

BETHESDA CARDIFF

England & Wales · Charity number 1157230

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-05-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Activities: Main worship services, weekly prayer and bible meetings, weekly coffee mornings, toddlers group, monthly lunch for the elderly, children and youth groups, youth weekends, financial support to mission workers in various countries, special annual events at Christmas and Easter.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cardiff

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£303,469	£55,384	-	-
2023-12-31	£90,586	£40,526	-	-
2022-12-31	£63,710	£47,476	-	-
2021-12-31	£44,154	£24,514	-	-
2020-12-31	£35,782	£27,711	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOHN ROBERT BODGER	Chair	2016-11-24
Andrew John Baker		2017-11-17
Jesse Daniel Burford		2021-01-01
MARK RICHARD BODGER		2014-05-13
Nathan James Medland		2021-01-01
Sarah Elizabeth Baker		2021-01-01

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1157230 (England and Wales)

BETHESDA CARDIFF
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

BETHESDA CARDIFF

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

M R Bodger
J R Bodger
A J Baker
S E Baker
J D Burford
N J Medland

Charity number (England and Wales)

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Principal address

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BETHESDA CARDIFF

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

The mission of the charity is primarily to provide pastoral, evangelistic and social support to people in the area surrounding the church in Cardiff.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Activities

The leaders and members of Bethesda are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of the church community in Rhiwbina and the surrounding districts. We seek to engage with many groups that live within the area by providing activities and opportunities for worship in different formats to meet various needs.

When planning activities for the year, the leadership are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We encourage people to live out their faith as part of the local community through:

Demonstrating our love for God by seeking to understand and apply all of his Word to our lives, making his Word known in Cardiff and around the globe.

Showing our love for one another by caring for each other and teaching God's Word, encouraging each other to apply it and build one another up in the faith.

Serving our community by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and demonstrating his love in action, so that others might own Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

The building occupied by this charity is held on its behalf by a separate charitable trust. This charity enjoys unrestricted occupation and use of the building on an indefinite basis without the payment of any rent or other fee, on condition that we are responsible for insuring the building and paying all costs of occupation, upkeep, maintenance and any desired improvements.

For the church to be able to fulfil its stated purpose and to facilitate the various activities, it is important that the fabric of the Bethesda church building is maintained in good order and appropriate to meet the needs of the activities that take place. The previous planning for major upgrading and alterations progressed, plans were agreed to deal with current maintenance issues, future proof the building, and make the building more adaptable for current and possible future uses. Planning Permission and Building Regulation approval was obtained and through the employed Chartered Surveyor, the works were put out to tender.

Works were anticipated to commence in September, but following initial delays, a start on site was made on 18th November 2024. The works have been phased to enable as many activities and services to continue while the works progress, decanting from the lesser hall to the main hall and vice versa as things progress.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Achievements and performance

Church activities and services

The leadership of Bethesda continued to facilitate a range of services that through ongoing good attendance, appeared to meet various physical and spiritual needs of the local community. These included a Ladies Hour meeting, Ladies Evenings, an Open Doors time for the community to drop in for coffee and a chat, a weekly Toddler group for parents, carers and their young ones, activities for children and young people of various ages. The building has also been used to support local childminders during the past year, providing a safe and comfortable place where support can be provided.

From time to time following the Sunday Morning Service a free luncheon was available to all attendees. The church are constantly reviewing activities to ensure they meet the needs of the local community and the weekday activities are in addition to the regular services held each Sunday that seek to address the spiritual needs of the community. A time of prayer and Bible teaching was held every Wednesday evenings, with additional prayer meetings being held via zoom technology monthly.

For any in the community who were not able to attend the Church building, the Sunday and Wednesday services continued to be accessible online throughout 2024.

Local schools

In March 2024 a number of local schools attended the building at Easter for educational purposes to go through the interactive Easter Workshop. These visits happened over a two week period and were staffed by many Bethesda members and other volunteers.

A member of the church regularly takes assemblies in all local schools as well as delivering lessons for schools that are delivering the new Welsh Government Religion, Values and Ethics curriculum. A team of members from Bethesda, had the opportunity to deliver an interactive Christmas Assembly in eight local primary schools to well over two thousand children again this year that was well received.

Wider support and encouragement

Members of Bethesda coordinate and deliver a regular work to meet the needs of the homeless on the streets of Cardiff City Centre, providing food, drink, clothing and bedding.

The church had a stand at the local Rhiwbina Festival providing games, literature and conversation. Bethesda Church continued to prayerfully and financially support mission and relief work in many countries throughout the world in 2024.

Administrative information

All required workers have an appropriate Disclosure and Barring check, we have continued to have new members checked during the past year and we provide regular update and refresher training for all involved in relevant activities. The safeguarding policy is reviewed annually. There were no reportable incidents during the year.

A number of new policies have been developed during the past year and these will be kept under review by the trustees.

Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who work so hard to keep Bethesda the lively and vibrant community it is. The church would not function without volunteers, and it would be wrong to single any one person out, from those who look after the gardens, to those who undertake maintenance duties, to those who make coffee, provide food, arrange flowers, play musical instruments, act as treasurers, and all those who are responsible for various ministries and activities, without whom things simply wouldn't happen. Over 40 individuals regularly commit to support the various works at Bethesda in a volunteer capacity. The value of volunteering is significant, and greatly enhances the services that can be provided to the community.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Financial review

The trustees consider the financial position at the end of the year, as shown in the accounts on page 6, to be satisfactory. We saw a 231% increase in giving, the majority of this increase was provided to support the planned building upgrade works. We also received grants from a number of Trusts during the year towards the cost of the building works. Additionally a number of Trusts have pledged funding towards the cost of the works.

With the exception of specific gifts to support worthy causes and specific disasters in 2024, we maintained the level of support to mission and relief work in many countries throughout the world.

The running costs of the building during 2024 continued at significantly increased levels due to the cost of living rises experienced, of particular note for us was the sustained high cost of gas and electricity which provide the heat, light and power for the various activities that take place. The minibus has continued to be maintained and used, fuel and insurance costs added to the annual expenditure.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Major risks

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 29 May 2014.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

M R Bodger

J R Bodger

A J Baker

S E Baker

J D Burford

N J Medland

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

New trustees are appointed by the trustees from the Bethesda church membership. The trustees keep the composition of the trustee body under review so that it includes sufficient people with the time and expertise needed to manage the charity effectively, and to ensure that a balanced professional knowledge and competency base is maintained. All trustees are directly involved in the activities of the charity as volunteers, and consequently maintain a close knowledge of its work.

The trustees meet periodically during each year as required, in order to manage the charity. The spiritual and pastoral work, including the day to day running of the church, is overseen by a group of elders, who are a separate body. There is however sufficient overlap between the trustees' and the elders' groups to ensure a proper flow of information between these two groups.

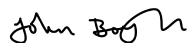
The trustees identify the perceived major risks to the charity and keep these under regular review.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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J R Bodger

Trustee

Date: 9th July 2025

BETHESDA CARDIFF

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BETHESDA CARDIFF

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bethesda Cardiff (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

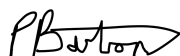
Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Date:5 August 2025.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	40,340	259,880	300,220	47,266	43,320	90,586
Investments	4	3,249	-	3,249	-	-	-
Total income		43,589	259,880	303,469	47,266	43,320	90,586
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	36,046	19,338	55,384	40,526	-	40,526
Total expenditure		36,046	19,338	55,384	40,526	-	40,526
Net income and movement in funds		7,543	240,542	248,085	6,740	43,320	50,060
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		134,127	43,320	177,447	127,387	-	127,387
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		141,670	283,862	425,532	134,127	43,320	177,447

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

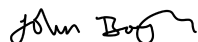
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		428,337		177,447	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(2,805)</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets			<u>425,532</u>		<u>177,447</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	12		283,862		43,320
Unrestricted funds	13		<u>141,670</u>		<u>134,127</u>
			<u>425,532</u>		<u>177,447</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 9th July 2025



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J R Bodger
Trustee

BETHESDA CARDIFF

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Bethesda Cardiff is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") governed by its constitution dated 29 May 2014.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	40,340	259,880	300,220	47,266	43,320	90,586

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	3,249	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Direct costs		
General property running expenses	10,424	16,099
Supported workers and gifts	20,980	19,780
Church outreach and activity costs	4,342	4,647
Building project	19,338	-
	<u>55,084</u>	<u>40,526</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Governance	300	-
	<u>55,384</u>	<u>40,526</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	36,046	40,526
Restricted funds	19,338	-
	<u>55,384</u>	<u>40,526</u>

6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs	300	-
	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	300	-
	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	300	-
	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	2,805	-

12 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2024 £
Building project	43,320	259,880	(19,338)	283,862
Previous year:				
	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2023 £
Building project	-	43,320	-	43,320

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	134,127	43,589	(36,046)	141,670
	<u>134,127</u>	<u>43,589</u>	<u>(36,046)</u>	<u>141,670</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	127,387	47,266	(40,526)	134,127
	<u>127,387</u>	<u>47,266</u>	<u>(40,526)</u>	<u>134,127</u>

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 December 2024:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	141,670	283,862	425,532
	<u>141,670</u>	<u>283,862</u>	<u>425,532</u>
	<u>141,670</u>	<u>283,862</u>	<u>425,532</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£
At 31 December 2023:			
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

15 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Cleaning services provided	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Other related parties	1,500	-
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>

The related party is the wife of one of the Trustees.

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Accounts

Bethesda Cardiff

**Annual report and accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered charity number: 1157230

Bethesda Cardiff

Annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present the annual report and accounts of Bethesda Cardiff, an independent church which is a registered charity.

Reference and administration details

Address

The principal address of the charity is: Bethesda, Tyn-y-Parc Road, Rhiwbina, Cardiff, CF14 6BP.

Trustees

The following persons were trustees of the charity for the whole of the year ended 31 December 2023:

Andrew Baker
Sarah Baker
John Bodger (Chair)
Mark Bodger
Daniel Burford
Nathan Medland

The above trustees continue in office.

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Demonstrating our love for God by seeking to understand and apply all of his Word to our lives, making his Word known in Cardiff and around the globe.

Showing our love for one another by caring for each other and teaching God's Word, encouraging each other to apply it and build one another up in the faith.

Serving our community by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and demonstrating his love in action, so that others might own Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

The building occupied by this charity is held on its behalf by a separate charitable trust. This charity enjoys unrestricted occupation and use of the building on an indefinite basis without the payment of any rent or other fee, on condition that we are responsible for insuring the building and paying all costs of occupation, upkeep, maintenance and any desired improvements.

For the church to be able to fulfil its stated purpose and to facilitate the various activities, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Bethesda church building. The Trustees have consulted with leaders of the various activities and associated volunteers and wider church membership and worked with a building professional who has drawn up plans to deal with current maintenance issues, future proof the building, and make the building more adaptable for current and possible future uses.

Achievements and performance

Church activities and services

The leadership of Bethesda continued to facilitate a range of services that through ongoing good attendance, appeared to meet various physical and spiritual needs of the local community. These included a Ladies Hour meeting, Ladies Evenings, an Open Doors time for the community to drop in for coffee and a chat, a weekly Toddler group for parents, carers and their young ones, activities for children and young people of various ages. The building has also been used to support local childminders during the past year, providing a safe and comfortable place where support can be provided.

From time to time following the Sunday Morning Service a free luncheon was available to all attendees. A free Holiday Bible Club was held during the school summer holidays with invites being provided to all local school children. Approximately 50 children attended every day, and a celebration event was provided on the final evening for over 110 attendees from the community. These activities were in addition to the regular services held each Sunday that seek to address the spiritual needs of the community. A time of prayer and Bible teaching was held every Wednesday evenings, with additional prayer meetings being held via zoom technology monthly.

For any in the community who were not able to attend the Church building, the Sunday and Wednesday services continued to be accessible online throughout 2023.

Local schools

Planned visits by local schools to the building for educational purposes took place at Easter when over 600 pupils from local schools came to the building to go through the interactive Easter Workshop. Additionally, in September over 1,000 children and their teachers from local schools visited the church to go through a second specially commissioned Bible Experience exhibition. These visits happened over a two week period and were staffed by many Bethesda members and other volunteers.

A member of the church regularly takes assemblies in all local schools as well as delivering lessons for schools that are getting to grips with the new Welsh Government Religion, Values and Ethics element of the curriculum. A team of members from Bethesda, had the opportunity to deliver an interactive Christmas Assembly in eight local primary schools again this year.

Wider support and encouragement

Members of Bethesda coordinate and deliver a regular work to meet the needs of the homeless on the streets of Cardiff City Centre, providing food, drink, clothing and bedding.

Bethesda Church continued to prayerfully and financially support mission and relief work in many countries throughout the world in 2023.

Administrative information

All required workers have an appropriate Disclosure and Barring check, we have continued to have new members checked during the past year and we provide regular update and refresher training for all involved in relevant activities. The safeguarding policy is reviewed annually.

Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who work so hard to keep Bethesda the lively and vibrant community it is. The church would not function without volunteers, and it would be wrong to single any one person out, from those who look after the gardens, to those who undertake maintenance duties, to those who make coffee, provide food, arrange flowers, play musical instruments, act as treasurers, and all those who are responsible for various ministries and activities, without whom things simply wouldn't happen. Over 40 individuals regularly commit to support the various works at Bethesda in a volunteer capacity. The value of volunteering is significant, and greatly enhances the services that can be provided to the community.

Financial review

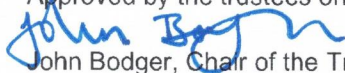
The trustees consider the financial position at the end of the year, as shown in the accounts on page 5, to be satisfactory. We saw a 51% increase in giving, part of this increase was provided to support the planned building upgrade works. With the exception of specific gifts to support worthy causes and specific disasters in 2023, we maintained the level of support to mission and relief work in many countries throughout the world.

The running costs of the building during 2023 continued at significantly increased levels due to the cost of living rises experienced, of particular note for us was the sustained high cost of gas and electricity which provide the heat, light and power for the various activities that take place. The minibus has continued to be maintained and used, fuel and insurance costs added to the annual expenditure.

In terms of reserves, it is the policy of the charity to maintain (if possible) a balance on unrestricted funds to cover at least three months' anticipated expenditure. In addition, funding is set aside for the replacement of the church minibus. However, as noted above, during the course of 2023 building plans were developed and planning permission has been granted for upgrades and improvement works. This will include increasing the thermal properties of the building, as well as a new heating system which will help to reduce future statutory services costs. Additional works are planned to deal with maintenance issues, enable the building to function more effectively and extend the useful life of the building that recently celebrated its 90th Anniversary.

The cost estimates for the building work are being developed and a significant element of church funds has been allocated for this investment, with additional funds being sought from other sources such as interested charitable trusts.

Approved by the trustees on 20th February 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


John Bodger, Chair of the Trustees

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2023

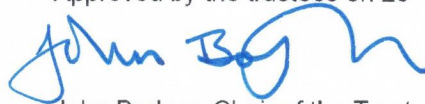
	2023 £	2022 £
Receipts		
Offerings and gifts (including Gift Aid)	47,266	56,710
Offering - restricted gifts for building work	43,320	0
Other income (restricted gifts for outreach work)	0	7,000
Total receipts	<u>90,586</u>	<u>63,710</u>
Payments		
General property running expenses	16,099	17,101
Supported workers and gifts	19,780	21,305
Church outreach and activity costs	4,647	2,070
Other outreach work (from restricted funds)	0	7,000
Total payments	<u>40,526</u>	<u>47,476</u>
Net receipts / (payments)	50,060	16,234
Cash funds at beginning of period	127,387	111,153
Cash funds at end of period	<u>177,447</u>	<u>127,387</u>
	=====	=====

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash funds:		
Balance at bank - general funds	134,127	127,387
Cash funds – restricted funds for building work	43,320	0
Net assets / total funds	<u>177,447</u>	<u>127,387</u>
	=====	=====

Note: Assets held for the charity's own use are a minibus, and items of furniture and equipment where the resale value is not significant.

Approved by the trustees on 20th February 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



John Bodger, Chair of the Trustees

Report of the independent examiner to the trustees of Bethesda Cardiff (charity number 1157230) in respect of an examination carried out on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

I have examined the accounts on page 5, comprising the receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent 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.

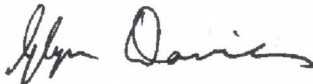
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.



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BETHESDA CARDIFF

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present the annual report and accounts of Bethesda Cardiff, an independent church which is a registered charity.

Reference and administration details

Address

The principal address of the charity is: Bethesda, Tyn-y-Parc Road, Rhiwbina, Cardiff, CF14 6BP.

Trustees

The following persons were trustees of the charity for the whole of the year ended 31 December 2022:

Andrew Baker
Sarah Baker
John Bodger (Chair)
Mark Bodger
Daniel Burford
Nathan Medland

The above trustees continue in office.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 29 May 2014 (number: 1157230).

New trustees are appointed by the trustees from the Bethesda church membership. The trustees keep the composition of the trustee body under review so that it includes sufficient people with the time and expertise needed to manage the charity effectively, and to ensure that a balanced professional knowledge and competency base is maintained. All trustees are directly involved in the activities of the charity as volunteers, and consequently maintain a close knowledge of its work.

The trustees meet periodically during each year as required, in order to manage the charity. The spiritual and pastoral work, including the day to day running of the church, is overseen by a group of elders, who are a separate body. There is however sufficient overlap between the trustees' and the elders' groups to ensure a proper flow of information between these two groups.

The trustees identify the perceived major risks to the charity and keep these under regular review.

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

The mission of the charity is primarily to provide pastoral, evangelistic and social support to people in the area surrounding the church in Cardiff.

The leaders and members of Bethesda are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of the church community in Rhiwbina and the surrounding districts. We seek to engage with many groups that live within the area by providing activities and opportunities for worship in different formats to meet various needs.

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When planning activities for the year, the leadership are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We encourage people to live out their faith as part of the local community through:

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Serving our community by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and demonstrating his love in action, so that others might own Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Bethesda church building. The building occupied by this charity is held on its behalf by a separate charitable trust with some common trustees. This charity enjoys unrestricted occupation and use of the building on an indefinite basis without the payment of any rent or other fee, on condition that we are responsible for insuring the building and paying all costs of occupation, upkeep, maintenance and any desired improvements.

Achievements and performance

Church activities and services

The leadership of Bethesda continued to facilitate a range of services that through attendance, we judged that our community found both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. These included a Ladies Hour meeting, Ladies Evenings, an Open Doors time for the community to drop in for coffee and a chat, a weekly Toddler group for parents, carers and their young ones, activities for children and young people of various ages. A regular luncheon was held to which all attendees of the Sunday Morning Service were invited. A free Holiday Bible Club was held during the school summer holidays with invites being provided to all local school children. Over 50 children attended every day, and a celebration meal was provided on the final evening for over 100 attendees from the community. These activities were in addition to the regular services held each Sunday that seek to address the spiritual needs of the community. A time of prayer and Bible teaching was held on Wednesday evenings.

For any in the community who were not able to attend the Church building, the Sunday and Wednesday services continued to be accessible online throughout 2022.

Local schools

Planned visits by local schools to the building for educational purposes took place at Easter and all local schools brought classes to the church in September to go through a specially commissioned Bible Experience exhibition, with over 900 pupils plus teachers being accommodated during the various sessions manned by Bethesda members and other volunteers.

A member of the church regularly takes assemblies in all local schools as well as delivers "Scroll through the Bible" lessons for Years 5 and 6 in schools that request assistance. A team comprising of a majority of members from Bethesda, delivered an interactive Christmas Assembly in all local primary schools again this year.

Wider support and encouragement

Members of Bethesda coordinate and deliver a regular work to meet the needs of the homeless on the streets of Cardiff City Centre, providing food, drink, clothing and bedding.

Bethesda Church continued to financially support mission and relief work in many countries throughout the world in 2022.

Bethesda Cardiff

Administrative information

All required workers have a Disclosure and Barring check, we have continued to have new members checked during the past year and we provide regular update and refresher training for all involved in relevant activities. The safeguarding policy is reviewed annually.

Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who work so hard to keep Bethesda the lively and vibrant community it is. The church would not function without volunteers, and it would be wrong to single any one person out, from those who look after the gardens, to those who undertake maintenance duties, to those who make coffee, lunches, arrange flowers, play musical instruments, act as treasurers, and all those who are responsible for various ministries and activities, without whom things simply wouldn't happen. The value of volunteering is significant, and greatly enhances the services that can be provided to the community.

Financial review

The trustees consider the financial position at the end of the year, as shown in the accounts on page 5, to be satisfactory. We saw a 28% increase in giving from church members and this enables us to see a 40% increase in support of worthy causes providing mission and relief work in many countries throughout the world.

The running costs of the building have increased significantly during 2022 due to all activities being back in the building full-time, necessitating the cost of heating, lighting and regular cleaning. The most significant cost increase has come in the form of additional gas and electricity costs, having seen significant rises in statutory services bills. Bringing the minibus back into service also led to an increase in expenditure during the year.

In terms of reserves, it is the policy of the charity to maintain (if possible) a balance on unrestricted funds to cover at least three months' anticipated expenditure. In addition, funding is set aside for the replacement of the church minibus; more significantly, the trustees are aware that upgrading of elements of the fabric of the building are necessary including roofing, heating and lighting. The Trustees are actively reviewing the options to make other modifications to extend the useful life of the building while upgrading works are being carried out. It is anticipated that the majority of the remaining balance will be required for this maintenance, repair and possible upgrade.

Approved by the trustees on 12th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



John Bodger, Chair of the Trustees

Bethesda Cardiff

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts		
Offerings and gifts	56,710	44,154
Other income (restricted gifts for outreach work)	7,000	-
Total receipts	<u>63,710</u>	<u>44,154</u>
Payments		
General property running expenses	17,101	4,656
Supported workers and gifts	21,305	15,576
Church outreach and activity costs	2,070	4,282
Other outreach work (from restricted funds)	7,000	-
Total payments	<u>47,476</u>	<u>24,514</u>
Net receipts / (payments)	16,234	19,640
Cash funds at beginning of period	111,153	91,513
Cash funds at end of period	<u>127,387</u> =====	<u>111,153</u> =====

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash funds: balance at bank	127,387	111,153
Net assets / total funds (unrestricted)	<u>127,387</u> =====	<u>111,153</u> =====

Note: Assets held for the charity's own use are a minibus, and items of furniture and equipment where the resale value is not significant.

Approved by the trustees on 12th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



John Bodger, Chair of the Trustees

Bethesda Cardiff

Report of the independent examiner to the trustees of Bethesda Cardiff (charity number 1157230) in respect of an examination carried out on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

I have examined the accounts on page 5, comprising the receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent 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.

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- 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

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14th September 2023

BETHESDA CARDIFF

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Bethesda Cardiff

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Trustees

The following persons were trustees of the charity for the whole of the year ended 31 December 2020:

Andrew Baker
Sarah Baker
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Mark Bodger
Daniel Burford
Nathan Medland

The above trustees continue in office.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 29 May 2014 (number: 1157230).

New trustees are appointed by the trustees from the Bethesda church membership. The trustees keep the composition of the trustee body under review so that it includes sufficient people with the time and expertise needed to manage the charity effectively, and to ensure that a balanced professional knowledge and competency base is maintained. All trustees are directly involved in the activities of the charity as volunteers, and consequently maintain a close knowledge of its work.

The trustees meet periodically during each year as required, in order to manage the charity. The spiritual and pastoral work, including the day to day running of the church, is overseen by a group of elders, who are a separate body. There is however sufficient overlap between the trustees' and the elders' groups to ensure a proper flow of information between these two groups.

The trustees identify the perceived major risks to the charity and keep these under regular review.

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

The mission of the charity is primarily to provide pastoral, evangelistic and social support to people in the area surrounding the church in Cardiff.

The leaders and members of Bethesda are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of the church community in Rhiwbina and the surrounding districts. We seek to engage with many groups that live within the area by providing activities and opportunities for worship in different formats to meet various needs.

Bethesda Cardiff

When planning activities for the year, the leadership are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We encourage people to live out their faith as part of the local community through:

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Serving our community by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and demonstrating his love in action, so that others might own Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Bethesda church building. The building occupied by this charity is held on its behalf by a separate charitable trust with some common trustees. This charity enjoys unrestricted occupation and use of the building on an indefinite basis without the payment of any rent or other fee, on condition that we are responsible for insuring the building and paying all costs of occupation, upkeep, maintenance and any desired improvements.

Achievements and performance

Church activities and services

Up until the time that the covid pandemic hit in March 2020, the leadership of Bethesda continued to facilitate a range of services that our community found both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. These included a Ladies Hour meeting, and Ladies Evenings, a Coffee Morning to which all ages are invited, a weekly Toddler group for parents, carers and their young ones, activities for children and young people of various ages. A monthly luncheon was held for members of the community. These were in addition to the regular services held each Sunday that seek to address the spiritual needs of the community. A time of prayer and Bible teaching was held on Wednesday evenings.

Having moved the Sunday and Wednesday services online in March 2020, these continued weekly throughout 2021 until regulations allowed meeting in the building to recommence. Risk Assessments were drawn up, gradually allowing meetings and activities to recommence in the building. Sunday Services were first to recommence, followed by the Toddler Group and children's activities. Additionally, Bethesda was opened up on a Tuesday morning to allow the local community to drop in for a chat and a coffee. Invitations were delivered around the district, and we have had additional members of the local community attend activities organised in Bethesda and join the services that continued to be available to attend online.

Local schools

The planned visits by local schools to the building for educational purposes had to be postponed and we will recommence this in 2022 when appropriate to do so.

Wider support and encouragement

Members of Bethesda continued to collect food and medicines for any in the community that were not able or comfortable to leave their homes during periods of lockdown. A number of households in the area were helped in this way.

We have followed all Welsh Government guidelines and have seen more donations provided by members who wish to continue to support the work of Bethesda via online transactions.

Bethesda Church has continued to financially support mission and relief work in many countries throughout the world during the pandemic.

Administrative information

In normal circumstances the church is inspected annually by the Environmental Standards team to ensure hygiene compliance, and regularly receives the highest possible five-star rating. We will continue to comply with requirements but await contact from the authorities given the circumstances.

Bethesda Cardiff

All required workers have a Disclosure and Barring check, we have continued to have new members checked during the pandemic and provided update and refresher training for all involved in relevant activities. The safeguarding policy is reviewed annually.

Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who work so hard to keep Bethesda the lively and vibrant community it is. The church would not function without volunteers, and it would be wrong to single any one person out, from those who look after the gardens, to those who tirelessly undertake maintenance duties, to those who make coffee, lunches, arrange flowers, play musical instruments, act as treasurers, and all those who are responsible for various ministries and activities, without whom things simply wouldn't happen. The value of volunteering is significant, and greatly enhances the services that can be provided to the community.

Financial review

The trustees consider the financial position at the end of the year, as shown in the accounts on page 5, to be satisfactory. As a result of members being able to donate physically when the building was open, we saw the income for the year increase by 32% on the previous year when lockdown measures were in place. Despite giving continuing to mission and relief work in many countries throughout the world during the pandemic, expenditure was less as a result of the reduced activity in the building leading to a surplus in the year.

In terms of reserves, it is the policy of the charity to maintain (if possible) a balance on unrestricted funds to cover at least three months' anticipated expenditure. In addition, funding is set aside for the replacement of the church minibus; more significantly, the trustees are aware that upgrading of elements of the fabric of the building are necessary including roofing, heating and lighting. As a result, the Trustees are reviewing whether it may be an appropriate time to make other modifications to extend the useful life of the building. A significant element of the remaining balance may be required for this maintenance, repair and possible upgrade.

Approved by the trustees on 25th August 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



John Bodger, Trustee

Bethesda Cardiff

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Receipts		
Offerings and gifts	44,154	35,782
Other income	-	-
Total receipts	<u>44,154</u>	<u>35,782</u>
Payments		
General property running expenses	4,656	3,353
Supported workers and gifts	15,576	19,072
Church outreach and activity costs	4,282	5,286
Total payments	<u>24,514</u>	<u>27,711</u>
Net receipts / (payments)	19,640	8,071
Cash funds at beginning of period	91,513	83,442
Cash funds at end of period	<u>111,153</u> =====	<u>91,513</u> =====

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash funds: balance at bank	111,153	91,513
Net assets / total funds	<u>111,153</u> =====	<u>91,513</u> =====

Note: Assets held for the charity's own use are a minibus, and items of furniture and equipment where the resale value is not significant.

Approved by the trustees on 25th August 2022 and signed on their behalf by:


John Bodger, Trustee

Bethesda Cardiff

Report of the independent examiner to the trustees of Bethesda Cardiff (charity number 1157230) in respect of an examination carried out on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

I have examined the accounts on page 5, comprising the receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2021 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent 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,
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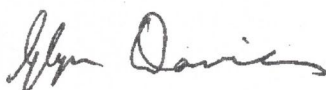
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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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:
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 - 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.



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for the year ended 31 December 2020**

Registered charity number: 1157230

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2020

The trustees present the annual report and accounts of Bethesda Cardiff, an independent church which is a registered charity.

Reference and administration details

Address

The principal address of the charity is: Bethesda, Tyn-y-Parc Road, Rhiwbina, Cardiff, CF14 6BP.

Trustees

The following persons were trustees of the charity for the whole of the year ended 31 December 2020:

Andrew Baker
John Bodger (Chair)
Mark Bodger

The above trustees continue in office, and in addition three further trustees (Sarah Baker, Daniel Burford and Nathan Medland) were appointed on 1 January 2021.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 29 May 2014 (number: 1157230).

New trustees are appointed by the trustees from the Bethesda church membership. The trustees keep the composition of the trustee body under review so that it includes sufficient people with the time and expertise needed to manage the charity effectively, and to ensure that a balanced professional knowledge and competency base is maintained. All trustees are directly involved in the activities of the charity as volunteers, and consequently maintain a close knowledge of its work.

The trustees meet periodically during each year as required, in order to manage the charity. The spiritual and pastoral work, including the day to day running of the church, is overseen by a group of elders, who are a separate body. There is however sufficient overlap between the trustees' and the elders' groups to ensure a proper flow of information between these two groups.

The trustees identify the perceived major risks to the charity and keep these under regular review.

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

The mission of the charity is primarily to provide pastoral, evangelistic and social support to people in the area surrounding the church in Cardiff.

The leaders and members of Bethesda are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church, and to become part of the church community in Rhiwbina and the surrounding districts. We seek to engage with many groups that live within the area by providing activities and opportunities for worship in different formats to meet various needs.

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When planning activities for the year, the leadership are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We encourage people to live out their faith as part of the local community through:

Demonstrating our love for God by seeking to understand and apply all of his Word to our lives, making his Word known in Cardiff and around the globe.

Showing our love for one another by caring for each other and teaching God's Word, encouraging each other to apply it and build one another up in the faith.

Serving our community by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and demonstrating his love in action, so that others might own Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Bethesda church building. The building occupied by this charity is held on its behalf by a separate charitable trust with some common trustees. This charity enjoys unrestricted occupation and use of the building on an indefinite basis without the payment of any rent or other fee, on condition that we are responsible for ensuring the building and paying all costs of occupation, upkeep, maintenance and any desired improvements.

Achievements and performance

Church activities and services

Up until the time that the covid pandemic hit, the leadership of Bethesda continued to facilitate a range of services that our community found both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. These included a Ladies Hour meeting, and Ladies Evenings, a Coffee Morning to which all ages are invited, a weekly Toddler group for parents, carers and their young ones, activities for children and young people of various ages. A monthly luncheon was held for members of the community. These were in addition to the regular services held each Sunday that seek to address the spiritual needs of the community. A free lunch was provided for all attendees after the morning service on the first Sunday of the month. A time of prayer and Bible teaching was held on Wednesday evenings.

Once Welsh Government restrictions were imposed, the leaders moved the Sunday and Wednesday services online and these continued weekly for the remainder of 2020. Invitations were delivered around the district and we had additional members of the local community join the services online.

Local schools

The planned visits by local schools to the building for educational purposes had to be postponed and we will recommence this if and when appropriate.

Wider support and encouragement

Following the lockdown restrictions, members of Bethesda distributed leaflets offering to collect food and medicines for any in the community that were not able or comfortable to leave their homes. A number of households in the area were helped in this way.

We have followed all Welsh Government guidelines and have made alternative ways of receiving donations available to members who wish to continue to support the work of Bethesda.

Bethesda Church has continued to financially support mission and relief work in many countries throughout the world during the pandemic.

Administrative information

In normal circumstances the church is inspected annually by the Environmental Standards team to ensure hygiene compliance, and regularly receives the highest possible five-star rating. We will continue to comply with requirements but await contact from the authorities given the circumstances.

All required workers have a Disclosure and Barring check; the safeguarding policy is reviewed annually.

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Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who work so hard to keep Bethesda the lively and vibrant community it is. The church would not function without volunteers, and it would be wrong to single any one person out, from those who look after the gardens, to those who tirelessly undertake maintenance duties, to those who make coffee, lunches, arrange flowers, play musical instruments, act as treasurers, and all those who are responsible for various ministries and activities, without whom things simply wouldn't happen. The value of volunteering is significant, and greatly enhances the services that can be provided to the community.

Financial review

The trustees consider the financial position at the end of the year, as shown in the accounts on page 5, to be satisfactory. While the income for the year was reduced by the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, expenditure also reduced, so that there was a surplus of just over £8,000.

In terms of reserves, it is the policy of the charity to maintain (if possible) a balance on unrestricted funds to cover at least three months' anticipated expenditure. In addition, funding is set aside for the replacement of the church minibus; more significantly, the trustees also appreciate that upgrading elements of the fabric of the building including roofing, heating and lighting is required, and as a result are reviewing whether it may be an appropriate time to make other modifications to extend the useful life of the building. A significant element of the remaining balance may be required for this maintenance, repair and possible upgrade.

Approved by the trustees on 14th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



John Bodger, Trustee

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2020

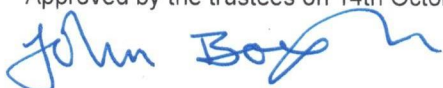
	2020 £	2019 £
Receipts		
Offerings and gifts	35,782	52,505
Other income	-	400
Total receipts	<u>35,782</u>	<u>52,905</u>
Payments		
General property running expenses	3,353	4,545
Supported workers and gifts	19,072	23,491
Church outreach and activity costs	5,286	8,436
Total payments	<u>27,711</u>	<u>36,472</u>
Net receipts / (payments)	8,071	16,433
Cash funds at beginning of period	83,442	67,009
Cash funds at end of period	<u>91,513</u> =====	<u>83,442</u> =====

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash funds: balance at bank	91,513	83,442
Net assets / total funds	<u>91,513</u> =====	<u>83,442</u> =====

Note: Assets held for the charity's own use are a minibus, and items of furniture and equipment where the resale value is not significant.

Approved by the trustees on 14th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



John Bodger, Trustee

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Report of the independent examiner to the trustees of Bethesda Cardiff (charity number 1157230) in respect of an examination carried out on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

I have examined the accounts on page 5, comprising the receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2020 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent 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.



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18th October 2021