

Bethel Baptist Chapel
St John's Road, Bath, BA2 6PX
Trustees Report with Accounts and Independent Examiner Report

Bethel Baptist Chapel
Charity Registration Number 1192188

Trustees Annual Report
From 1st April 2022-31st March 2023

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1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers

Charity Details

A) The Charity Name: Bethel Baptist Chapel.

B) The Charity registration number: **1192188**

C) The address of the principal office of the charity: Bethel Chapel, St John's Road, Bath BA2 6PX.

D) Names of Trustees

Mr John Gaskell – Trustee

Mr John Benjamin Gaskell - Trustee

Pastor Bill Goodman – Pastor and Trustee

2. Structure, governance and management

Bethel Baptist Chapel as a fellowship of baptised Christian believers has been in existence since 1890. The original trust deed of the church specified that all members and officers must accept the articles of the Gospel Standard Trust. In 2008 the pastor and membership felt unable to continue to accept these articles, and so rightly entered a lease with Gospel Standard Trust to retain the use of the building. In the light of this, the Gospel Standard Trust have charged a small amount as the annual rent. The Church finally registered as an independent charity with the Charity Commission in October 2019. A statement of faith differing from the Gospel Standard Articles was adopted by all the membership. The Second London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689 adopted as the guide to all public teaching in the church. The Church has a defined membership of believers, who are baptised by immersion. A list of the current membership is available on request.

The Church Meetings of Bethel Baptist Chapel are the properly constituted means for conducting all the business and affairs of the Church. The minutes of these meetings are private. Some examples of matters arising at our Church Meetings are: The appointment of Trustees, the election of Church Officers, applications for Church membership, financial matters and reports, planning of activities, allocation of funds for missionary support, Sunday School, Sunday and Midweek worship services.

The principal object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Basis of Faith as stated in Schedule 1.

3. Financial Review

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Our main source of income is derived from regular gifts of the Membership and congregation. The primary areas of expenditure are: The maintenance of premises, support of our Pastor for ministry work, grants to overseas ministries, and remuneration for visiting ministers. At present we do not hold any special reserves.

4. Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Trustees do not act as custodians.

5. Objectives and activities

(Charities that are not subject to a statutory audit requirement may limit their disclosures within this section to a summary of the charity's objects as set out in its governing document and to providing a brief summary of the main activities undertaken in relation to those objects)

The objective of Bethel Baptist Chapel Charity is the spread of the Christian Religion. The main activities are: Sunday worship Services, Midweek Services, Sunday School for Children, Open Air Ministry and regular evangelistic outreach work, raising money to support missionary work and gospel evangelism.

6. Achievements and performance

In addition to our Sunday morning and evening worship, and Midweek service, this last year by God's help and enabling we have been able to maintain our support to a number of important Christian charities and organisations in the United Kingdom. We have additionally supported a full-time evangelist in Ethiopia. The Church continues to run a weekly Sunday School. The Open-Air ministry on Fridays continues on a weekly basis. 1000 Scripture verse calendars have been distributed to all care homes in Bath, and to many shops and cafes.

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7. Charity Accounts

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2023	Last year 2022
Receipts			
Giving	25,015	25,015	23,142
Parking	1,690	1,690	2,244
Refund	0	0	25
Sub Total	26,705	26,705	25,411
Asset and investment sales.			
Sale of Blackrock units	0	0	2,451
Total receipts	26,705	26,705	27,862
Payments			
Church Activities	18,955	18,995	20,070
Grants to support external work	5,677	5,677	6,732
Total	24,632	24,632	26,802
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,073	2,073	1,060

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	12,145	12,145	10,072
	Total cash funds	12,145	12,145	10,072
B3 Investment assets	Scottish Widows	14,389		14,340
	Blackrock			
	Total Investment assets	14,389		14,340
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Electric piano	700		800
	Dell laptop	75		100

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Liabilities - There are no outstanding liabilities. The annual rent for the use of the building is not large and is met by cash payment each year.

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees. Signature

WJR Goodman

Trustee WJR GOODMAN

Date: 12/6/2024 .

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8. Breakdown of Receipts and Payments

Receipts	2022-23	2021-22
Voluntary Giving	25,015	23,042
Parking	1,690	2,244
Sale of Blackrock Units	0	2,451
Refund		25
Totals	26,705	27,862
Payments	2022-23	2021-22
Pastor's stipend	11,518.77	13,444
HMRC	573.51	278
Visiting Preachers	1080	1,175
Legal Fees	1,344	0
Outreach (leaflets, calendars, books)	571.37	554
Building maintenance	103.20	225
Tree Surgeons	0	576
Barnabas Fund	769	804
Open Air Mission	769	804
Trinitarian Bible Society	769	804
Ethiopia evangelist support	3120	3,600
Romania Ministries	250	0
Pastor Ferguson Kcofie Ghana	0	250
Creation Ministries International	0	220
SDHS	0	250
Insurance	1,016	844
Advertising	670	458
Web site	189	189
Sunday School	0	487
Gas and Electricity	1,298	963
Online Services	381	528
ThirtyOneEight	145	129
Bath Community Transport	0	10
Bank Charges	65	50
Parking refund	0	60
Gospel Standard Trust (Rent)	0	100
Totals	24,632	26,802
Difference for the year	2,073	1,060

9. Independent Examination Our Accounts have been independently examined by Hans Duodu FMAAT (pages attached)

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Schedule 1

The Church's Statement of Faith

We believe in:

1. The full and verbal inspiration of all the Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures, and of these alone: their being in themselves the Word of God, without error, and wholly reliable in both fact and doctrine; their *sole* authority and perpetual sufficiency in all matters of faith and practice.
2. The unity of the Godhead and the divine co-equality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; the sovereignty of God in creation, providence, and redemption.
3. The total depravity of human nature in consequence of the fall, and the necessity for regeneration.
4. The true and proper deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, his virgin birth; his real and perfect manhood; the authority of his teaching and the infallibility of all his utterances; his work of atonement for sinners of mankind by his substitutionary sufferings and death; his bodily resurrection and his ascension into Heaven; and his present priestly intercession for his people at the right hand of the Father.
5. The justification of the sinner solely by faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
6. The work of the Holy Spirit as essential for a true and spiritual understanding of the Scriptures: for regeneration, conversion, and for ministry and worship.
7. The universal Church, the body of which Christ is the Head, embracing all the redeemed, called by God through the Gospel, born of the Spirit and justified by faith; the local church, comprising such believers as the expression of the universal Church, and fellowship between such churches, manifesting the unity of the body of Christ.
8. The ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as being instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, but not in Baptism as conveying regenerating grace, nor in the Lord's Supper as being a sacrifice for sin or involving any change in the substance of the bread and wine. The ordinance of Baptism is for believers only and by total immersion.
9. The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory. The resurrection of the body; the judgment of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.

This brief statement summarises the doctrines that all church members believe. In the Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689 these truths are amplified. The teaching of the church will reflect the doctrines of the 1689 Confession, to which the Pastor and all other Officers are required to give assent.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Bethel Baptist Chapel

Valued by
1192188

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Giving	25,015	-	-	25,015	23,142
Parking	1,690	-	-	1,690	2,244
	-	-	-	-	25
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,705	-	-	26,705	25,411
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	2,451
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	2,451
Total receipts	26,705	-	-	26,705	27,862
A3 Payments					
Church activities	18,955	-	-	18,955	20,070
Grants to support external work	5,677	-	-	5,677	6,732
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,632	-	-	24,632	26,802
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,632	-	-	24,632	26,802
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,073	-	-	2,073	1,060
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,072	-	-	10,072	9,011
Cash funds this year end	12,145	-	-	12,145	10,072

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	12,145	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,145	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Scottish Widows	14389	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Electric Piano		-	700
	Laptop		-	75
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
WJR Goodman	WJR GOODMAN	12/01/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Bethel Baptist Chapel

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1192188

Set out on page

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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 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

12th January 2024

Name:

Mr Hans Blix Duodu

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

Association of Accounting Technicians (FMAAT)

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