

Bethel Church, Northwich
(Formerly Bethel Evangelical Church)

Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2021

Charity Number 1168359

Registered Office and Operational Address

Bethel Church, Northwich, Hargreaves Road, Off Middlewich Road, Northwich,
Cheshire, CW9 7BL

Trustees

David Neal Hill (Appointed 13th Sept 1993)

Robert Ian Plant (Appointed 17th June 2010)

Howard Leonard (Appointed 17th June 2010)

Shane Gray (Appointed 17th January 2019)

David Michael Philpot (Appointed 17th January 2019)

David Gordon Herd (Appointed 17th January 2019)

Reporting Accountant

Mrs C Crank, 16 Lavender Drive, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 7EQ

Bankers

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC, Altrincham

Structure, Governance and Management Governing Document

The Church was first registered as a charity in October 2008.

The Church was established as a charity with a constitution and trust document.

In 2017 the Church changed its status from Bethel Evangelical Church, a registered charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation called Bethel Church, Northwich.

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 which covers Public & Employers Liability, the policy also covers the assets of the Church. Bethel Church is GDPR compliant, has a written Health & Safety policy, including Fire & Electrical Safety.

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.

Organisational Structure

The Church has a Pastor, 6 trustees and a leadership team of 8.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the church is to worship God and to show His love in practical ways. The church has a range of activities including:

- Family service and Sunday school every Sunday
- Mid-Week small groups for prayer and bible study
- 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

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 a few people this year. We had more frequent worship nights on a Sunday evening. Bethel Church operates a Foodbank for those in desperate need of food.

Financial Review Principle Funding Sources

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

Responsibilities of the Charity Trustees

The Charity Commission requires that the charity's trustees prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice: -

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

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 19th October 2022
David Herd (Trustee)



Bethel Church

Statement of accounts 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2021

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		63120.37		

Business Money Manager 0.00
High Interest Account 30468.32

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

Dated 18 August 2022

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

Dated 18 August 2022