

Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic) CIO
Registered Charity no. 1185854

Trustees Report and Accounts
For the year ended

31 March 2023

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Reference and administrative details

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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2023. This report is presented in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice. "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP), issued in March 2005.

Introduction

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic) was incorporated as a charitable Incorporated organisation 17 October 2019.

This decision was driven primarily by the desire to take advantage of the separate legal personality and limited legal liability for Trustees.

Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic) is an Independent member of the Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) UK Fellowship of Churches, which pursues similar aims and signposts local beneficiaries to our services.

Aims and purposes

Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic) has the responsibility of promoting the Oneness Apostolic Faith, primarily but not exclusively within Swindon and the surrounding area, evangelism, social and community.

Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic) services and worship are through scriptures, prayer, singing and music.

Objectives and Activities

Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic) is committed to ensuring that as many people as possible come to worship at the church and to become part of the community of Swindon.

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Achievements and Performance

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Worship and Prayer

We continue to hold weekly Sunday school classes for local children, Sunday lesson are held in the church building.

We had our annual Christmas Celebration at our church in December 2022.
Home visits ministry has been resumed.

District Meetings

In the Southwest District, we have one District Meeting each year. This year was the Women's District Meeting which was held on 26 June 2022, members of the congregation from Swindon Church were in attendance. We also attend the annual District Convocation held on the 11-13 November 2022.

National Meetings:

We attended a National Pastors and Officers meeting on the 16th April 2022 at the Convention Centre.

Members of the Swindon church also attended the men's conference in Stoke - On - Trent on 30th April 2022

Bethel Annual Holy Convocation Sunday 10th to 14th July 2022; which was at the Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, Members of the Swindon congregation was in attendance. We also attend the annual Youth and Young Adult meeting at the BCC on 22nd October 2022

National members meeting at the convention centre on 7th May 2022

National Women's Conference 28th May 2022 at the Convention Centre.

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Social and Community Events

We continue to work in partnership with a local Food Bank called the Swindon Food Collective who distributes non-perishable food for those in need. We reach the homeless, disadvantaged and vulnerable people in Swindon, as part of our monthly activity.

In addition to this we have donated clothes and toys, and other items for children in the local area.

We also gave donations to the Christmas appeal for children in distress to purchase items for five shoe boxes which were distributed to children throughout Europe.

The Youth Department organised a Sunday School trip to Thorpe Park Resort all members of the church was able to attend plus children from the local community, everyone had a fantastic day.

The church was contacted by member of HOPE UK which is a Charity run organisation on drug awareness.

They ran four sessions during January and February 2023 for youth and young adults from the community and surrounding areas.

The aim of the course is to help young people to develop life skills that will equip them navigate the complex world in which they are growing up.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 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 and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2005;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Structure, Governance And Management

The Church is governed by an Approved Governing Document. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised and the profession of faith in Jesus Christ and following a mode of baptism as per Acts 2v38.

A trustee meeting takes place throughout the year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees, who together with the Pastor, Church Secretary and Treasurer, are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All trustees are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the General Congregational Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members' in General Congregational Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. The Constitution permits decisions to be made at a General Congregational Church meeting by a simple majority; Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic) CIO seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

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Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided By:-

- Providing regular public worship open to all
- Providing sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- Teaching Christianity through sermons and Bible studies.
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups

Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £34,216-2023(£22,408-2022) and are detailed in the financial statements.

£22,952-2023(£19,868-2022) was spent to provide the Christian ministry.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £11,264-2023(£2,540-2022) and adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 March 2023 for unrestricted funds totalled £124,618(£113,354-2022)

Reserves policy

It is Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic) policy to maintain reserve in two forms, property, from which it operates from and liquid funds. These are for use in the future projects supporting the charity's objectives.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major risks which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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Plans for the future

- Continue to develop the services offered.

Approved by the Trustees in October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


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Pastor Lloyd Burrell -Chair


Elaine Burrell (Oct 20, 2023 16:01 GMT+1)

Elder Elaine Burrell – Trustee


Marcia Byrne (Oct 20, 2023 13:24 GMT+1)

Minister Marcia Byrne -Trustee

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Independent examiner's report to Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Committee and the examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year section 144(2) of the charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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 keep accounting records in accordance with section 145 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements,, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and with the principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	2			
Voluntary Income				
Donations & Offerings		23,835	23,835	22,408
Gift Aid Reclaim		10,381	10,381	-
Other Income				
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		34,216	34,216	22,408
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	22,952	22,952	19,868
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		22,952	22,952	19,868
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR before transfers		11,264	11,264	2,540
Transfer between funds				-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		11,264	11,264	2,540
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		113,354	113,354	110,814
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		124,618	124,618	113,354


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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

		2023		2022
	Notes	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Freehold property	4		67,551	67,551
Laptops & Computer	4		216	735
Fixtures/Fittings/Office Equipment	4		4,257	3,530
Motor Vehicle			237	316
Total Fixed Assets			72,261	72,132
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank and in hand		52,757		41,622
Total Current Assets				
Liabilities				
Creditors falling due within one year	6	400		400
Net Current assets			52,357	41,222
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			124,618	113,354
Creditors: falling due after more than 1 year				
Net assets			124,618	113,354
Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted Funds			124,618	113,354
Restricted Funds				
Total Funds			124,618	113,354

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements

Accounts approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:


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1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

b) Income and Expenditure

All income and expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis.

c) Fund Accounting

The unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Management Committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

There are no restricted funds held by the Charity

d) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Fixed assets are capitalised in the accounts where their initial cost is a value of £200 and greater, items lower than this amount are expended through the Statement of Financial Activities.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	not provided
Fixtures & Fittings & Office Equipment	25% straight line
Computer & Laptops	20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	25 % Reducing balance

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2 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
	£		£
Donations & Offering	23,835	23,835	22,408
Gift Aid	10,381	10,381	-
Other Income			
Total	34,216	34,216	22,408

3 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	2023		2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Administration	152	152	506
Depreciation on tangible assets: Owned by the Charity	2,233	2,233	3,799
Insurance	566	566	589
Utilities	2,452	2,452	2,243
Communication	687	687	
Professional Fees	400	400	400
Consultancy	778	778	-
Transportation & Travel	1,718	1,718	-
Ecclesiastical Support cost [Contribution to the National Church]	1,197	1,197	7,424
Mission & Ministry Cost	8,606	8,606	1,105
Property Expenses	1,035	1,035	-
Stipend	2,400	2,400	2,400
Supplies & Services	363	363	332
Equipment Purchase/ Repairs & Maintenance	141	141	234
Marketing & Advertising	114	114	129
Miscellaneous Expenses	110	110	707
Total	22,952	22,952	19,868

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4 Remuneration of Trustees

In the year to the 31 March 2023, remuneration has been paid to Pastor Lloyd Burrell (as an Independent Stipend Pastor). The remuneration is paid £2,400, for these additional roles undertaken on behalf of Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic) and not in their capacity as trustees. No other trustees are remunerated. The details of this remuneration are shown in note 3 of the Financial Statements on page 13. Authority to pay has by the CIO's governing document.

A Travel and Subsistence policy is available for Trustees. The policy has been developed with due heed to the Charity Commission's guidance. Travel and subsistence costs are refunded to Trustees on submission of a claim with supporting receipts and payment is subject to compliance with the policy. The policy will be reviewed annually to ensure these remains appropriate.

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures, fittings & Office Equipment	Laptops & Computer	Motor Vehicle	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
1 April 2022	67,551	14,688	1,411	1,000	84,650
Additions		1,986			1,986
Surplus on revaluation					
Disposal					
At 31 March 2023	67,551	16,674	1,411	1,000	86,636
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2022	-	10,546	912	684	12,142
Charge for the year		1,871	283	79	2,233
On disposals					
At 31 March 2023	-	12,417	1,195	763	14,375
Net book value					
At 31 March 2023	67,551	4,257	216	237	72,261

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6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year(Accountants Invoice)	400	400
Total	400	400