

Bethesda Evangelical Church Hay on Wye



Annual Return and Accounts
For the Year Ending 31st May 2021

Charity Details

Trustees: Christopher John Playford
Rev Gordon James Bingham
Paul Roger Sweeting
Jonathan Peter Lewis
Idris Stephen Illingsworth
Cameron Phillips (resigned 15/09/2121)

Pastor: Rev Gordon J Bingham

Treasurer: Jonathan P Lewis

Secretary: Chris J Playford

Charitable Position: CIO - ASSOCIATION Registered 15 Apr 2019

Charity Registration number: 1182987

Address: Bethesda Evangelical Church
Oxford Road
Hay on Wye
HR3 5AJ
Powys
Wales.

Independent Examiner:
Malcolm MacDonald
17 Park View Drive, Kidwelly, SA17 4UP

Bank accounts:
NatWest Bank
27 High Street, Brecon LD3 7LF
Current account: 52571939 sort code 53-50-31
Business Reserve: 52572501 sort code 53-50-31
Business Reserve: 52571947 sort code 53-50-31(Missionary Fund)

Cambridge & Counties bank,
Charnwood Court, 5B New Walk, Leicester LE1 6TE
120 day notice a/c: 15006702 sort code 60-95-86 (closed 26/05/2021)

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Trustee's Annual Report

Name: Bethesda Evangelical Church, Hay on Wye.

Registered: 15 April 2019.

Organisation Type: Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Registered Purposes:

The purposes of the Church are:

1. the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Hay on Wye and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
2. such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life

provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook.

Regular Activities - in pursuant of purposes.

Public Sunday worship services: Each Sunday both our morning and evening services are open to the public for Christian worship, which includes, praise, bible reading, children's address, bible teaching and fellowship. They happen each Sunday at 10.30am and 6pm. During the Covid 19 Pandemic, since 30/08/2020 we met in the church for our morning service abiding by social distancing regulations. Our evening service is still via Zoom at 6pm.

Weekly children's bible club (ages 4 - 11): Each Wednesday at 5.30 we would usually hold a children's bible club which is open to any child of primary school age. We do games, crafts, quizzes, bible stories and refreshments. During the Covid 19 pandemic we have been unable to hold our regular children's club.

Midweek prayer meeting: Each Wednesday at 7.30pm we meet as a local church for prayer and bible study. Currently this is via Zoom.

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Weekly toddler group: Each Thursday at 9.30am we would normally hold a toddler group that is open to parents / guardians who are responsible / caring for toddlers up to primary school age. We usually do refreshments and snacks along with storytelling, singing and crafts. During Covid 19 pandemic we have been unable to hold our regular toddler group.

Pastoral visiting (home and hospital visits): Providing care and pastoral support for church members and both regular and non-regular church goers. It is part of the weekly ministry of our church that people's spiritual needs and well-being is cared for through pastoral visits. The pastor usually conducts all pastoral visits with support from the elders.

Primary school assemblies in 2 local primary schools: The pastor conducts 2 monthly assemblies in 2 local primary schools (Hay on Wye C.P. School and Clyro Church of Wales School).

Hay and Brecon Foodbank: Our pastor is a local representative for the Hay and Brecon Food bank which provides vital food essentials to those who are struggling to purchase food.

Sunday School: We normally have a Sunday School which takes place during the latter part of our morning worship. This has been suspended during the Covid pandemic.

Hay Festival outreach: In past years we have had a refreshment tent and book display during the festival but due to Covid 19 it was not possible this year.

Holiday Bible Club: In 2019, as in past years, we held a Holiday Bible Club but due to Covid 19 we were unable to do so this year.

Cartref: We usually hold a monthly service for elderly folk in the Cartref residential home. This is well received, but we have had to suspend it due to Covid 19.

Building: We own our own church building which was modernised about six years ago and it now contains all our needed facilities, including ramp access and a lift to the main assembly room upstairs. We use TVs to display words for songs, hymns, and videos.

We are thankful for many blessings in the past year with opportunities to share our faith. Attendances at worship services before the pandemic were about 35 adults and 5 to 8 children. Currently, with pandemic restrictions we have about 20 - 26 attending.

We have a very diverse age range and various talents. Our two elders preach regularly in other chapels. We also have people with practical gifts who do maintenance work, those who teach and look after children, and several gifted musicians who play the piano.

Safeguarding: As specified in our Church Handbook, we operate a church safeguarding policy and we ensure that activities involving children and vulnerable adults are carried out in accordance with that policy. Each person overseeing church activities involving children or vulnerable adults, and every charity trustee, has provided the Church Protection Officer with a current

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Disclosure and Barring Service certificate and has received Safeguarding training.

Current Membership: 17 as at 31/05/2021

Financial Report

For the whold financial year we have operated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Staff and Trustees:

The charity has one employed member of staff, this being our Pastor, Gordon Bingham. Many activities are carried out by volunteers.

Gordon Bingham, who is also a trustee of this charity, received a salary of £26,020.68 in his capacity as pastor of the church. This is permitted by section 6.1 of the Church Constitution approved by the Charity Commissioners.

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.

Financial Review:

We are grateful to all who have contributed towards the income of the church over the last financial year, especially those who have committed to paying a regular amount by standing order. This has helped to maintain our income during the Covid-19 period. As will be noted from the financial statements, our annual expenditure has again exceeded our annual income, but this year by the reduced amount of £2,284. The improvement has in part been due to significantly reducing our missionary giving.

Our reserves now stand at £20,471.93.

We continue to pray that there may be an increase in membership and in giving provided by existing members to put our financial situation on a more satisfactory footing.



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Bethesda Evangelical Church Hay on Wye

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 May 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1182987

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

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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**

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.

Signed:

M MacDonald

Date: 2 November 2021

Name:

Malcolm MacDonald

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

Chartered member of the Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
Fellow of the Association of Certified Accountants
Practitioner of the Institute of Internal Auditors

Address:

17 Park View Drive

Kidwelly

SA17 4UP

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	Year to 31-May-21 £	Year to 31-May-20 £
Income		
Offerings	21,958.00	21,161.61
Gift Holiday Bible Club	0.00	0.00
Donations	78.00	386.33
Other	0.00	27.49
Gift aid	4,193.63	7,692.40
Business Reserve Interest Gross	1.22	21.13
Missionary account interest	0.06	1.52
Cambridge & Counties bank interest	135.13	265.84
Total Income	26,366.04	29,556.32
Expenditure	28,650.26	35,907.35
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Deficit for period	-2,284.22	-6,351.03
Financial position at	31-May-21	31-May-20
	£	£
Opening balances	22,756.15	29,107.18
Deficit for year	-2,284.22	-6,351.03
	20,471.93	22,756.15
Represented by		
Current account	692.50	893.08
Business Reserve account	19,537.10	5585.88
Business Reserve account Missionary	242.33	676.62
Cambridge & Counties Bank	0.00	15600.57
	20,471.93	22,756.15

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	Year to 31-May-20 £	Year to 31-May-20 £
Expenditure		
Pastor salary + employment costs	25,444.56	25,228.54
Expenses	0.00	431.27
Employer's pension costs	576.12	572.16
	26,020.68	26,231.97
Visiting preachers	125.00	1,028.00
electricity	233.93	319.33
gas	207.01	381.60
Water	143.00	176.50
Insurance	441.88	659.19
Church expenses	505.47	2,086.26
Intuit Quick books	330.00	0.00
Hay festival outreach	0.00	179.80
Children work	74.29	232.98
Sunday school	0.00	178.74
Holiday Bible Club	0.00	9.68
Toddlers	0.00	47.02
Kids club	0.00	0.00
FIEC	0.00	17.49
Fraud	0.00	942.39
Advice	0.00	137.40
Christian child Protection (CCPAS)	129.00	78.00
Christian Copyright licence (CCLI)	80.00	250.00
Mission gifts	0.00	450.00
SGA	0.00	200.00
Christian Institute	0.00	360.00
OM	360.00	691.00
FIEC	0.00	250.00
R & P Cismas	0.00	250.00
Chris & Eddie Delameillieure	0.00	200.00
Open doors	0.00	100.00
International Teams (Kenya)	0.00	200.00
SDHS Geraint Howells	0.00	0.00
SASRA	0.00	250.00
Answers in Genesis	0.00	
The Potters House	0.00	
Expenditure	28,650.26	35,907.35