

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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 DECEMBER 2024**

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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 M S Woodhouse P W Fawcett 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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**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 33 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:

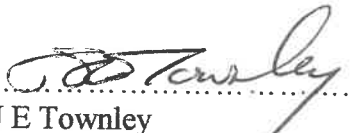
- a free Harvest Supper and guest speaker for anyone in the surrounding area
- a free Christmas meal and guest speaker for elderly people from the local community at the Chapel in December 2024
- Coffee, Cake & Chat. A once a month coffee morning and drop off time for foodbank donations. Money is given to Olive Branch Foodbank, Lancaster & food donations are given to Skipton Foodbank
- Sportsreach soccer & netball school for children aged 7-15 in August 2024
- An open day with children's craft activities, raising money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance
- Easter wreath making workshop open to anyone from the surrounding area
- Coffee morning raising £110.56 for Macmillan Cancer Support
- Christmas events, including a Christmas celebration and singing at Settle Christmas lights switch on event

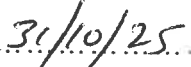
**Financial review**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £41,533 and total expenses were £32,847, the net result for the year was a surplus of receipts over payments of £8,686.

Adding bank balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balance carried forward at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 on unrestricted funds totalled £26,166.

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 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bethel Independent and Evangelical Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, 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:

11/12/2025

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Voluntary receipts	1	38,877	-	38,877	39,842
Other receipts	2	2,656	-	2,656	2,465
		41,533	-	41,533	42,307
Receipts from sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		41,533	-	41,533	42,307
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary receipts	3	32,847	-	32,847	42,437
		32,847	-	32,847	42,437
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>		32,847	-	32,847	42,437
<b>Excess Receipts over Payments/ (Payments over Receipts)</b>		<b>8,686</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,686</b>	<b>(130)</b>
<b>Bank account as at 1 January 2024</b>		17,480	-	17,480	17,610
<b>Bank account as at 31 December 2024</b>		21,166	-	21,166	17,480

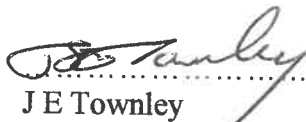
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand	4	26,166	-	26,166	17,480
		26,166	-	26,166	17,480
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>					
Tax refunds		5,202	-	5,202	4,737
Prepayments		190	-	190	212
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accruals		(3,591)	-	(3,591)	(1,634)
		27,967	-	27,967	20,795

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

31/10/25  
Date



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

<b>1 VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Covenant gifts	19,800	17,780
Freewill offerings	235	590
Donations	4,928	7,409
Tax Refund	6,237	6,266
Gift Aid small donations scheme	7,046	6,463
Additional Gift Aid income	-	610
Stewardship	631	724
	<u>38,877</u>	<u>39,842</u>
<b>2 OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gifts in kind	510	-
House rent, rates, water and power	1,883	2,043
Government heating grant	-	150
Wreath making workshop	-	145
Bank interest	263	127
	<u>2,656</u>	<u>2,465</u>
<b>3 COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gifts in kind: lunches/supers	510	-
Materials	-	524
Travel expenses	4,365	5,056
Events	600	670
Water rates	205	161
Donations and gifts	20,987	23,989
Books and bibles	437	629
Fuel and light	3,252	3,911
Repairs and renewals	648	3,265
Church insurance	807	793
Sundry expenses	1,036	919
Accountancy fees	-	2,520
	<u>32,847</u>	<u>42,437</u>
<b>4 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current account	3,536	2,631
Deposit account	22,420	14,157
Cash in hand	210	692
	<u>26,166</u>	<u>17,480</u>

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<b>5 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
G Coates - Expenses reimbursed	117	536
AB Woodhouse - Expenses reimbursed	-	437
	<u>117</u>	<u>973</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.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
G Townley	2,400	3,400
M Fawcett	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>
	<u>4,800</u>	<u>5,800</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 sundry expenses to members of the church includes payments to relatives of the trustees.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
M Townley	-	40
M Fawcett	-	133
D Townley	<u>16</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>16</u>	<u>173</u>

M Townley is the son of G Townley and nephew of J Townley  
D Townley is the spouse of JE Townley

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

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
R Woodhouse	<u>-</u>	<u>338</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>338</u>