

Charity number  
1152440

Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church

Report and Accounts

For the Year ended

5 April 2023

**Oakensen**  
Chartered Accountants  
Unit 2, Bryer Ash Business Park  
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## **Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church Trustees Annual Report**

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 5 April 2023. The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 5 April 2023 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The principal objective of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the Christian faith primarily but not exclusively within Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Westbury, Bath and Melksham.

The church advances Christian religion by means of the following activities:

- Providing a place of worship for all who wish to attend;
- Providing facilities for education and training;
- Enhancing the church principals in accordance with the Christian belief that God may be exalted, worshipped and his glory proclaimed in accordance with tenets of discipline, rituals, wedding ceremonies, blessings, funerals etc.;
- Promoting prayer and praise;
- Promoting the study of religious teachings, practices and the Scriptures;
- Engaging in missionary work and the training of workers;
- Visiting the sick, hospitals and outreach work, etc.;
- Promoting missionary and outreach work;
- Encouragement and support of pastoral work;
- Developing workshops/training classes for children and young people;
- Teaching Christian faiths and beliefs practically;
- Engaging the community, including working in partnership with other faiths, etc; and
- Utilising social media platforms in order to achieve the above.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Since the work of the church is spiritual in nature, achievements cannot always be measured in a tangible way. However, the following demonstrates how the work at the church has been developing through the year.

- Donations to other charities were made to advance the Christian Religion;
- Trustees and key members are DBS registered;
- Services have been held every Sunday of the year, in person and via Zoom and for prayer;
- Met the needs of children in poverty eg monthly donations to TearFund, WaterAid and Save the Children (Charity);
- Use of the internet to promote the gospel via Zoom, website and potential for Facebook, Instagram and YouTube;
- Support and care of both church members and non-members suffering serious illness and bereavement;
- Support of church members in various activities including Christian education;
- Financial support to other charities with similar objectives, nationally;
- A midweek Bible study and prayer meeting is held weekly throughout the year.
- The place of worship has been made accessible to all;
- Updated social media equipment - hybrid public services via Zoom, You Tube, etc.;
- Locally, the Charity supports those who are bereaved by undertaking and or participating in funerals as well as visiting the sick.
- Providing help to the poor and needy.

## **Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church Trustees Annual Report**

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The church's trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity made a deficit of £1,661 (2022: deficit -£2,881) this year. The charity did not receive any restricted income during the period.

The unrestricted operating fund represents the charity's free reserves, which are retained to provide funding for charitable activities and the running costs of the church. The reserves at the year end are £52,820 (2022 £54,481).

### **RESERVES POLICY**

Sufficient funds are kept in reserve to meet immediate ongoing expenditure.

### **PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

The charity continues to actively seek to develop the performance of its objectives and to provide benefit to the local community and the world e.g. donating to WaterAid, Saving Sight etc. Feed poor children locally, coffee mornings, and Summer school activities for the community.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Charity number: 1152440

Registered Office: Conigre, Trowbridge BA14 8LR

#### **Our Advisors**

Examiners: Oakensen, Unit 2, Bryer Ash Business Park, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8HE

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Fore Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire

#### **Trustees**

Elected trustees: Pastor Denson Lewin, Chair  
Dr Rev. Una Davis - Emeritus  
Minister Levi Lewin  
Beverley Lewin, Secretary  
Florezen Elliot

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing Document**

#### **Appointment of trustees**

Trustees are selected and appointed directly by the church members at church business meetings, for an indefinite period of service.

## **Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church Trustees Annual Report**

### **Organisational structure**

Day to day management is delegated to the church officers, who are the trustees.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mr David Oakensen FCA of Oakensen Chartered Accountants was appointed as independent examiner for the year.

This report was approved by the board on



01/11/2023

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Denson Lewin  
Treasurer

## **Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church**

### **Independent examiner's report to the members of Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church**

I report on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

#### **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 charity'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**

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:

- 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.



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Independent Examiner  
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1 November 2023

**Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 5 April 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Income from donations and legacies	2	27,575	-	27,575	21,365
Income from charitable activities	3	4,978	-	4,978	4,127
Bank interest		4	-	4	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		<b>32,557</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,557</b>	<b>25,492</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	7,831	-	7,831	5,565
Other expenditure	5	26,387	-	26,387	22,808
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>34,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,218</b>	<b>28,373</b>
<b>Net income/ (expenditure)</b>		<b>(1,661)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,661)</b>	<b>(2,881)</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>(1,661)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,661)</b>	<b>(2,881)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
<b>Total funds at 5 April 2022</b>		<b>54,481</b>	<b>206,550</b>	<b>54,481</b>	<b>261,031</b>
<b>Total funds at 5 April 2023</b>		<b>52,820</b>	<b>206,550</b>	<b>52,820</b>	<b>259,370</b>

There were no recognised gains and losses other than those shown in the above Statement of Financial Activities.

**Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 5 April 2023**

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	243,701	244,979
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		16,113	16,460
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	(444)	(408)
<b>Net current assets</b>		15,669	16,052
<b>Net assets</b>		259,370	261,031
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted funds	8	52,820	54,481
Revaluation reserve		206,550	206,550
		259,370	261,031

Approved by the board on



01/11/2023

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D G Lewin

**Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 5 April 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

***Basis of accounting***

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

***Incoming resources***

Income is recognised when it is received.

***Resources expended***

Resources expended are recognised in the period they are incurred and include any VAT.

Costs which are directly attributable to meeting charitable objects are classified as provision of charitable services. These costs are directly allocated to activities.

Costs associated with the general running of the charity which are not attributable to meeting charitable objects are classified as management and administration costs.

***Funds***

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

***Debtors***

Debtors are recognised at the amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

***Creditors***

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

***Taxation***

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

***Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty***

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

No significant judgements have had to be made in preparing these financial statements.



**Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 5 April 2023**

<b>2 Income from donations and legacies</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Offerings	26,700	-	26,700	20,898
Donations	875	-	875	467
	<u>27,575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,575</u>	<u>21,365</u>
<b>3 Income from charitable activities</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Gift aid tax refund	4,978	-	4,978	4,127
	<u>4,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,978</u>	<u>4,127</u>
<b>4 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Room hire	2,114	-	2,114	150
Emeritus's stipend	2,800	-	2,800	2,400
Travel expenses	-	-	-	53
Funeral assistance	-	-	-	200
Other donations	820	-	820	730
Books and leaflets	496	-	496	557
Church flowers etc	188	-	188	382
Catering and refreshments	1,112	-	1,112	635
Other direct costs	301	-	301	458
	<u>7,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,831</u>	<u>5,565</u>
<b>5 Other expenditure</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Light and heat	1,941	-	1,941	1,957
Building repairs	3,086	-	3,086	5,931
Refurbishment of premises	-	-	-	180
Telephone and Zoom	1,512	-	1,512	1,488
Stationery and postage	71	-	71	107
Cleaning	400	-	400	330
Bethel National Account	6,680	-	6,680	1,920
Safeguarding fees	145	-	145	129
Convocation fees	350	-	350	180
Church website	298	-	298	86
Insurance	1,251	-	1,251	1,159
Depreciation	10,209	-	10,209	8,933
Accountancy	444	-	444	408
	<u>26,387</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,387</u>	<u>22,808</u>

**Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church**  
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**For the year ended 5 April 2023**

**6 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Land and Buildings</b>	<b>Equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 6 April 2022	228,491	34,337	262,828
Additions	-	8,931	8,931
At 5 April 2023	<u>228,491</u>	<u>43,268</u>	<u>271,759</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 6 April 2022	4,196	13,653	17,849
Charge for the year	2,098	8,111	10,209
At 5 April 2023	<u>6,294</u>	<u>21,764</u>	<u>28,058</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 5 April 2023	<u>222,197</u>	<u>21,504</u>	<u>243,701</u>
At 5 April 2022	<u>224,295</u>	<u>20,684</u>	<u>244,979</u>

**7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Other creditors	<u>444</u>	<u>408</u>

**8 Unrestricted funds**

	<b>Balance as at 6 April 2022 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Balance as at 5 April 2023 £</b>
Charitable funds	54,481	32,557	(34,218)	52,820
	<u>54,481</u>	<u>32,557</u>	<u>(34,218)</u>	<u>52,820</u>

**9 Trustee remuneration and expenses**

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2022: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: £nil).