



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

YSGUTHAN ROAD, PORT TALBOT SA12 6NE

Trustees Report April 2022 – March 2023

[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

The Church met every Sunday throughout the period April 2022 to March 2023. Our services on Sundays were the focus of our activities. We continue to livestream our services, which are heard by up to 35 people each Sunday. Our main focus for these livestreams are those of our own church membership who are housebound, but others log into our YouTube channel regularly.

The church achieved its purposes by continuing to meet regularly for prayer via Zoom video calls on Tuesdays and in-person meetings on Wednesday evenings. One new initiative is a fortnightly Coffee Morning on Wednesdays. These are open to all and provide a place to socialize and encourage one another. We have continued to support one another through sickness, trials and bereavement. We supported in prayer, and through visits from representatives, 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 held in the Church for the first time since the Covid restrictions, it was very well attended by members of the local community. The Pastor continues to serve as Chair of Governors in the local Primary School, and our links with that school continue to be strong. The school used the church for their Carol Services in December 2022. The School Family Liaison Officer used the Church Hall for parenting classes during early Spring.

[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 32 in March 2023), but others are not members of the church, yet still give their time and energy to helping. A number of new people, both young and older, have started to regularly attend during this reporting period.

[5] Building Maintenance

The Building was maintained to a suitable standard. Gas Boilers were serviced, Fire and Intruder Alarms were checked under contract by ADT. The whole building was cleaned

weekly under contract from a Swansea Cleaning Company. No major building work was necessary during the reporting period.

[6] Financial Review

During this accounting period (April 2022 – March 2023), income has been £47,520 and Expenditure has been £50,925

A Building Fund has been held in the BMM Account and this is used for Building Management and Maintenance. At March 31 2023 it stood at £4,835

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
Church Growth Trust
Manor Farm Barns
1 Baines Lane
Oakham
LE15 9HP

The Managing Trustees are the Church Officers, currently they are:
Rev Jeremy Bailey
Mr Jonathan Morris (Treasurer)
Mr Andrew Nicholas (Secretary)

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 2024

Bethlehem Evangelical Church
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

Notes	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22
£	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Fixed Assets (N.B.V.)	10	0.00
Current Assets		
HSBC Community Account	11	1,981.88
HSBC BMW Account	12	4,834.71
		6,816.59
Current Liabilities:		
Donations Balance	13	0.00
Camp Fund Balance	14	1,153.18
Other Creditors (and Gifts not yet paid)		0.00
Inland Revenue Creditor		0.00
		1,153.18
		5,663.41
Building Fund		
Reserves At 1 April 2022		4,265.95
Income (Interest and Donations)		2,798.04
Expenditure (Fees and Transfers Out)		-2,229.28
Reserves At 31-Mar-23		4,834.71
Other Creditors (inc gifts not yet paid)		
None		
Total		11,531.18

Bethlehem Evangelical Church
Notes to the Balance Sheet
As at 31-Mar-23

Notes	£
10 Fixed Assets	
Costs:	
As at 01.04.2022	0.00
Additions in Year	0.00
Disposals in Year	0.00 (nominal figure)
As at 31-Mar-23	0.00
Accrd Depn:	
As at 01.04.2022	0.00
Depn. Charge for Year	0.00
Depn. On Disposals	0.00
As at 31-Mar-23	0.00
Net Book Value as at 01.04.2022	0.00
Net Book Value as at 31/03/2023	0.00
11 HSBC Community Account (Current)	
Balance as at 1 April 2022	3,187.59
Income (Receipts)	40,027.80
Additional Income (Tax Refund & Interest)	7,491.48
Transfer from BMM	2,200.00
Expenditure (Payments)	-50,324.59 (nominal figure)
As at 31-Mar-23	1,981.88
Uncleared cheques	0.00
Bank Statement	1,981.88
12 HSBC BMM Account (savings)	
Balance as at 1 April 2022	4,265.95
Bank Interest	13.04
Transfers In	2,785.00
Transfers Out & Fees	-2,229.28 (nominal figure)
As at 31-Mar-23	4,834.71
13 Donations Received	
Balance as at 1 April 2022	0.00
Missionary Collections	0.00
Missionary Gifts	0.00 (nominal figure)
Balance as at 31-Mar-23	0.00
14 Camp Fund	
Balance as at 1 April 2022	1,153.18
Income	0.00
Expenditure	0.00 (nominal figure)
Balance as at 31-Mar-23	1,153.18



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31st MARCH 2023

Charity no
(if any)

11 71 642

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:

15.12.23

Name:

PATRICIA ANNE LAYTON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

B.Sc (Hons) MANAGERIAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES

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

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

Disclosure

Section B

Address:

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