

Bethel Central Church Maesteg- Trustees Annual Report for year ending 31 March 2025

Administrative information.

Bethel Central Church Maesteg is a Baptist Church situated in the County Borough of Bridgend.

Structure, Governace and Management.

Bethel Central Church Maesteg is managed by the minister and supported by the deacons and membership. It dealt with a variety of building and ministry issues over the year. Further changes have been made to the central heating system. The present system has been divided into 3 sections in order to save money.

The church is part of South Wales Baptist Association and also BUGB.

Objectives and Activities.

Bethel Central Church Maesteg provides resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care, spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for those who wish to benefit from what the church offers.

Worship is an integral part of church activities both on a Sunday and midweek since it is paramount that the Lord Jesus Christ is central to our activities. The members of the church are also encouraged to support other churches in ministry when requested.

On a Tuesday prayer meeting is held in the vestry and on Wednesday music practice. This is where we prepare for the following Sunday. The number attending is constantly growing. On Thursday the local choir, Cor Meibion Maesteg meets to hold its rehearsals. Then on a Friday morning tea and coffee is held at the same venue. Here people can come in to relax in the company of others and discuss materialistic and spiritual problems with the church leadership. The church also works with INGRAFTED BRANCHES. This is a charity that works with disabled people from the community

The core belief of Bethania Church Maesteg state that the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God. That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that He alone provides atonement for sin in His death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit is taught as being the third member of the trinity and indwells in individuals who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Financial Review.

Income from all sources £42525.98

Expenditure £39383.29

**2024/25 Summary Accounts for
Bethel Central Church Maesteg
as of:
31-Mar-2025**

Income

Total Inc = **£50,271.40**

Category

TithOff	£18,890.42
Donation	£9,104.00
gift aid	£3,368.26
Building fund	£1,240.00
Other income	£323.30
b/f	£7,745.42
Grants	£9,600.00

Expenditure

Total Exp = £39,383.29

Category

PstrExp	£19,796.95
Ministry	£1,360.00
Catering/supplies	£571.25
Building Exp	£550.00
Utilities	£3,986.58
Bank Charges	£72.37
Insurance/Fees	£1,090.00
Literature	£223.00
Equipment	£1,606.96
Trips	£3,957.05
Gifts	£6,169.13

SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	£10,888.11
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Reconciliation

Balance at 31/3/24 b/f	£7,745.42
Surplus during 2024/25	£3,142.69
Balance at 31/3/25 c/f	£10,888.11
less income paid in Apr 25	-£205.00
add uncashed cheques	£609.00
Balance at bank	11292.11
Actual bank balance	11292.11
Balanced	0



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Bethel Central Church Maesteg

On accounts for the year
ended

31/3/25

Charity no
(if any)

1188311

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

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 (other than that disclosed below) 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: Chris Berry

Date: 21/1/26

Name: Christopher John Berry

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

Independent Examiner

Address: 19 Cwmcoed, Bettws, Bridgend CF32 8SW

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.

Although the integrity of the accounts is not questioned, it is critical that the treasurer ensures that original invoices are retained for every item of expenditure. Where these are not available, for example for ministry gifts, a suitably authorised form should be used as a substitute. The authorised form should not be the norm. This principle must also apply to bank transfer payments made.