

DEACONS REPORT – AGM WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2025

Since November, the deacons have tried to meet regularly which sometimes hasn't been possible. We have now tried to commit to meeting once a month.

Things which have been discussed have been mainly centred around the sale of the manse which I offered to take responsibility for.

A certain amount of work had to be done to make it marketable after the auction sale collapsed. *There was a work party one Saturday to do general tidying, hoovering and so on* as it had been unoccupied for many months.

We knew that a suitable sliding door had to be installed to comply with Building Regulations.. This was done at a cost of £1,476..

The manse was marketed by conventional sale with an estate agent that had been recommended. It was an acceptable offer of £245,000 after some negotiation..... a wise investment on the original price of £40,000.

However, some awkward requests made by the prospective buyer regarding the external fabric of the property had to be dealt with by another church work party. This included the disposal of unwanted wooden furniture and also a top-loading washing machine, which was sold for £50 to a local residents home.

We dare not count the balance of the sale income and our liabilities until the sale is completed, but it estimated to be around £193,000.

LIABILITIES AFTER MANSE SALE

Solicitors sale fees	£1,095.60
(Glennvilles)	+ VAT <u>£219.12</u>
	£1,314.72
Estate Agent (Jeffries & Dibden) 1.2% plus VAT	£2,940.00
Loan from church members	£31,000.00
Loan from BMM	£15,000.00
O'Hara Solicitors (aborted auction sale fee)	<u>£ 1,062.36</u>
TOTAL	£51,317.08
SALE OF MANSE	£245,000.00
	£51,317.08 -
BALANCE.....	<u>£193,682.92</u>

I called the estate agent today and signing of contracts is imminent.

Other issues the deacons have discussed include: Two possible baptisms, the encouraging continuation of the children's clubs, church discipline, the anticipated appointment of a pastor, the continued supply of preachers for each Sunday and the current need for commitment in the church with regard to attendances.

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Addendum

In addition to the fine report submitted by Roger White, the following information is added regarding the Deacon Board's fulfilment of their responsibilities to the church.

Staff meetings are being held weekly to ensure that we are ready for Sunday Service and other weekly ministries, this includes order of service, song selection and weekly announcements.

Monthly Service sheets are made up, printed and put in the appropriate places; members are encouraged to sign up for these opportunities.

Although we have struggled at times to fulfil our responsibility to the church, it is our aim to do our best and to please God in all our efforts. Please continue to pray for the leadership of your church.

BETHEL CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT 1 APRIL 2024 TO 1 APRIL 2025

I hope you have a copy of the 'Income and Expenses Summary' in front of you. When I took over as Treasurer, I suspected it was going to be a challenge, and I was right! I only had a sheet of instructions to follow, and I found it hard not having been shown how the system worked. However, God was gracious to me and I took one step at a time. I was then able to call on the services of the accountant, Juanita Anderson, who has audited the church books previously. She was a great help and eventually we were able to arrive at the figures on the attached sheet.

Each group has an income and an expenses figure. These are added up and the totals are in the 'Total Across All Funds'. We therefore had £6221.48 in the cash account and £0.07 in the Gold Account as at 01 April 2025

All other categories are self-explanatory

During the months that followed we were able to keep in the black with the bank.

CAF Bank has been a nightmare to deal with, even before the changes to all of their system. We are hoping to look into transferring to another bank that deals with Charities very soon.

The current amount of funds in the bank since the 1st April 2025 have increased considerably with the sale of the manse on 4 July 2025. These figures will be issued at the end of the current financial year, but I believe that the members will be given an update regularly to let them know how the church finances stand.

However, we have had several bills that needed paying regularly for the Manse i.e. Council Tax, OVO for Gas and Electricity and Insurance since approx. last June, which have been a strain on resources over the past months especially when the Manse has stood empty. As we have now sold the Manse for £245,000 this will reduce some of our costs. We are paying visiting preachers £150 per visit. We have also paid back our loan to Jane (£30,000) (£900) and to BMM (£15,000). A decision will be made shortly by the church as to how we spend the remaining monies sensibly.

Gift Aid payments have not been recovered yet, but will be done in due course.

Val White

Treasurer

Current Year:

As at 30 July 2025 we have £ in Cash Account and £0.07 in Gold Account

Bethel Evangelical Church CIO

Income and Expense Summary

1 April 2024 to 1 April 2025

General Fund

Previous Balance	-£	9,500.95
Income	£	39,486.95
Expenses	£	22,247.05
Building	£	769.04
Visiting speakers	£	2,150.00
Utilities	£	5,255.21
Office supplies	£	394.98
Other	£	2,980.32
Insurance	£	1,321.64
Evangelism and Outreach	£	582.81
Salaries	£	7,768.68
Children	£	1,024.37
Total Expense	£	22,247.05
Current Balance	£	7,738.95

Missions Fund

Previous Balance	£	7,327.97
Income*	£	4,387.42
Expenses	£	816.59
Current Balance	£	10,898.80

*10% of all giving to the general fund is set aside for missions

Building Fund

Previous Balance	-£	13,100.87
Income	£	3,520.00
Expenses	£	15,831.10
Current Balance	-£	25,411.97

Pastor's Fund

Previous Balance	-£	36,183.66
Income		
Expenses	£	17,245.00
Current Balance	-£	53,428.66

Liabilities

Previous Balance	£	66,547.99
Pastor's Salary		
Loan from GG (manse)	£	-
Loan for Building Works	£	-
Other Liabilities	£	15,000.00
	£	81,547.99

Projects Fund

Previous Balance	-£	94.91
Income	£	-
Expenses	£	-
Current Balance	-£	94.91

Total Across All Funds

Previous Fund Balances	£	14,966.85
Total Income	£	47,394.37
Total Expenses	£	56,139.74
Gain/Loss Balance	£	8,745.37
Liabilities	£	81,547.99
Funds Available	£	6,221.48

CAF Bank Account Balances 1 April

Cash Account	£6,221.48
Gold Account	£0.07
Total in accounts	£6,221.55

Property Assets

24 Blackdown Crescent	-40000
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Independent Examiner's Statement

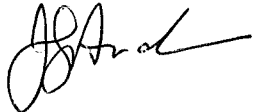
TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH, LEIGH PARK:

My examination included a review of the records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keeping accounting records, and to prepare accounts which accord with these records, and comply with the requirements of the Constitution have not been met, or
2. To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

SIGNATURE



DATE

28/05/2025

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28 May 2025

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Details

Amount

Examination of accounts kept by the Church
01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

£100.00

Total Due on presentation of invoice

£100.00

Banking details

Mrs JG Anderson
Lloyds Bank
Commercial Road, Portsmouth
Branch code: 772519
Account Number: 09658868

OR

Cheque made out to Mrs JG Anderson

Thank you for your support