



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 25 March 2024 **To** 31 December 2024

Charity name: BETHEL LIVING STONE CHURCH

Charity registration number: 1207589

Objectives and Activities

Bethel Living Stone Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation established to advance the Christian faith for public benefit in accordance with the Basis of Faith set out in the constitution. This is achieved by conducting prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of Christian holidays and producing or distributing Christian literature.

The charity began informal worship meetings a few weeks prior to formal registration on 25 March 2024.

Regular activities include:

- Sunday evening worship sessions (4pm–6pm) at Memorial Hall
- Wednesday online Bible study focused on scripture learning and fellowship
- Sunday school for children combining educational activities with spiritual teaching

Achievements and Performance

During the year, the charity organised several special events and community outreach programs, including:

1. 16-17 March: Special service on subject: "Blessings and Curses"

The church held a special service exploring biblical teachings on blessings and curses from the Bible based on Deuteronomy 28, providing spiritual guidance and encouraging attendees to embrace God's promises of blessing. This helped the community reflect on their lives, offering hope and moral direction to live aligned with Christian values, which strengthens personal well-being and societal harmony.

2. 31 March: Easter Sunday Special Service

The Easter service celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the foundation of Christian faith. It brought the community together to experience renewal, hope, and the promise of eternal life. This event served both believers and newcomers, fostering unity, spiritual growth, and emotional healing within the wider public.

3. 25 May: PRAISE Christian Concert

Through worship and music, the concert engaged the local community, creating an inclusive space for joyful praise and spiritual upliftment. Music served as a powerful medium to connect people emotionally and spiritually, fostering fellowship and offering a positive cultural experience accessible to all, including those unfamiliar with church life.

4. 11 June: Special Service - 'REVIVE 2024'

This revival service aimed to renew faith and inspire spiritual rejuvenation, encouraging participants to deepen their commitment to Christian living.

5. 23 November: Christian Worship Night

The Worship Night provided a space for collective worship and prayer, nurturing mental and emotional well-being through spiritual encouragement. It created a sense of belonging and offered solace to those facing personal challenges, benefiting both individuals and the wider community.

6. 22 December: Christmas Special Service, including a children's Christmas drama and songs

The Christmas service celebrated the birth of Jesus with a children's drama that engaged families and taught Christian teachings in an accessible way. This event enhanced community ties, upheld cultural traditions, and provided joy and hope, especially for families and young people, enriching public life.

7. Monthly outreach programs, typically on the third Saturday of the month, with Christian music and gospel messages performed on the Rainbow stage in Hemel Hempstead

Monthly outreach initiatives brought Christian music and messages of hope directly to the public in a welcoming, open-air setting. These programs reached diverse audiences, breaking down social barriers, fostering inclusivity, and providing encouragement through the message of Jesus' love and salvation, thus fostering a compassionate and connected community.

These efforts have fostered spiritual growth and community cohesion, extending the charity's message of hope and faith beyond the church walls.

Financial Review

The charity's income for the period was less than £16,000. Due to the income level, no independent examination of accounts was required.

Structure, Governance and Management

Bethel Living Stone Church is governed under its constitution (adopted December 2023) as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The trustees who served during the period were:

- Arun Joseph, Pastor
- Geevarghese Babu Mathai, Church Secretary
- Anushya Jacob, Treasurer
- Nikhil Antony Joseph, Elder (resigned 8th December 2024)

Trustees are appointed and operate in accordance with the constitution, overseeing the charity's affairs and ensuring compliance with charity law and governance best practices.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: Bethel Living Stone Church

Other name the charity uses: Not Applicable

Registered charity number: 1207589

Charity's principal address:

BETHEL LIVING STONE CHURCH, CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL HALL,
MARLOWES, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HP1 1LD

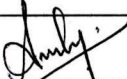
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Arun Joseph	Pastor		
2	Geevarghese Babu Mathai	Church Secretary		
3	Anushya Jacob	Treasurer		
4	Nikhil Antony Joseph	Elder	25 March – 8 December	

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ARUN JOSEPH	Anushya Jacob
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	PASTOR	Treasurer
Date	30/10/2025	

Bethel Living Stone Church - Receipts and Payments Account

For the period 25 March 2024 to 31 December 2024

Receipts	Amount (£)
Offerings	4453.86
Tithes	10997.50
Total Receipts	15,451.36
Payments	Amount (£)
Rent	3,082.00
Other Expenses	1,880.06
Total Payments	4,962.06
Balances	Amount (£)
Opening balance at 25 March 2024	0.00
Closing balance at 31 December 2024	10,489.30

Notes:

- The bank account was opened in April 2024, so the opening balance was zero.
- Receipts comprise offerings, tithes, and other direct incomes.
- Payments include rent and other necessary expenses for the charity's operations.
- The closing balance represents the available cash funds at the end of the period.