

**FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY, GB CHARITY**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Registered charity number 1178996 (England and Wales)  
Principal Office: 23 Rands Clough Drive, Boothstown, Manchester, M28 1HJ

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2023

### 1 Reference and Administrative Information

The registered name of the charity is Friends of Bethlehem University, GB Charity (the Charity). The address at which the Charity can be contacted is its registered office, 23 Rands Clough Drive, Boothstown, Manchester, M28 1HJ.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were

Paul Donnelly  
Brian Aitken  
Wendy Bignold  
Michael Byrne  
Mark Madden (Appointed 16th March 2023)

The Charity banks with CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kingshill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ.

### 2 Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and on 29 June 2018 it was entered on the Register of Charities held by the Charities Commission (England and Wales), registered number 1178996. It is governed by its Constitution which became effective on that date. New Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees.

The Trustees have given consideration to the risks to which the Charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are in place to manage those risks. Within that review, the Trustees reviewed the adequacy of CUCT's internal controls. Appropriate insurance cover has been purchased.

### 3 Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that year.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of its constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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#### **4 Objects and Activities**

The object of the Charity is for the public benefit to advance education and learning anywhere in the world, in particular, but not limited to, among the people of the Holy Land irrespective of their religion, gender, ethnicity, age or sexual orientation. The Charity may not authorise an application of its assets for purposes which are not charitable.

In particular, the Charity has power to support Bethlehem University and all similar institutions with which Bethlehem University has formal and informal relationships for the benefit of humanity. The Charity has Bethlehem University as its prime beneficiary.

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to public benefit guidance produced by the Charity Commission.

Funds are raised by donations from benefactors.

#### **5 Achievements and Performance**

Donations during the year have been made by standing order, by bank transfer or cheque on receipt of issues of Bethlehem University News. There is close contact with several members of staff at Bethlehem University.

#### **6 Financial Review**

During the year, donations of £66,160 (2022: £11,951) and gift aid of £1,417 (2022: £1,508) were received. Donations of £66,256 (2022: £12,263) were made to Bethlehem University. After expenses, there was a deficit of £Nil (2022: £Nil).

At the end of the year, the Charity had net assets of £ Nil (2022: net assets of £ Nil).

#### **7 Reserves Policy**

The Trustees will, in future years, build up reserves so that, at the end of any financial year, there are sufficient reserves to carry out the proposed activities for the following year. Bethlehem University has provided funds to allow the Trustees to continue with the activities of the Charity without deducting the running costs from donations received.

#### **8 Independent Examination**

Moorgate Accountancy Limited have agreed to continue as Independent Examiners to the Charity.

Approved by the Trustees on 12 September 2024



P Donnelly  
Trustee and Chairman

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY, GB CHARITY**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Friends of Bethlehem University, GB Charity ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

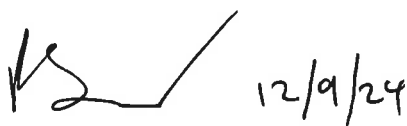
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**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:

- (1) the accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts did not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	66,160	11,951
Gift aid	1,417	1,508
Interest	31	8
<b>Total income</b>	<b>67,608</b>	<b>13,467</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Donations to Bethlehem University	(66,256)	(12,263)
Insurance	(317)	(292)
Bank charges	(135)	(112)
Website	-	-
Advertising	-	-
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>(66,708)</b>	<b>(12,667)</b>
Governance costs - independent examination	(900)	(800)
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>(67,608)</b>	<b>(13,467)</b>
<b>Net (deficit)/income and Net movement in funds for the year</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>		
Total funds brought forward	-	0
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
	Gift Aid accrued	0	0
	Bank account - deposit	1	1
	Bank account - current	<b>4,457</b>	11,552
		<b>4,458</b>	11,553
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors falling due within one year			
	Donations	<b>(1,565)</b>	(7,440)
	Deferred Income	<b>(1,993)</b>	(3,313)
	Creditors	<b>(900)</b>	(800)
<b>Net current assets and net assets</b>		<b>0</b>	0
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds		0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<b>0</b>	0

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on *12 September 2024*



P Donnelly  
Trustee and Chairman



B. Aitken  
Trustee and Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

**1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation of uncertainty in the preparation of these financial statements are as follows.

**2 Basis of preparation**

These Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

**3 Trustees**

None of the trustees or any person connected with them received any remuneration during the period.

**4 Related parties**

There were no donations from trustees in the year covered by these accounts. (2022: £100).

**5 Employees**

There were no employees during the period.