

# BETHEL INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1178313

## Details

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Other names	BETHEL INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH, NEWTOWN WIGAN
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2018-05-09
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PRINCIPAL OBJECT OF THE CHARITY IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENTS OF FAITH AND PRACTICE OF THE INDEPENDENT METHODIST CONNEXION. THE CHARITY MAY ALSO CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

**Activities:** We are Bethel Independent Methodist Church, Victoria St, Wigan WN5 9BL. Our principal object is the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the Faith & practice of the Independent Methodist Connexion. The church also carries out other charitable purposes. Worshipers from other Christian Faiths are welcome and are generally attracted by our less formal and friendly services.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Wigan

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£24,884	£18,887	-	-
2024-12-31	£24,925	£19,471	-	-
2023-12-31	£27,876	£21,113	-	-
2022-12-31	£17,978	£12,973	-	-
2021-12-31	£14,034	£72,497	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Brian Mills</b>	Chair	2020-03-17
David Parkinson		2022-02-02
Eileen Melling		2020-03-17
Janice Hilda Margaret Fairclough		2020-03-17
Kevan Robert Booth		2020-03-17
Pauline Wendy Smith		2018-04-22
Susan Beryl Gregory		2022-02-02
William Roy Tague		2020-03-17

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# Accounts

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**Bethel Independent Methodist Church**  
**Victoria St, Newtown, Wigan WN5 9BL**

**Trustees' Annual Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023**

**Charity name: Bethel Independent Methodist Church**

**Charity registration number: 1178313**

## **1. Objectives and Activities**

The principal object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statements of Faith and Practice of the Independent Methodist Connexion. The charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

The church is community based providing a range of spiritual and social needs for the general public and the church membership. The facilities are used for a variety of purposes for all ages and is available for public worship, christenings, weddings and funerals. As a church we provide a range of social fellowship opportunities and instruction and respond to related needs (support and pastoral) for individuals and families identified within the community. The charity may also support other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## **2. Achievements and Performance**

The Church premises were revamped over the years from 2020 to 2022 following sale of the adjacent Sunday School building. The flooring was dug out and replaced and most of the pews were sold and replaced with comfortable chairs, giving flexibility to reconfigure the layout for other activities. A new kitchen was installed and the heating and sound systems were upgraded, plus an overhead projector was installed along with the Internet and CCTV coverage.

The whole ambience of the church has improved considerably, allowing us to have drinks after the church services and regular coffee mornings. We have been able to hold more activities and our congregation has grown, with new members being attracted by the friendly atmosphere. Furthermore, members have become more active and most attendees have a specific role to play.

Our Fellowship meetings have been resurrected after Covid and we have been able to assist other charities with an increase in annual donations.

### 3. Financial Review

The finances are in a strong position following the sale of the former Sunday School building, which is no longer required and had become a burden on resources. The funds from the sale were used to refurbish the Church.

### 4. Governance and Management

The Charity is managed in accordance with the established Governance document issued by the Association of Independent Methodist Churches.

Trustees are selected and approved by the church members at an official Church Members' Meeting.

### 5. Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity

<u>Trustee Name</u>	<u>Office Held (if any)</u>	<u>Dates Acted (if not full year)</u>
Pauline Smith	Minister & Secretary	.....
Christine Ormerod	Minister	.....
Roy Tague	Treasurer	.....
Sue Gregory	Finance Officer	.....
Kevan Booth	Organist	.....
Brian Mills	Property Steward	.....
Eileen Melling	Plan Secretary	.....
Janice Fairclough	Congregation Representative	.....
David Parkinson	Health & Safety Officer	.....

All the above served for the full year.

### 6. Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees ..... P.W. Smith .....

Full Name ..... PAULINE SMITH .....

Position ..... MINISTER .....

Date ..... 14 / 8 / 24 .....

# Bethel Independent Methodist Church, Newtown.

## Statement of Accounts as at 31st December 2023

<u>01.01.2023</u>		<u>31.12.2023</u>	
<u>OPENING BALANCES</u>		<u>CLOSING BALANCES</u>	
Bank Treasurers A/C	12,345.14	Bank Treasurers A/C	17005.02
MCA Ltd	92,587.01	MCA Ltd	94690.21
Nationwide Bldg Socy	0.00	Nationwide Bldg Socy	0
Departments	412.10	Departments	454.05
Cash	1.63	Cash	1.63
Payments in Advance	0.00		
Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	6,805.03		
Total	<u>112,150.91</u>	Total	<u>112,150.91</u>
 		<u>Monies Held by Church Departments:</u>	
Signed by:		Flowers A/C	389.05
 		Assistant Treasurer	20.00
<i>S.B. Bates</i>		Christian Endeavour	0.00
S Bates (Treasurer)		Cool Vibes	0.00
 		Ladies Fellowship	45.00
 		Total	454.05
Auditor	Ian Thomas ACMA;GCMA		
<b><u>Charity Donations - 2023</u></b>			
Asia Link	100.00	Mission Aviation	100.00
Derian House	300.00	Dementia UK	100.00
W & L Hospice	1300.00	Daily Bread	100.00
Compassion	360.00	Mercy Ships	100.00
NW Ambulance	200.00	Good News-Everyone	100.00
Parkinsons	100.00	Storehouse (Circuit)	700.00
Bible Society	100.00		
Samaritans	100.00		
DEC Earthquake Turkey	1000.00		
		<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>£4,760.00</b>

**Bethel Independent Methodist Church, Newtown.**

**Statement of Income For The 12 Months Ended 31st December 2023**

	2023	2022
Weekly Collections	797.95	805.20
Gift Aid	13155.00	12366.00
Appeals	0.00	0.00
Donations (Church Groups)	80.00	90.03
Donations (Other inc. Funerals & Weddings)	1140.00	470.00
Ground Rent		14.00
G.F.Cantata		505.64
Bank Interest (Treasurer's Account)	162.92	23.04
Grant from IM Connexion	4000.00	
Tea Party for Storehouse	200.00	
Circuit Carol Service for Storehouse	500.00	
MCA A/C Interest	2103.20	2103.20
HMRC - Gift Aid	3299.86	2828.59
Coffee Mornings	349.21	331.44
Christmas Cards	88.00	
Sundry Income		158.19
Church Weekend	2000.00	
	<b><u>27876.14</u></b>	<b><u>19695.33</u></b>
Signed by: <i>J. Thomas</i> - Auditor		
<i>S.B. Barrow</i> - Treasurer		





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
**BETHEL INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH NEWTOWN, WIGAN**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER.2023**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1178313**

**Set out on pages**

**1,2 & 3.**

(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 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY.2024**

**Name:**

**IAN THOMAS**

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

**ACMA: GCMA**

**Address:**

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