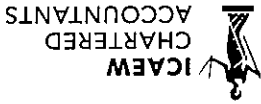


BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Registered Charity No. 1178517

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORT YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023



CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Trustees:	Mr C. Bantoff Mr M. Rich
Contact:	Mr. M Rich
Registered Number:	1178517
Registered Office:	Greengarth Lowick Green Ulverston Cumbria LA12 8DT
Independent Examiner:	Mr Mr J F Hornby R1FO, BFP FCA, FIOD, FRSA Daltongate Business Centre Ulverston Cumbria LA12 7AJ
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 fulfill 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 fulfill 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. Most meetings and events are in-person but a weekly prayer meeting and Bible Study have remained online for those who find it easier to attend this way. Community events have included Games Nights, Lego Builders Family Event, Soup Sundays and Church Walks. The local Foodbank continues to operate from the church premises.

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 fulfill 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.

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 3rd December 2023 and signed on it's behalf by:

Mr C. Bantoff (Trustee)

Mr M. Rich (Trustee)

M. Rich

Mr Bantoff

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 2023.

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:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the act; or
 2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
 3. The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of the financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than the 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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J F Hornby, FCA
Independent Examiner
Chartered Accountant
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Dated: 13th February 2024

