

**THE BETHEL INDEPENDENT AND EVANGELICAL CHURCH,
CLAPHAM, NORTH YORKSHIRE**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2023

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INFORMATION PAGE

Registered charity number	1152630
Working name	The Bethel Independent and Evangelical Church
Contact address	The Bethel Independent and Evangelical Church Clapham Lancaster Lancashire LA2 8DZ
Trustees	G J Coates T W Fawcett J E Townley A Whitaker A B Woodhouse P Close (appointed 16/02/23) M S Woodhouse (appointed 16/02/23) P W Fawcett (appointed 16/02/23) G P Townley
Elders	J E Townley A B Woodhouse T W Fawcett G P Townley
Treasurer	Paul Close
Secretary	J E Townley
Independent Examiners	Bennett Kirkhope Smith Chartered Certified Accountants Suites 5 & 6, The Printworks Hey Road, Barrow, Clitheroe Lancashire BB7 9WB
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Leicester LE87 2AB

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TRUSTEES REPORT

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a church constitution dated 24 June 2013 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The method of appointment of the charity members is set out in the Church Rules. At The Bethel Independent and Evangelical Church, Clapham, North Yorkshire, the membership of the charity consists of the elders, deacons and members.

The managing trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the charity including deciding on how funds of the charity are to be spent. The managing trustees must hold at least 4 meetings in each 12 month period.

Once a new managing trustee has been appointed they shall be provided with a copy of:

- the latest annual report and accounts of the church
- the constitution and church rules
- any other relevant documentation relating to the property of the church

The property owned by the charity is held in the names of all the trustees.

Objectives and activities

The charity has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. The principal objectives are:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Clapham, North Yorkshire and the surrounding area
- such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the managing trustees further the work of the charity

Achievements and performance

During the year the charity has held regular church services and has 35 members.

The charity continues to allow its facilities to be used free of charge for church members and the community. These include:

- Fellowship Meetings/ Bible Studies every other Tuesday (except for Summer months)
- Thursday Friends meeting in the afternoon, served with tea and cakes, and a guest speaker (except for Summer months)
- Coffee Meetings every month on a Thursday evening (except for Summer months)
- Clapham Tots-Toddler Group every Friday (except school holidays)
- 5-11 year olds "Kmotion" group every 2 weeks on a Friday (except school holidays)
- 12-16 year olds "Encounter" group every 2 weeks on a Friday (except school holidays)

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These are all held in the church hall and are a benefit to the community as a whole.

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Other events that have been made available during the year are:

- a free Harvest Supper and guest speaker for anyone in the surrounding area
- a free Christmas meal and guest speaker for elderly people from the local community at the Chapel in December 2023
- Coffee, Cake & Chat. A once a month coffee morning and drop off time for foodbank donations. Money is given to Olive Branch Foodbank, Lancaster & food donations are given to Skipton Foodbank
- Sportsreach soccer & netball school for children aged 7-15 in August 2023
- King's coronation activities including an open day with children's craft activities, raising money for CancerCare
- Easter wreath making workshop open to anyone from the surrounding area
- Gospel singing evening, with a singing group from Northern Ireland. A free event that was open to anyone
- Coffee morning raising £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support
- Craft afternoon raising £70 for CancerCare
- Christmas events, including a Christmas celebration and singing at Settle Christmas lights switch on event

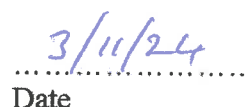
Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £42,307 and total expenses were £42,437, the net result for the year was a deficit of receipts over payments of £130.

Adding bank balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balance carried forward at 31st December 2023 on unrestricted funds totalled £17,480.

The present level of reserves is adequate to support the present activities of the charity, however this shall be reviewed regularly by the managing trustees.


J E Townley


Date

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BETHEL
INDEPENDENT AND EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bethel Independent and Evangelical Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Trustee'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: AM Smith FCCA CTA
Address: Bennett Kirkhope Smith
Chartered Certified Accountants
Registered Auditors
Suites 5 & 6, The Printworks
Hey Road,
Barrow, Clitheroe
Lancashire, BB7 9WB

Date:

18/11/2024

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts	1	39,842	-	39,842	42,330
Other receipts	2	2,465	-	2,465	2,540
		42,307	-	42,307	44,870
Receipts from sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Total receipts		42,307	-	42,307	44,870
PAYMENTS					
Costs of generating voluntary receipts	3	42,437	-	42,437	41,346
		42,437	-	42,437	41,346
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	6,839
Total payments		42,437	-	42,437	48,185
Excess Receipts over Payments/ (Payments over Receipts)		(130)	-	(130)	(3,315)
Bank account as at 1 January 2023		17,610	-	17,610	20,925
Bank account as at 31 December 2023		17,480	-	17,480	17,610

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
MONETARY ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand	4	17,480	-	17,480	17,610
		17,480	-	17,480	17,610
OTHER ASSETS					
Tax refunds		4,737	-	4,737	4,844
Prepayments		212	-	212	165
LIABILITIES					
Accruals		(1,634)	-	(1,634)	(2,841)
		20,795	-	20,795	19,778

The charity operates from property owned by the trustees of The Bethel Independent and Evangelical Church, Clapham, North Yorkshire, which includes fixtures, fittings, plant and equipment used for charitable objectives.

Approved by the PCC


J E Townley


Date

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Covenant gifts	17,780	18,100
Freewill offerings	590	1,134
Donations	7,409	8,964
Tax Refund	6,266	5,196
Gift Aid small donations scheme	6,463	6,822
Additional Gift Aid income	610	
TV Screen Gifts	-	1,390
Stewardship	724	724
	<u>39,842</u>	<u>42,330</u>
2 OTHER RECEIPTS	2023	2022
	£	£
House rent, rates, water and power	2,043	2,528
Government heating grant	150	-
Wreath making workshop	145	-
Bank interest	127	12
	<u>2,465</u>	<u>2,540</u>
3 COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Materials	524	-
Travel expenses	5,056	3,535
Events	670	3,100
Missionaries rent	-	2,320
Water Rates	161	127
Donations and gifts	23,989	21,838
Books and bibles	629	507
Fuel and light	3,911	3,887
Repairs and renewals	3,265	5,125
Church insurance	793	679
Office expenses	-	47
Sundry expenses	919	181
Accountancy fees	2,520	-
	<u>42,437</u>	<u>41,346</u>
4 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	2023	2022
	£	£
Current account	2,631	4,285
Deposit account	14,157	13,130
Cash in hand	692	195
	<u>17,480</u>	<u>17,610</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

5 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & EXPENSES	2023	2022
	£	£
G Coates - Expenses reimbursed	536	549
AB Woodhouse - Expenses reimbursed	437	-
	<u>973</u>	<u>549</u>

All expenses reimbursed were for donations or the purchase of items used directly in or by the Church.

6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Costs of generating voluntary receipts includes the following monetary support payments to relatives of the trustees.

	2023	2022
	£	£
G Townley	3,400	2,635
M Fawcett	2,400	2,400
	<u>5,800</u>	<u>5,035</u>

G Townley is the brother of JE Townley and a Trustee of the Church. M Fawcett is the grandson of TW Fawcett.

Reimbursed Travel expenses and Books,Bibles expenses to members of the church includes payments to relatives of the trustees.

	2023	2022
	£	£
M Townley	40	-
M Fawcett	133	-
	<u>173</u>	<u>-</u>

M Townley is the son of G Townley and nephew of J Townley

Costs of generating voluntary receipts includes the following purchases of materials from relatives of the trustees.

	2023	2022
	£	£
R Woodhouse	338	-
	<u>338</u>	<u>-</u>