

**Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic) CIO
Trustees Report and Accounts For the
year ended 31 March 2025**

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Registered Charity no. 1185854**

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Reference and administrative details

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Elder Elaine Burrell
Minister Marcia Byrne
Lloyd Rodriques
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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2025. 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 2025. 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.

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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.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

We continue to hold weekly Sunday school classes for children, which are held on line.

We have a new beginners Bible class on the Tuesday of every week where members of the community can attend via zoom.

Adult Bible class is held on alternative Wednesdays

We had our annual Christmas Celebration at a local restaurant on 14th December 2024.
We continue to carry out home visits ministry

District Meetings

Members of the Swindon church attend the annual District Convocation held on the 8~10 November 2024.

National Meetings:

Members of the Swindon church also attended the men's conference at The Bethel Convention Centre on 27th April 2024.

The church attended the National Women's Council on 25th May 2024 at the Convention Centre.

Bethel Annual Holy Convocation from 24th – 28th July 2024; which was at the Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, Members of the Swindon congregation were in attendance.

We also attend the annual Youth and Young Adult meeting at the BCC on 28th October 2024

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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 ongoing support.

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

On the 17th August 2024, The Youth Department organised our annual Sunday School trip to Bournemouth Resort all members of the church did attend including children from the local community, everyone had a great day.

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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 £26,565-2025(£21,244-2024) and are detailed in the financial statements.

£18,543-2025(£19,090-2024) was spent to provide the Christian ministry.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £8,022-2025(£2,154-2024) and adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 March 2025 for unrestricted funds totalled £138,531(£130,509-2024)

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.

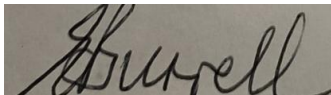
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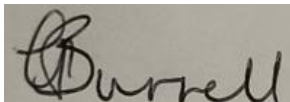
Plans for the future

- Continue to develop the services offered.

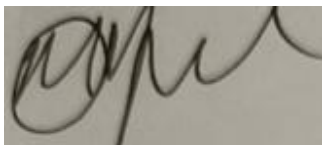
Approved by the Trustees in September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Pastor Lloyd Burrell -Chair



Elder Elaine Burrell – Trustee



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 2025 which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

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.

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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

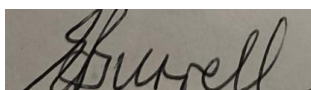
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary Income				
Donations & Offerings	2	26,565	26,565	21,244
Gift Aid Reclaim				-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		26,565	26,565	21,244
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	18,543	18,543	19,090
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		18,543	18,543	19,090
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR before transfers		8,022	8,022	2,154
Transfer between funds				
RECONCILLIATION OF FUNDS				
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		8,022	8,022	2,154
RECONCILLIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		130,509	130,509	128,355
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		138,531	138,531	130,509

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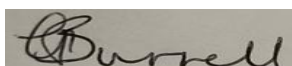
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

		2025	2025	2024
	Notes	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			84,346	82,440
Tangible Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash& Bank		54,835		48,719
Total Current Asset		54,835		48,719
Liabilites				
Creditors falling due within one year		650		650
Net Current Assets			54,185	48,069
Total Assets Less Current Liabilites			138,531	130,509
Creditors: falling due within one year				
Net Assets			138,531	130,509
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted Funds			138,531	130,509
Total Funds			138,531	130,509

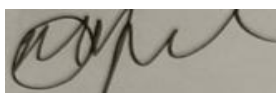
Accounts approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

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
Building improvement	10% straight line
Plant & Machinery	10% straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	20% straight line
Office Equipment	20% straight line
Audio Visuals	10% straight line
Laptops & Computers	20% straight line
Motor Vehicle	20% straight line

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2 Incoming Resources

	2025 Unrestricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Donations & Offering	26,565	26,565	21,244
Gift Aid	-	-	-
Total	26,565	26,565	21,244

3 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Administration	-	-	29
Depreciation on tangible assets: Owned by the Charity	2,688	2,688	3,384
Insurance	731	731	686
Utilities	4,851	4,851	3897
IT & Communication	830	830	837
Professional Fees	650	650	650
Consultancy			-
Transportation & Travel	287	287	890
Ecclesiastical Support cost [Contribution to the National Church]	1,400	1,400	1517
Mission & Ministry Cost -854	3,929	3,929	2671
Evangelism & Outreach	325	325	
Property /Premises Cost	302	302	
Stipend	2,200	2,200	2,400
Supplies & Services	269	269	1,503
Equipment Purchase/ Repairs & Maintenance			86
Marketing & Advertising	79	79	161
Security			225
Miscellaneous Expenses	2	2	154
Total	18,543	18,543	19,090

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4 Remuneration of Trustees

During the year ended 31 March 2025, remuneration of £2,200 (2024: £2,400) was paid to Pastor Lloyd Burrell in his capacity as an Independent Stipend Pastor. This remuneration relates specifically to additional roles undertaken on behalf of Bethel Open Door Community Church (Apostolic) and does not relate to his role as a trustee.

No other trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. The authority to make this payment is provided for in the Church's governing document as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Further details of this remuneration are disclosed in Note 3 to the Financial Statements on page 15.

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.

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5 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property	Building Improvement	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures/ fittings	Office Equipment	Audio Visuals	Laptops & Computer	Motor Vehicle	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost									
1 April 2024	67,551	5,962	4,329	6,299	685	9,570	1,411	1,000	96,807
Additions				-		4,595			
Surplus on revaluation									
Disposal									
At 31 March 2025	67,551	5,962	4,329	6,299	685	14,165	1,411	1,000	101,402
Depreciation									
At 1 April 2024	-	695	1,573	6,031	685	3,081	1,302	1,000	14,367
Charge for the year	-	596	433	134	-	1,417	109	-	2,689
On disposals									
At 31 March 2025	-	1,291	2006	6,165	685	4,498	1,411	1,000	17,056
Net book value								-	
At 31 March 2025	67,551	4,671	2,323	134	-	9,667			84,346
At 31 March 2024	67,551	5,267	2,756	268	-	6,489	109	-	82,440

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Accountants Invoice)	650	650
Total	650	650