

Bethesda Evangelical Church, Hay on Wye

Trustees Annual Report 2021/2022

Charity Number 1182987

Charity Details

Trustees: Chris J Playford, Rev Gordon J Bingham, Paul R Sweeting, Jonathan P Lewis,
Idris S Illingsworth, Jane Dodds

Pastor: Rev Gordon J Bingham

Treasurer: Jonathan P Lewis

Secretary: Jane Dodds

Charitable Position: CIO - ASSOCIATION Registered 15 Apr 2019

Charity Registration number: 1182987

Bethesda Evangelical Church

Oxford Road

Hay on Wye

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Powys

Wales.

Independent Examiner:

Malcolm MacDonald

17 Park View Drive, Kidwelly, SA17 4UP

Bank accounts:

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)

Name: Bethesda Evangelical Church, Hay on Wye.2

Registered: 15 April 2019.

Organisation Type: Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Current membership: 14

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.

1. 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 Covid 19 Pandemic we meet as usual in the church for our morning service abiding by social distancing regulations. Our evening service is at 6pm, and on the first and third Sunday evenings, Holy Communion is administered, with the 2nd and 4th Sundays being a relaxed Café Church where refreshments are served in the service

2. Weekly children's bible club (ages 4 – 11): Monday at 5.45 we hold a children's bible club which is open to any child of primary school age (called Energise). We do games, crafts, quizzes, bible stories and refreshments. At 7pm, we continue with the 11 to 16 year olds with a youth group – again there is a Bible talk, games and crafts – this is called Ignite.
3. Midweek prayer meeting (alternate Wednesdays) : We meet as a local church for prayer and bible study, and then on the other Wednesday we meet in Home Groups.
4. Weekly toddler group: Each Thursday at 9.30am we 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.
5. 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 usual conducts all pastoral visits with support from the elders.

6. Primary school assemblies in 2 local primary schools: The pastor conducts assemblies in 2 local primary schools (Hay on Wye C.P. School and Clyro Church of Wales School).
7. Hay and Brecon Foodbank: Our pastor is also a local representative for the Hay and Brecon Food bank which provides vital food essentials to those who are struggling to purchase food.
8. Sunday School: We have a Sunday School which takes place during the latter part of our morning worship.

Hay Festival outreach: In May 2022, we had a refreshment tent and book display during the festival. We did this in partnership with other organisations and held it over 4 days. We talked with people as they walked past to/from the festival and offered tea and coffee. On the Sunday of the Festival, we held church services outside, which were open to anyone who wanted to join us.

Holiday Bible Club: Over 2 days before Easter, we held our Holiday Bible Club with over 40 children attending on both days. We played games, read the Bible, told stories, did crafts and played outside in a local play space.

Cartref: holds Our pastor monthly service for elderly folk in the Cartref residential home.

Building: We own our own church building which was modernised about five 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 is around 30 to 35 in the morning services, and we have welcomed recently families and children to our services. We have held Christmas, Easter and Harvest services, as well as prize giving for the children. Additionally, we have taken children to Christian camps over the Summer months.

Safeguarding: As specified in our Church Handbook, we operate a church safeguarding policy, which has just been revised and updated as of Spring 2022. All of the Trustees and Children's volunteers have been trained in the policy. All those involved in activities with children have to undergo a DBS check which we carry out every 3 years

Additional activities

- Church trip was held in June with an outing to St Fagan's Folk Museum in Cardiff. Around 40 people were on the trip
- Two social events were held in January and February focused on food and fellowship with an attendance of around 30 at each
- A pizza evening was held where the young people made pizzas and raised money for their Summer camps

Financial Report

For the whole 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 and pension benefits of £26,521 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:

Financially we have faced another very challenging year. Whilst our income rose by about 3%, our expenditure increased by about 16%. Our deficit for the year was £6,138. This has impacted our reserves, which at the end of the financial year stood at £14,334.

We no longer take up a collection at each service, but we do have a donation box in the vestibule. However, we would encourage those committed to our cause to set up a standing order and, if appropriate, to give using Gift Aid. Last year Gift Aid brought in over £5,000 for our funds.

We have resumed our Missionary support, transferring 5% of our offerings to our Missionary Funds which we use to support Christian Charities.

We trust that in the Lord's providence we may see conversions in the coming year and an increase in giving to the Lord's work.



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

Bethesda Evangelical Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 May 2022

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 2022

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 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: 12 October 2022

Name:

Malcolm MacDonald

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

Fellow of the Chartered association of Certified Accountants
Member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy

Address:

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Kidwelly
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Bethesda Evangelical Church Hay-on-Wye
Charity Number 1182987

	Year to 31-May-22	Year to 31-May-21
	£	£
Income		
Offerings	20,738	21,958
Donations	488	78
Gifts for SGA -Ukraine	391	0
Gift aid	5,541	4,194
Business Reserve Interest Gross	4	1
Missionary account interest	0	0
Cambridge & Counties interest	0	135
Refund Welsh Water	140	0
Total Income	27,302	26,366
Expenditure		
Pastor salary + related costs	25,937	25,445
Expenses	0	0
Employer's pension costs	584	576
Employment costs	26,521	26,021
Visiting preachers	605	125
electricity	346	234
gas	247	207
Water	58	143
Phone/Broadband	337	0
Insurance	454	442
Church expenses	2,562	505
Office adm/Intuit Quick books	511	330
Hay festival outreach	0	0
Children work Sunday school	93	74
Conferences	585	0
ThirtyOne8formerly CCPAS	230	129
Christian Copyright licence (CCLI)	222	80
Mission gifts SGA	469	0
FIEC	200	360
Expenditure	33,440	28,650
Deficit for year	6,138	2,284

Financial position at	31-May-22	31-May-21
	£	£
Opening balances	20,472	22,756
Deficit for year	6,138	2,284
	<u>14,334</u>	<u>20,472</u>
Represented by		
Current account	533	693
Business Reserve account	13,341	19,537
Business Reserve Missionary account	460	242
	<u>14,334</u>	<u>20,472</u>