



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 6 April 2022 Period start date
To 5 April 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Bethania Evangelical Church

Charity registration number: 1173470

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the Christian faith, for the public benefit, by seeking to meet the needs that are identified in the local community, using the principles of the Christian faith to guide our actions.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During this year we continued our prayer and community activities, with more in person activities as COVID restrictions were lifted.</p> <p>Our prayer activities include weekly prayer, monthly 'prayer for the city' and monthly worship evenings.</p> <p>The Chaplaincy in our local High School continued with 3-5 chaplains supporting the students and staff during the period.</p> <p>Our community partnership continued this period with the development of the Trowbridge Food Pantry operating on a 1 day per week basis.</p> <p>We also held a 'Summer of Fun' programme to support local young people with 5 weeks of activities.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We have complied with our duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	During this period the contribution from volunteers has continued to be extraordinary. Even though many returned to work after the pandemic, up to 30 volunteers enabled us to grow our Food Pantry initiative, continue our School Chaplaincy and support our prayer initiatives for the local area and City. We have also been able to provide a hospitable and safe environment for gatherings in our building
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During this period, our focus has been in two main areas Prayer and Community Support. Whilst these are strongly linked, they are here described separately:</p> <p><u>Prayer Initiatives</u> We have continued to gather people from many different churches and communities both locally and city wide in our building to worship and pray for people and initiatives on a weekly and monthly basis. Supporting people, churches and communities in prayer has enabled us to identify some of the key issues facing our city during this period. It has also enabled us to target practical help and support to the local community. We have also provided spiritual support and prayer to our local High School where we operate our chaplaincy.</p> <p><u>Community Support</u> Our Food Pantry has grown from strength to strength during this period made possible with support from grants and donations and the stunning work by our volunteers. For a small fee, pantry members from the local community are able to select a number of good quality grocery items. As local people gather in the centre, we have been able to achieve the following in during this period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and wellbeing support for 188 member households • Increased our overall reach providing wellbeing support to 1257 beneficiaries through 3278 actions. • A warm space during Pantry opening

		<p>hours where we have been able to provide information and advice on a range of key topics such as cost of living and fuel poverty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and development for 18 volunteers including 3 young people, providing useful skills which has enabled some to gain part time paid work. • Expanded a food growing initiative in the centre grounds and provided information on nutrition and community events. • Safe use of kitchen for providing refreshments. • Delivery of Pantry groceries to isolating / shielding members. • Crisis support to beneficiaries in St Mellons & Trowbridge, including groceries, utilities and furniture. • Organising community activities and events. • Working in partnership with other agencies. <p>During the school holidays we ran a 'summer of fun' initiative for young people with support of funding from the local council we undertook the following activities over a 5-week period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A city beach with fun activities • A youth bus with games and wellbeing space • A healthy Eating growing and cooking space. • An open-air prayer and wellbeing tent • A Picnic in the park event
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	During this period the charity has performed well beyond expectations against its declared objectives namely: <i>'... to advance the Christian faith, for the public benefit, by seeking to meet the needs that are identified in the local community, using the principles of the Christian faith to guide our actions'</i> .
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We have been able to access various funds to support our community work as outlined above. In addition, we received very generous support from personal donations
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a

Other		
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity received £32,102 of income set against £37,561 expenditure. Taking into account a residual balance from 2021/22 of £39,035, this has resulted in a surplus of £33,576 at the end of the period. The reduction from last year is due to the drawing down of restricted grant funds.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity is holding a reserve in the accounts of £30,355 unrestricted funds. This is intended to support future maintenance and improvement works of our 19c Listed Building. These reserves can also help ensure that the community support initiatives can continue as grant funding opportunities decrease. The charity is also holding as reserves, a surplus of £3,221 of restricted funds which is earmarked for the continuation of the Food Pantry Initiative
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£30,355
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No concerns at this time.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity is funded by regular and 'one-off' donations by regular donors this enables us to maintain our regular prayer and community support. Our major 'Food Pantry' initiative is now considered self-funding and we expect this to be handed over to the community during the next period
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risk would be the reduction of giving from our regular contributors. A secondary risk would be the need for unforeseen investment becoming necessary in our 200-year-old building. However, a full structural survey followed by a substantial programme of improvements has reduced this risk to low.

Other		
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	'Foundation' model constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) who's only voting members are its charity trustees with a 'Foundation' model constitution
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees will have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bethania Evangelical Church
Other name the charity uses	PrayerHouse at Bethania
Registered charity number	1173470
Charity's principal address	13 Barons Court Road Penylan Cardiff CF23 9DF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Clague	Treasurer and principal contact		All three

2	John Gallagher			
3	Robert Jones			

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Declarations

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature(s)



**Full
name(s)**

David Robert Clague

**Position
(eg
Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Secretary and Treasurer

Date

12th January 2024



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Bethania Evangelical Church

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

6th April 2022


To

5th April 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations (restricted applied to directed giving)	7,019	1,764	-	8,783	5,830
Grants CAST Food Project	-	7,132	-	7,132	11,930
Grant summer fun project	-	4,900	-	4,900	-
Pantry Takings	-	7,170	-	7,170	-
Grant via Rumney Chapel Cst project	-	4,117	-	4,117	-
HMRC gift aid	-	-	-	-	2,252
Overheads Cast	-	-	-	-	944
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,019	25,083	-	32,102	20,956
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,019	25,083	-	32,102	20,956
A3 Payments					
Utilities & servicing building	1,911	-	-	1,911	1,549
insurance	2,107	-	-	2,107	3,696
Building Maintenance	1,336	-	-	1,336	1,842
Operational Costs	2,087	-	-	2,087	1,038
Summer Fun activity	-	4,500	-	4,500	-
Gifts	1,594	-	-	1,594	340
Cemetery Transfer costs	-	-	-	-	931
Cast Food Project	-	11,090	-	11,090	23,018
cast Personnel Fees	-	12,936	-	12,936	35,819
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,035	28,526	-	37,561	68,233
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,035	28,526	-	37,561	68,233
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,016	- 3,443	-	- 5,459	- 47,277
A5 Transfers between funds	- 14	- 14	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	32,385	6,650	-	39,035	-
Cash funds this year end	30,355	3,221	-	33,576	- 47,277

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Church accounts	30,355	-	-
	Cast food project balance plus directed giving	-	3,221	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,355	3,221	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			D R Clague	5-Jan-24



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Bethania Evangelical Church

5 April 2023

1173470

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On accounts for the year ended

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **05 / 04 / 2023**.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Date:

16/01/2024

Name:

Stephen Charles Hallett

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

5 Chargot Road, Llandaff, Cardiff CF5 1EW

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.