

**Bethel Christian Fellowship, West Bromwich.  
Charity No. 1052751**

**Annual Report for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

The Church Council present their report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**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

Malcolm Hannah resigned his position as a Council Member & Holding Trustee in January 2024.

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 five part time employees. Laura Smith and Andrew Jones began their employment in April 2024. A large team of church member volunteers 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.

**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 3-11-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 tri-annual 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 Slovak Church also use our building on a Saturday afternoon for their weekly service.

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 also 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. We also contribute to foreign aid appeals.

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.

Electrical lighting upgrades were carried out in the main hall (stage area).

The kitchen was refurbished to meet current hygiene requirements.

The Church House. The tenants vacated the property in October – repairs and redecoration were carried out. New tenants are due to over the lease in January 2025

### **No serious incidents were recorded.**

### **Finances.**

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

The church continues to promote Paypal as an avenue for electronic donations.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 5th November 2024.

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.**

Tithes and Offerings decreased by 2.09% we still give God the glory for the faithful giving but, recognise that if the giving keeps decreasing, we will have to look at ways to cut our overall spending. The new methods of payment continue to be in place. The main giving streams continue to be online, bank standing order, and the donation box in the main hall. We have continued to promote giving via Paypal and there is also a donation page via Paypal with the link available on our website.

Sundry income increased once more by 9.9% which includes £5750.00 of donations from Woody's After School Club who use our facilities, Gift Aid receipts of £6281.08 and a wedding donation of £400. The Slovak church donated £3125.16.

The church house provided a rental income of £6,400 this is slightly lower than expected due to our tenant moving out in October.

Salaries increased by 8.71% for our employees totalling £36,670.18, this is mainly due to the rise in minimum wage regulations for employees and taking inflation into account. We continue to have 5 part-time members of staff on our books.

Outreach costs totalled £2093.54 and included Gifts £281.99 (these include special birthdays, anniversaries and get-well items). Breakfast with Santa parents and children were charged for entry and this successful event financed itself. Other significant expenditure was the trip to Southport again financing itself and was a very successful family outreach event. Other events included the ladies Afternoon Tea, again this was a great outreach for family and friends.

Lighting and heating increased by a smaller margin of 7% from last year which accords with the present economic climate of increasing costs in this area. The Electricity is in the process of being fixed for 3 years. This should help keep any increases in the future to a small percentage. We are aware of the increases and the effect this has on our funds we will continue to monitor.

A net loss of £16,631.00 was made overall, but this is largely attributable to the legacy payment received in 2023's figures (see elsewhere). Without the benefit of this, a net loss of £36,689 would have resulted in 2023. Much of this is due to increased cost of the minimum wage, pensions and the continued high cost of energy which the energy alone increased by 7.7% over the 12-month period. Rates and insurances rose by 15% over the 12-month month period. Youth and Children's work expenditure rose by 57%, these increases will be closely monitoring during 2025 and 2026.

During 2024 a number of smaller maintenance jobs were carried out. total of £12592.15 was spent on repairs and Maintenance to the church and the church house. a full breakdown is available if required. This is the lowest figure in the past 4 years. We continued to pay All Nations £1,200 for the year for their support with Pastor Dan and Anna. The church also purchased a new guitar and speaker which totalled £613.95.

Missionary Income has seen a sharp decrease down by 66% on last year.

The Church savings account ended the year with a balance of £90,500.

The church has no liabilities.

Anne Belcher  
Church Treasurer  
28<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

# BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## BUSINESS INFORMATION

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**Accountants**

Bache Brown & Co Limited  
Swinford House  
Albion Street  
Brierley Hill  
West Midlands  
DY5 3EE

**Business address**

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West Bromwich  
West Midlands  
B70 8QL

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# **BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

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

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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**

30 September 2025

**Chartered Accountants**

Swinford House  
Albion Street  
Brierley Hill  
West Midlands  
DY5 3EE

# BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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		2024		2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>				
Tithes and offerings		56,530		57,713
Sundry income		17,292		15,566
Missionary donations		1,630		4,921
Legacy donation		-		88,221
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		75,452		166,421
<b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Wages and salaries	39,670		36,490	
Rates and insurance	3,216		2,732	
Youth and childrens work	1,197		511	
Outreach work	2,064		3,561	
Light and heat	11,266		10,472	
Missionary expenses	10,856		14,517	
Repairs and maintenance	13,206		36,683	
Printing, postage and stationery	387		1,367	
Telephone	798		763	
Legal and prof fees	22		213	
Accountancy	972		936	
Bank charges	376		252	
Canteen	823		648	
Sundry expenses	1,763		1,308	
Charitable donations and ministry gifts	2,700		2,341	
Depreciation on freehold property	9,306		9,306	
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	1,652		1,529	
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		(100,274)		(123,629)
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		(24,822)		42,792
<b>Other operating income</b>				
Rent receivable		6,400		7,180
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<b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>		(18,422)		49,972
<b>Other income</b>				
Bank interest received		1,791		1,560
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<b>Net (loss)/profit for the year</b>		(16,631)		51,532
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# BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

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	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	1		232,517		240,818
<b>Current assets</b>					
Prepayments		91		208	
Cash at bank and in hand		95,513		103,706	
		<u>95,604</u>		<u>103,914</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Accruals		<u>2,216</u>		<u>2,196</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>93,388</u>		<u>101,718</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>325,905</u>		<u>342,536</u>
<b>Capital account</b>					
At 1 January 2024			342,536		291,004
(Loss)/Profit for the year			<u>(16,631)</u>		<u>51,532</u>
			<u>325,905</u>		<u>342,536</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 : 30 September 2025

# BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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### 1 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings Freehold	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2024	266,129	99,830	365,959
Additions	-	2,657	2,657
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At 31 December 2024	266,129	102,487	368,616
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<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2024	152,411	90,981	243,392
Charge for the year	9,306	1,652	10,958
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At 31 December 2024	161,717	92,633	254,350
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<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2024	104,412	9,854	114,266
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At 31 December 2023	113,718	8,849	122,567
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			<b>Investment properties</b>
			£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2024 & at 31 December 2024			118,251
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (WEST BROMWICH)

On accounts for the year ended

31/2/24

Charity no (if any)

1052751

Set out on pages

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:

[Signature]

Date:

30/08/25

Name:

Karen Monaghan

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

FCCA

(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.