



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bethesda Shalom

Registered charity number (if any)

1182981

Charity's principal address

Bethesda Shalom

80 New Road

Willenhall

Postcode

WV13 2DA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pastor Paul M. Williams	Chair of the Trustees		
2	Dr David Donovan			
3	Nathiena Williams			
4	Aaron Sheldon			
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the current Trustees

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public through encouraging and facilitating the practice of Christianity in agreement with the Statement of Faith. This includes the provision of a place of meeting for the public worship of God via preaching/teaching of the Bible, communion, prayer, praise, fellowship, and almsgiving; including evangelistic outreach and discipleship.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- To engage in and encourage regular public worship of God, having as central the person of Jesus Christ, the Bible, preaching, teaching, prayer, worship and fellowship.
- To instruct people of all ages in the Word of God through sound teaching and godly preaching so as to encourage and equip believers to live worthy of the high calling in Christ Jesus in all matters of faith and conduct.
- To hold fast to the truth of God's Word, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, in humility and self-sacrifice, preferring one another in love.
- To provide a fellowship where the love of Christ is expressed through personal ministry, discipleship, encouragement, discipline, service, forgiveness and practical care.
- To always remember our persecuted Brethren in prayer and to express the love of God towards them in endeavouring to meet their needs practically and financially by supporting ministries that reach out to them in love.
- To proclaim the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, leading those who repent and believe in Him for salvation into Membership in the local Church.
- To baptise believers and make disciples of Jesus Christ out of every nation.
- To encourage and train believers in the employment of their gifts and talents in the service of Christ.
- To support the ministry of the wider fellowship of Churches who also hold fast to the historic and orthodox Christian Faith.
- To support the work of missions in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- To express the love of God in practical ways to all those in need but especially to the poor, widows and orphans.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year has marked a very significant year in the life of Bethesda Shalom. For nearly two years, we have prayed as a Church, asking the Lord to lead us to a building of our own in what we believed to be His will. As the country went into lockdown in March 2020, a door of opportunity opened to us and after negotiations we managed in June 2020, by God's help, to secure a derelict Church building at a cut price of £130K. With limited funds, we had a mammoth task ahead. Part of the building survey report read as follows:

The Chapel has been unoccupied for a long period of time and is in a dilapidated condition. Major internal and external repairs and complete refurbishment are required if the building is to be brought back into use. Complete new services installations are also required and external areas require complete clearance and re-surfacing. External elements including chimney stacks, walls, doors, and windows all require significant repairs or replacements. Internally, walls, floors, and ceilings also require major repairs or replacements. The Chapel has been largely stripped of all internal fixtures...

We met as Trustees and after prayer, decided that a key part of moving forward would be the securing of a loan of £100K to help towards the internal refurbishment costs. After much goings back and forth, we managed miraculously, by God's grace, to secure a loan for the desired amount from Charity Bank.

The external repairs went ahead smoothly and were completed to a high standard by RDP Commercial. The work was overseen by Calvin Williams. Over 1200 panes of glass were individually replaced by J. Edwards Glass. Part of the outhouse was rebuilt and roofed. Spoiled bricks were replaced and repair work to the roof was undertaken, including the partial rebuilding of one of the chimneys. This is just to list some of the repairs that were undertaken. During this time, generous donations came in from a variety of different sources totalling many tens of thousands of pounds. This allowed the work of restoration to continue. Many thousands of pounds were saved by Church volunteers clearing the internal and external site of much rubbish.

After prayer and discussion, the decision was made by the Trustees, to appoint Martin Evans Construction Ltd. to complete the internal repairs and restoration of the Church building. There were other companies that bid for the tender, but Martin Evans was by far the most professional. In November 2020, the internal work began. Plans for renovating and remodifying the internal space were drawn up by Throne Architecture Ltd who were a God send. Paul and Nathiena Williams led the design and project management, while Calvin Williams oversaw the work being done. The floor of the building was replaced along with many of the joists. A balcony was installed with two flights of stairs to the front and back of the building. The entire surface area of the wall and ceiling space was reboarded and replastered. Partition walls were erected at the front of the entrance to allow for a foyer with three toilets. At the rear of the building, upstairs partitions were erected to allow for a classroom, toilet, and office, while ground floor partitions beneath this allowed for a kitchen and a nursery.

The whole building needed wiring electrically and a central heating/water system installed as well as a fire alarm. This work was carried out to an outstanding standard by D.C. Electrical Ltd, C.T Plumbing and Heating, and C. I Technical Services respectively.

Throughout 2020/21, the restoration work continued and as of the end of March 2021, the bulk of the main internal work has been completed. All that is left is mainly snagging and cosmetics (decorating, flooring, etc.). The outside grounds will need landscaping and paving.

Over the course of 2020/21, hundreds of thousands of pounds have come into the account of Bethesda Shalom from the kind donations of God's people, including the loan which was instrumental in the project getting started. All of this, we believe has come about as a result of prayer in the will of God. We thank God for His direction and provision and for the labourers He has graciously provided. What a faithful God we serve! The estimated cost of the total renovation, excluding the purchase, is just under £300K.

During the lockdown, we were able to continue to meet as A Church via Zoom and during the second and third lockdown, we were able to meet in person. God has truly blessed us and the work of Bethesda Shalom has gone unhindered. We would like to thank the Royal School Wolverhampton for all their kindness to us in allowing us where they could to continue meeting together in the chapel at the school until we move in June 2021 into the new building.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the close of the financial year 2020/21, there are cash reserves of more than £30,000. These funds will be used in the next financial year towards completing the restoration of the Church.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Expenditure for the year 2020/21 has been the largest in the charity's history, but has served crucially, to meet one of the primary key objectives of the charity which is to provide a place of meeting for the public worship of God. For this, we are most grateful to God!

Section F

Other optional information

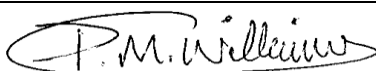
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Paul Matthew Williams

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

26/01/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Bethesda Shalom

No (if any)
1182981

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 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					
Church Donations	28,392	-	-	28,392	-
Building Donations		122,770	-	122,770	-
Conference Bookings	2,872	-	-	2,872	-
Gift Aid	9,369	-	-	9,369	-
Miscellaneous	269	-	-	269	-
Interest	65	-	-	65	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	40,968	122,770	-	163,738	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Asset Loan (The Charity Bank)		99,708	-	99,708	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	99,708	-	99,708	-
Total receipts	40,968	222,478	-	263,446	-
A3 Payments					
Regular Expenses (Royal School)	9,930	-	-	9,930	-
Conference Expenses	1,452	-	-	1,452	-
Regular Expenses (Providence Chapel)	937	-	-	937	-
Bank Charges (Providence Chapel)	17	-	-	17	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,336	-	-	12,336	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Providence Chapel Willenhall		143,310	-	143,310	
Renovation Costs & Loan		219,822	-	219,822	
Sub total	-	363,132	-	363,132	-
Total payments	12,336	363,132	-	375,468	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	28,632	- 140,654	-	- 112,023	-
A5 Transfers between funds	- 20,654	20,654	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,027	120,000	-	147,027	-
Cash funds this year end	35,005	- 0	-	35,005	-

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	HSBC Bank Account @ 310321	33,831		-
	HSBC Bank Account @ 310321	1,173	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	35,005	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Purchase of Providence Chapel	Restricted	131,196	-
	Professional Fees of Purchase	Restricted	12,115	-
	Renovation Costs	Restricted	219,437	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loan - The Charity Bank @ 310321	Unrestricted	100,000	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bethesda Shalom

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1182981

Set out on pages

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2021.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA. *N/A*]

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any 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 a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Darren Jones

Date:

22-01-22

Name:

DARREN JONES

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

FCCA, MAAT

Address:

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WEST MIDLANDS	WSS 4BB

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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