

BETHEL TRUST PORT TALBOT

England & Wales · Charity number 1157288

Details

Other names REALATE MINISTRY

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Company number [CE002033](#)

Registered 2014-06-03

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

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Activities

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Neath Port Talbot

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£75,284	£68,088	-	-
2024-03-31	£38,581	£45,781	-	-
2023-03-31	£46,662	£32,091	-	-
2022-03-31	£46,448	£67,992	-	-
2021-03-31	£78,868	£61,369	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr ELIZABETH HILL O' SHEA	Chair	2014-06-03
Anthony Hill O'Shea		2017-07-21
Derry Flay		2023-12-17
REV Michele Matthews		2018-10-03
Steven Speakman		2023-11-30

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025**

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TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY

The trustees who have served during the year were as below:

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Steve Speakman

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- Runs a drop-in centre for the local community three days a week with free Wi-Fi, warm hub in winter, free hot meals, refreshments and free practical assistance
- Provides free formula milk, nappies, clothing and other practical items through the Baby bank twice a week
- Provides free food through the foodbank to the local community once a week
- Provides a Cooking on a Budget course for the public once a fortnight
- Provides advice and support through our Cost-of-Living project including a money management course and debt referral support
- Through our winter warm hub provides free fleece blankets, hot water bottles, hot food and refreshments
- Provides free clothing to the Ukraine
- Provides exercise and craft opportunities through our weekly Friendship Hub
- Provides practical assistance to domestic abuse victims, refugees and the homeless
- Provides training and upskilling opportunities for volunteers
- Community events such as jumble sales and holiday events from time to time
- Runs a leadership course through Bethel Leadership College
- Bible study, prayer, worship and other church activities

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PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

CHAIRS' REPORT 2024-2025 - Dr Elizabeth Hill O'Shea

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to all our volunteers, funders and partners who make the community work of Bethel Trust possible. Without your support, the support that we provide to people experiencing hardship in our local community just wouldn't happen.

The charity opens its doors to the community three days a week and all the practical support we provide to people experiencing financial hardship is absolutely free. We never charge anyone for any of the services we provide. This past year saw a considerable increase in the demand for our services, especially in our Baby bank and Foodbank, fuelled no doubt by the UK's ongoing austerity condition. This past year we have provided:

- More than 2500 bags of free food
- Around 500 packs of nappies to families
- Between 450 to 500 tubs of formula milk to families
- Over 100 Christmas food hampers and toys
- Countless items of good quality used clothing, blankets, prams, moses baskets
- Hygiene products and toys
- Hundreds of bags of clothing aid to the Ukraine
- Debt referral support and cost-of-living advice to people in financial crisis
- Two cooking on a budget courses (four weeks each)

Many of our clients that use our foodbank and baby bank are migrant families who hail from a number of countries including Romania, Roma Gypsy community, Ukraine, Pakistan, India, Africa, Malaysia, and Singapore.

Demand grew so much that it became evident that the Baby bank needed more room to expand and so we were so grateful to the National Lottery and People's Postcode Lottery to secure funding to install another mezzanine floor, this time in the main church building. This meant that the shared space the Baby bank was using now became fully utilised by the Baby Bank alone whilst other projects moved upstairs into the newly-created area. Following this development, the Baby bank has expanded and grown even further and has been able to create a comfortable lounge and play area for families and children to come in and find community as well as practical support. We also received funding from NPT Council, Matthew Good Foundation and the Moondance Foundation which enabled us to create storage rooms for the benefit of the project. We have been so blessed by these funders and their generous desire to help and contribute to our community work.

Another outcome of the Baby bank is that we have been able to provide surplus clothing and other essential items to a local project that takes aid out to the Ukraine on a regular basis. We have provided hundreds of bags of clothing and other items for the Ukraine in support of this project.

In addition to this exciting development, we began a new project: Cooking on a Budget. Through our Foodbank we recognised that many families tend to choose processed food over fresh fruit and vegetables, and so we saw a need to teach people how to cook using fresh ingredients. Thanks to funding from Barchester Health Care Homes and Sainsbury, we were able to invite Fedline into our charity who led two x four-week courses, teaching people how to cook healthy and nutritious meals on a budget, which they were then able to take home. We have received positive feedback from these courses, and we hope the work will continue.

We were grateful to secure funding from the local Council to invite a Yoga instructor into our weekly Friendship Hub who delivered chair exercise classes for those wishing to begin their exercise journey and become healthier and fitter. This received positive feedback and it was a joy to see clients progress in these areas.

In the run up to Christmas, we were able to provide over 100 food hampers through our Foodbank to local families in need, together with toys that we received in donations. We are grateful to Mal's Marauders who were able to assist with delivering many of these hampers again.

We were able to continue our Cost-of-Living project for another year and we able to deliver budget advice, cost of living advice and debt referral support to our many clients experiencing financial crisis that we see each week through our various community projects.

To close, I would like to formally thank everyone who has supported the work of Bethel Trust Port Talbot this past year, especially to the committed team of leaders, volunteers and Trustees who work selflessly for the benefit of the charity and local community. It just wouldn't be possible without them.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to Fareshare, Neighbourly, local supermarkets including Morrisons, Aldi and Lidl, Neath Port Talbot Council, social services, Local Area Coordinators and local PSOs, all of whom have either provided practical, advisory or financial support for the work of the charity. We are also grateful for our relationships with local agencies including Thrive Women's Aid, The Wallich, Citizens Advice, Shelter Cymru, Crosslight, Housing Associations, the Job Centre and other local charities and businesses who enable us to do what we do. Thank you.

Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The work of the Trust is led on a day-to-day basis by Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea (Founding Director), Mr Anthony Hill O'Shea (Centre Manager) and Rev. Shaun O'Keefe, together with other Project Leaders appointed by them and the other trustees.

The Trustees meet regularly to review the work of the Trust, give future direction, oversight and to ensure good governance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (INCLUDING RESERVES POLICY)

The trustees recognise that a financial reserve would be good practice. We aim to have around £3000 as a financial reserve.

RISK STATEMENT

The trustees have conducted their own review of its major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year.

In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently, make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Trust will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity legislation. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

The report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 31st January 2026.



Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea
Founding Director and Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BETHEL TRUST PORT TALBOT (CIO)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out in the attached statements.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income was below £250,000 I am competent to undertake the examination as a competent person.

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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

There are no concerns that I have come across in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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	Receipts and payments accounts			
	For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
Section A Receipts and payments				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Charitable Activities	1,528	-	1,528	-
Donations and gifts	8,124	-	8,124	3,810
Gift Aid recovered	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	65,432	65,432	34,271
Donation from organisations	-	200	200	500
	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income)	9,652	65,632	75,284	38,581
A2 Asset and investment sales				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,652	65,632	75,284	38,581
A3 Payments				
Church Ministry	1,648	-	1,648	694
Social Action and Community	32	15,301	15,333	19,677
Buildings and Maintenance	4,268	39,704	43,972	13,378
Travel	1,010	400	1,410	366
Staff and Volunteers	372	-	372	6,009
Running and Support Costs	1,808	1,027	2,834	3,397
Charitable Donations	2,061	58	2,119	1,849
Other expenditure	400	-	400	411
	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	
Sub total	11,598	56,489	68,088	45,781
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,598	56,489	68,088	45,781
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,946	9,142	7,196	- 7,200
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,998	7,628	10,626	17,826
Cash funds this year end	1,052	16,770	17,822	10,626

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	1,052	16,770	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
	Total cash funds	1,052	16,770	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	#REF!	
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	
			-	-	
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
B5 Liabilities			-		
			-		
				-	
				-	
				-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval	

Trustees' responsibilities

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31st January 2026 and signed on their behalf.



Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea
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- Weekly mental health friendship hub
- Money management course
- Provide referral services for debt recovery in partnership with Shelter Cymru
- Cost of living support for clients
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- Runs ministry and leadership training through Bethel Leadership College
- Holds Bible studies, prayer, worship and other church activities
- Runs discipleship courses for new believers

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PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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CHAIRS' REPORT 2023-2024 Dr Elizabeth Hill O'Shea

We are so grateful to our volunteers, partners, and funders for another successful and busy year at Bethel Trust. Despite still feeling the effects of the financial and fuel crisis of these past few years, we are grateful that we've been able to continue our community work and further develop the work of the charity.

The financial challenges of this past few years also continues to be felt by many in our community, as we saw an increase in local community needs. Despite these challenges, the foodbank and baby bank continued to grow and we were pleased that we were able to open our Warm Hub again over the winter months, securing funding from National Grid Community Fund and the National Lottery Community Fund. This funding enabled us to purchase warm fleece blankets, electric blankets and heaters, together with hot water bottles which we distributed to people for free in the local community. As people came into our warm, comfortable environment we were also able to provide them with hot refreshments and snacks. This support was again well received by many members of the local community.

In addition to the warm hub, our weekly friendship hub continued to grow and develop. We were thankful for funding from Community Foundation Wales, which supported this project. It has proved popular and we see people coming in from the local community and also referrals from local mental health agencies.

We were able to support the community through our Foodbank for yet another year, opening twice a week. Unfortunately, we saw a significant drop in donations from supermarkets following Covid, which still hasn't returned to what it was prior to Covid, so we haven't received as much food as previously. Yet demand increases and in fact, demand outstrips supply every week. We continue to be supported by Fareshare, without whom the Foodbank wouldn't exist. They are doing a remarkable work supplying food for many foodbanks up and down the UK. We are grateful to them.

We are most encouraged by the development of our baby bank, which continued to grow under a new manager, Shalom. Her hard work, excellent networking and organisational skills and fantastic group of volunteers make the baby bank what it is. With referrals from local agencies and clients from all sorts of backgrounds including Romanian, Ukrainian, Indian, African, Malaysian and Welsh, the baby bank is an interesting project and has grown from strength to strength.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the financial support from Neath Port Talbot Council as they provided funding for our foodbank, just when it was needed. They have been a real help to our community work. We are also very grateful to:

- National Lottery Community Fund
- National Grid Community Matters Fund

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In closing, I would like to formally thank everyone who has supported the work of Bethel Trust Port Talbot this past year, especially to the committed team of leaders, all our volunteers and Trustees who work selflessly for the benefit of the charity and local community. I would also like to thank Pastor Shaun O'Keefe who works voluntary at Bethel Community Church and who provide much appreciated spiritual support to members. Their prayer and support for everyone and all the projects is invaluable.

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	1,720
Donations and gifts	3,810	-	3,810	5,329
gift aid tax recovered	-	-	-	-
grants	-	34,271	34,271	31,676
Donations from Organisations	500	-	500	7,937
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income)	4,310	34,271	38,581	46,662
A2 Asset and investment sales				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,310	34,271	38,581	46,662
A3 Payments				
Church Ministry	694	-	694	580
Social Action & Community	324	19,353	19,677	13,142
Buildings & Maintenance	6,816	6,562	13,378	3,505
Travel	-	366	366	277
Staff and Volunteers (inc. training and expenses)	3,209	2,800	6,009	6,434
Running and Support Costs	2,909	488	3,397	6,204
Charitable Donations	1,599	250	1,849	1,557
Other expenditure	411	-	411	362
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,962	29,819	45,781	32,061
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,962	29,819	45,781	32,061
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,652	4,452	- 7,200	14,601
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,680	3,176	17,886	3,285
Cash funds this year end	3,028	7,628	10,656	17,886

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	3,028	7,628	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,028	7,628	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	#REF!
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Building		-	90,000
	Fittings		-	10,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Mortgage		22,640	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

Trustees' responsibilities

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 23rd January 2025 and signed on their behalf.



Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea
Founding Director and Trustee

BETHEL TRUST PORT TALBOT

England & Wales - Charity number 1157288

Accounts



Bethel Trust Port Talbot

CIO

TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

Charity number 1157288

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Rev Michele Matthews
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Secretary
Rev Shaun O'Keefe

Chair
Dr Elizabeth Hill O'Shea

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Bankers
Natwest Bank Plc

Independent Examiner
Mr Michael Treharne. BA, PGCE.
UK National Director Bridges for Peace Ltd
23 Alma Road,
Maesteg,
Bridgend,
Mid Glamorgan.
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Registered Charity No. 1157288

Incorporated in England & Wales.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

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The charity undertakes this work primarily through Bethel Community Church, which:

- Runs a drop-in centre for the local community three days a week
- Provides free food through the foodbank to the local community twice a week
- Runs a Food pantry shop open two afternoons a week
- Runs a baby bank supporting local families twice a week
- Runs a weekly mental health friendship hub
- Runs a money management course
- Provide referral services for debt recovery in partnership with Shelter Cymru
- Provides training and employment opportunities for volunteers
- Provides weekly support to people recovering from addiction
- Practical assistance to homeless individuals
- Community events such as jumble sales and holiday events
- Runs a leadership training college – Bethel Leadership College
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The charity operated from the former Salem Welsh Congregational Church building, which was purchased by the Trust in December 2017.

The work is supported by individuals who volunteer their time and donate their time and resources to help the charity further its objects. The Trustees would like to thank all those who have supported the charity over the year.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

CHAIR'S REPORT 2022-2023 Dr Elizabeth Hill O'Shea

This past year has proven to be another busy year at Bethel Trust. Thankful to be back on our feet after the Covid epidemic, we were back to opening our doors to the local community. However, just as we were beginning to recover as a nation from the impact that Covid had upon us all, we found ourselves suddenly faced with new challenges as economic difficulties took their toll in the form of rising energy costs and inflation.

These new challenges were felt by many in our community, including ourselves as utility costs suddenly increased significantly, impacting the cost of keeping our doors open to a community with ever increasing needs. In light of these challenges, we opened our first Warm Hub over the winter months, and were very grateful to secure funding from National Grid which enabled us to purchase warm fleece blankets, electric blankets and heaters, together with hot water bottles which we distributed to people for free in the local community. As people came into our warm, comfortable café environment we were also able to provide them with hot refreshments and snacks supported with funding from the local council. This support was well received by members of the local community.

In addition to the new warm hub, we also saw another new project start up: our weekly mental health friendship group. We were thankful for funding from Community Foundation Wales and Western Power Distribution which supported this project and enabled us to get off the ground by providing for resources and volunteer expenses. It has proved popular and we see people coming in from the local community and also referrals from local mental health agencies.

We would like to express our thanks to the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust who provided funds to enable us to get the debt recovery project off the ground, which we started in partnership with Shelter Cymru to whom we make referrals. Alongside this project, we ran a new money management programme at our charity, providing people with the tools, skills and knowledge they need to budget and maximize income potential.

In addition to these new projects, our fledgling baby bank continued to grow after Hollywood actor Michael Sheen kindly opened it the year before, and we were at first inundated with support, for which we were so grateful. It grew significantly and has been a welcome support to families in the local area. It grew so much that we approached a local church, Sandfields Presbyterian Church, and asked if they would partner with us. We were delighted when they said yes and today there are two baby banks in our town serving the needs of families locally.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the financial support from Neath Port Talbot Council as they provided funding for our foodbank and warm hub, often providing grant funding just when it was needed. They have been a real help to our projects.

There are other funders too to whom we are so grateful for their support including:

- Magic Little Grants
- Warburtons
- Persimmon

We are also grateful to Project Comfort and Mal's Marauders for their support and friendship.

Finally, but not least, we wish to express our sincere thanks to The Headley Trust who provided us with a generous and unexpected grant enabling us to continue our food poverty alleviation work and meet other basic needs at a time when our charity was feeling the consequences of national economic difficulties. Their grant has been a huge help for this us this past year, literally helping us keep our doors open and the projects going.

In closing, I would like to formally thank everyone who has supported the work of Bethel Trust Port Talbot this past year, especially to the committed team of leaders, all our volunteers and Trustees who work selflessly for the benefit of the charity and local community. I would also like to thank Pastor Shaun O'Keefe and Pastor Wayne Morris, who work voluntary at Bethel Community Church and who provide much appreciated spiritual support to members. Their prayer and support for everyone and all the projects is invaluable.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Fareshare, Neighbourly, local supermarkets including Morrisons, Aldi and Lidl, NPT social services, Local Area Coordinators and local PSOs, all of whom have either provided practical, advisory or financial support for the work of the charity. We are also grateful for our relationships with local agencies including Thrive Women's Aid, The Wallich, Citizens Advice, Shelter Cymru, Housing Associations, The Tyn pub (Baglan), Aberavon Football Club, and the Job Centre. Without everyone's support we simply couldn't do what we do. Thank you.

Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The work of the Trust is led on a day-to-day basis by Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hill O’Shea (Founding Director) and Mr Anthony Hill O’Shea (Centre Manager) and by two assistant Pastors – Rev. Shaun O’Keefe and Rev. Wayne Morris – and other Ministry Leaders appointed by them and the other trustees.

The Trustees meet regularly to review the work of the Trust, give future direction, oversight and to ensure good governance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (INCLUDING RESERVES POLICY)

The trustees recognise that a financial reserve would be good practice however, as a small church finances care not currently enough to build a financial reserve.

RISK STATEMENT

The trustees have conducted their own review of its major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year.

In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently, make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Trust will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity legislation. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

The report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 28th January 2024.



Dr. Elizabeth Hill O’Shea
Founding Director and Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BETHEL TRUST PORT TALBOT (CIO)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out in the attached statements.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income was below £250,000 I am competent to undertake the examination as a competent person.

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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

There are no concerns that I have come across in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr Michael Tr:harne. BA, PGCE.
UK National Director Bridges for Peace Ltd
23 Alma Road,
Maesteg,
Bridgend,
Mid Glamorgan,
CF34 9AW



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Charitable Activities	1,720	-	1,720	
Donations and gifts	5,329	-	5,329	18,228
gift aid tax recovered	-	-	-	-
grants	17,207	14,469	31,676	27,729
Donations from Organisations	1,857	6,080	7,937	491
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income)	26,113	20,549	46,662	46,448
A2 Asset and investment sales				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,113	20,549	46,662	46,448
A3 Payments				
Church Ministry	461	119	580	898
Social Action & Community	687	12,455	13,142	4,493
Buildings & Maintenance	3,535	-	3,535	40,350
Travel	267	10	277	4,685
Staff and Volunteers (inc. training and expenses)	1,813	4,621	6,434	10,052
Running and Support Costs	6,159	45	6,204	3,214
Charitable Donations	1,557	-	1,557	918
Other expenditure	239	123	362	2,680
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,718	17,373	32,091	67,290
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,718	17,373	32,091	67,290
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,395	3,176	14,571	- 20,842
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,285	-	3,285	24,127
Cash funds this year end	14,680	3,176	17,856	3,285

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	14,680	3,176	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,680	3,176	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	#REF!

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Building		-	90,000
	Fittings		-	10,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Mortgage		22,640	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Trustees' responsibilities

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28th January 2024 and signed on their behalf.



Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea
Founding Director and Trustee

BETHEL TRUST PORT TALBOT

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Accounts



Bethel Trust Port Talbot

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2022

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 Margaret Rose

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Chair Dr Elizabeth Hill O'Shea

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Independent Examiner Adrian Curtis
 Adrian Curtis Limited
 157 Parc Bryn Derwen
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 Pontyclun
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Registered Charity No. 1157288

Incorporated in England & Wales.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

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PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

CHAIRS' REPORT 2021-2022 by Dr Elizabeth Hill O'Shea

These past few years have been unlike we've ever known in our generation. When Covid hit the world stage, it brought necessary safeguards and changes. In terms of our charity outreach work, we have seen ongoing growth and development. Last year, because of Covid, we had to change how we delivered our food poverty alleviation project. During the peak of Covid, we expanded our Food bank and with funding, were able to provide and deliver free food to between 350 – 400 members of the public every week throughout most of 2020 and early 2021. Thankfully, restrictions have eased and we've been able to reopen our doors to the public. Now at Bethel Trust we run a Food bank and Community Food shop side by side, open three afternoons each week. For those clients then who come in and ask for foodbank food, they receive food entirely free. For those who come in to 'shop' in our community food shop, do so and donate a suggested fee for a bag of food.

We are grateful to Neath Port Talbot Council who have provided funding for our food poverty alleviation projects. We're also grateful to local supermarkets who have kindly donated their surplus food items to the work of our charity. These include Lidl Port Talbot, Lidl Cadoxton Road Neath and Aldi Port Talbot. Morrisons in Port Talbot have also been hugely supportive of our work and have donated much free food to our foodbank for which we are grateful.

This past year also saw the installation of a new mezzanine floor in our rear building. This has been such an asset to our work with the creation of two additional rooms. We now have a conference room form and a large open room from which we can run projects in a private and confidential space, as well as education. We are grateful that we have launched a Debt Support Project in partnership with Shelter Cymru from this venue. Clients who are experiencing financial debt can come and receive confidential help in a private space. We are able to refer clients to our partner who guide them out of debt. We have also facilitated education courses including Chronic Pain and Self Management Courses run by EPP Cymru. Next year we hope to expand our provision of courses and projects.

The opening months of 2022 saw the beginnings of our Baby bank. People from the local community donate to our charity their good quality baby clothing, Moses baskets, blankets, prams, and other items which we sort through and donate freely to families in need. The official launch took place in May 2022, so I'll write more on that in next year's accounts. Needless to say, it has been an exciting start with that project.

2022 has also seen the launching of our Mental Health Hub, which has been a much-needed project. Many of our clients, even many of our volunteers, suffer with mental ill health and we're grateful that we've been able to launch a project to meet that need. I will explain more on that too in next year's report.

Throughout this past year, we have continued to run our weekly Celebrate Recovery programme, supporting individuals out of addiction. Through our church we continue to run weekly Sunday Church services, prayer meetings, and Bible studies. A number of our volunteers come from the church, working alongside volunteers from the local community.

I would like to formally thank everyone who has supported the work of Bethel Trust Port Talbot this past year, especially to the committed team of leaders, Trustees, and especially all our volunteers who work selflessly for the benefit of the charity and local community. Without their assistance, this work simply wouldn't take place. Our volunteers give selflessly of their time week after week. I would also like to thank Pastor Shaun O'Keefe and Pastor Wayne Morris, who work voluntary at

Bethel Community Church and who provide much appreciated spiritual support to members. Their prayer and support for everyone and all the projects is invaluable.

Finally, we would also like to express our appreciation to our many partners including Fareshare, Neighbourly, NPT Council, social services, Shelter Cymru, Local Area Coordinators and local PSOs, all of whom have either provided practical, advisory or financial support for the work of the charity. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our funders who place their trust in us when they fund our projects. Funders this past year have included NPT Council, Tesco Community Grants, Barclays Bank, Arnold Clark Community Fund, and Community Foundation Wales. We very much appreciate all your wonderful support. Thank you.

Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (INCLUDING RESERVES POLICY)

The trustees recognise that a financial reserve would be good practice however, as a small church, finances are not currently enough to build a financial reserve.

RISK STATEMENT

The trustees have conducted their own review of its major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

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APPROVAL

The report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 22nd January 2023.



Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea
Founding Director and Trustee

Receipts and payments accounts April 2021 to March 2022

For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	562
Donations and gifts	15,228	3,000	18,228	8,775
Gift aid tax recovered	-	-	-	-
Grants	3,900	23,829	27,729	69,522
Other income	491	-	491	9
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income)	19,619	26,829	46,448	78,868
A2 Asset and investment sales				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,619	26,829	46,448	78,868

A3 Payments

Church Ministry	429	469	898	1,331
Social Action & Community	2,283	2,210	4,493	17,854
Buildings & Maintenance	7,518	33,534	41,052	14,064
Travel	743	3,942	4,685	2,717
Staff and Volunteers (inc. training and expenses)	52	10,000	10,052	16,002
Running and Support Costs	2,880	334	3,214	7,241
Charitable Donations	918	-	918	1,426
Other expenditure	1,301	1,379	2,680	740
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,124	51,868	67,992	61,375

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-

Total payments	16,124	51,868	67,992	61,375
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Net of receipts/(payments)	3,495	- 25,039	- 21,544	17,493
A5 Transfers between funds	- 4,673	4,673	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,761	20,366	24,127	6,634
Cash funds this year end	2,583	0	2,583	24,127

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	2,583	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,583	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Building		-	90,000
	Fittings		-	10,000

Vehicle		-	1,600
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Mortgage		25,183	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Trustees' responsibilities

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31st January 2023 and signed on their behalf by Dr Elizabeth Hill O'Shea, Founding Director and Trustee:



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS -FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

Bethel Trust Port Talbot (CIO) is a CIO Registered in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 3 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are for the public benefit, the relief of persons who are in need by reason of financial hardship, ill-health, unemployment, homelessness, education and such other economic or social disadvantage. In addition, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement because it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

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BETHEL TRUST PORT TALBOT

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Accounts



Bethel Trust Port Talbot

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2021

Charity number 1157288

Bethel Trust Port Talbot,
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 Margaret Rose
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Governing Document

Bethel Trust Port Talbot is governed by its Trust Deed dated 3 June 2014 amended on 28 Jan 2016 and as amended on 16 Aug 2019.

Bethel Trust Port Talbot is a CIO incorporated on 3 June 2014.

Bankers Natwest Bank Plc

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY

The trustees who have served during the year were as below:

Dr Elizabeth Hill O'Shea
Margaret Rose
Anthony Hill O'Shea
Rev Michele Matthews
Mr Wayne Morris

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, the relief of persons who are in need by reason of financial hardship, ill-health, unemployment, homelessness, education and such other economic or social disadvantage. In addition, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

The charity undertakes this work primarily through Bethel Community Church, which:

- Runs a drop-in centre for the local community three days a week
- Provides free food through the foodbank to the local community twice a week (2020)
- Runs a Food discount shop open three afternoons a week
- Provides training opportunities for volunteers
- Provides weekly support to people recovering from addiction
- Practical assistance to homeless individuals
- Community events such as jumble sales and holiday events
- Runs a leadership training college
- Bible study, prayer, worship and other church activities
- Discipleship courses for new believers

The charity operated from the former Salem Welsh Congregational Church building, which was purchased by the Trust in December 2017.

The work is supported by individuals who volunteer their time and donate their time and resources to help the charity further its objects. The Trustees would like to thank all those who have supported the charity over the year.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

CHAIRS' REPORT 2020-2021 Dr Elizabeth Hill O'Shea

This year has been an unprecedented year for many when 2020 saw the explosion of Covid on to the world scene. Despite this, it was a busy year at Bethel Trust as we made adjustments to not only accommodate Covid restrictions into the everyday activities of our charity, but also to how we were going to deliver ongoing support to our local community.

When the first lockdown took place in Wales, many people locally were struggling to either get out to buy food or were unable to afford food. In response we decided to apply for funding in order to develop our food poverty project into a full-blown Foodbank. Even though we had to temporarily close our doors as a Drop-in Centre whilst lockdowns were in place, we began a Foodbank delivery service providing free food to between 350 – 400 members of the public every week throughout most of 2020 and early 2021. It was a big response project for which the Trustees are immensely grateful for to our wonderful team of volunteers. We are also very thankful to have received funding from the following organisations who gave to make this project happen:

- National Lottery Community Fund
- Neath Port Talbot Council
- Martin Lewis Covid-19 Fund
- Community Foundation Wales
- CAF Tourle Foundation Fund
- Charities Aid Foundation
- Julia Hans Rausing Trust
- Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Services
- Western Power
- Barclays Bank
- Lester Mccalmon and his golf club
- Tesco
- Neighbourly

Their funding enabled us to purchase for the Foodbank large quantities of food, fridges and freezers, carrier bags, PPE, cover utilities, insurance for the charity outreach van, and also provide transport costs for volunteers. We would also like to thank the People's Postcode Lottery who provided funding for a mezzanine floor in our building, but I will explain more of that in next year's Chair's Report.

In addition to our own volunteers who delivered food, we are also very grateful to the charity, Men's Marauders Port Talbot, who also worked hard to deliver foodbank food parcels locally. Throughout much of the time we were running our busy foodbank, Men's Marauders provided around ten drivers twice a week (fifteen around Christmas) delivering large food parcels to people in Port Talbot, Neath, Briton Ferry, Resolven, and Glynneath. For Christmas 2020, they helped to deliver over 100 Christmas food parcels to people in need, which included meat as well as vegetables, fruit, bakery and sweet items. The trustees would also like to thank local butcher Peter Eaton and residents from the local community who also generously donated food to our Foodbank.

Bethel Trust would not run without its amazing volunteers who work hard week in, week out. Covid didn't change that. Indeed, many of our volunteers who worked in the foodbank worked even harder as they sorted and packed food, arranged deliveries and carried heavy boxes and bags of food for delivery to residents throughout Neath Port Talbot – all with social distancing in place. The Trustees at Bethel Trust would therefore like to give a huge thanks of appreciation to all our charity volunteers. Without you, this work just wouldn't take place.

Another interesting development was the transformation of our charity shop into a Food Discount Shop. We found that there wasn't a great demand for used clothing, bric a brac etc., but a greater need for food. We therefore started purchasing food from Fareshare so local people could come shopping and purchase food from our shop, which is open three afternoons a week, for donations only. Indeed, for those who can't afford to pay, we just provide the food for free.

We would also like to thank the Willats Trust who provided funding to one of our workers for outreach purposes. Despite movement restrictions and that people weren't coming into the building during lockdowns, our worker turned to delivering foodbank food each week, and was able to engage with local residents on their doorsteps, supporting them and having meaningful conversations with them whilst they were self-isolating. Indeed, during one delivery, an elderly man he delivered food to each week was not answering. Our worker reported his concern to the Police, who broke down his door and found him collapsed on the floor. That intervention probably saved his life.

The time of writing this report, January 2022, is an exciting one for Bethel Trust with a new mezzanine floor recently installed, creating two additional rooms which will enable to us assist more people in our local community. We are looking forward to the launch of new projects in 2022: Bethel Debt Centre, Bethel Baby Bank and a Mental Health Project. But more on that next year.

We have been able to reopen our doors, albeit tentatively, and the community has started coming back in. We have social distancing in place, hand sanitizer and PPE freely available. Despite the fact that Covid is still very much with us, we are hopeful and look forward to serving the community in the year ahead, helping to alleviate poverty, empower volunteers, and support people struggling with addiction and mental health problems.

I would like to formally thank everyone who has supported the work of Bethel Trust Port Talbot this past year, especially to the committed team of leaders, Trustees, and all our volunteers who work selflessly for the benefit of the charity and local community. I would also like to thank Pastor Shaun O'Keefe and Pastor Wayne Morris, who work voluntary at Bethel Community Church and who provide much appreciated spiritual support to members. Their prayer and support for everyone and all the projects is invaluable.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Fareshare, Neighbourly, local supermarkets including Morrisons, Tesco, Aldi and Lidl, NPT social services, and local PSOs, all of whom have either provided practical, advisory or financial support for the work of the charity. We very much appreciate your support.

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The work of the Trust is led on a day-to-day basis by Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea who is the Founding Director and by two assistant Pastors – Rev. Shaun O'Keefe and Rev. Wayne Morris – and other Ministry Leaders appointed by them and the other trustees.

The Trustees meet regularly to review the work of the Trust, give future direction, oversight and to ensure good governance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (INCLUDING RESERVES POLICY)

The trustees recognise that a financial reserve would be good practice however, as a small church finances care not currently enough to build a financial reserve.

RISK STATEMENT

The trustees have conducted their own review of its major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year.

In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently, make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Trust will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity legislation. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

The report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 19th January 2022.



Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hill O'Shea
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 20-21 £	Total 19-20 £
Income					
Charitable activities		562	-	562	3,594
Donations and gifts		8,775	-	8,775	10,032
Gift aid tax recovered		-	-	-	-
Grants		8,500	61,022	69,522	34,806
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Other Income		9	-	9	331
Total Income		£17,846	£61,022	£78,868	£48,763
Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Church Ministry		1,331	-	1,331	1,143
Social Action & Community		355	17,499	17,854	8,387
Buildings & Maintenance		3,053	11,011	14,064	10,210
Travel		-	2,717	2,717	1,975
Staff and Volunteers (inc. training and expenses)		1,493	14,509	16,002	9,226
Running and Support Costs		5,813	1,428	7,241	10,685
Charitable Donations		1,426	-	1,426	115
Other expenditure		734	-	734	553
Total Expenditure		£14,205	£47,164	£61,369	£42,294
Net Income (Expenditure)		3,641	13,858	17,499	6,480
Total Funds brought forward at 1 April		£126	6,508	6,634	165
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March		£3,767	£20,366	£6,634	£6,634

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

BALANCE SHEET**AS AT 31st MARCH 2021**

	2020-2021	2019-2020
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Building	90,000	90,000
Fittings	10,000	7,000
Vehicle	1,777	1,975
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total fixed assets	£101,777	£98,975
Current assets		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank	24,133	6,634
Petty Cash	0	0
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total current assets	£24,133	£6,634
Total assets	<hr/> £125,910	<hr/> £105,609
Liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
Mortgage	26,600	28,356
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Total Liabilities	£26,600	£28,356
Total assets less liabilities	<hr/> £99,310	<hr/> £77,253

Trustees' responsibilities

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 19th January 2022 and signed on their behalf.



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS -FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

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