

Bethel Evangelical Church (East Hanningfield)

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2024

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Bethel Church Old Church Road East Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM3 8BG
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 3 June 2014
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1169720
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Roydon Warne Hearne Gary Vincent Saunders Christopher John Evans
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a trust deed and is constituted as a trust. The charity's principal object, as set out in its governing document, is to advance the Christian faith.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Pastor Peter Cockrell made two missions to Tanzania to continue Bible teaching with the Gospel Partnership.

At the AGM in February, that year's church activities were reviewed including finances and our Safeguarding policy was presented and read aloud by the church members.

Based upon the previous Jubilee party Bethel held a June garden party as a village outreach. In July Bethel helped with the annual village fete, manning the stocks stall. Poor attendance due to rain. The teaching course Christianity Explored was held daytime for three participants.

There were two fellowship lunches held after the Sunday service, plus a ladies supper. In addition to ladies and men's breakfasts held on separate Saturdays for outreach and fellowship.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £1,867, to £25,831. This included a one off fellowship gift of £4,250. Expenditure decreased by £6,224, to £20,106. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £5,725, to £40,008, of which all is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose. Restricted funds were those given for Open Doors £436, and Kids Alive £134.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £10,000, as advised by the Charity Commission, (which equates to about six months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £40,008 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a senior management team led Pastor Roydon Hearne. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

Organisational structure

The tenancy of the bungalow 'Sharon' was discussed and agreed this will continue for the foreseeable future.

Relationships with other charities and related parties

Bethel church prayerfully supports the following charities: Above Us Only Sky, One Challenge, Open Doors, CAM, Stand by Me, Street Pastors, Tearfund and Village Hope, with some church members having an active role.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

It was agreed that formal policies should be incorporated into the function of Bethel Church. These can be purchased as a pack from Stewardship.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Gary Saunders

Gary Saunders (Sep 22, 2025 11:35:14 GMT+1)

Gary Saunders

Sep 22, 2025
Date: _____

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
Bethel Evangelical Church (East Hanningfield)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bethel Evangelical Church (East Hanningfield) ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 5 to 7 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sarah Crispin

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Date: Oct 15, 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>						
Donations		22,125	-	570	22,695	18,590
Gift aid receipts		2,546	-	-	2,546	5,286
Bank interest		589	-	-	589	88
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>25,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>25,831</u>	<u>23,964</u>
<i>Payments</i>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	14,366	-	-	14,366	21,494
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	5,170	-	570	5,740	4,835
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>19,536</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>20,106</u>	<u>26,330</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		5,725	-	-	5,725	(2,366)
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net movement in funds</i>		<u>5,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,725</u>	<u>(2,366)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		34,283	-	-	34,283	36,649
<i>Cash funds at this year end</i>	A	<u>40,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,008</u>	<u>34,283</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2024	2023
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		19,742	-	-	19,742	24,254
Notice deposits		20,217	-	-	20,217	10,000
Petty cash		49	-	-	49	29
		<u>40,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,008</u>	<u>34,283</u>
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		3,589	-	-	3,589	2,552
Other debtors		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>3,589</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,589</u>	<u>2,552</u>
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Fee for Independent Examination		780	-	-	780	720
		<u>780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>720</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use						
		Current value				
		£				
Land & Buildings (freehold)		693,514				
Furniture & equipment		44,964				

Land & Buildings consists of the church building and a neighbouring residential property. The trustees have used insurance values as they are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Gary Saunders

Gary Saunders (Sep 22, 2025 11:35:14 GMT+1)

Gary Saunders

Date: Sep 22, 2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Stipend	4,600	-	-	4,600	3,600
Ministry expenses	2,559	-	-	2,559	2,243
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	2,717	-	-	2,717	11,067
Utilities	2,234	-	-	2,234	2,137
Insurance	1,297	-	-	1,297	1,209
Office & support costs	959	-	-	959	1,239
	<u>14,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,366</u>	<u>21,495</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:					
OC International	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,200
Village Hope	600	-	-	600	600
Samaritans Purse	300	-	-	300	500
Open Doors	64	-	436	500	615
Myanmar emergency	850	-	-	850	-
Other small grants to organisations	1,156	-	134	1,290	620
Grants to individuals	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,300
	<u>5,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>5,740</u>	<u>4,835</u>

4 Movement of funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>34,283</u>	<u>25,261</u>	<u>(19,536)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,008</u>
Restricted funds					
Open Doors	-	436	(436)	-	-
Stand by Me (Kids Alive)	-	134	(134)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>(570)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>34,283</u>	<u>25,831</u>	<u>(20,106)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,008</u>

A special collection was made during a Sunday service for the work of Open Doors. All monies collected during the service were forwarded to Open Doors.

A collection tin is available in the church for donations to Stand by Me (formerly Kids Alive). Any monies collected in the tin are forwarded to Stand By Me.

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