



Annual Report

1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles..."
(Is. 40:31)

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Administration Details

Charity Name:	Bethesda Apostolic Eagles International
Other Names Known By:	Bethesda Eagles' Nest Bethel Apostolic Church – Slough
Registered Charity No.:	1193243
Principal Address:	253 Marsh Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU3 2RT
Email:	bethel.luton@gmail.com (to be changed)
Website:	Currently under construction
Telephone:	01582 945614
Trustees:	Rev. David W. Lewin Mrs Pamela Lewin Miss Lesley Derby Mrs Dellecia Smith-Dawkins Mr Jonathan Samms
Accounts Prepared By:	Mrs Pamela Lewin
Independent Examiner:	Dumas Accounting & Business Support Ltd 21 Loughborough Drive, Broughton, Milton Keynes, MK10 7DZ Tel: 07971 402320
Type of Governing Document:	Constitution
Constitution of Charity:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustees' selection method:	Appointed
Charity Objectives:	To advance the Christian Religion in accordance with the Holy Bible through the church by faith in such ways in Luton and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees from time to time deem fit. The provision and maintenance of properties and business enterprise(s) for the benefit of the church and community in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life.

Executive Summary – 2022/23

In 2022/23 we began the process of transferring all assets and administration to the new CIO. As a result of the COVID-19 restrictions, the legal and administration process was frustratingly slow and difficult due to the new ways of working. However, we are pleased to announce that in January 2023 our two properties (253 Marsh Road, Luton and 48 Mount Pleasant Road, Luton) enabling the old charity (Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic – Luton) to be closed and removed from the Charity Commission's Register.

We have resumed in-person worship services along with social media for those members/visitors still apprehensive to return face-to-face. Our international remit, ecclesiastical fellowship and ministries continue to be reflected in our framework going forward.

The extensive work carried out to 253 Marsh Road, Luton, is due to damage caused by a leaking roof. The extent of the damage led to an extensive refurbishment of the whole site which caused a deficit in this year's accounts. For example, the gable end of the building where the Pastor's Office and Ushers' office are situated, was demolished, and rebuilt. The work also required new foundations, walls to the front driveway, windows, and much more.

Whilst the ingress of water has been stopped, there is still extensive work to be done to the internal roof lining and roof renewal; this has temporarily ceased due to a lack of funds, but the building is usable and open for services.

Our motto continues to be relevant to the Church's vision and remains, *'They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles...'* (Isa. 40:31). Our strength has been renewed because we continue to grow and develop by providing spiritual Christian support to our members and community alike. We can confirm that the church continued to:

- Save souls through the redemptive Gospel of faith in Jesus Christ in accordance with biblical principles of GOD's Word.
- Offer biblical ceremonies.
- Offer children and babies to be dedicated to the Lord.
- The Church continued to work with the local communities and authorities through its partnership where possible via media platforms.
- Our community Sunday school continued to provide biblical, Apostolic, and Christian activity-based learning via social media platforms.
- Provide support and aid to national, international, and local ministries.
- Working in alliance with non-affiliated church groups and police agencies within the local community
- Provide advocacy, help and support to the disadvantaged community through food baskets and financial support.

All the above activities are still in line with the objects of the charity both in terms of the biblical principles and our community priorities. We thank the Lord Jesus Christ for his saving grace and for helping us to carry out the work he has commissioned us to do.

Together as a team, we aim to witness Jesus Christ at work through the Holy Spirit and his people. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to carry us through our many challenges, enabling his church to remain strong against the opposition of spiritual decline in society, economic pressures and stresses of life all designed to resist the commission of the charity's aims; we are profoundly grateful to God who gives us the victory.

We are looking forward to enjoying the great success and fulfilment of our prophetic strategies to steer the church forward through the power of the Holy Ghost.

The year 2022/23 can be summarised as follows:

- Poinciana Pentecostal House of Prayer in the USA Florida – The church continues to thrive under its local leadership team.
- East Wind Tabernacle (EWT) continues to thrive under its leadership team.
- Bethel Apostolic Church Slough –continues to thrive under the leadership of the Bishop and local ministers since the passing away of the late Pastor.
- Spiritual Care Foundation continues to thrive under its leadership team.

In conclusion, as servants of God, we thank the Lord for his blessings upon His church; of which we are all co-workers and partakers. The Trustees give a special vote of thanks for the faithful service of the church's leadership and administration teams, volunteers, friends, and well-wishers who have all contributed their time and finances in many ways over the last year.

Let us not boast in any vanity and pride but remain humble and thankful for his love towards us. '...it is God that gives the increase...' (1Cor 3:6).

May the Lord Jesus continue to smile on Bethesda Apostolic Church – International as the scriptures declare, *'... But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint'* (Isa.40:29-31)



Bishop, Dr David Lewin – Snr Pastor
For and on behalf of the Trustees

Bethesda Eagles' Nest (BEN): 48 Mount Pleasant Road, Luton



BEN is the Community Church Hall of Bethesda Apostolic Eagles - International, which was purchased under the visionary leadership of our Founding Pastor, Bishop D Lewin, to engage the community and to be a self-financing entity to support the church's mission.

Our overall objective for the building is to serve the church and community as a halfway meeting place and provide a HQ central centre for the local, district, national and international churches, and communities.

The following bullet points represent the key areas of accomplishment and development carried out during this financial year.

- The Nursery continues to thrive and serve the community.
- Existing third-party church users have re-commenced their usage and hiring.
- District church events have now restarted.
- Training and educational learning groups
- Foodbank continues to thrive.

Bethesda Apostolic Eagles – International: 253 Marsh Road, Luton



Church Refurbishment:

As outlined in the Executive Summary, upon returning to face-to-face services, there was a serious leakage in the roof forcing services to be stopped and return to Zoom. Upon commencement of the roof repairs, other serious and major repairs were identified and required.

Community Links:

Bethesda Apostolic Eagles - International has maintained a strong community presence due to the Pastor's influence and the integration of its members within the dynamics of the communities in which we minister.

- **Luton Apostolic Churches Alliance prayer and fellowship:** our aim is to increase fellowship in prayer. The churches are growing from strength to strength with closer fellowship in prayers. Post Covid-19 services are now being held via social media as well as in-person.
- **Evangelism:** Covid-19 had restricted visitors; however, we are seeing a steady influx of visitors to our services our media stream continues to positively impact the number of people accessing church services.
- **Church Associations:** Increased fellowship and joint meetings with other church organisations of similar religious beliefs – this is slowly returning to face-to-face with social media still being available.
- **Seaside Trip:** We had a successful free trip to Weymouth seaside for our members and the community. Many families were able to enjoy a great day out which they would not normally be able to afford.

Food Basket

The church continues to follow the example of Jesus who fed the hungry and catered for the poor. This initiative was started by Bethesda members but has now expanded to the wider community through a partnership with an independent charity called 'Changing Lives' delivering a weekly foodbank from our community centre.

Foreign/Home Mission

The spirit of evangelism during the year was consistent with previous years and we hosted and interfaced with national and international senior leaders in their ministries via social media.

International / District Churches & Ministries Overview



East Wind Tabernacle

Based in Solihull West Midlands the church has gone from strength to strength through the hard work of the local Pastor and his wife supported by a trusted team of officers. EWT continues to be part of the district fellowship.



Bethel Apostolic Church - Slough

The District Bishop continues to take on the Pastorate of this church in the interim, whilst a new pastor/leader is established. This area of ministry has much potential to impact its community and the church. We look forward to the challenges of growth through evangelism. We anticipate more growth through the move of God.



Spiritual Care Foundation Apostolic Ministries

Our association and links with Spiritual Care Foundation based in Reading, are synergetic sharing common purposes yet we remain independent organisations. Sharing the same biblical doctrinal beliefs and charity objects to promote biblical principles to affect the communities in which we operate. Bethesda Apostolic Eagles - International provides spiritual biblical covering to its ministerial leadership. The ministry continues to grow and is in the process of refurbishing its recently acquired leased building. Spiritual Care Foundation continues to be part of the district fellowship.



Poinciana Pentecostal House of Prayer – Florida

An independent church organisation which officially became associated with Bethesda Apostolic Eagles - International in 2020. We share the same biblical doctrinal beliefs and charity objects to promote biblical principles to affect the communities and countries we operate. Bethesda Apostolic Eagles International provides full spiritual, biblical and ecclesiastical

covering to its leadership.



B.L.C.S.S.

Post-COVID-19, children's Sunday school has now returned to face-to-face meetings. Teaching via social media has ceased as children and youth are encouraged to attend face-to-face.

B.L.C.S.S.
Bethesda Luton Community
Sunday School

The Sunday school continues to provide the children of the church and local community with a weekly programme of spiritual education in a fun in a relaxed setting. We remain committed to ensuring that the children are taught sound, moral principles in a fun atmosphere where they are comfortable and confident to ask questions. Our goal is to equip the children with the knowledge and skills required to be outstanding citizens, who will uphold the Gospel of Jesus Christ and its biblical precepts.

Going forward, with the help of the Lord we are endeavouring to develop a cohort of rounded children who are confident in expressing themselves inside and outside of the church community. We will continue to support them in their development from childhood through to adolescence by providing them with the tools that will allow them to make clear, positive decisions and to become good role models in their schools and wider community.



Ishah to Ishah (Woman to Woman)

Launched in March 2017, Ishah to Ishah is the umbrella name under which sits a trilogy of ministries for women. This remains to be re-launched in 2023/24.

The scope of Ishah to Ishah engages:

- Pastors' Wives Fellowship
- Echad Ladies (for single, widowed & divorced ladies)
- Wives of Wisdom (for married ladies)

The aim is to empower women to overcome the challenges and setbacks in their lives and is designed to engage, encourage and empower women in all seasons of their lives and for women of all generations to reach a place of knowing and acceptance that they are 'far above rubies'

Fund-Raising Summary 2022/23

No fund-raising took place this year.

The Trustees and Pastor wish to express their vote of thanks to all workers, co-workers, and members for their continued efforts.

This Annual Report is approved on behalf of the Trustees by:

(1)

Name: Lesley Derby

Signature: 
Lesley Derby (Dec 22, 2023 19:49 GMT)

Position: Trustee

Date: 22-Dec-2023

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Signature: 
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Date: 1-Jan-2024

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Name: Dellecia Smith-Dawkins

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Position: Trustee

Date: 1-Jan-2024

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Name: Pam Lewin

Signature: 
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Position: Trustee

Date: 2-Jan-2024



Annual Accounts

1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

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Introduction

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Bethesda Apostolic Eagles International
Statement of Financial Activities
1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	36,261	—	—	36,261	37,242
Income from charitable activities	139	—	—	139	343
Other trading activities	31,348	—	—	31,348	28,334
Other income	4,877	—	—	4,877	1,035
Total income	72,627	—	—	72,627	66,955
Expenditure on:					
Costs of generating funds	180	—	—	180	125
Costs of generating voluntary income	1,114	—	—	1,114	48
Expenditure on charitable activities	51,094	—	—	51,094	41,153
Other expenditure	23,221	—	—	23,221	14,149
Total expenditure	75,610	—	—	75,610	55,476
Gains / losses on investment assets	(2,874)	—	—	(2,874)	(3,374)
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(5,856)	—	—	(5,856)	8,104
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains/losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(5,856)	—	—	(5,856)	8,104
Total funds brought forward	258,746	—	—	258,746	250,642
Total funds carried forward	252,889	—	—	252,889	258,746
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	252,889	—	—	252,889	258,746
Restricted					
Agency collection	—	—	—	—	—

Bethesda Apostolic Eagles International
Balance sheet
1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
FA001	Property - 253 Marsh Rd	100,000	100,000
FA002	Equipment & IT	3,233	3,119
FA003	Furniture	6,678	7,420
FA004	Musical/PA Equipment	1,783	2,228
FA005	Fixtures & Fittings	3,574	4,468
FA006	Transport	1,732	2,474
FA007	Portacabin & Container	2,022	2,187
FA008	Property - 48 Mount Pleasant Rd	275,000	275,000
	Total Fixed assets	394,024	396,899
Current assets			
CA001	Bank - current - closed	—	540
CA002	Bank - f-Raising/Gift - closed	—	—
CA003	Bank - loan reserve - closed	—	117
CA004	Bank - Ministry- closed	—	—
CA005	Bank -Lloyds - closed	—	—
CA012	Bank - branch01-closed	—	—
CA013	Bank - Slough	9,776	8,969
CA015	Bank - Bethesda Eagles Nest	644	1,034
CA024	Bank - Bethesda Lloyds	1,363	1,802
CA025	Bank-Bethesda Main	1,806	3,398
CA026	Bank-Bethesda Savings	1,831	2,843
Z05	Accounts Receivable	4,490	5,526
	Total Current assets	19,913	24,232
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	52	—
L005	E-ON	—	—
L010	EM007	1,894	2,094
L011	MBNA	—	—
L019	Property loan -Mt Pleasant(2)	—	143,470
L021	NatWest Business Card	4,192	2,779
L022	DG&A	2,000	2,000
L023	Vehicle No. 2	—	—
L025	AML (2) Loan Trf	5,820	5,820
L026	Barclay Card	—	—
L027	Virgin Money Card	2,119	4,719
L028	DWL-church refurb	2,100	1,500
L029	Property Loan (CIO) - Mt/Pleasant	142,517	—
LO14	Butterfield	—	—
LO16	Trow	—	—
LO24	Gibbs & Dandy	—	—
Z04	Accounts Payable	352	—
	Total Liabilities	161,048	162,384
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	252,889	258,746

Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(2,982)	11,479
Z01	Starting balances	258,746	250,642
Z02	Other gains/(losses)	(2,874)	(3,374)
Z03	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	—	—
	Total Reserves	252,889	258,746
Represented by funds			
	Unrestricted	252,889	258,746
	Designated	—	—
	Restricted	—	—
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	252,889	258,746

Bethesda Apostolic Eagles International
Fund movement by type
1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
General							
Unrestricted	258,746	72,627	75,610	—	(2,874)	—	252,889
Sub-totals	258,746	72,627	75,610	—	(2,874)	—	252,889
Totals	258,746	72,627	75,610	—	(2,874)	—	252,889

2022/23 Annual Accounts have been approved by the Board of Trustees:

(1)

Name:Lesley Derby..... Signature:  [Lesley Derby \(Dec 22, 2023 15:01 GMT\)](#)
Position:Trustee..... Date: 22/12/2023

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Name:Jonathan Samms..... Signature:  [Jonathan Samms \(Dec 22, 2023 20:37 GMT\)](#)
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Bethesda Apostolic Eagles International

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1193243

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 31/03/2023

**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:

19 December 2023

Name:

Nana Opoku Barfi

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

1. Member – Association of Charity Independent Examiners (MCIE)
2. Fellow – Association of Certified Public Accountants (F CPA)

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**