @ 5 - towards the end of the year, we began Bethesda @ 5 as an experiment, and will review it in 2023. All ages are welcome, for a mixture of eating together, games, coffee & chat; followed by a topic to explore and time to pray. It started very well, and was effectively helping people of different ages and backgrounds to interact and grow in friendship.

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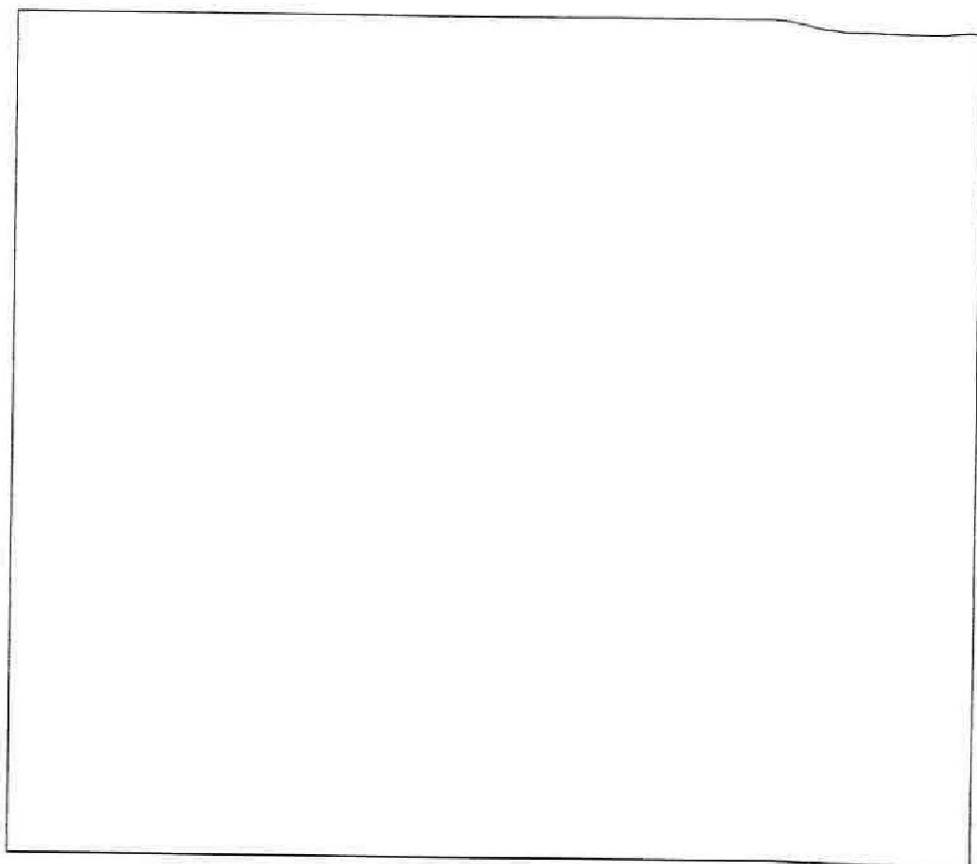
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Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Having returned to in-person services part-way through 2021, much of 2022 was a time of re-establishing and settling, to enable new growth. As a significant number of core folk had moved away, new people began to take on roles to enable services to happen, including musicians, welcome and refreshments teams, and helpers for Sunday Club.

Numbers attending in-person were generally 10% down compared to pre-pandemic, but were building up over the year. Family attendance was a little more varied than pre-pandemic. It was encouraging to see new people try us - typically they were either people who had recently moved in to Brampton, or who wanted to re-connect with a church after some years of absence.

Services continued to be available online, with 5-10% of those attending typically online. Numbers of holiday-makers visiting on Sundays started to grow again; we hope to be an encouragement to them, and they often are to us.

Children (and parents/carers) have generally been very glad to have Sunday Club in-person.

We continue to appreciate resources from Mustard Seeds and Faith in Kids, and children who attend regularly get a good grasp of the overall Bible-storyline, whilst having lots of fun along the way! Some of the leaders are fairly new, and so some training and support was needed.

The Pathfinders group was settling and building up, with some new members and leaders of the group. Those in the group are clearly growing in Christian discipleship through it, we hope it will also increasingly be a way for young people to explore Christianity for the first time.

Community Groups, some in-person and some online, have been highly valued by those in them, and now play a key role in the prayer and community life of the church.

It was very encouraging that the summer Holiday Club could re-start - the leaders were almost as excited to be back as the children! Numbers were only slightly down on pre-Covid, and it is hoped the club can develop and grow again.

Bethesda @5 is a very promising new development. Some larger youth work ministries are recognising that too often youth have been kept in a slightly separate group, and that there are many benefits from 'inter-generational' church. Whilst this is less of a danger in a smaller church, it has still been very encouraging to see the level of mixing across the different age groups at these meetings. It will be reviewed in 2023, but looks promising. It also provides a good opportunity for us to talk and pray about things that are harder to fit in to a typical Sunday morning service.

Three people who grew up through the youth ministry at Bethesda are now studying at university, and it has been encouraging to see their continued growth and service whilst living in different places and attending new churches.

Three people have begun travelling from the Haltwhistle area to be part of Bethesda, and have been a great encouragement to us. They have also begun a small, informal fellowship in Haltwhistle. Whilst it isn't formally a ministry of Bethesda, we are delighted to see the fellowship

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Huw Iley	Robert Pickett
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Full name(s)	Huw ILEY	ROBERT PICKETT
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	SECRETARY
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Date	29/06/23
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BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1149548

Accounts

B

Trustees' Annual Report for the period



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Sunday Worship Services – These continued online for the first half of the year. Attendance was good, with a wide range of ages involved, and activities for children sent to families before the Sunday. Public, in-person meetings resumed on Sunday afternoons in summer 2021, and we went back to full, in-person Sunday morning services in Autumn 2021. These also continued to be available online. The in-person services took place in our new venue, which has much more space for social distancing.

Sunday Club (School) – For pre-school, infant and junior aged children. Whilst services were online, a video was produced each week, and age-appropriate teaching materials were sent to families for them to complete together, at home on Sunday mornings. In-person Sunday Club resumed with the re-start of Sunday morning services.

Wiggles & Giggles – It has not yet been possible to re-start our Parent/carer & Toddler group but we expect to do so.

Community Groups – Three groups, meeting weekly for friendship, group Bible study and prayer, continued on Zoom throughout the year.

Summer Holiday Club – This did not take place this year due to Covid, we hope to be able to re-start in 2022.

Night Light – A joint initiative with other churches in Brampton area, is a youth group aimed at those of secondary school age that meets on a Friday evening, fortnightly in term time. The group aims to create a fun and safe environment where young people can learn something of the Christian faith. The group continued on Zoom for the first half of the year, due to Covid, and resumed in-person in the Autumn.

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Make & Mend – A weekly group, open to all, where people meet together while making and mending things (eg. sewing, making soap, etc). It provides an opportunity for people to learn from each other and to socialise, and is a good way of introducing people to the church community. This group continued weekly as a Whatsapp group.

Sunday Prayer meetings - In the summer months, before resuming full morning services, we had public in-person meetings, where people could listen to singing, hear from the Bible, and pray together. We used the opportunity to have longer interviews with members of the church each week, to hear about their experiences of Covid, and how God had sustained them during it. A wide range of experiences were shared.

Socials - we organised appropriate Covid-secure social activities, e.g. walks around Talkin Tarn, so that people could enjoy friendship together, and as a means to welcome newcomers to the Brampton area.

Public Benefit

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2021 was another year of significant change for Bethesda Church, especially as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The year began with most church activity still online. Attendance at Sunday services, midweek *Community Groups*, and the *Pathfinders* group, was amazingly consistent. It has been a huge encouragement to see people persevere throughout the pandemic, and to see how much the church community means to people, that despite the limitations of Zoom and Facebook, people have made such an effort to join in and stay connected.

For Bible teaching, we focused on Jesus (in the Gospels) for Sundays, and New Testament teaching on the identity and purpose of the church in midweek groups. These encouraged folk to keep trusting Jesus, and helped the church to continue as a community during the pandemic, and be better equipped for church life after it. People really appreciated being able to meet together in-person, as Covid restrictions eased.

The importance and value of human relationships has become more clear, and simple things such as a chat over coffee after a service is more appreciated than before Covid. As Covid progressed, a significant proportion of the church moved away (15-20%) for family and work reasons. It was difficult to say farewell appropriately, whilst Covid restrictions were in place. Wonderfully, new people have joined, and it has been a good challenge to welcome them to Bethesda (and in some cases to Brampton too), whilst some restrictions were still in place. This made the Autumn, with the resumption of full in-person Sunday services, daunting, as it was more of a re-start of church than we envisioned when Covid first struck.

It has been wonderful to see people serving in new ways, as musicians, serving on welcome, refreshments, maintenance teams, leading Sunday Club, and contributing to Sunday services. Many have integrated well, and Sunday attendances are not too far below pre-Covid levels. It was a joy to see a relatively normal carol service, after so much change. A good number of newcomers have also joined in with midweek groups and are already a key part of the church community. Some folk still join online on Sundays, and we hope that they will be able to rejoin in-person in 2022. A few have drifted from any engagement with us, and we hope they will reconnect next year. There has been a general unity around church policies in light of Covid, which we are very grateful for.

Particular achievements include:

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Our income is primarily from the giving of members of the church congregation plus some additional external supporters.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

1149548

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2021

To

31/12/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings and donations	37,083	-	-	37,083	43,075
Property Fund donations	-	33,092	-	33,092	32,161
Grants, gifts and tax refunds received	7,945	1,739	-	9,684	14,750
Book stall income	6	-	-	6	133
Interest income	-	55	-	55	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	45,034	34,886	-	79,920	90,119
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,034	34,886	-	79,920	90,119
A3 Payments					
Employee costs	36,353	-	-	36,353	35,759
Gifts to Missionaries and Evangelists	8,140	-	-	8,140	8,750
Training and conferences	259	-	-	259	114
Property Fund expenditure	-	7,130	-	7,130	4,056
Repairs, renewals and equipment	1,769	-	-	1,769	7,551
Light, heat and water rates	1,368	-	-	1,368	1,333
Youth work	434	-	-	434	270
Printing, postage and stationery	67	-	-	67	100
Outreach	112	-	-	112	722
Book stall expenditure	23	-	-	23	190
Sundries	3,607	-	-	3,607	2,293
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	52,132	7,130	-	59,262	61,138
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	52,132	7,130	-	59,262	61,138
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,098	27,756	-	20,658	28,981
A5 Transfers between funds	- 7,400	7,400	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,080	115,295	-	171,375	142,394
Cash funds this year end	41,582	150,451	-	192,033	171,375

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Bank Ltd - Church Account	41,582	816	-
	CAF Bank Ltd - Property Account	-	129,580	-
	Kingdom Bank	-	20,055	-
	Total cash funds	41,582	150,451	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Huw Iley</i>	Huw ILEY	03/10/22

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period



From	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	01	01	2021		31	12	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 David Niven		Resigned 25/03/2022	Trustees
2 Paul Bacon			Trustees
3 Huw Iley	Pastor/Chair		Trustees
4 Robert Pickett	Secretary		Trustees
5 Jonathan West		1/1/2021 to 26/5/2021	Trustees
6 Russel John Noble		Appointed 15/05/2022	Trustees

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed (16 th October 2012)
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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Sunday Worship Services – These continued online for the first half of the year. Attendance was good, with a wide range of ages involved, and activities for children sent to families before the Sunday. Public, in-person meetings resumed on Sunday afternoons in summer 2021, and we went back to full, in-person Sunday morning services in Autumn 2021. These also continued to be available online. The in-person services took place in our new venue, which has much more space for social distancing.

Sunday Club (School) – For pre-school, infant and junior aged children. Whilst services were online, a video was produced each week, and age-appropriate teaching materials were sent to families for them to complete together, at home on Sunday mornings. In-person Sunday Club resumed with the re-start of Sunday morning services.

Wiggles & Giggles – It has not yet been possible to re-start our Parent/carer & Toddler group but we expect to do so.

Community Groups – Three groups, meeting weekly for friendship, group Bible study and prayer, continued on Zoom throughout the year.

Summer Holiday Club – This did not take place this year due to Covid, we hope to be able to re-start in 2022.

Night Light – A joint initiative with other churches in Brampton area, is a youth group aimed at those of secondary school age that meets on a Friday evening, fortnightly in term time. The group aims to create a fun and safe environment where young people can learn something of the Christian faith. The group continued on Zoom for the first half of the year, due to Covid, and resumed in-person in the Autumn.

Pathfinders – A group for secondary school aged children, meeting every Sunday afternoon in term time. This is aimed at those children who want some deeper Bible study in an informal environment, with food and games. The group continued on Zoom for the first half of the year, due to Covid, and resumed in-person in the Autumn.

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Sunday Prayer meetings - In the summer months, before resuming full morning services, we had public in-person meetings, where people could listen to singing, hear from the Bible, and pray together. We used the opportunity to have longer interviews with members of the church each week, to hear about their experiences of Covid, and how God had sustained them during it. A wide range of experiences were shared.

Socials - we organised appropriate Covid-secure social activities, e.g. walks around Talkin Tarn, so that people could enjoy friendship together, and as a means to welcome newcomers to the Brampton area.

Public Benefit

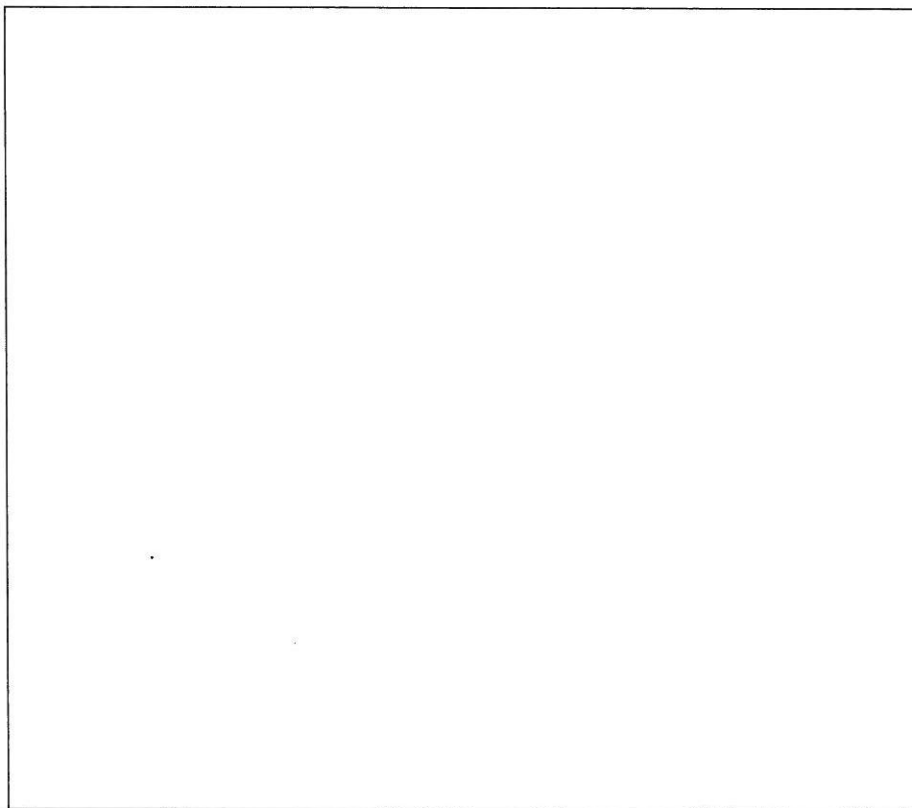
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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2021 was another year of significant change for Bethesda Church, especially as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The year began with most church activity still online. Attendance at Sunday services, midweek *Community Groups*, and the *Pathfinders* group, was amazingly consistent. It has been a huge encouragement to see people persevere throughout the pandemic, and to see how much the church community means to people, that despite the limitations of Zoom and Facebook, people have made such an effort to join in and stay connected.

For Bible teaching, we focused on Jesus (in the Gospels) for Sundays, and New Testament teaching on the identity and purpose of the church in midweek groups. These encouraged folk to keep trusting Jesus, and helped the church to continue as a community during the pandemic, and be better equipped for church life after it. People really appreciated being able to meet together in-person, as Covid restrictions eased.

The importance and value of human relationships has become more clear, and simple things such as a chat over coffee after a service is more appreciated than before Covid. As Covid progressed, a significant proportion of the church moved away (15-20%) for family and work reasons. It was difficult to say farewell appropriately, whilst Covid restrictions were in place. Wonderfully, new people have joined, and it has been a good challenge to welcome them to Bethesda (and in some cases to Brampton too), whilst some restrictions were still in place. This made the Autumn, with the resumption of full in-person Sunday services, daunting, as it was more of a re-start of church than we envisioned when Covid first struck.

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1149548

Set out on pages

1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

4/10/22

Name:

Joanne Thomlinson FCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

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CARLISLE, CA1 2RW

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BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1149548

Accounts

B



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2020	To	31	12	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bethesda Evangelical Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1149548

Charity's principal address

Main Street

Brampton

Postcode

CA8 1SH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 David Niven			Trustees
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5 Jonathan West			Trustees

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Sunday Worship Services – These took place up to 15th March. A communion service at 10am and a Family Service at 11am each Sunday. Both services provide an opportunity for people to worship God and learn from the Bible together. Sunday Club is offered during the 11am service for younger children. Due to Covid from 22nd March onwards services were held on facebook. This continued for the rest of the year.

Sunday Club (School) – This takes place during the 11am Sunday service and currently consists of two separate age groups, one covering up to and including school year 2, the other covering years 3 to 6. Due to covid the Sunday Club ceased to operate from 22nd March.

Wiggles & Giggles – Our Parent/carer & Toddler group on a Thursday morning. It continues to be very popular and is an excellent means of improving links with, and serving, the local community. Due to covid these gatherings ceased from March.

Community Groups – There are a few different groups that meet during the week for group Bible study and prayer, taking place in the homes of church members. These continued on Zoom from late March due to covid.

Summer Holiday Club – This did not take place this year due to covid

Night Light – A joint initiative with other churches, this is a youth group aimed at those of secondary school age that meets on a Friday evening, fortnightly in term time. The group aims to create a fun and safe environment where young people can learn something of the Christian faith. The group continued on Zoom from late March onwards due to covid.

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Brampton Silver Band continued to use the building every Tuesday evening until Covid prevented it. We also allow the church to be used by some other groups from time to time.

Public Benefit

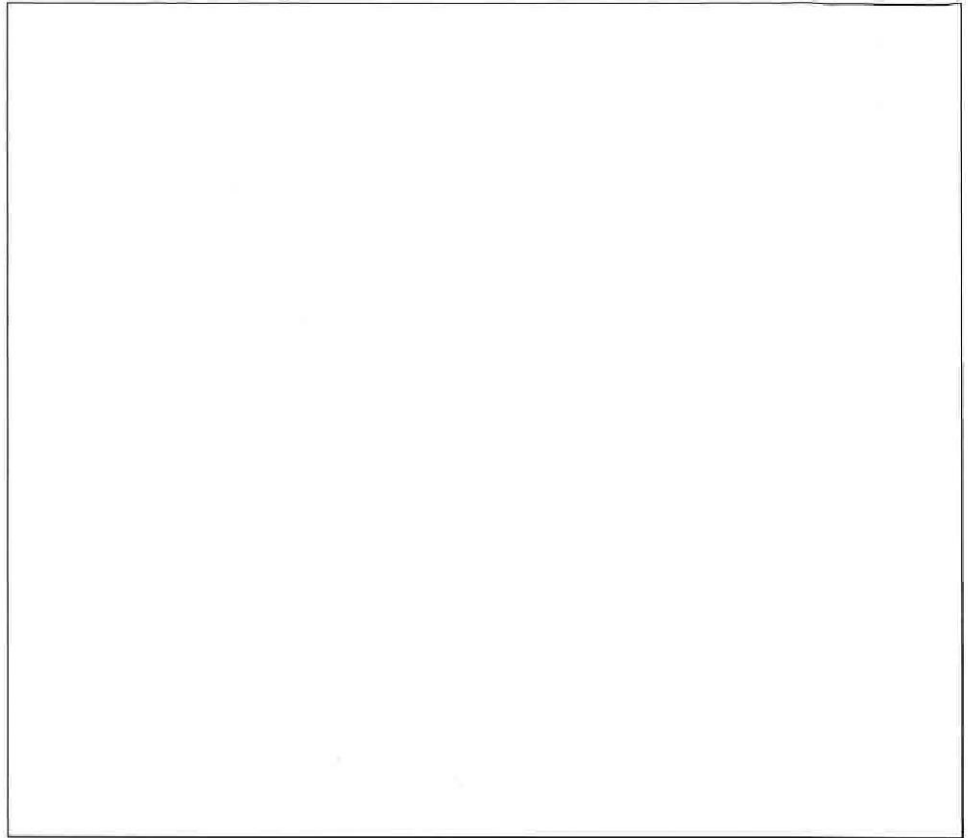
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2020 was a year of change for Bethesda Church, some expected and some very unexpected, due to the impact of Covid-19. The year began with continued growth and a busy programme of activities. When the first Covid lockdown began in March, the church needed to adapt rapidly. Some groups were paused, others were moved online. Almost the whole church community managed to adapt to meeting online on Sundays, and numbers attending our midweek *Community Groups* more than doubled, perhaps as people sought out community and found *Zoom* more convenient in some ways than meeting in person. Some older and more vulnerable members of the church did become more isolated and lonely. Families missed the provision of *Sunday Club* and needed to adapt to providing it for children in their own home (in addition to school at home for many!). Parents needed to adapt to new patterns of home working and school at home. Teenagers were very heavily impacted in the high school environment, and *Zoom* for church was a challenge for them when so much of school was online too. Thankfully, the church community did not experience serious illness or death due to Covid during the year. It has been amazing to see the church community stay together, and in some ways even thrive, during the year. Almost all have connected online, some new friendships have formed, and there has been a general unity around church policies in light of Covid. We are grateful for the internet and IT that enabled far more communication and 'togetherness' than we would ever have imagined possible. Some of this will continue to be a useful tool in the future, even as Covid hopefully recedes.

Particular achievements include:

- Rapidly adjusting to church online. Worship services, Bible teaching and prayer were offered every Sunday. Materials for Sunday Club were provided for parents & carers each week. Playlists of encouraging Christian songs were produced weekly. Breaking of Bread services continued (and grew) throughout the year. New church Facebook pages were created, and the church website updated.
- Midweek *Community Groups* moved online, multiplied in number with more leaders involved, and weekly attendance grew. In particular couples were able to attend without needing to worry about childcare, and older folk could attend when the weather was less good.
- Knowledge and skill with various forms of IT grew.
- We were able take 'goodie-bags' to families from Wiggles & Giggles at regular points throughout the year that were very well received. We provided 'care packs' to encourage teachers and other members of staff at four local primary schools. We provided 'care packs' for the staff of a local care home and a team of home-carers in Brampton, and the Make & Mend group made some gifts for residents in the care home. Some members of the church community also sought to serve the wider community through the local food bank and neighbourhood initiatives.
- Our older building was too small for any effective social distancing, so was unused for most of the year. Progress towards sale slowed but did continue. The building we plan to move to is still awaiting refurbishment, and progress also slowed due to the pandemic, but will be even more useful as long as there is any need for social distancing. We hope to complete the project in 2021.
- Trustees adapted policies and risk assessments rapidly in light of changing government guidance and the changing impact of Covid. We are grateful for national church groupings that were able to communicate with government, and provide clear guidance for churches.

- Financial support for the church remained quite consistent throughout the year, despite the pandemic.

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our income is primarily from the giving of members of the church congregation plus some additional external supporters.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

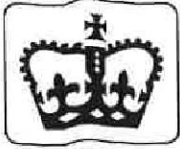
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bethesda Evangelical Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1149548

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

18/02/2021

Name:

Gordon E Younger, FCCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Chartered Association of Certified Accountants

Address:

5 Woodlands, Orton Road, Carlisle, CA2 7TR

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

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BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH , BRAMPTON, CUMBRIA
Registered Charity No. 1149548

Income and Expenditure Account

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Balance Brought Forward	142,393.65	71,178.08
Receipts:-		
Offerings & Donations	43,075.39	44,090.71
Property Fund Donations	32,161.25	66,930.01
Grants, Gifts & Tax Refunds Received	14,749.79	10,654.72
Book Stall Income	132.99	340.50
	<u>90,119.42</u>	<u>122,015.94</u>
	232,513.07	193,194.02
Payments:-		
Employee Costs	35,759.24	35,221.27
Gifts to Missionaries & Evangelists	8,750.00	4,635.00
Training and Conferences	114.01	1,031.80
Property Fund Expenditure	4,056.00	60.00
Repairs, Renewals and Equipment	7,550.84	3,311.31
Heating, Lighting and Water Rates	1,333.39	1,297.62
Youth Work	270.19	891.44
Printing and Stationery	99.65	247.03
Outreach	722.27	1,153.19
Book Stall Expenditure	189.88	465.93
Sundries	2,292.89	2,485.78
	<u>61,138.36</u>	<u>50,800.37</u>
Balance Carried Forward	<u>£171,374.71</u>	<u>£142,393.65</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

Cash At CAF Bank Ltd. - Church Account	56,895.95	62,475.64
Cash At CAF Bank Ltd. - Property Fund	114,478.76	79,918.01
	<u>£171,374.71</u>	<u>£142,393.65</u>
Represented by -		
General Fund	56,079.95	62,475.64
Restricted Wiggles and Giggles Fund	816.00	0.00
Restricted Property Fund	114,478.76	79,918.01
	<u>£171,374.71</u>	<u>£142,393.65</u>

Treasurer - Ruth Gay

Independent Accounts Examiner
 Gordon E. Younger, FCCA
 18th February 2021



