

Bethel Christian Fellowship, West Bromwich.
Charity No. 1052751

Annual Report for the year to 31st December 2022.

The Church Council present their report for the year ended 31st December 2022

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 four 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 new Children & Family worker on a part-time basis.

Pastoral Care.

Pastoral Care continues to be carried out mainly via phone calls to the membership on a regular basis by the Community Pastor and his wife. Post Covid home visit have recommenced to ensure the most vulnerable members of the congregation received a visit.

Residents from the community who request a Pastoral visit are able to receive one. Those congregants who request communion are also visited and those who are housebound are visited on request. The website and mobile apps enable congregants to keep them in touch with church life. The Pastor along with the two Church Elders are able to carry out visits as and when necessary.

Activities and Performance.

The Leadership are fully committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at the church and become part of our church community at Bethel Christian Fellowship. The services and worship enable people to put faith into practice through prayer, bible ministry, music, and fellowship.

The weekly Church Services are conducted by the Spiritual Leadership of the Church assisted by members of the Church Council, members of the congregation and occasionally the Leadership seek the help of ministers from Churches within the locality to minister. This means that the congregation received a full and varied range of preaching styles and topics.

The church's activities are concentrated on the area immediately surrounding the church with the building being used throughout the week for a range of activities that the Leadership trust the community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

The activities include Communion and Gospel Outreach Services, Bible Study, Prayer Times and Children's Activities for 5-11-year olds. A ten-week Alpha Course was held for people to discover more about the Christian faith, followed by a "New Christian Basic Christianity" course. The Church also organised an outing to Llandudno that was very well attended by various members of the membership and non-members from the community.

The Toddler and Parent/Carer group and "A Place of Welcome " group are both proving to be very popular. The monthly services at our local care home continues. The church is actively involved in mission and outreach work.

We contribute to the local food bank as well as helping casual visitors to the church who seek help and assistance in emergency circumstances.

The Church hall is 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.

The church held a ladies afternoon tea, and this was very successful. During the year the church held a number of "Messy Church" events offering food and fun activities to the parents and children from the locality. The Church took part in the Rotary Club's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for Eastern Europe.

The various departments of the church continue to attract a limited interest from the local housing estates that surround the church, although special events always attract extra people. The Harvest Festival was well attended, and a collection of food was given to the local Food Bank. The Christmas programme was full and varied; the main Carol Service was very well attended by both church members and the local community. A community "Breakfast with Santa" for pre-senior school children was a huge success. The Church was used for baby blessing services and several funeral services.

The Leadership seek to be actively involved in mission and outreach work and the Church Council believe these activities meet the Commissions guidance on public benefit.

Membership.

Church numbers 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 members contribute regularly to the West Bromwich Food Bank, an organisation that feeds the underprivileged in West Bromwich.

The Church Building.

After major refurbishment and improvements during lockdown no major work was undertaken, although a disabled toilet was installed. The Church Council ensure that building is kept in excellent state of general repair.

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

No serious incidents were recorded.

Finances.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 1st November.

No income was received from either professional or commercial fundraisers.

No income was received from Government contracts.

The Church Council monitor its Financial Controls.

Treasurers Report.

Haydn Sharman stood down as Treasurer and switched to the role of Co-Treasurer.

He is continuing to oversee the training of Anne Belcher who adopted the role of Co-Treasurer.

The main source of church income comes from church member voluntary donations and represents the funding needed for the church to carry out its day-to-day activities.

Tithes and Offerings decreased by 6.5%.

Sundry income increased by 52%, this is largely due to Gift Aid receipts as these were not included in 2021.

We received £4,650.00 from Woody's After School Club who use our facilities.

Missionary donations increased slightly by 6% £3604.00.

Salaries increased by 6.5% for our employees totalling £33,056.00.

Lighting and heating increased by 48% from last year which accords with the present economic climate of increasing costs in this area.

Most outgoings again remained consistent with previous years.

Expenditure of note includes:

Boiler repair £1172.00. £590.00 installation of new light and pull alarm for the disabled toilet. Materials for the new disabled toilet and materials for the overhead and all sound equipment and two first aid boxes £1764.00, £5304.00 for the outside contractor works to complete the work on the disabled toilet. Handrail £795.00.

A net loss of £10,506.00 was made overall, but this is largely attributable to accounting adjustments for depreciation of the building £9306.00.

The Church saving account ended the year with a balance of £37,500.00.

The church has no liabilities.

Peter Kay

Church Administrator.

7th October 2023.

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Accountants

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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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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 3, you have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 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

9 October 2023

Chartered Accountants

Swinford House
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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022		2021
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Tithes and offerings		53,601		57,401
Sundry income		12,879		8,484
Missionary donations		3,604		3,376
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		70,084		69,261
Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries	33,056		31,021	
Rates and insurance	2,266		2,601	
Youth and childrens work	198		773	
Outreach work	4,270		1,741	
Light and heat	5,330		3,594	
Missionary expenses	8,949		9,245	
Repairs and maintenance	15,008		14,218	
Printing, postage and stationery	2,162		1,706	
Telephone	413		391	
Travelling expenses	-		77	
Legal and prof fees	255		391	
Accountancy	876		834	
Bank charges	196		-	
Canteen	274		198	
Sundry expenses	1,155		1,130	
Charitable donations and ministry gifts	2,115		4,773	
Depreciation on freehold property	9,306		5,564	
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	1,764		2,077	
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		(87,593)		(80,334)
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		(17,509)		(11,073)
Other operating income				
Rent receivable		6,930		7,020
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Operating loss		(10,579)		(4,053)
Other income				
Bank interest received		73		2
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Net loss for the year		(10,506)		(4,051)
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BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	1		251,279		262,348
Current assets					
Prepayments		400		308	
Cash at bank and in hand		41,512		40,547	
		<u>41,912</u>		<u>40,855</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		2,187		1,693	
		<u>2,187</u>		<u>1,693</u>	
Net current assets			39,725		39,162
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>291,004</u>		<u>301,510</u>
Capital account					
At 1 January 2022			301,510		305,561
Loss for the year			(10,506)		(4,051)
			<u>291,004</u>		<u>301,510</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.

Mr H Sharman

Date : 9 October 2023

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings Freehold £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2022 & at 31 December 2022	266,129	99,455	365,584
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	133,798	87,688	221,486
Charge for the year	9,306	1,764	11,070
At 31 December 2022	143,104	89,452	232,556
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	123,025	10,003	133,028
At 31 December 2021	132,330	11,767	144,097

	Investment properties £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022 & at 31 December 2022	118,251



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WEST BRAMWICH

On accounts for the year ended

311222

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:

Perry

Date:

10/9/2023

Name:

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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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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.

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