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Bethel Apostolic Church Southampton CIO

**Trustees Report and Accounts
for the year ended**

31 March 2025

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References and administrative information

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Trustees Report

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 Apostolic Church Southampton was incorporated as a charitable Incorporated organisation on 20 July 2022.

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

Bethel Apostolic Church Southampton is an Independent Member of the Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) UK and Europe, family of Churches, which pursues similar aims and signposts local beneficiaries to our services.

Aims and purposes

Bethel Apostolic Church Southampton has the responsibility of promoting the Oneness Apostolic Faith, primarily but not exclusively within Southampton and the surrounding area, evangelism, Outreach, social and community.

Bethel Apostolic Church Southampton worship services are through scriptures, preaching, teaching, prayer, singing and music.

Objectives and Activities

Bethel Apostolic Church Southampton is committed to ensuring that as many people as possible come to worship at the church and to become part of the community of Southampton and the surrounding area.

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Achievements and Performances

Bethel Apostolic Church Southampton remains part of the ecclesiastical district 7 of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic UK. We currently hold weekly Sunday services for church members and members of the community, where we exhort on the topics from the holy Scriptures, pray and worship together. We also hold weekly Bible study and prayer meetings on Thursday nights.

During the year of 2025, there was an appreciation service for Missionary Fraser who was appointed as Minister of the Bethel Apostolic Church Southampton. This was followed by a worship service and a fellowship meal which included members of the community from near and far.

Christmas Carol service followed in December for members and community members alike. There were provisions for a light meal which could be eaten on site or taken away.

The children were given gifts to help their celebration of Christmas.

Bethel Apostolic Southampton do hold regular Bible Quizzes rotating alternate Saturdays. This involves members from all of District 7 as well as other church members from other districts of churches within the organisation.

This activity has proved to be popular and enjoyable for all the competitors. At the end of a period, a trophy is presented to the champion.

Members of the Bethel Apostolic Church Southampton attended the Annual Holy Convocation and also the District Convocation. These events serve as a final touch to the year where people are gathered to learn, worship and enjoy fellowship together.

A couple of members of Bethel Apostolic Church @southampton attend and provide spiritual and moral support for the members of Peartree Green United Reformed Church on Sundays.

All of the Bethel Apostolic Church Southampton activities and events have gone very well so far. Our endeavour is to continue to grow, build and improve on our progress and development over the year.

Future Plans for 2026-2027

To continue with the Bethel Southampton Church Quiz.

To host the appreciation and worship service with church members and members of the community fellowship meal.

To continue with Bethel Church Southampton Bible study and prayer meetings.

To host a Bethel Church Southampton Easter worship celebrations for members as well as fellowship with a light meal involving community attendees.

To host a Christmas Carol service and fellowship meal for both church and community members.

To attend as is possible Appreciation services and fellowships within Bethel Apostolic District 7 of Churches.

To attend the Bethel Apostolic Retreat Ministry annually.

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To plan, arrange and implement Women's Men's and Youth Ministry along with Children's Sunday school.

Bethel Church Southampton members Christmas meal outing.

As much as is possible continue with attending and providing spiritual support and encouragement for members of the Peartree Green United Reformed Church on Sundays.

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.

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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 on 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.

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

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Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £6,992-2025(2024-£5,341) and are detailed in the financial statements.

£3,145-2025(2024-£2,148) was spent to provide the Christian ministry.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £3,847-2025(2024-£3,193) 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 £51,648 (2024-£47,318).

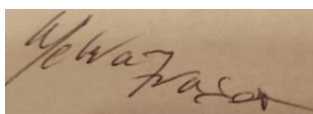
Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the policy on reserves and set targets at least once per annum with reference to the guidance and terminology published by the Charity Commission. The policy is also reviewed, when warranted by changes in risk assessment or business plans. The review includes unrestricted and, designated funds and tangible fixed assets. Transfer to and from funds are authorised by the Trustees acting as a whole.

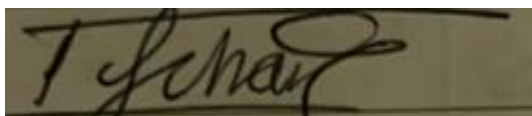
Risk Management

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.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Minister Melva Fraser-Chair
January 2026



Isabel Richards-Trustee
January 2026

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Independent examiner's report to Bethel Apostolic Church Southampton CIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Committee and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act; and
- To 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act
- 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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January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donation and legacies	3	6,992	5,341
			-
Total		6,992	5,341
EXPENDED ON			
Charitable activities	4	3,145	2,148
Total		3,145	2,148
NET INCOME		3,847	3,193
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		47,801	44,125
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		51,648	47,318

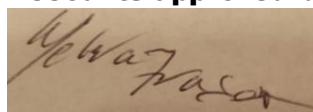
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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

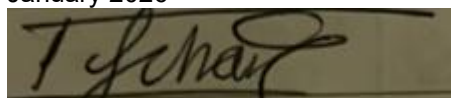
	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	-	-
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		52,248	47,838
Current Liabilities			
Amount falling due within one year	7	600	520
Net current assets		51,648	47,318
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		51,648	47,318
Creditors: amount falling due after one year			
Total Net Assets		51,648	47,318
Funds of the charity			
Total Unrestricted Funds		51,648	47,318

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

Accounts approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Minister Melva Fraser-Chair
January 2026



Isabel Richards-Trustee
January 2026

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Notes to the financial statements for the period to 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 Trustees 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 costing more than £200 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation

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

2 Prior Year Adjustment

During the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, a reconciliation difference relating to the prior year was identified. As a result, the opening balance of unrestricted funds has been restated by £483 to reflect the correct financial position at 31 March 2024. Comparative figures have not otherwise been restated.

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3. Donation and Legacies

	Unrestricted	2025	2024
	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£
Donations & Offering	6,992	6,992	5,341
Gift Aid	-	-	-
Total	6,992	6,992	5,341

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Mission & Ministry Cost	1,210	1,020
Evangelism & Outreach	-	-
Ecclesiastical Support Cost [Contribution towards the responsibilities of the National Church]	-	-
Honorarium	-	-
Administrative expenses	12	-
Communication	123	94
Depreciation on tangible assets: Owned by the Charity	-	-
Consultancy Fees	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Rent	1,125	435
Supplies & Services	-	-
Equipment/Furniture Non-Capital	-	-
Training & Short Courses	-	-
Legal and professional fees	-	-
Accountancy Support	75	-
Independent Examination	600	520
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	79
Total expenditure on charitable activities	3,145	2,148

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5. Trustees Remuneration and Benefits

There was no trustee's remuneration or benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025

Trustees' expenses

There was no trustee's expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property	Building Improvement	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures/ fittings	Office Equipment	Audio Visuals	Laptops & Computer	Motor Vehicle	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost									
1 April 2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation									
At 1 April 2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
On disposals									
At 31 March 2025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value									
At 31 March 2025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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7. Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	600	520
	600	520

8. Related party disclosure

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.