

Bethel Christian Fellowship, West Bromwich.
Charity No. 1052751

Annual Report for the year to 31st December 2021

The Church Council present their report for the year ended 31st December 2021

Administrative Information.

The members of the **Church Council** during the year were;

Daniel Cherian:	Senior Minister & Council Member.
Peter Kay:	Church Elder, Administrator & Holding Trustee
Haydn Sharman	Church Elder, Treasurer & Holding Trustee
Dennis Simpson	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Malcolm Hannah	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Wayne Harris	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Susan Wright	Council Member & Holding Trustee

Church Council members are appointed by Pastor Daniel Cherian, Peter Kay and Haydn Sharman (Spiritual Leadership of the Church) Holding Trustees are appointed by the Church Council.

The Charity was established by Trust Deed dated 29th September 1995 by the Bethel Christian Fellowship Church Council, and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 1052751.

The charity's address is, Gads Lane, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 8QL.

Objectives

Bethel Christian Fellowship Mission Statement.

To reach all age and people groups in our community with the gospel and to see those who are saved baptised in water and with the Holy Spirit. To subsequently promote discipleship and commitment to the Lord by encouraging and developing the outworking of each individual's gifting so that finally, we present each one mature in Christ.

Bethel Christian Fellowship is established to provide Pentecostal fellowship for those of like faith, to proclaim and further the Gospel of God concerning his Son Jesus Christ, to consolidate converts in their faith, to maintain a place of worship for the meeting of believers, the solemnisation of marriages, funerals, the dedication of infants together with providing caring ministries and social assistance.

The charity is affiliated to The Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Northern Ireland and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. The Church is also a Network Church of The All Nations Movement, Wolverhampton

Staff.

The charity is currently staffed by three part time employees, a large team of church member volunteers who undertake everything from church cleaning to conducting church services. The charity is heavily dependant on this voluntary help continuing in order to achieve its objectives in the future.

The Church Council employed a Children & Family worker on a part-time basis but unfortunately due to ill health this contract ended in December. The Church council are to seek a replacement.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care continues to be carried out mainly via phone calls to the membership on a regular basis by the members of the Leadership Team. When Covid restrictions allowed "door step" visits were carried out ensuring the most vulnerable received a visit. As we returned to regular Church Services the monitoring of the congregation and their perceived needs became much easier, and home visitation was once more resumed.

Activities and Performance.

From January to March onwards following the Government Covid guidelines the church closed and its activities ceased. We continued to have online services and distributed CD's to those members unable to join us online. Through our online presence we were able to have Sunday School and also ran an Alpha course on Zoom.

In July as Covid restrictions were lifted completely we returned initially to a reduced programme in the Church building.

As the year progressed, we were able to hold a number events for the membership, these included afternoon tea for the ladies, a Church Picnic and a Christmas party.

We began a Toddler and Parent/Carer group which has attracted a number of people from the local community and proves to be popular. We also started "A Place of Welcome" group and "Messy Church" for pre Senior School Children.

We continued to contribute to the local Food Bank, Care homes and a Women's refuge. At Christmas we delivered parcels to two local residential care homes and Mince pies to every house in the two streets around the Church.

The Church Hall when allowed was used on weekday afternoons by a neighbourhood after school club "Woodys" and again the leadership see this as a great way to connect with the community.

Although closed for part of the year we believe the church was still actively involved in mission and outreach work and the Church Council believe these activities meet the Commissions guidance on public benefit.

Membership.

Church Membership we believe has remained stable in line with the National trend. With an ageing congregation, we continue to look for numerical growth, especially amongst younger people, to sustain the church going into the future, both financially and spiritually.

Mission.

We continue to support the various projects for orphaned children in both Zambia and India. We continue to support other individuals in foreign mission's work.

The Church Building.

The main building, foyer and toilets were redecorated to a high standard. New Carpet was laid in the main church hall. A disabled toilet has been installed. The main church roof has been replaced. The Church Council ensure that building is kept in excellent state of general repair.

The Church House. The tenants and rent remain the same.

Finances.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 21st November and covered the previous year, postponed because of Covid restrictions.

Treasurers Report.

Tithes and Offerings bounced back from the Covid closure period to £57401 – an increase of 28%. More pertinently, this is 4% up on the pre-Covid figure of 2019. This has been helped a slightly wider uptake of direct to bank payments. Sundry income increased by 140% to £8484 and includes £2920 donated towards the roof repair fund, £2800 donated by Woody's After-School Club who use our facilities, and a donation of £1000 via the Charities Aid Foundation.

Missionary donations increased by 21% to £3594.

The largest outgoings were the salaries for our employees totalling £31021.

Extraordinary expenditure of note includes: Roof repairs (£22800), Carpet (3900), Stage Extension (3120), church house repairs (£850), and sound equipment (£700). Light and heat costs returned to their pre-Covid levels.

A net loss of £4053 was made overall, but this includes accounting adjustments for depreciation of £7641.

The church savings account ended the year with a balance of £37500.

In light of the church closure period during Covid, and especially in view of our ability to pay a substantial repair bill for the roof, the church has come through soundly thanks to the generosity of those who attend and give faithfully.

We are presently reviewing our strategy for encouraging giving which will include further encouragement to donate direct to bank and the use of Gift Aid, a new receptacle in the foyer for receipt of cheques and cash, and a further investigation into the possibility of taking card payments.

Peter Kay
Church Administrator.
5th August 2022.

**BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Accountants

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Brierley Hill
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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE PROPRIETOR
ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

As described on page 2, you have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 set out on pages 2 to 4 and have acknowledged your responsibility for them and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Bache Brown & Co Limited

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Chartered Accountants

Swinford House
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DY5 3EE

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Turnover				
Tithes and offerings		57,401		44,764
Sundry income		8,484		3,523
Missionary donations		3,376		2,857
		<u>69,261</u>		<u>51,144</u>
Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries	31,021		23,008	
Rates and insurance	2,601		2,256	
Youth and childrens work	773		466	
Outreach work	1,741		469	
Light and heat	3,594		2,514	
Missionary expenses	9,245		5,301	
Repairs and maintenance	14,218		9,415	
Printing, postage and stationery	1,706		2,304	
Telephone	391		399	
Travelling expenses	77		90	
Hospitality	-		99	
Legal and prof fees	391		40	
Accountancy	834		834	
Canteen	198		68	
Sundry expenses	1,130		1,407	
Charitable donations and ministry gifts	4,773		4,304	
Depreciation on freehold property	5,564		4,994	
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	2,077		2,407	
		<u>(80,334)</u>		<u>(60,375)</u>
		<u>(11,073)</u>		<u>(9,231)</u>
Other operating income				
Rent receivable		7,020		5,940
		<u>(4,053)</u>		<u>(3,291)</u>
Operating loss				
Other income				
Bank interest received		2		43
		<u>(4,051)</u>		<u>(3,248)</u>
Net loss for the year		<u><u>(4,051)</u></u>		<u><u>(3,248)</u></u>

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	1		262,348		247,189
Current assets					
Prepayments		308		2,229	
Cash at bank and in hand		40,547		57,604	
		<u>40,855</u>		<u>59,833</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		1,693		1,461	
Net current assets			<u>39,162</u>		<u>58,372</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>301,510</u>		<u>305,561</u>
Capital account					
At 1 January 2021			305,561		308,809
Loss for the year			(4,051)		(3,248)
			<u>301,510</u>		<u>305,561</u>

I approve the accounts set out on pages 2 to 4. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts and for providing Bache Brown & Co Limited with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

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Date :

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021****1 Tangible fixed assets**

	Land and buildings Freehold	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2021	243,329	99,455	342,784
Additions	22,800	-	22,800
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At 31 December 2021	266,129	99,455	365,584
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Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	128,235	85,611	213,846
Charge for the year	5,564	2,077	7,641
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At 31 December 2021	133,799	87,688	221,487
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Net book value			
At 31 December 2021	132,330	11,767	144,097
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At 31 December 2020	115,094	13,844	128,938
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			Investment properties
			£
Cost			
At 1 January 2021 & at 31 December 2021			118,251
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(if any):

Address:

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CASTLECROFT
WOLVERHAMPTON WV3 8LW.

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.

[Empty box for disclosure details]



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, WEST BROMWICH

On accounts for the year ended

311221

Charity no (if any)

1052751

Set out on pages

1-4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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:

P. Perry

Date:

28/7/2022

Name:

PATRICIA PERRY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body