

**Bread of Life Church International**

**OF**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**Annual Return 2024**

**Charity No: 1165355**

## **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name: Bread Of Life Church International

Charity Registration Number: 1165355

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**Trustees:** Dr Mulenga Makota (Chair)  
Mr Austin Makota  
Mr Paul Matuta

### **Independent Examiner**

Josh Commercial Services Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
5 Gayton Court, Reigate  
Surrey  
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### **Bankers**

Triodos Bank  
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## **Trustees' Annual Report Year ended 2nd January 2024**

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Governing Document**

The Church is administered in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution.

#### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

Members of the church with the exception of 1 are the charity trustees. The trustees are the leaders of the church and are chosen from those members of the church who are considered to have the appropriate gifts and skills. Board Members are then appointed at the Stated Annual Meeting and serve for a period of three years after which they must seek re-election at the next Stated Annual Meeting.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The Congregational Board is chaired by the Pastor and meets eight times in a year. Certain responsibilities are delegated to the Finance Committee as appropriate.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

Bread of Life Church operates in South East London - Thamesmead. We meet every Sunday and we share the gospel of Jesus. We encourage those who are discouraged-bring hope to those who feel lonely. Most of all, we believe that everyone was born to fulfil a purpose. We help people discover their purpose the biblical way. Our objective is the advancement of the Christian Faith for the public benefit in London and the United Kingdom in accordance with the Doctrines set out in the statement of the Faith Appended.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our church community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

## **Trustees' Annual Report (cont)**

### **Year ended 2nd January 2024**

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The church is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have located to a new building in Bromley High Street and are pleased to finally meet back full time as a congregation to fellowship. However, we still held online services every Sunday at 11am through a Radio station and Facebook Live. Through this platform, we reached a multitude of people across the globe, and still maintained a community feel and true engagement from our local congregants. In addition, we introduced daily prayers also held online, as well as a weekly service every Wednesday.

It still remains a challenging time for all, we hope to bring a sense of hope to people and encourage church members during these uncertain times.

#### **Financial Review**

Members have continued to give faithfully even through a hybrid approach of online and in person meetings. Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £53,065 which included £13,690 of gift aid and £54,320 was spent from the unrestricted funds. The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £1,255.

#### **Reserves Policy**

It is the Trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately two months expenditure including designated funds. The net result of £6 will be carried forward.

#### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The members of the Board must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Church during the financial year. The members of the Board are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Church at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Regulations Anent Congregational Finance approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2007. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

**Dr Mulenga Makota**  
**(Trustee Chairperson)**



Date ..... 16/10/2024

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bread of Life Church**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 02 January 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

An examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of 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 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and  
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have 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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Address: Josh Commercial Services Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
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Crawley  
West Sussex

Date 15th July 2025

**Bread Of Life Church International**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**Year ended 2nd January 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Note</b>					
<b>Voluntary receipts:</b>	<b>2</b>					
Collections at services		33,421	-	-	33,421	34,591
Gift Aid Recovered		13,690	-	-	13,690	14,425
		47,111	-	-	47,111	49,016
Receipts from General Trustees		954			954	723
Receipts from Trustees excluding Tithe and Offering		5,000			5,000	6,000
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>53,065</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,065</b>	<b>55,739</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>3</b>					
Church running expenses		11,490			11,490	14,010
Hall running costs		37,150			37,150	37,150
Mission giving and donations		5,680			5,680	4,550
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>54,320</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,320</b>	<b>55,710</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<b>(1,255)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,255)</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Transfers</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year</b>		<b>(1,255)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,255)</b>	<b>29</b>
Cash at bank and in hand at 3 Jan 2023		1,261	-	-	1,261	1,261
Cash at bank and in hand at 2 Jan 2024		<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,290</b>

**Bread Of Life Church International**  
**Statement of Balances**  
**Year ended 2nd January 2024**

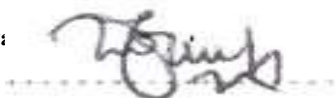
	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Note					
<b><u>Cash Funds</u></b>					
Bank Current Account	£6			£6	1,290
	<u>£6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£6</u>	<u>1,290</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>					
Gift Aid Receivable	-			-	-
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>					
Cost of repair not yet billed	-	-	-	-	-

The accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees and Financial Board on 10/11/2024.

For and on behalf of Board of trustees and Financial Board

Dr Mulenga Makot: 

Chairperson

Mr Paul Matuti: 

Board Member

**Bread Of Life Church International****Statement of Balances****Notes to the Accounts****1. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>2. Analysis of Donations</b>					
Ordinary Tithe (Open Plate)	28,560	-	-	28,560	29,100
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	4,861	-	-	4,861	5,491
Donations by General Trustees	954			954	723
Donations by Trustees (excluding Tithe and offering)	5,000	-	-	5,000	6,000
Gift Aid Recovered	13,690	-	-	13,690	14,425
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>53,065</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,065</b>	<b>55,739</b>

**3. Analysis of Payments****Church running expenses**

Lease of Building	37,150	-	-	37,150	37,150
Utilities	2,890			2,890	2,640
Buildings Insurance	890			890	890
Donations	2,680	-	-	2,680	2,000
Running Costs	1,210			1,210	713
Music & Band Hire	1,400	-	-	1,400	2,160
Evangelism & Marketing	350	-	-	350	234
Guest Honourary Speakers	2,100			2,100	1,500
Fees and Subscriptions	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,510
Bishops - Seed	3,000	-	-	3,000	2,550
Printing, stationery and postage	650	-	-	650	500
	<b>54,320</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,320</b>	<b>52,847</b>

**Governance costs**

Independent examiner's fees	-	-	-	-	-
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**Other payments**

Purchase of assets / equipment	-	-	-	-	2,863
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,863</b>

**Total Payments**

	<b>54,320</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,320</b>	<b>55,710</b>
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