

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Accountants

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Swinford House
Albion Street
Brierley Hill
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DY5 3EE

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Gads Lane
West Bromwich
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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 2023 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

6 August 2024

Chartered Accountants

Swinford House
Albion Street
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DY5 3EE

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DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Tithes and offerings		57,713		53,601
Sundry income		15,566		12,879
Missionary donations		4,921		3,604
Legacy donation		88,221		-
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		166,421		70,084
Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries	36,490		33,056	
Rates and insurance	2,732		2,266	
Youth and childrens work	511		198	
Outreach work	3,561		4,270	
Light and heat	10,472		5,330	
Missionary expenses	14,517		8,949	
Repairs and maintenance	36,683		15,008	
Printing, postage and stationery	1,367		2,162	
Telephone	763		413	
Legal and prof fees	213		255	
Accountancy	936		876	
Bank charges	252		196	
Canteen	648		274	
Sundry expenses	1,308		1,155	
Charitable donations and ministry gifts	2,341		2,115	
Depreciation on freehold property	9,306		9,306	
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	1,529		1,764	
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		(123,629)		(87,593)
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		42,792		(17,509)
Other operating income				
Rent receivable		7,180		6,930
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Operating profit/(loss)		49,972		(10,579)
Other income				
Bank interest received		1,560		73
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Net profit/(loss) for the year		51,532		(10,506)
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	1		240,818		251,279
Current assets					
Prepayments		208		400	
Cash at bank and in hand		103,706		41,512	
		<u>103,914</u>		<u>41,912</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals		<u>2,196</u>		<u>2,187</u>	
Net current assets			<u>101,718</u>		<u>39,725</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>342,536</u>		<u>291,004</u>
Capital account					
At 1 January 2023			291,004		301,510
Profit/(Loss) for the year			<u>51,532</u>		<u>(10,506)</u>
			<u>342,536</u>		<u>291,004</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 : 6 August 2024

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings Freehold	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	266,129	99,455	365,584
Additions	-	375	375
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At 31 December 2023	266,129	99,830	365,959
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Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	143,105	89,452	232,557
Charge for the year	9,306	1,529	10,835
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At 31 December 2023	152,411	90,981	243,392
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Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	113,718	8,849	122,567
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At 31 December 2022	123,025	10,003	133,028
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			Investment properties
			£
Cost			
At 1 January 2023 & at 31 December 2023			118,251
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Bethel Christian Fellowship, West Bromwich.
Charity No. 1052751

Annual Report for the year to 31st December 2023.

The Church Council present their report for the year ended 31st December 2023

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
Wayne Harris	Council Member & Holding Trustee

Both Malcolm Hannah and Susan Wright resigned their positions as Council Member's & Holding Trustee's.

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

For all people to Glorify God, through knowing Christ, becoming like Christ and making Christ known

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.

Due to ill health the Children & Family worker left her part-time position.

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. We continue to ensure the most vulnerable members of the congregation received a visit.

Residents from the community who request a Pastoral visit are able to access this service. 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 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 their 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.

These 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 "Bible Study" course to help attendees to discover more about the bible and its origins. The Church also organised an outing to Southport 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 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 Bright & Light event (alternative Halloween) was well attended. 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. Support is also raised for foreign aid.

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

The Church Building.

The Church Council ensure that building is kept in excellent state of general repair. A major electrical upgrade was completed.

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

No serious incidents were recorded.

Finances.

To comply with current employment law, the employees were enrolled into a Pension Scheme.

The church introduced Paypal as an avenue for electronic donations.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 28th 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.

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 increased by a healthy 7.7%.

Sundry income increased by 21% which includes £5,750 of donations from Woody's After School Club who use our facilities, Gift Aid receipts of £6537, and funeral fees of £700.

The church house provided us with a rental income of £7180.00.

Salaries increased by 10% for our employees totalling £36,490.00.

Most outgoings again remained consistent with previous years.

Expenditure of note includes:

Outreach costs £3561 included The Kings Coronation celebrations £835, the Breakfast with Santa event £314, and the coach trip to Llandudno £650.

Lighting and heating increased by a huge 96% from last year which accords with the present economic climate of increasing costs in this area. We are in the process of fixing the price of our energy accounts to hedge against future increases in the short term.

A net profit of £51532 was made overall, but this is largely attributable to a legacy payment (£88,000.00). Without the benefit of this, a net loss of £36689 would have resulted. Much of this would have been attributed to the extensive repairs, the increased energy costs, and additional expenditure on donations to missions etc.

Missionary Income has seen a welcome increase of 36%. This includes money that was gifted for needs arising from the war in Ukraine and the earthquake disaster appeal made by AOG.

Repairs and maintenance include £17269 for major Electrical works.

The Church savings account ended the year with a balance of £100,000.00

The church has no liabilities.

Peter Kay
Church Administrator.
1st October 2024.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

On accounts for the year ended

311223

Charity no (if any)

1052751

Set out on pages

1-4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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:

11/9/2024

Name:

PATRICIA PERRY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(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.