



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st November 2024 To 31st October 2025

Charity name: BETHANIA

Charity registration number: 1201328

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	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.
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.	In its second year the church is continuing to reach out into the community it seeks to serve. It does this in the following way. On a weekly basis these are the activities that take place:- • Sunday worship service • Coffee morning • 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. • An after school kids club • AA and an Al anon group 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. Once every two months there is a welsh coffee morning which offers an opportunity for people to practice their conversational welsh and once every 3 to 4 months we aim to hold Messy church or a similar event aimed at families. 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.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	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.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Achievements and Performance

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.	There have been many positive wide-ranging benefits felt by the community from the activities that take place at Bethania. 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. Activities for children generally 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. Feedback from individuals who attend the coffee morning state that they have found it to be a positive experience in helping to build friendships and find support. The welsh coffee morning has provided an ideal opportunity for interested people to come together in a friendly and supportive environment to 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. 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. 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. On the anniversary of the first year since our opening we held a special service of thanks which was preceded by a march of witness where a number of people, in turn, carried a large cross from Merthyr Tydfil to Bethania in Aberfan. That witness alone brought new people into the church.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	
Investment performance against objectives	
Other	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Bethania's financial position on the 31st October 2025 shows that individuals are generously contributing to the needs of the charity and during the year it was more than able to meet it's financial obligations.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We are aware of 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.
Amount of reserves held	The charity is still in its infancy and currently does not have a written policy about holding reserves.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	See note above
Details of fund materially in deficit	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	None expected.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Bethania's only source of funding currently is by personal offerings and donations by local people and church attendees.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The biggest risk would be if the amount of personal offerings and donations will not be sufficient to cover the charity's running costs.
Other	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Constitution adopted on 2nd August 2022
How is the charity	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

constituted?	
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	Trustees will be elected in line with the adopted constitution. 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.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	The main policy and procedure currently adopted in meeting Bethania's main objects is our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. Three out of the four trustees currently undertake roles where a DBS is required.
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	BETHANIA
Other name the charity uses	Capel Bethania
Registered charity number	1201328
Charity's principal address	Capel Bethania Aberfan Road Aberfan Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4QN

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

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

22nd May 2026.



Charity Name: BETHANIA

Charity No.
1201328

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period

01/11/24

To

31/10/25

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					
Individual Giving	15606	-	-	15606	19850
Gift – Atlanta Team	200	-	-	200	5000
Gift Aid Re-claim	3270	-	-	3270	4226
Marketplace sales	20	-	-	20	10
Other Receipts - *See note 1	184	-	-	184	704
Sub total	19280		-	19280	217813

A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.

Total receipts

-	-	-	-	N/A
19280	-	-	19280	217813

A3 Payments

Insurance	1353	-	-	1353	1315
Equipment&Installation costs	1547	-	-	1547	8022
Safety and Security	633	-	-	633	2042
Servicing and Repairs	1807	-	-	1807	-
Broadband	444	-	-	444	270
Supplies & Office Costs	185	-	-	185	3028
Governance	147	-	-	147	132
Outreach + Mission cost	59	-	-	59	417
Children & family ministry	216	-	-	216	-
Other costs	1657	-	-	1657	12972
Utilities - Electricity	3947	-	-	3947	0
Sub total	11995		-	11995	316504

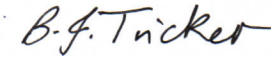
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.

Total payments

-	-	-	-	N/A
11995	-	-	11995	316504

Net of receipts/(payments)	7285	-	-	7285	-98691
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9002	-	-	9002	107693
Cash funds this year end	16289	-	-	16289	9002

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	16289	0	N/A
		-	-	N/A
	Total cash funds	16289	0	N/A
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	N/A
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	-	-
Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ann Acock	22/05/2026	
		Bethan Tricker	22/05/2026	

CHARITY: BETHANIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1st NOVEMBER 2024 TO 31st OCTOBER 2025

The following notes form part of the financial statement

*** Note 1**

These receipts include a refund for a returned item, a payment returned in error by a bank, and a reimbursement for Easter chocolate treats bought by Bethania but shared with another church.