

BETHEL CHURCH, NORTHWICH

England & Wales · Charity number 1168359

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-07-21

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: We meet together at Bethel Church, Northwich to worship God, to encourage each other as we share life together and to serve our community to demonstrate our love for Jesus in action.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£162,881	£92,874	-	-
2023-12-31	£80,681	£91,728	-	-
2022-12-31	£81,513	£77,539	-	-
2021-12-31	£52,942	£46,175	-	-
2020-12-31	£64,999	£54,821	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID NEAL HILL		2017-01-12
David Gordon Herd		2019-01-17
HOWARD LEONARD		2017-01-12
ROBERT IAN PLANT		2017-01-12
Shane Gray		2019-01-17

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Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2024

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Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are self-appointing.

Pastor

The Church has a Pastor who is paid an annual salary.

Risk Management

The Church has an Insurance policy covering the assets and liabilities.

Bethel Church is GDPR compliant, has a written Health & Safety policy, up to date Certification for Fire, Electrical and Gas safety.

We continue to be wary of the challenges we face in the current economic climate, in particular our premises costs. We have managed to significantly reduce our energy costs by swapping suppliers and ensuring we control our energy usage. We continue to explore the possibility of the Church being eligible for grants to help with the day to day running costs but also the cost of proposed building improvements. The Church has a strict safeguarding framework in place including full DBS checks for any employees or volunteers involved in playtime at Bethel, Sunday School or youth work.

Organisational Structure

The Church has a Pastor, 4 trustees and a leadership team of 5.

Objectives and Activities

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Family service with children's Sunday School, every Sunday morning

Mid-week small groups for prayer and bible study

Weekly parent and toddler group

Financial support to Foodbank, Care for the Family, Bible Society, Open Doors, Wycliffe Bible Translators

Christmas and Easter celebrations

Weekly holiday play sessions in August and a Light Party in October

We continue to offer a community 'warm space' which is particularly welcome with a new 380 home local housing development under construction.

Light Bites' cafe continues to thrive and is attracting those from the community who wish to spend time chatting over a coffee or wanting to know more about the other Church initiatives.

Our counselling service sits within the context of our Wellness team who continue to offer a pathway to wholeness in mind, body and spirit. The counsellors offer a professional and ethical service, they have all undergone appropriate training, are members of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) and adhere to BACP's 'Ethical Framework' for the counselling professions. Our counsellors volunteer their time and expertise as part of the Bethel Wellness Team with sessions being offered FREE for a specific time period. We continue to see referrals from the Church congregation and our ongoing relationship with the local GP surgeries.

Achievements and Performance

The Church overall continues to thrive. The transition to the new format for the parent and toddler group saw 15-25 families attending each week.

The cafe has slowly been growing the number of trained volunteers alongside the employed manager. This meant a significant investment in time and equipment in order to set this up to the required food hygiene standards. Continued 5 star rating from the local council hygiene inspector.

Sunday morning services continue to see an attendance of approximately 80 people each week and regular online attendance.

We continue to run the Alpha Course for those wanting to know about Jesus, the Bible and our Church.

Worship nights became a monthly feature.

Other events open not just to the existing Church family but also the wider community include, Mens night held monthly, Ladies afternoon Tea, Youth group. We are delighted to be able to employ an additional team member solely to head up the toddler and youth group resulting in additional events being held and structured learning.

We are proud to announce that the Church community has been able to raise the funds for building improvements. We plan to commence phase 1 of the works in 2025 which will bring much needed additional space for storage and the various activities being held.

Financial Review Principle Finding Sources

The prime source of income is covenants, donations and gift aid.

Additional income being received from the cafe.

A further grant was received towards the cost of some counselling sessions, split between 2023 and 2024.

There were two significant increases in costs. Alongside employing the cafe manager/community engagement coordinator, there was also a significant increase in cost to our utility expenses. Utility costs have been significantly reduced by greater control and change of suppliers.

New income streams have come in the shape of paid use of the car park, the Church building and advertising boards for the new housing development.

Responsibilities of the Charity Trustees

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of recommended practice: - Accounting and Reporting by Charities Act.

Approved by the Trustees on 27th October 2024
David Herd (Trustee)


Bethel Church, Northwich

Statement of accounts for the year 01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024

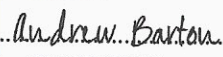
Cash Inflow		Cash Outflow	
Transaction Details	Amount	Transaction Details	Amount
Covenants	£ 46,846.74	Pastors Expenditure	£ 20,408.84
Covenants	£ -	Utilities	£ 9,796.50
Sunday Offerings	£ 8,587.22	Subscriptions	£ 1,589.01
Donations from Church Group	£ -	Insurance	£ 2,002.64
Miscellaneous – Rental	£ 3,000.00	Donations Out	£ 3,833.50
Miscellaneous – Car Park Hire	£ 400.00	Visiting Preachers	£ -
Miscellaneous – Room Hire	£ 600.00	Equipment	£ 1,119.12
Miscellaneous – Donations	£ 725.00	Catering	£ 159.14
Event	£ 356.70	Maintenance	£ 636.27
HMRC	£ 8,194.53	Bank Account	£ 3,285.38
Cafe	£ 10,727.78	Events	£ 280.45
		Church Gifts	£ -
Bank Interest Received	£ 137.21	Stationery	£ 250.05
Grants Received	£ 73,000.00	HMRC	£ 6,669.99
Gift	£ 10,306.00	Cafe	£ 6,190.37
		Accountancy	£ 270.00
		Employee's	£ 34,193.94
		Training	£ 2,189.00
Total Income	£ 162,881.18	Total Expenditures	£ 92,874.20

Cash Book Summary

Cash Inflow	£ 162,881.18	Cash b/fwd – Lloyds Treasurers Acc	£ 4,613.76
Cash Outflow	£ 92,874.20	Cash b/fwd – Lloyds Instant Acc	£ 15,895.95
Cash movement	£ 70,006.98	Cash movement	£ 70,006.98
		Cash c/fwd	£ 90,516.69
		Cash c/fwd – Lloyds Treasurers Acc	£ 4,597.53
		Cash c/fwd – Lloyds Instant Acc	£ 17,919.16
		Cash c/fwd – HTB	£ 68,000.00
		Cash c/fwd	£ 90,516.69

Signature  Treasurer (Dated 5th September 2025)



Signed by:
Signature  Accountant (Dated 5th September 2025)
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We continue to be wary of the challenges we face, in particular our premises costs steps have been taken to minimise the effect of increased utility bills. We continue to explore the possibility of the Church being eligible for grants to help with the day to day running costs but also the cost of proposed building improvements.

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Support the local Foodbank

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Weekly holiday play sessions in August and a Light Party in October

Many activities carried on a similar vein to the previous year

In addition, the Warm Space Project continued until March, with support from Rudheath and Witton Together, with 15-20 people in attendance each week

This then led into the launch of the 'Light Bites' cafe on Thursdays and Fridays (from April). After the summer it also opened on Wednesdays to run alongside the revamped 'Playtime' session of the parent and toddler group.

The counselling service commenced with the involvement of three trained counsellors. Referrals come via the church and through an ongoing relationship with the local GP surgeries.

Achievements and Performance

The Church overall continues to thrive. The transition to the new format for the parent and toddler group saw 15-25 families attending each week.

The cafe has slowly been growing the number of trained volunteers alongside the employed manager. This meant a significant investment in time and equipment in order to set this up to the required food hygiene standards, which resulted in a 5

star rating from the council hygiene inspector.

Sunday morning services have seen a rise in attendance to approximately 80 people each week and regular online attendance.

Following the warm space, we ran the Alpha Course and several people came to faith in Jesus, resulting in the celebration of several baptisms.

Worship nights became a monthly feature.

Financial Review Principle Funding Sources

The prime source of income is covenants and donations from within the church.

This was subsidised with the income from the cafe.

We received small grants from Rudheath and Witton together towards the Warm Space initiative.

A further grant was received towards the cost of some counselling sessions, split between 2023 and 2024.

There were two significant increases in costs. Alongside employing the cafe manager/community engagement coordinator, there was also a significant increase in cost was that of the utility expenses. These costs will reduce in 2024 alongside other new income streams.

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	Transaction Details	Amount		Transaction Details	Amount
	Covenants	£ 46,252.72		Pastors Expenditure	£ 20,952.26
	Covenants	£ -		Utilities	£ 17,011.59
	Sunday Offerings	£ 7,532.45		Subscriptions	£ 1,304.28
	Donations from Church Group	£ 175.00		Insurance	£ 1,546.17
	Miscellaneous	£ 3,624.72		Donations Out	£ 2,591.00
	Miscellaneous	£ -		Visiting Preachers	£ 400.00
	Miscellaneous	£ -		Equipment	£ 1,185.32
	Event	£ 710.00		Catering	£ 305.23
	Event	£ -		Maintenance	£ 2,899.20
	HMRC	£ 7,606.99		Bank Account	£ 3,279.88
	Cafe	£ 4,866.75		Events	£ 852.08
				Church Gifts	£ 380.00
	Bank Interest Received	£ 178.51		Stationery	£ 161.65
	Grants Received	£ 9,734.00		HMRC	£ 3,876.33
				Cafe	£ 6,659.22
				Accountancy	£ 310.00
				Employee's	£ 28,014.78
	Total Income	£ 80,681.14		Total Expenditures	£ 91,728.99

Cash Book Summary

Cash Inflow	£ 80,681.14	Cash b/fwd – Lloyds Treasurers Acc	£ 3,074.12
Cash Outflow	£ 91,728.99	Cash b/fwd – Lloyds Instant Acc	£ 28,483.44
Cash movement	-£ 11,047.85	Cash movement	-£ 11,047.85
		Cash c/fwd	£ 20,509.71
		Cash c/fwd – Lloyds Treasurers Acc	£ 4,613.76
		Cash c/fwd – Lloyds Instant Acc	£ 15,895.95
		Cash c/fwd	£ 20,509.71

Signature  Treasurer (Dated 11th October 2024)

Signed by:
Signature  Accountant (Dated 11th October 2024)



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Risk Management

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As we emerged from the pandemic, we were able to bring some normality to our services and offering to the local community. Our in-person activities such as Sunday services recommenced, with appropriate safety measures in place. They also continued online. We continue to be wary of the challenges we face, in particular the significant increases in our heating and electric bills. We have set up a working group to explore the possibility of the Church being eligible for grants to help with the day to day running costs but also the cost of proposed building improvements.

Organisational Structure

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Objectives and Activities

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- Twice weekly Mum's and Toddlers Group
- Support the local foodbank
- Running English courses for beginners
- Light Party and several Christmas celebrations
- Holiday play sessions every Tuesday in August

The main activities of the church carried on in a similar vein to the previous year. In addition, in November the Church was opened as part of the Warm Space initiative, alongside Rudheath and Witton Together (RWT) and St Helens Church. The Church was open on a Friday lunchtime throughout the winter months to offer a free soup and a drink to the local community. RWT provided a small grant towards the initiative which resulted in 15-20 people regularly attending.

We also began the process of setting up a counselling service that will be available free for the local community This would come to fruition in 2023.

Achievements and Performance

The activities of the church continue to flourish.

Bethel Church has a parent and toddler group, Big and Small, which continues to thrive with 15-20 families present each Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Sunday morning services have up to 70 people attending in person with a regular group participating online, including locally and overseas. We were able to baptise more people this year. We had more frequent worship nights on a Sunday evening. Bethel Church continues to operate a Foodbank for those in desperate need of food.

Financial Review Principle Funding Sources

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Along with the rest of the world, once again, the usual activities of the Church were impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. We would like to acknowledge the invaluable time and effort of members in finding creative ways to adapt and enable things to happen, in the face of the challenges. The online programme and production developed over the course of the year. When the regulations allowed, the in-person activities such as Sunday services recommenced, with appropriate safety measures in place. They also continued online.

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Bethel Church


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Opening Balance	01-Jan-20	10,178.38		
	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Covenants		35152.97	Pastors Expenditure	15969.18
Sunday Offerings		12639.40	Utilities	3400.81
Transfer From Savings		0.00	Subscriptions	941.58
Donations from Church Group		50.00	Insurance	1434.31
Miscellaneous		509.73	Donations Out	4296.00
Miscellaneous		0.00	Visiting Preachers	0.00
Miscellaneous		0.00	Equipment	930.53
Event		38.00	Catering	175.25
HMRC		4551.89	Transfers	0.00
			Maintenance	1057.87
			Bank Account	1084.62
			Events	0.00
			Church Gifts	0.00
			Stationery	0.00
			HMRC	2484.16
			Travel	0.00
			Travel	0.00
			Travel	0.00
			Accountancy	616.00
			TMG Transfer to Fund	0.00
			Misc	0.00
			Special	800.00
			Employee's	12985.58
			Current Account Balance	16944.48
			TOTAL PAYMENTS	63120.37
	TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>63120.37</u></u>		

Business Money Manager 0.00
 High Interest Account 30468.32

Signature.....  Treasurer

Dated 18 August 2022

Signature.....  Auditor

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Along with the rest of the world, Bethel Church was impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. All in-person activities of the church had to cease during the lockdown. The Sunday services and several midweek gatherings went online. The online programme and production developed over the course of the year. When the regulations allowed, the in-person activities such as Sunday services recommenced, with appropriate safety measures in place. They also continued online.

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Family service and Sunday school every Sunday

Mid Week House Groups

Twice weekly Mum's and Toddlers Group

Monthly ladies group

Running English courses for beginners

Annual Light Party with around 100 in attendance

Holiday play sessions every Tuesday in August

Achievements and Performance

The activities of the church continue to flourish.

Bethel Church has a Mums & Tots group on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 25 families at each session with a continuing waiting list.

The Church services are held weekly, on a Sunday, when there is Sunday Family Service and Sunday school with up to 70 people attending. Bethel Church operates a Foodbank for those in desperate need of food.

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Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

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

Reporting Accountant. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of recommended practice: - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005).

Approved by the Trustees on 21st October 2020
David Herd (Trustee)



Statement of accounts 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020

Opening Balance	01-Jan-20	6,287.19		
			<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Covenants		42136.92	Pastors Expenditure	17708.23
Sunday Offerings		7805.68	Utilities	3277.45
Transfer From Savings		0.00	Subscriptions	935.35
Donations from Church Group		750.00	Insurance	1354.20
Miscellaneous		120.00	Donations Out	4296.00
Miscellaneous		0.00	Visiting Preachers	0.00
Miscellaneous		0.00	Equipment	4744.66
Event		1375.00	Catering	457.29
HMRC		6525.02	Transfers	0.00
			Maintenance	2145.08
			Bank Account	2882.05
			Events	1918.00
			Church Gifts	0.00
			Stationery	0.00
			HMRC	2866.96
			Travel	0.00
			Travel	0.00
			Travel	0.00
			Church Flat	0.00
			TMG Transfer to Fund	0.00
			Misc	0.00
			Special	0.00
			Employee's	12236.16
			Current Account Balance	10178.38
TOTAL INCOME		<u><u>64999.81</u></u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u><u>64999.81</u></u>

Business Money Manager	0.00
High Interest Account	0.00
Gift Aid To Claim	0.00
Current Account Balance	10178.38
TOTAL FUNDS	10178.38

Signature.......... Treasurer

Dated 24 March 2021

Signature.......... Auditor

