



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BETHESDA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

1149548

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2022

To

31/12/2022

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	39,865	-	-	39,865	37,083
Property Fund donations	-	16,604	-	16,604	33,082
Grants, gifts and tax refunds received	7,972	5,500	-	13,472	9,684
Book stall income	157	-	-	157	6
Interest income	30	132	-	162	35
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	28,604	171,348	-	199,952	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
	ROBERT PICKETT	31/8/23



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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.

B

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2022		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
2 Paul Bacon			Trustees
3 Huw Iley	Pastor/Chair		Trustees
4 Robert Pickett	Secretary		Trustees
5 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 (16th October 2012)

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

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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)

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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.

Pathfinders – a group for secondary school aged children, meeting every Sunday afternoon in term time. This is designed for those young people who want some deeper Bible study in an informal environment, with food and games.

Make & Mend – one-off events, several times per year. Some designed for children (accompanied by parents/carers); others for youth and adults. A great opportunity to enjoy craft (including learning new skills), in a friendly welcoming environment. The weekly group has not yet re-started since the Covid pandemic.

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.

Socials - we organised a range of social events over the year, some with specific age-groups in mind (e.g. retired age) 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.

Summer Holiday Club – re-started after the Covid pandemic in summer 2022. This 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.

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 Brompton area, and is now run by Network Youth Church, with support from local churches.

Public Benefit

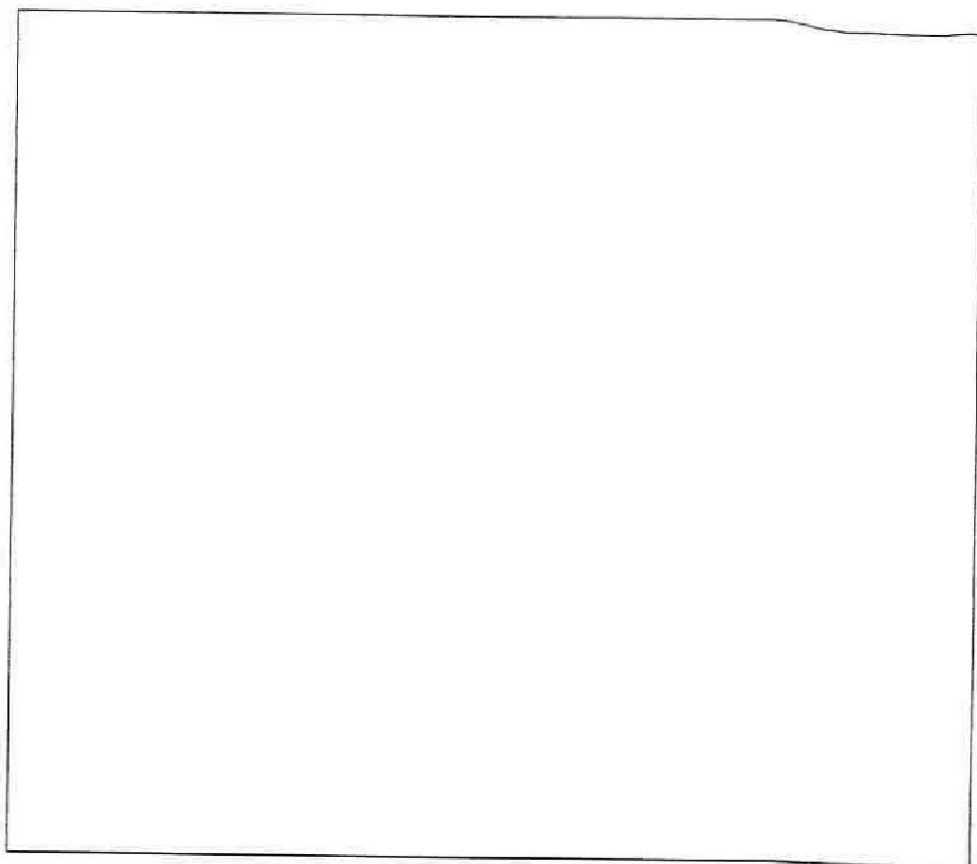
We, as trustees, take our responsibility to ensure that our activities provide public benefit very seriously. We are confident that all the activities listed above provide such benefit. They are all open to members of the general public and are advertised in various ways.

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

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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

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)	<i>Huw Iley</i>	<i>Robert Pickett</i>
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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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