

Bethel Church, Northwich

Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2022

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.

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

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 offers 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

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

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 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 20th October 2023
David Herd (Trustee)



Statement of accounts 01/01/2022 - 30/12/2022

Opening Balance	01-Jan-22	16,944.48		
<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Payments</u>	
Covenants		42192.72	Pastors Expenditure	20122.42
Covenants		0.00	Utilities	6928.86
Sunday Offerings		10513.55	Subscriptions	1031.67
Transfer From Savings		2000.00	Insurance	1427.55
Donations from Church Group		300.00	Donations Out	4296.00
Miscellaneous		1202.14	Visiting Preachers	0.00
Miscellaneous		0.00	Equipment	8228.74
Miscellaneous		0.00	Catering	770.89
Event		2140.00	Transfers	0.00
Event		0.00	Maintenance	4684.18
HMRC		6220.25	Bank Account	2855.62
			Events	1822.94
			Church Gifts	0.00
			Stationery	0.00
			HMRC	4148.91
			Travel	0.00
			Travel	0.00
			Travel	0.00
			Accountancy	250.00
			TMG Transfer to Fund	0.00
			Misc	0.00
			Special	1789.00
			Employee's	20082.24
			Current Account Balance	3074.12
			TOTAL PAYMENTS	81513.14

Signature..... Treasurer

Dated 02 October 2023

Signature..... Carole Cuel Auditor

Dated 02 October 2023