

Bethel Reformed Baptist Church

Meeting at Nash Mills Village Hall,
Lower Rd, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8RT

Trustees Report with Accounts and Independent Examiner Report

BETHEL REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

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Charity registration number: **1156040**

Trustees Annual Report

From: 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

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1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers

Charity Details

A) The Charity Name: Bethel Reformed Baptist Church

B) The Charity registration number: **1156040**

C) The address of the principal office of the charity: 12 Barnfield, Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire, HP3 9QH

D) Names of Trustees

Mr Mahilrajah Henry – Trustee

Mr Ademola Adebayo - Trustee

Pastor Chalan Hetherington – Pastor and Trustee

E) The name of any other person who served as a charity trustee or custodian trustee in the financial year in question: N/A

2. Structure, governance and management

The Bethel Reformed Baptist Church Charity continues to aim to support the work of the Church which meets at Nash Mills Village Hall, Lower Rd, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8RT and is known as 'Bethel Reformed Baptist Church'. At the founding and Constitution the Church adopted the Second London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689. The Church has a defined membership of believers, who are baptised by immersion. The Church holds a minimum of three Church Member's Meetings a year, presided over by our Pastor, Chalan Hetherington. Special Church Meetings may be called as required. A list of the current membership is available on request.

The Church Meetings of Bethel Reformed Baptist Church are the properly constituted means for conducting all the business and affairs of the Church. The minutes of these meetings are private. Some examples of matters arising at our Church Meetings are: The appointment of Trustees, the election of Church Officers, applications for Church membership, disciplinary matters, financial matters and reports, planning of activities, allocation of funds for Missionary support, Sunday School, Sunday and Midweek Worship Services, and benevolence aid.

The Pastor has the final decision on the appointment of Trustees.

The principal object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Basis of Faith as stated in Schedule 1.

3. Financial Review

Our main source of income is derived from regular gifts of the Membership and congregation. The primary areas of expenditure are: Hall hire of premises, support of our Pastor for Ministry work, grants to overseas ministries, remuneration for visiting ministers and the assistance of needy individuals through a Discretionary Fund. At present we do not hold any special reserves.

4. Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Trustees do not act as custodians.

5. Objectives and activities

(Charities that are not subject to a statutory audit requirement may limit their disclosures within this section to a summary of the charity's objects as set out in its governing document and to providing a brief summary of the main activities undertaken in relation to those objects).

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The objective of Bethel Reformed Baptist Church Charity is the spread of the Christian Religion. The main activities are: Sunday worship Services, Sunday prayer meetings, Midweek Services, Sunday School for Children, Open Air Ministry and regular Evangelistic outreach work, monthly Young Peoples Meetings. Raising money to support Missionary Work and Gospel Evangelism.

6. Achievements and performance

Despite the poor economy in 2023 and 2024, this last year by Gods help and enabling we have been able to support and increase our financial giving to a number of important Christian charities and organisations in the United Kingdom. We have also been able to help and support local families that attend our services, by giving them practical help, and spiritual guidance with sound Biblical advice where needed. The Church continues to run a weekly Sabbath School (Sunday School), a monthly Young People's meeting, and also a men's meetings. In addition, we hope to continue a regular monthly Care Home Service for the elderly at Watermill Care Home, Nash Mills. The Open-Air Street ministry on Thursdays and Saturdays continues weekly also with much encouragement. We volunteer and help at the Village Hall where we meet and we are a very active part of the community.

Last year the Church has appointed a Deacon, to help in the practical affairs of the Church running and organisation. The Deacon is also now a Trustee.

7. Charity Accounts

Our Accounts have been independently examined by Hugh Stedman ATT | C&H Stedman (pages attached)



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Bethel Reformed Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1156040

Set out on pages

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**Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's
statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

4th September 2024

Name:

Hugh Stedman

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

Taxation Technician (ATT)

Address:

Noble House

Eaton Road, Hemel Hempstead

Herts HP2 7UB

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

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Income and Expenses

1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

Ordinary Income/Expenses

Income

Grace Baptist Trust Corp (Bethel and Salem Trust Combined)	£ 12,000.00
Church Offerings Deposits	£ 26,107.72
HMRC Reclaimed Gift Aid from Church Offerings	£ 4,827.96
Total Income	£ 42,935.68

Expenses

Accounts Examination	£ 200.00
Annual Broadcasting Software App subscription	£ 109.99
Church Advertisment Parish Council	£ 72.00
Church Newsletter Printing	£ 14.40
Church Website	£ 189.19
Compulsory Pension	£ 970.41
Designated Missions Giving	£ 2,310.00
Directory of 1689 Churches	£ 20.00
Free Bible Offer Expenditure - Postage	£ 10.38
Hall Hire for Services - Village Hall	£ 7,323.00
Hymnbooks (includes gift to Gospel Hymns)	£ 2,000.00
PAYE Tax & National Insurance	£ 1,323.18
Public Liability Insurance	£ 215.97
Sermon Audio	£ 517.46
Stipend	£ 17,315.70
Visiting Preachers	£ 1,725.00
Depreciation of Other Assets	£ 32.03
Total Expenses	£ 34,348.71

Net Ordinary Income	£ 8,586.97
<u>Excess of Income over Expenses</u>	<u>£ 8,586.97</u>

Opening Equity	£ 40,195.19
Excess of Income over Expenses	£ 8,586.97

<u>Closing Equity</u>	<u>£ 48,782.16</u>
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Balance Sheet](#)

BETHEL REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

Balance Sheet as at 31/03/2024

Assets

Cash and Bank Accounts

Bethel Reformed Baptist Church Current Account Santander	£ 48,173.54
Bethel Reformed Baptist Church Cash Account	£ -

Total Cash and Bank Accounts	£ 48,173.54
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Other Assets

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Hymnbooks and Bibles - less depreciation	£ 312.84
Cupboard - less depreciation	£ 68.26

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