



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1<sup>st</sup> November 2023** To **31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

Charity name: **BETHANIA**

Charity registration number: **1201328**

## Objectives and Activities

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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | <b>The object of the charity called Bethania is the advancement of the Christian faith in particular (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | <p><b>Since the church opened it's doors on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 there has been a gradual increase in the activities that take place at Bethania.</b></p> <p><b>On a weekly basis the following activities take place:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sunday worship service</b></li><li>• <b>Coffee morning</b></li><li>• <b>Two Bible study groups. One is in the morning and the other is early evening to allow for as many people as possible to attend.</b></li><li>• <b>An after school kids club</b></li><li>• <b>A class to learn basic conversational welsh.</b></li><li>• <b>AA and an AI anon group</b></li></ul> <p><b>Bethania opens its doors for an hour and a half a week as a Foodbank distribution centre which forms part of the Trussell Trust initiative.</b></p> <p><b>Once every two months there is a welsh coffee morning and once every 3 to 4 months there is Messy Church.</b></p> <p><b>We have continued to raise awareness and introduce ourselves to the local community through the distribution of Christian tracts whilst highlighting the numerous activities available for people to engage in.</b></p> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit                                         | <b>In considering the exact future activities of the charity we will keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustees meetings.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Policy on grant making | <b>N/A</b> |
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| Policy on social investment including program related investment | N/A                                                                                                                                        |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | <b>All our activities are currently run by volunteers and we have been encouraged by the support of local people with regards to this.</b> |
| Other                                                            |                                                                                                                                            |

## Achievements and Performance

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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | <p><b>There have been many positive wide-ranging benefits felt by the community from the activities that take place at Bethania.</b></p> <p><b>Bethania is the only place of worship in Aberfan and therefore provides much needed spiritual help and guidance through its Sunday worship services and Bible study groups. The kids club also dedicates a portion of its time in sharing a Bible story and doing a related craft.</b></p> <p><b>Activities for children are quite limited in Aberfan, therefore an after school kids club for children from Years 3 to 6 that is free of charge is hugely beneficial to a community which has significant socio-economic challenges.</b></p> <p><b>Feedback from individuals that have attended either the coffee morning and/or the welsh language class have found them to be positive experiences towards building friendships and finding support.</b></p> <p><b>The welsh coffee morning has provided an ideal opportunity for those attending the welsh classes and any other interested people to come together in a friendly and supportive environment to further practice their conversational welsh over a cup of tea or coffee. These mornings have also been attended by children from both local primary schools giving the children an opportunity to socially interact with older people through the medium of welsh, and everyone seem to benefit from, and enjoy the experience.</b></p> <p><b>We recognise the importance of family, so Messy church provides the ideal opportunity for children accompanied by either their parents or grandparents to spend some valuable time together playing games, listening to a biblical story, engage in various crafts and enjoy some food all of which is free of charge.</b></p> <p><b>Opening a Foodbank distribution centre at Bethania in Aberfan has provided a much needed service to the local people who previously had to travel much further to access this help. This is especially welcomed by people who often do not have a car or who would otherwise have to travel much further on public transport which does not appear to be as reliable and as frequent as it once was.</b></p> |
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set                          |  |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set |  |

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| Investment performance against objectives |  |
| Other                                     |  |

## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | <b>Bethania's financial position on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 shows that all our restricted funds which was made up of grant money was used up completely and the only funds in the bank was £9,002 of unrestricted funds, which is currently sufficient to meet the running costs of the charity.</b> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | <b>We are aware of the the Charity Commission's document on Charity Reserves (CC19) and will be led by this guidance when the charity reaches a position to consider this.</b>                                                                                                                                |
| Amount of reserves held                                                          | <b>The charity is still in its infancy and currently does not have a written policy about holding reserves.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves                                                | <b>See note above</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Details of fund materially in deficit                                            | <b>None</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | <b>None expected.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | <b>Bethania's only source of funding currently is by personal offerings and donations by local people and church attendees.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | <b>N/A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity                         | <b>The biggest risk would be if the amount of personal offerings and donations will not be sufficient to cover the charity's running costs.<br/>Our only other unknown at the moment is the cost of our electricity usage as our energy provided has been unable to issue us with a bill. Despite numerous telephone conversations to try and resolve this matter there has still not yet been a resolution to this problem. On the 25/10/2024 we made the decision to escalate the issue and made a verbal complaint.</b> |
| Other                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Structure, Governance and Management

|                                         |                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description of charity's trusts:</b> |                                                           |
| Type of governing document              | <b>Constitution adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022</b> |

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| How is the charity constituted?                                                                                                                                           | <b>Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | <b>Trustees will be elected in line with the the adopted constitution.<br/>Currently there are only four trustees (who are the first charity trustees) and each has been appointed for a set term of office calculated from the date of registration of the CIO at the Charity Commission.</b> |

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | <b>The main policy and procedure currently adopted in meeting Bethania's main objects is our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.<br/>Three out of the four trustees currently undertake roles where a DBS is required.</b> |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Relationship with any related parties                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Other                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

### **Reference and Administrative details**

|                             |                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Charity name                | <b>BETHANIA</b>                                                                    |
| Other name the charity uses | <b>Capel Bethania</b>                                                              |
| Registered charity number   | <b>1201328</b>                                                                     |
| Charity's principal address | <b>Capel Bethania<br/>Aberfan Road<br/>Aberfan<br/>Merthyr Tydfil<br/>CF48 4QN</b> |

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

|   | Trustee name           | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Reverend Robert Stivey |                 |                                   |
| 2 | Bethan Tricker         | Secretary/Chair |                                   |
| 3 | Daniel Stivey          |                 |                                   |
| 4 | Ann Acock              | Treasurer       |                                   |
| 5 |                        |                 |                                   |
| 6 |                        |                 |                                   |

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

| Trustee name           | Dates acted if not for whole year |  |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Reverend Robert Stivey |                                   |  |
|                        |                                   |  |

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

|                                                                                                                               |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Description of the assets held in this capacity                                                                               | N/A |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | N/A |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets                         | N/A |

**Additional information (optional)****Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

| Type of adviser | Name |
|-----------------|------|
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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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|------|
| None |
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**Other optional information**

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*Ann G. Acock*

Full name(s)

Ann Gwenllian Acock

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

*30<sup>th</sup> May 2025*



Charity Name: BETHANIA

Charity No.  
1201328

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period

01/11/23

To

31/10/24

### 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 £ |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                         |                                     |                                   |                                  |                              |                            |
| Individual Giving                          | 19850                               | -                                 | -                                | 19850                        | 5023                       |
| Grants                                     | -                                   | 151023                            | -                                | 151023                       | 145000                     |
| Personal Loans                             | 37000                               | -                                 | -                                | 37000                        | -                          |
| Charitable Gift - JBC                      | 5000                                | -                                 | -                                | 5000                         | -                          |
| Gift Aid Re-claim                          | 4226                                | -                                 | -                                | 4226                         | -                          |
| Marketplace sales                          | 10                                  | -                                 | -                                | 10                           | -                          |
| Other Receipts                             | 704                                 | -                                 | -                                | 704                          | 71                         |
| <b>Sub total</b>                           | <b>66790</b>                        | <b>151023</b>                     | <b>-</b>                         | <b>217813</b>                | <b>150094</b>              |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b> |                                     |                                   |                                  |                              |                            |
|                                            | -                                   | -                                 | -                                | -                            | N/A                        |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                      | <b>66790</b>                        | <b>151023</b>                     | <b>-</b>                         | <b>217813</b>                | <b>150094</b>              |

### A3 Payments

|                              |       |        |   |        |      |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|---|--------|------|
| Insurance                    | 1315  | -      | - | 1315   | 2821 |
| Repayment of Loans           | 37000 | -      | - | 37000  | -    |
| Roofing                      | -     | 38543  | - | 38543  | -    |
| General Building work        | -     | 173518 | - | 173518 | -    |
| New 3 phase supply electric  | -     | 6933   | - | 6933   | -    |
| Re-wiring                    | -     | 6784   | - | 6784   | -    |
| Carpets                      | -     | 3659   | - | 3659   | -    |
| Skip Hire & Permits          | -     | 601    | - | 601    | -    |
| Swarmcatcher                 | -     | 3468   | - | 3468   | -    |
| Windows                      | -     | 17800  | - | 17800  | 9451 |
| Audio Equipment              | 2769  | 230    | - | 2999   | -    |
| Kitchen equipment            | -     | 5023   | - | 5023   | -    |
| Health & Safety and Security | 1842  | 200    | - | 2042   | -    |

|                                |              |               |          |               |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------|---------------|--------------|
| Broadband                      | 270          | -             | -        | 270           |              |
| Business Costs                 | 3028         | -             | -        | 3028          |              |
| Governance                     | 132          | -             | -        | 132           |              |
| Outreach Activities/Mission    | 417          | -             | -        | 417           |              |
| Other costs                    | 12972        | -             | -        | 12972         | 151          |
| Utilities – <b>*see Note 1</b> | 0            | -             | -        | 0             | 95           |
| Solar Panels                   | 0            | -             | -        | 0             | 29813        |
| Surveys/Reports                | 0            | -             | -        | 0             | 70           |
| <b>Sub total</b>               | <b>59745</b> | <b>256759</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>316504</b> | <b>42401</b> |

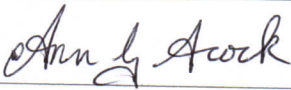
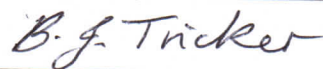
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|------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b> | -           | -             | -        | -             | N/A          |
| <b>Total payments</b>                          | <b>7045</b> | <b>256759</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>316504</b> | <b>42401</b> |

|                                    |             |                |          |               |               |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>  | <b>7045</b> | <b>-105736</b> |          | <b>-98691</b> | <b>107693</b> |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>  | -           | -              | -        | -             | N/A           |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b> | 1957        | 105736         |          | 107693        | N/A           |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>    | <b>9002</b> | <b>0</b>       | <b>-</b> | <b>9002</b>   | <b>107693</b> |

## 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                                | Cash in Current Account at Bank                     | 9002                            | 0                             | N/A                          |
|                                              |                                                     | -                               | -                             | N/A                          |
|                                              | <b>Total cash funds</b>                             | <b>9002</b>                     | <b>0</b>                      | <b>N/A</b>                   |
|                                              | (agree balances with receipts and payments account) | OK                              | OK                            | OK                           |
| B2 Other monetary assets                     |                                                     | -                               | -                             | N/A                          |
|                                              | Details                                             | Fund to which asset belongs     | Cost (optional)               | Current value (optional)     |
| B3 Investment assets                         |                                                     | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|                                              | Details                                             | Fund to which asset belongs     | Cost (optional)               | Current value (optional)     |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use |                                                     | -                               | -                             | -                            |

|                | Details                                                           | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | No electric invoice has been received due to issues with supplier | unrestricted                    | -                     | -                   |

|                                                      | Signature                                                                         | Print Name     | Date of approval |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees |  | Ann Acock      | 30/05/25         |
|                                                      |  | Bethan Tricker | 30/05/25         |

## **CHARITY: BETHANIA**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 TO 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024**

The following notes form part of the financial statement

#### **\*Note 1**

Everything at the premises is run on electricity. However, despite significant effort over the year, including more recently raising a complaint with the supplier, we have not yet received a bill for our electric usage.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
BETHANIA

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st October 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1201328

Set out on pages

Pages 1 to 2

(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 31/10/2024.

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

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

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:

M. G. Howells

Date:

16/2/2025

Name:

Martin Howells

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

N/A.

(if any):

**Address:**

**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.**

None found