



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

YSGUTHAN ROAD, PORT TALBOT SA12 6NE

Trustees Report April 2021 – March 2022

[1] Purposes and Aims

The purposes of the church, as set out in the constitution are:

- 1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Port Talbot and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- 2) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the Managing Trustees, further the work of the Church.

[2] Activities

Having resumed 'in-person' meetings on 15th November 2020, we were able to continue meeting every Sunday throughout the period April 2021 to March 2022. Measures were in place to comply with Welsh Government Covid Restrictions and updated whenever necessary. Our services on Sundays were the focus of our activities. We observed social distancing, being grateful for our large building, including an upstairs gallery, which enabled us to allow up to 100 people to meet each Sunday. During this period we livestreamed our services, initially with video and audio, but from 11th April 2021 we moved to audio livestream only so as to continue to provide a "live" experience for those of our members who are housebound, whilst at the same time encouraging as many as possible to return in person.

The church achieved its purposes by continuing to meet regularly for prayer via Zoom video calls on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We have continued to support one another through sickness, trial and bereavement. We generously supported several good causes such as: The Falconer Trust orphanage in Zambia, the Blytheswood Christmas Shoebox campaign for Central Europe, Romanian Ministries, Asia Link, the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship, and Slavic Gospel Association.

[3] Public Benefit

Throughout this reporting period, the church has opened its doors to the local community in a number of ways: the worship services on Sundays are open to all; the Christmas Eve Community Carol Service was pre-recorded and broadcast on YouTube. The Pastor continues to serve as Chair of Governors in local Primary School, and our links with that school continue to be strong. Our Church Hall was used as a Polling Station for the local council by-election and Senedd Elections in May 2021.

[4] Membership and Volunteers

None of this would have been possible without the willing service of a number of volunteers. Many are from our membership (which numbered 37 in March 2021), but others are not members of the church, yet still give their time and energy to helping. The return to church meetings gave new opportunities for cleaning teams and stewarding.

[5] Building Maintenance

In May 2021 the floor near the entrance of the Church Hall was found to be unsafe. Repairs

necessitated removing the interior wooden porch. The floor was replaced and a new porch erected. The only other major work on the building was rewiring the lighting in the main church and replacing the bulbs with more energy efficient LEDs.

[6] Financial Review

During this accounting period (April 2021 – March 2022), income has been £42,103 and Expenditure has been £52,900

A Building Fund has been held in the BMM Account and this is used for Building Management and Maintenance. At March 31 2022 it stood at £4,266

It is our intention to build up reserves over time so that the church has a reasonable cushion against any unforeseen occurrences.

The accounts are set out at the end of this report in a balance sheet. The accounts have been duly checked by Patricia Layton, Independent Examiner, and the report is also attached.

[7] Holding Trustees and Managing Trustees

The Church's property holding trustees are currently
FIEC Practical Services
39 The Point
Market Harborough LE16 7QU

We are in the process of changing our Holding trustees to Church Growth Trust and hope to complete this during the next financial year.

The Managing Trustees are the Church Officers, currently they are:

Rev Jeremy Bailey
Mr Jonathan Morris (Treasurer)
Mr Andrew Nicholas (Secretary)

Mr Ben George who served as a Trustee for a number of years, resigned from this post in November 2022

The Managing Trustees met 11 times in this financial year and at other times as necessary. They received a financial report from the treasurer, reported and decided on matters relating to building maintenance and discussed upcoming meetings and needs of the church. The Elders met monthly to pray and discuss the spiritual oversight of the church.

Approved by the Managing Trustees, Signed by Rev Jeremy Bailey on 25th January 2022

**Bethlehem Evangelical Church
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022**

Notes	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Fixed Assets (N.B.V.)	10	0.00
Current Assets		
HSBC Community Account	11	3,187.59
HSBC BMM Account	12	4,265.95
		<u>7,453.54</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Donations Balance	13	0.00
Camp Fund Balance	14	1,935.18
Other Creditors (incl. Gifts not yet paid)	11	0.00
Inland Revenue Creditor		0.00
		<u>1,935.18</u>
		<u>6,300.36</u>
Building Fund		
Reserves At 1 April 2021	13,864.71	34,347.35
Income (Interest and Donations)	1.24	2,017.36
Expenditure to Community Account	-9,600.00	-22,500.00
Reserves At 31-Mar-22	<u>4,265.95</u>	<u>13,864.71</u>

Other Creditors (inc gifts not yet paid)

None

Total

**Bethlehem Evangelical Church
Notes to the Balance Sheet
As at 31-Mar-22**

Notes	£
Fixed Assets	
Costs:	
As at 01.04.2021	0.00
Additions in Year	0.00
Disposals in Year	0.00 (minus figure)
As at 31-Mar-22	<u>0.00</u>
Accd Depn:	
As at 01.04.2021	0.00
Depn. Charge for Year	0.00
Depn. On Disposals	0.00
As at 31-Mar-22	<u>0.00</u>
Net Book Value as at 01.04.2021	<u>0.00</u>
Net Book Value as at 31/03/2022	<u>0.00</u>
11 HSBC Community Account (Current)	
Balance as at 1 April 2021	4,336.54
Income (Receipts)	36,297.72
Additional Income (incl Tax Refund)	15,453.61
Expenditure (Payments)	-52,900.28 (minus figure)
As at 31-Mar-22	<u>3,187.59</u>
Uncleared cheques	0.00
Bank Statement As at 31-Mar-22	<u>3,187.59</u>
12 HSBC BMM Account (savings)	
Balance as at 1 April 2021	13,864.71
Bank Interest	1.24
Transfers In	0.00
Transfers Out	-9,600.00 (minus figure)
As at 31-Mar-22	<u>4,265.95</u>
13 Donations Received	
Balance as at 1 April 2021	0.00
Missionary Collections	510.00
Missionary Gifts	-510.00 (minus figure)
Balance as at 31-Mar-22	<u>0.00</u>
14 Camp Fund	
Balance as at 1 April 2021	1935.18
Income	0.00
Expenditure	-782.00 (minus figure)
Balance as at 31-Mar-22	<u>1153.18</u>

Bethlehem Evangelical Church.
Income & Expenditure
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

		2021/22	2020/21
Notes	£	£	£
INCOME			
Weekly Offerings:			
Gift Aid		29,918.00	25,470.00
Tax Rebate		5,853.61	15,083.52
Other Weekly Offerings		3,059.93	5,489.70
Gifts		0.00	285.00
		38,831.54	46,328.22
Missionary Collections:			
Missionary Gifts	1	510.00	0.00
		510.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income:			
Special Collections	2	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	3	2,761.03	1,784.28
		2,761.03	1,784.28
TOTAL INCOME:		42,102.57	48,112.50
		42,101.33	
EXPENDITURE:			
Pulpit & Pastoral Expenses	4	32,119.92	29,806.32
Gas, Electric, Water & Telephone	5	3,459.16	1,955.88
Repairs & Renovations	6	7,159.25	22,359.66
Local Outreach	7	172.68	622.81
Missionary Support	1	510.00	4,000.00
Special Causes	2	0.00	0.00
Gifts	8	832.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	9	8647.27	7,065.93
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:		52,900.28	66,810.60

Bethlehem Evangelical Church.
Notes To Income & Expenditure
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

		2021/22	
Notes		Income	Expenditure
		£	£
1 Missionary Gifts			
	EMF		0.00
	Asia Link		0.00
	OMF		0.00
	Slavic Gospel	510.00	510.00
	Romanian Ministries		0.00
	Creation Ministries		0.00
			0.00
			0.00
Home Missions			
		510.00	510.00
2 Special Collections			
	Asia Link	0.00	0.00
	Romanian Ministries	0.00	0.00
	Falcolner Homes	0.00	0.00
	Slavic Gospel	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
3 Miscellaneous Income			
	Bank Interest (BMM A/C)	1.24	
	Bank Interest (Community A/C)	0.00	
	Insurance Rebate	2,089.79	
	Hall Rental	70.00	
	Pension Contribution from Employee	600.00	
		2,761.03	

Bethlehem Evangelical Church.
Income & Expenditure
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

	2021/22	2020/21
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	-10,797.71	-18,698.10

ADDITIONAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR BCC ACCOUNT

Balance as at 1st April 2021	13,864.71	
	Income	Expenditure
- Gifts	0.00	
- Interest	1.24	
- Returned from Current Acct	0.00	
- Transferred to Current Acct		-9,600.00
	1.24	-9,600.00
Balance as at 1st April 2022	4,265.95	

Bethlehem Evangelical Church.
Notes To Income & Expenditure
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

Notes	2021/22	
	Income £	Expenditure £
4 Pulpit & Pastoral Expenses		
Pastor		
Gross Salary	24,251.76	
Pension/Conf.Fees/Books/Life Assurance	890.76	
Fuel Allowance	679.20	25,821.72
Employers NIC		5,698.20
External Preachers		600.00
		32,119.92
5 Gas, Electric, Water & Telephone		
Internet		203.47
Electricity		766.00
Gas		2,489.69
Telephone		0.00
Water Rates		0.00
		3,459.16
6 Repairs & Renovations		
Miscellaneous		0.00
Kitchen Equipment Repairs		0.00
Organ & Piano Tuning		60.00
Alarm Repairs		0.00
Service of Fire Extinguishers		0.00
Alarms		1354.72
Builder		5000.00
Carpets		350.00
Plumber		96.00
Reimbursements - Light Bulbs		298.53
		7,159.25
7 Local Outreach		
Girls Craft		0.00
Sunday School		0.00
Tiny Tots		0.00
Evangelism	172.68	
Tracts		0.00
Signs		0.00
Covid Expenses		0.00
Other		172.68
		172.68
8 Gifts		
Auditor		50.00
EMW camps fund		782.00
Sundry Gifts:		
Membership		0.00
		832.00
9 Miscellaneous		
Stationery - Copy Charge	40.80	
- Toner	0.00	
- Other	0.00	
		40.80
Refreshments		61.97
Safeguarding		129.00
Christian Copyright Licence		127.00
Cleaning Costs		3,171.88
Web Hosting		50.00
Holding Trust		420.00
Covid-19 Misc		0.00
Insurance		4144.34
End of Year Creditors		0.00
Other		457.61
Bank Charges		44.67
		8,647.27
	3271.03	52900.28



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31.3.2022

Charity no
(if any)

1171642

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of
applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that
disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter
considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: P. A. Layton

Date: 8.12.2022

Name: PATRICIA ANNE LAYTON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.