

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1178517

Details

Other names BETHANY, BETHANY HALL

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-05-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1)TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE UK AND ABROAD 2)TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF HARDSHIP OR NEED OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE UK AND ABROAD 3)TO PROMOTE AND FULFIL SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY IN CUMBRIA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: We carry out a variety of tasks to promote the Christian faith to those who already know about it and to those who do not.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£44,347	£51,204	-	-
2024-03-31	£33,860	£39,430	-	-
2023-03-31	£69,579	£31,878	-	-
2022-03-31	£42,010	£33,094	-	-
2021-03-31	£26,523	£27,813	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHRIS BANTOFT	Chair	2018-05-18
MATTHEW RICH		2018-05-18

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YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025



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Contact:	Mr. M Rich
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Independent Examiner:	Mr Mr J F Hornby R1FO, BFP FCA, FloD, FRSA Daltongate Business Centre Ulverston Cumbria LA12 7AJ
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Dated: 20th October 2025



Receipts and Payments Accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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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					
Offerings and Covenants	12,388	-	-	12,388	9,960
Gift Aided Offerings and Donations	16,394	-	-	16,394	13,416
Special Offerings - Gifts to Mission	-	862	-	862	125
Designated Gifts for Pastor/WAFW Funding	-	2,600	-	2,600	2,000
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	4,098	-	-	4,098	2,631
Other Income (Inc Bank Interest)	3,015	-	-	3,015	3,178
Gifts to Bethany	-	4,990	-	4,990	2,550
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	35,895	8,452	-	44,347	33,860
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,895	8,452	-	44,347	33,860
A3 Payments					
Pastor/WAFW Employment Costs	26,870	9,394	-	36,264	30,983
Building Running Costs	4,349	-	-	4,349	3,463
Building Improvements (Inc Energy Grant Exp)	948	1,341	-	2,289	127
Church Running Costs	2,245	-	-	2,245	1,902
Children & Youth Work	83	103	-	186	266
Local Outreach	-	1,681	-	1,681	1,692
New Equipment	-	2,459	-	2,459	221
Gifts to Mission	299	912	-	1,211	156
Other Gifts (Inc Homeless Support+Acts4)	-	520	-	520	620
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	34,794	16,410	-	51,204	39,430
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	34,794	16,410	-	51,204	39,430
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,101	- 7,958	-	- 6,857	- 5,570
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	48,718	33,439	-	82,157	44,457
Cash funds this year end	49,819	25,481	-	75,300	38,887

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		49,819	25,481	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	49,819	25,481	-

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to nearest £

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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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
<i>Chris Bower</i>	CARIS BANTOFF	7/10/25
<i>M. Rich</i>	MATT RICH	7/10/25

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Dated: 27th November 2024



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Offerings and Covenants	9,960	-	-	9,960	10,045
Gift Aided Offerings and Donations	13,416	-	-	13,416	14,090
Special Offerings - Gifts to Mission	-	125	-	125	-
Designated Gifts for Pastor/WAFW Funding	-	2,000	-	2,000	10,000
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	2,631	-	-	2,631	3,148
Other Income (Inc Bank Interest)	3,178	-	-	3,178	1,219
Gifts to Bethany	-	2,550	-	2,550	5,577
Grants from FIEC	-	-	-	-	25,500
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,185	4,675	-	33,860	69,579
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,185	4,675	-	33,860	69,579
A3 Payments					
Pastor/WAFW Employment Costs	22,710	8,273	-	30,983	22,409
Building Running Costs	3,463	-	-	3,463	2,565
Building Improvements	100	27	-	127	301
Church Running Costs	1,902	-	-	1,902	1,359
Children & Youth Work	97	169	-	266	124
Local Outreach	99	1,593	-	1,692	1,289
New Equipment (Inc Energy Grant Exp)	164	57	-	221	3,192
Gifts to Mission	-	156	-	156	-
Other Gifts (Inc Homeless Support+Ac1s4)	-	620	-	620	639
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,535	10,895	-	39,430	31,878
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	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	28,535	10,895	-	39,430	31,878
Net of receipts/(payments)	650	- 6,220	-	- 5,570	37,701
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	48,068	39,659	-	87,727	50,027
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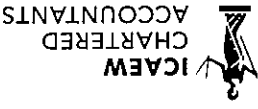
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Dated: 24th October 2022



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
4/1/21

To

Period end date
3/31/22

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					
Offerings and Covenants	9,820	-	-	9,820	9,420
Gift Aided Offerings and Donations	11,001	-	-	11,001	9,817
Special Offerings - Gifts to Mission	- 0	765	-	765	193
Designated Gifts	- 0	6,700	-	6,700	3,450
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	3,391	-	-	3,391	3,535
Other Income	333	-	-	333	108
Gift in Memory of Jean Spencer	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
	- 0	-	-	-	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	34,545	7,465	-	42,010	26,523
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	34,545	7,465	- 0	42,010	26,523
A3 Payments					
Pastor Employment Costs	17,114	4,350	-	21,464	20,859
Building Running Costs	1,109	888	-	1,997	2,228
Building Improvements	100	193	-	293	1,663
Church Running Costs	2,535	-	-	2,535	1,910
Children & Youth Work	32	-	-	32	-
Local Outreach	300	812	-	1,112	490
New Equipment	83	4,474	-	4,557	-
Gifts to Mission	- 0	903	-	903	-
Other Gifts	18	183	-	201	662
Sub total	21,291	11,803	-	33,094	27,812
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	21,291	11,803	- 0	33,094	27,812
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,254	- 4,338	-	8,916	- 1,289
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,652	12,459	-	41,111	41,738
Cash funds this year end	41,906	8,121	-	50,027	40,449

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		41,906	8,121	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Total cash funds	41,906	8,121	-
		(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
			Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
	<i>Chris Baines</i>		C BAINES		9/10/22
	<i>M. Rich</i>		M. RICH		9/10/22

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1178517

Accounts

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Registered Charity No. 1178517

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Trustees: Mr C. Bantoft
Mr M. Rich

Contact: Mr. M Rich

Registered Number: 1178517

Registered Office: Greengarth
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Cumbria
LA12 8DT

Independent Examiner: Mr Mr J F Hornby R1FO, BFP FCA, FIOD, FRSA
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Type of governing document: Constitution adopted 24/05/18
Charity Incorporated Organisation

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Charity Information

The Church became a registered charity on 24th May 2018, having previously operated as an unregistered charitable organisation.

Appointment of trustees

When the church elders identify the need for a new trustee the candidates are usually identified by existing trustees and approached to see if they would be able to fulfil the role of trustee. If the candidate is eligible and wishes to become a trustee this is agreed at the next meeting of the trustees. New trustees are given a copy of the governing document.

Aims of the Church

To advance the Christian faith in the UK and abroad. To relieve persons who are in conditions of hardship or need or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the UK and abroad. To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in Cumbria and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charities Commission on public benefit. All activities are offered free of charge to ensure they are accessible to all, and are regularly promoted and publicised in the local community.

Activities of the Church

The main activities in relation to these objectives are the organisation of church meetings, Bible studies, family events and community events. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic most church meetings switched to become online meetings. No new community events were organised in the building but instead a number of special online productions were produced and advertised locally.

Volunteers

The church benefits from many voluntary hours and unclaimed out-of-pocket expenses. It would be impossible to place a value on these gifts-in-kind, and the Trustees are extremely grateful.

Internal and external factors

The charity paid for the services of one part-time person to fulfil the role of church Pastor.

Financial Review

The Charity's principle source of funds is voluntary donations from the congregation of Bethany Christian Church, including the underlying Gift Aid rebate. Funds are also received from individuals and trusts external to the Charity's congregation. This year the separate Bethany Building Trust gifted the Bethany Building, Lightburn Road, Ulverston, LA12 0BX to this CIO with a transfer value of £475,000.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to have sufficient in reserves to cover regular operating costs for six months.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4th August 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr C. Bantoft (Trustee):

C. Bantoft

Mr. M. Rich (Trustee):

M. Rich

Independent Examiners report to the members on the unaudited financial statements

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bethany Christian Church (the Trust) for the financial year to 31st March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trusts financial statements carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material aspect:

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Dated: 11th October 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1178517

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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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					
Offerings and covenants	9,420		-	9,420	10,330
Gift Aided offerings and donations	9,817		-	9,817	23,917
Special offerings - gifts to mission	-	193	-	193	2,010
Designated Gifts		3,450	-	3,450	900
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	2,818	717	-	3,535	9,921
Other income	108	-	-	108	178
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,163	4,360	-	26,523	47,254
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,163	4,360	-	26,523	47,264
A3 Payments					
Pastor Employment costs	15,759	5,100	-	20,859	20,614
Building Running costs	328	1,900	-	2,228	2,128
Building improvements	226	1,437	-	1,663	4,907
Church Running costs	1,910		-	1,910	1,899
Children & Youth Work	-		-	-	524
Local Outreach		490	-	490	1,015
New Equipment			-	-	344
Gifts to Mission			-	-	1,690
Other gifts		662	-	662	1,306
			-		
Sub total	18,223	9,590	-	27,813	34,337
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,223	9,590	-	27,813	34,337
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,940	5,230	-	1,290	12,917
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,712	17,689	-	42,401	29,484
Cash funds this year end	28,652	12,459	-	41,111	42,401

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		28,652	12,459	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,652	12,459	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Property	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C BAMFORD	03/10/21
	M. RICH	03/16/21