



**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of
Eritrean Beth-El Church in London
Year Ended 31st of December 2024**

Charity Number: 1083084

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Trustees present their report with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)' Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Eritrean Beth-el Church in London (EBC) is a Church and a Charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The management of the church is the responsibility of the Trustees who are appointed on a permanent basis. The Trustees meet on quarterly basis. The day-to-day management including the implementation of strategies approved by the Trustees is delegated to the Board of Elders, whose members are elected by the members of the church on Five years interval. There are 4 part-time pastors, and 1 part-time office admin employed by the church.

TRUSTEES' INDUCTION AND TRAINING

New Trustees are trained by a delegate of the chair using the charity commission guidance paper. Existing Trustees attend training from time to time to keep up to date with the latest requirements and best practice. In addition, informal learning continues to take place on an on-going basis.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have the duty to identify and review the risk to which the church is exposed to and ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide a reasonable assurance against the identified risks. The Trustees have assessed all the major risks that may affect the operation of the church in the foreseeable future and are satisfied that there are systems in place to manage the exposure to them.

FREEHOLD PROPERTY

The Trustees act as custodian (registered owners) of Eritrean Beth-el Church in London main freehold property which is used as its place of worship (Unit 1 and 2 OSKA Building, Empress

Works, Boreham Road, Turnpike Lane, London N22 6SL) and (Sterling Road, Wood Green, N22 5BT) which is currently rented to another church as a place of worship.

OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

1. To advance religion among the Eritrean Community in United Kingdom by proclaiming the gospel of Lord Jesus Christ in their mother tongue.
2. To advance the education of the Eritrean Community in the United Kingdom in all matters relating to their indigenous and British culture and way of life.
3. To provide advice, information and practical assistance to those members of the Eritrean Community who are in need of such service.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

During 2024 The church operated its work and all services from its main church at Boreham Road in Turnpike Lane, Wood Green N22 (Sunday services and mid-week services), this building is also used as the base for small group prayer, bible study, support, advise, counselling and other small to medium size meetings. The Board of Elders consists of 11 people with four of the leaders being paid a part time salary, three of them working for 16 hours and one 21 hours a week.

The Board of Elders works closely with the church Trustees, the church Deacons and the wider church membership.

EBC is a member of Alliance of Eritrean Churches in the United Kingdom and continues to work in partnership with all churches and carry out its outreach work within the United Kingdom.

PRAYER GROUP

The prayer teams are the backbone of the church and are very dedicated to prayer and they partner with the Holy Spirit to release the love and power of God to those in need. There are regular prayer sessions via Zoom and in person.

The Prayer session via Zoom is, Monday to Friday, every morning from 5am to 7am and evening from 8p to 10pm. Also, prayer at individuals request during the Zoom prayer sessions or pre-booked one to one prayer via Zoom. The prayer sessions in person are held at the church premises, Boreham Road, N22 6SL.

Every Monday from 7pm to 9pm, in the pastor's office Also a monthly prayer and fasting on the second Saturday of each month from 11:30am to 4:00pm followed by fellowship and refreshment

time together until 6pm. Moreover, in year 2024, two 21 days prayer and fasting were organized and held in the month of March, which carried on to April and the second one in October. Many more prayers at individuals request during the Sunday services or at their home address or in hospitals.

The prayer team are always passionately praying for the Youth and children and families in our church, for the gospel to be preached and for the salvations of new souls, for our people in Eritrea and for the healing of the land, for the people who are in prisons, for the sick and weak souls and many more.

Due to the current conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea, the prayer team also pray passionately and intercede for peace in Eritrea and Ethiopian and all other nations in similar situation. The prayer team regular hold meetings to evaluate the progress and the prayer demand and had virtual fellowships via Zoom and in person at a restaurant. The goal of this team is to help equip and keep the church members praying faithfully and effectively on an ongoing basis.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study sessions are one of the best places for people to grow spiritual and develop their knowledge in the word of God [Bible]. Therefore, the Bible Study leaders always encourage everyone to participate in the discussion, ask questions, lead in prayer and share the word of God from the provided Bible Study material. However sometimes members might shy away from volunteering, due to their levels of knowledge in the word of God and the lack of participation forces the Bible Study teachers to teach by themselves, while helping and encourage the Bible Study members to grow in confidence and be able to participate in the discussion, to lead in prayer and share the word of God. Bible Study is the best way to shepherd and to fellowship.

The Bible Studies are held at individual's homes. Currently there are ten active Bible Study groups in all areas of London, UK, with 21 leaders & teachers. This year's, Bible Study material is THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, this material help guide the Bible Study teachers and keep the church members spiritually harmonised. The material has been sectioned in parts and the first part that was studied is THE GOSPEL OF JOHN PART ONE (CHAPTERS 1 - 12), followed by part two of the book.

As a church procedure once the material was prepared and drafted as a book, the Bible Study leaders & teachers met to read and discussed the material in detail. Then it was presented to the church Elders, Deacons and the Bible Study leaders for censor, before it was sent for print. Once approved it was printed and distributed to the church members.

In each of the Bible Study the number of attendees vary and approximately six to twelve members attend in a session. Members are always being encouraged to join the Bible Study groups and new people have joined at the beginning of this year.

Out of the ten Bible Study groups, seven are conducted virtually via Zoom so member can attend from the comfort of their home and the remaining three are in person, members of the group gather at individual's home.

The church leaders and the Bible Study leaders always encourage members to organised special occasions, to fellowship together. Most of the Bible Study groups go out every Christmas for dinner and fellowship, either in December or in January of the New Year, depending on their arrangement. Also, members are always encouraged to support each other during Weddings, visiting during childbirth or celebrating birthday, bereavements and many more. The goal of this team is to help equip and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS

Bethel Church has had a Department for Missions since 2002. The church leadership believed that Bethel should be at the forefront of God's work of salvation through missions. To this end, various practical measures were taken to facilitate its vision. The Department has been sending short-term missionaries to the Horn of Africa for two decades. These include countries such as Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda and Djibouti.

The short-term mission teams have been engaged in evangelistic campaigns involving several local churches in Khartoum as well as in Ethiopia during 2003. During the evangelistic campaign, the appropriate trainings were given to members of the churches to do personal evangelistic work prior to the main campaign week. Others were provided with appropriate trainings so that they might help the newly converted people. Evangelistic literature has been prepared and distributed in the targeted area.

Bethel Church believes that it has a divine mandate to address not only people's spiritual needs, but also its material needs. Therefore, the church has had a feeding program to the desperate people, especially those in Sudan. This particular scheme has helped hundreds of people with food, clothing and other essential materials. The recipients of the love gift provided by the church were grateful, and many of them saw God's love in action and responded to the evangelistic message positively.

The evangelistic outreaches in the Horn of Africa, and especially in Sudan were aimed at two national groups; these were mainly Ethiopians, Eritreans refugees residing in Khartoum. The churches in Khartoum were convinced that unity is of utmost importance, especially if evangelism and mission work is to be carried out successfully. And by God's sheer grace and mercy the work of mission has had a greater impact in the capital Khartoum. Many people, who previously were indifferent to the Gospel message, responded positively once they saw God's healing power and the ministry of exorcism. It is estimated that during the ten years period from

2004 to 2014 an estimated 2000 people have come forward to receive Jesus as their saviour, and a great majority of them were baptized in water.

Bethel church's mission among the Eritrean refugees in Northern Ethiopia had made a significant impact. Unlike in Sudan however, here a different approach was used to carry out the missional mandate. The reason behind implementing a new approach was because of the delicate security situation around the camps. In addition, some of the Eritrean Orthodox church leaders in the camps opposed the evangelistic campaigns. Therefore, the mission's team from Bethel and the local evangelical churches devised a new approach. Instead of holding mass evangelistic meetings, they used small group evangelistic programs. Moreover, the charity work to help the needy refugees had a prominent role in opening a relationship with the locals. This new approach opened a greater door of opportunity for the Gospel work.

In addition, the Mission Team gave counselling to the bereaved and traumatized. As a result, many testified that these therapeutic provisions have helped them.

In the year 2024 no evangelistic related activities were carried out. This was since the security situation in Sudan and Ethiopia was not conducive to carry out such activities. As the security situation in the Horn of Africa improves, we will resume the evangelistic and relief activities in the region.

BETHEL BIBLE COLLEGE

Bethel Bible College (BBC) sessions have the aim of supporting students within the Eritrean community in their education. The sessions are conducted both face to face and distance learning modes. For distance learning mode synchronous learning with live video streaming via Zoom, are streamed to students across the World. Streamed video lessons are also loaded into Moodle Learning Management System for LMS for asynchronous learning, making the delivery of the content more flexible for students that cannot attend face-to-face sessions or the live video streaming, for many different reasons including time restrictions. The lessons sessions are mainly conducted via Zoom with live video streaming, also delivered Face-to-Face to students, in branches including Addis Ababa Ethiopia, Juba & Kassala in Sudan, Jeddah & Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, Edmonton in Canada, Australia and Boston & Nashville in USA. During this period ten bible theology courses to each class including Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Bachelor's Degree. Additionally Language Elective courses are also given, including Intermediary Tigrinya, Introductory Hebrew and Introductory Greek.

The programme started with 27 students for the first time as pilot Face-to-Face project in London, United Kingdom, from January 2017 till December 2017. In 2018 the number of students increased to 58 who completed the courses successfully with 33 Face-to-Face from local churches in London as well as 28 online distance learning from all over the world. After completing their

studies successfully, graduated at certificate level. In year 2019, the college extend the courses to diploma level and enrolled more students from all over the world including Europe, Canada, America, Australia, Africa and Israel, energised by the good previous student's engagements and the successful delivery of the online streaming of the lessons. Every year most of the certificate students continue their studies into the Diploma courses. In year 2021 the college also introduced a new course in Advanced Diploma level.

In year 2022 the college successfully delivered all lessons in three of the levels Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma, and celebrated graduation ceremony in all of the countries, including London United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark, Juba & Kassala Sudan, Jeddah Saudi Arabia and Edmonton Canada and Houston Texas USA.

In year 2023 BBC seeing the determination and dedication of the student year after year, the college introduced a new course in Bachelor's Degree level, which is a two-year course. Started as a Year 4 in year 2023 and the student will graduate in Bachelor's Degree in year 2024, once they complete the 2nd year class. Again, the college successfully delivered all lessons in three of the levels Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma and celebrated graduation ceremony in all the countries, including Europe in Denmark, Africa in Juba, Sudan and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Jeddah & Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Edmonton, Canada and Boston & Nashville, USA. This year no graduation ceremony was held in UK, as the students from UK was encouraged to travel to Europe and they graduated in Denmark.

In year 2024 BBC yet again another successfully delivery of all lessons in all four of the levels Certificate, Diploma Advanced Diploma and in Bachelor's Degree, and celebrated graduation ceremony in all the countries, including Europe in London UK & in Denmark, Africa in Juba, Sudan and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and Edmonton, Canada.

In 2024 the following number of students successfully completed their lessons and attended graduation ceremony.

- Certificate Level 125 Students
- Diploma Level 91 Students
- Advanced Diploma 59 Students
- Year 4 (1st Year of BA) 28 Students
- Bachelor's Degree 16 Students

In total 319 students successfully completed their lessons and attended graduation ceremony. 28 of the total students, who graduated in Year 4 level, 23 of them are students studied in Adiss Abeba Ethiopia and there are no BA classes in Ethiopia, due to short of resources. However once completed year 4 with BBC, they have an opportunity to continue their studies with a partner university in Ethiopia. The other 5 students have studied the Year 4 level in Edmonton Canada

and the graduation was only for acknowledgement as the students will continue their studies of the BA level in year 2025, as the BA class is a two-year program therefore the students will graduate in year 2025/26, once they complete the 2nd year class.

A long-term plan is to expand the programme to reach more members of the community, especially people in disadvantaged areas such as those who cannot access to a theology course in the places, they reside including refugees.

BETHEL MEDIA MINISTRY

This year has been a season of significant growth and achievement for our media team. Through dedication and teamwork, we have made great strides in enhancing our technical capabilities, expanding our outreach, and contributing to the church's vision. Below is a summary of our key accomplishments and ongoing projects:

1. Live Streaming & Sunday Worship

We successfully maintained our weekly Sunday morning live streams, ensuring members across the globe can join us in worship. Improved streaming quality and reliability to provide a seamless experience for online attendees.

2. Technical Team Progress

Upgraded and fixed sound system issues, delivering clearer audio for both in-person and online services. Invested in new equipment to elevate our sound system to an excellent standard.

3. Social Media & Digital Outreach

Effectively utilized social media platforms to promote weekly sermons and engage with our community. Created and shared short videos to inspire and reach a wider audience.

4. Equipment & Team Development

Purchased new PCs for the overhead song team, improving presentation quality. Conducted sound system training to enhance team skills and efficiency. Organized a team-building outing, fostering stronger collaboration and unity.

5. New Church Building Project

Played an active role in planning the future sound system and media infrastructure for the new building. Collaborated with architects and designers to ensure optimal audio-visual setup. Research had and evaluated sound system installation companies, balancing budget and quality. Successfully obtained council approval for the building project.

Conclusion

This year has been both productive and rewarding, with many milestones achieved and exciting developments on the horizon. We are grateful for the progress made and look forward to even greater impact in the coming year.

FAMILY MINISTRY

The Family ministry focuses on reviving & restorative message of the everlasting gospel within the context of family living. To affirm and strengthen every Christian family as a primary discipline unit. To enable parents & families to increase the likelihood of successful transference of Christian values to the next generation. To empower families for winsome witness and to create a "family of God" experience in Eritrean Bethel Church.

WORSHIP TEAM

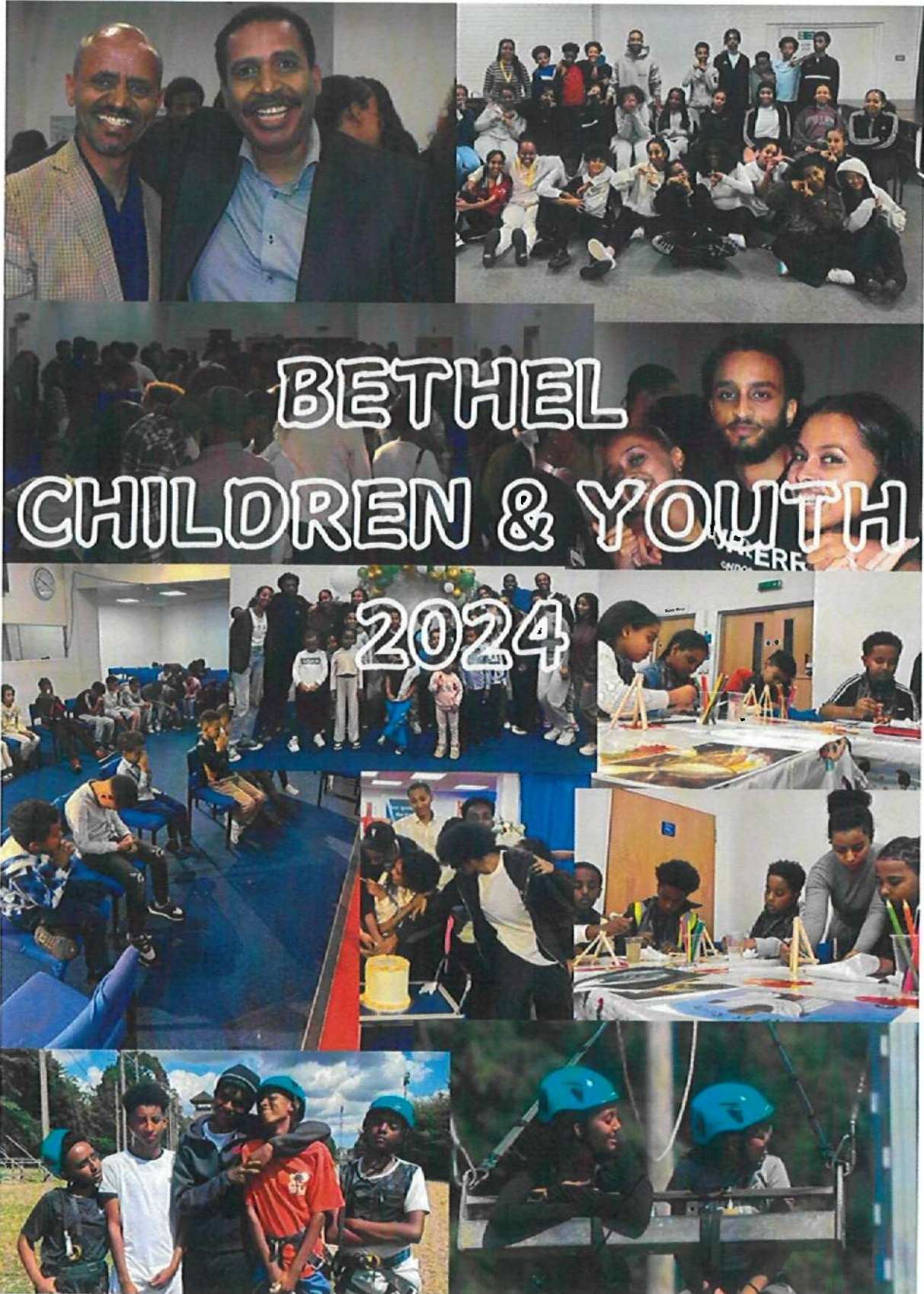
Summary of the activities undertaken by the Bethel Eritrean Church London Choir Department for the period January 2024 to December 2024.

Throughout this period, the choir remained committed to its spiritual and communal duties. Our weekly gatherings took place every Tuesday, during which we engaged in choir practice, prayer sessions, and Bible studies, followed by a shared dinner to foster fellowship among members. Additionally, the choir continued to serve regularly during Sunday church services, leading worship and enhancing the spiritual life of the congregation through music.

No new members were recruited during this time, as we focused on strengthening the unity of our existing choir. In the spring, the choir participated in an outing fellowship outside London. This event provided an opportunity for collective worship and deeper bonding among members through our shared faith in Christ Jesus.

The choir remains an integral part of our church's ministry, uplifting congregants through devotion and service. Thank you.

Children & Youth Ministry



1. Abbreviations

EBC - Eritrean Bethel Church

EBCM - Eritrean Bethel Children Ministry

EBYM - Eritrean Bethel Youth Ministry

2. Purpose

The EBC annual report serves the purpose of sharing with our congregation what God has done and is doing in our midst. We have seen God's faithful hand amongst the Children and Youth Ministry in 2024, and this report outlines what has occurred. This annual report also provides a synopsis of the activities of both Service Departments, including their structural organisation, key events, new programs and testimonies.

2.1. Organisational Structure

The EBC Children and Youth Ministry are two interconnected Service Departments of the Eritrean Bethel Church UK. As described in Article 11.1.3 of the constitution. Pastor Ghirmai Ghebru, appointed by the Board of Elders (see Article 11.2 of the constitution), serves as leader of the Children and Youth Ministry Department.

EBC Children & Youth Ministry comprises a leadership team detailed below:

2.2. Youth & Children Ministry Leadership:

- Pastor Ghirmai Ghebru
- Dawit Aregay
- Israel Haddish
- Teklit Gebrekirstos
- Shepherds (Young Leaders)

EBCM and EBYM Administration Department:

EBC Children & Youth Ministry has a designated Administration Department. Cooperating and liaising with EBC Adult's Admin Department, EBC Children & Youth Admin Team plays a crucial role in ensuring the smooth and efficient operation of church's activities. This department is responsible for ensuring that children and youth programs run seamlessly. This includes annual calendar scheduling, managing facilities, and ensuring compliance with legal and organisational requirements. By managing the logistical and operational aspects of the children and youth ministry, the administration department enables the leadership to focus on spiritual guidance and ministry, ensuring that this ministry can effectively fulfil its mission to serve the congregation and the broader community.

In August 2024, the Children & Youth Administration Department expanded and restructured to improve the delegation of responsibilities. It now includes a new dedicated sub-team, Class Admins, that supports the Children's Ministry by handling class-related tasks such as documentation, registration, and classroom facilities. Additionally, Shepherds have taken on broader oversight roles, which include setting the annual calendar, overseeing programs and events, ensuring legal compliance, and preparing reports. This division of responsibilities allows the department to operate more efficiently and effectively.

2.3. Youth Ministry: Sub Departments

- Teaching Department
- Admin Department
- Media Team
- Youth Choir

2.4. Children Ministry: Sub Departments

- Teaching Department
- Children Choir
- Class Admins

3. Eritrean Bethel Church Children Ministry (EBCM)

"Bethel Eritrean Church believes that children have a vital part to play within the body of Christ. They are not second-rate citizens in the kingdom of God. We believe God is raising a generation of excellence who will make a stand for him in our nation."

EBC Website: Mission Statement

Why a Children and Young Adults Ministry?

Bethel Eritrean Church aims to provide a holistic approach to nurturing our young people's spiritual, emotional, and social well-being within Biblical beliefs and values. As such, EBCM and EBYM run various classes, fellowship meetings, counselling sessions and annual retreats to help our young people grow in their faith, enrich their relationship with God, and develop a strong foundation for their spiritual journey.

3.1. EBCM Class Structure

We offer four distinct Sunday school classes, each carefully designed to suit the specific age groups of our children. These classes help them grow in wisdom and stature within their peer groups while being introduced to the Word of God. For the past 10 years, we have used the Light Compendium resources from Scripture Union, which provide weekly session materials that allow our children to explore the Bible, connect with Jesus, and grow in their faith. In 2024, we partnered with Scripture Union's Faith Guide Mission to enhance our ability to authentically disciple our children and youth. This partnership also supports the development of a comprehensive curriculum to ensure our Sunday school lessons are both engaging and dynamic.

- Bubbles: class for 3 - 5 years of age.
- Splash: class for years 2, 3 and 4.
- Xstream: class for years 5, 6 and 7.
- Grid: class for years 8, 9 and 10.

3.2. EBCM Activities & Regular Fellowships

EBCM holds regular day time activities for the children during half term. These activity days foster a sense of belonging and community among the children at our church, offering them a chance to learn about their faith in an interactive and age-appropriate manner. The activity days have varied, ranging from workshops hosted at church to day out activities- such as amusement parks and leisure centres. The main aim behind these half term activities is to provide occasions for the young children to come together, socialise and build friendships outside of regular Sunday service classes. Furthermore, family members are encouraged to attend and many volunteers to support its running. This has strengthened familial relationships as it is an occasion for families at church to spend quality time together, with their children, in a supportive and faith-based environment.

Half Term Activities:

EBCM organises three half term activity dates for Splash, Xstream and Grid classes. For calendar year (January – December), see details below:

- *Spring Term: Half term in mid-February.*
- *Summer Term: Half term in late May or early June*
- *Autumn Term: Half term in late October.*

Activity in National Science Museum:

In 2024 we have sought to expand the type of activities organised for the young children, including more educational outreach days. For instance, during the recent half term activity in February 2024 a few volunteers from the youth took children from both Xstream and Grid class to the National Science Museum located in South Kensington, London. This educational outing was designed to enhance the children's understanding and appreciation of science through interactive exhibits and hands-on activities.

Easter Special Activity:

Another highlight was our 2024 Splash & Xstream Easter Special. This event was a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual enrichment for all who attended. We carefully designed age-appropriate activities for the different groups, ensuring that each participant could engage meaningfully. The Xstream class enjoyed a lively session of worship and painting, which allowed them to express their faith artistically. Meanwhile, the Splash group delved into arts and crafts, engaging in hands-on projects that reflected the Easter theme. We were also blessed by the support of the mothers in our congregation, who organised a delicious lunch for everyone, further fostering a sense of community and togetherness. After lunch, we gathered for a powerful message delivered by one of our Shepherds, which deeply resonated with all in attendance. The day also featured a thought-provoking panel discussion, on the topic 'Why is Easter Important?', where members of our Grid Sunday School Class shared their insights. This was followed by a time of worship, where we all came together in praise and reflection. The entire day was a truly blessed occasion, where families and younger children could come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. It was a time of joy, learning, and spiritual growth, as we worshipped and glorified God together as one community.

Class Specific Fun Day Activities:

On August 28th, 2024, we hosted a special Bethel Fun Day for the children who attend the Xstream Sunday School class. The idea for this event originated from a member of Xstream, who suggested the theme of "Fellowship and Love." The purpose of the day was to demonstrate the love of God through fellowship and to help the children develop godly relationships with one another, emphasising the importance of these Christian values. The event featured a variety of activities, including five team-based games designed to encourage teamwork and friendship, a session on the Word of God, as well a time of prayer and worship. These activities provided an engaging way for the children to learn about God's love and the significance of fellowship in their spiritual journey. In addition to benefiting the children, the day also served as a valuable opportunity for members of the Youth to connect with the Xstream children. This interaction helped the Youth to build rapport

and develop a better understanding of how to communicate effectively with the younger members of our community. Overall, Bethel's class specific fun day was a joyful and spiritually enriching experience for everyone involved.

NEW Regular Fellowship Groups

In 2024, our Children's Ministry has expanded to include regular fellowships for different groups, fostering the development of strong community bonds. The purpose of these fellowships is to strengthen relationships and provide support as we disciple our young children in their journey with the Lord Jesus. These gatherings are facilitated by Shepherds and involve volunteers from our Youth and Young Adults Ministry. Our fellowships have seen significant growth, with an increasing number of volunteers from our youth and young adult groups stepping forward to serve. This has not only enriched the activities but also provided these young individuals with the opportunity to grow in their faith and commitment to the Lord.

Heirs of God Cell Group:

In August 2024, we created a new fellowship cell group called "Heirs of God," specifically designed for younger children transitioning from our Grid Class into the Youth Ministry. These children are currently in Year 11, and we recognised a need for a smoother transition based on observations from previous years. In the past, we noticed that many from Grid would disengage from church life, potentially overwhelmed by the sudden jump into the Youth Ministry.

To address this challenge and ensure these children remain connected to our church community, we established the "Heirs of God" fellowship group. This group was created with the purpose of meeting every six weeks, providing a consistent and welcoming space for these young people as they navigate this transition. The fellowship is made up of the transitioning Year 11 student, a consistent group of Shepherds who provide guidance and support, and a rotating selection of saints from the Youth and Young Adult Ministries who join us for each meeting.

What makes "Heirs of God" unique is that it is youth-led. Each session is facilitated by pairs of the young people themselves, fostering leadership skills and encouraging active participation in their spiritual journey. This approach not only empowers them but also helps them build stronger relationships with their peers and the wider church community.

We are excited to witness how the Lord will work through this fellowship, "Heirs of God" is not just a group; it is a vital part of ensuring that these children know they belong and are an integral part of our church family as they grow in their faith.

Weekly Grid Bible Study:

The Grid Bible Study program began after our first Grid Youth trip in August 2023. Recognizing the need for regular fellowship to strengthen the faith of our Grid Class, the decision was made to establish a weekly Bible study. This initiative also provides a valuable opportunity for our youth leaders and Pastor Ghirmai to build up the saints, share the Word, and encourage our next generation. We launched the weekly Bible study, which takes place every Thursday at 6 PM. Currently, we have around 15-20% of the total class attending regularly. Over the past 13 months, the attendees have expressed their enjoyment and appreciation for the fellowship and teachings provided. The online format has been particularly beneficial, allowing all participants to join without the limitations of late travel or distance from the church. The classes have covered a wide range of topics, including the gospel, identity, relationships, education, and more. This variety has contributed to a rich and engaging learning experience. The Bible study group is predominantly comprised of girls, and we see an opportunity to encourage more boys to become regular attendees. In August 2024 we celebrated the one-year anniversary of Grid's Bible Study to honour the children's dedication and consistent attendance. The event featured food, drinks, and a time for fellowship, marking a milestone in the ongoing growth and commitment of our young people.

Annual Young Teens Conference:

In July 2023, we started an annual retreat for our young teens in Grid (Year 8 to Year 10). After the incredible and transformative experience in 2023, we continued the tradition in July 2024, taking our youth from the church to Kingswood. This year the Grid trip took place between Friday the 26th of July to Sunday the 28th of July 2024, and the theme and purpose of the weekend was Rise Up. There were 28 kids overall (aged between 11-16), and 4 youth, who were the leaders of the trip (aged between 19-26). The venue was Kingswood, and it was in Kent. The weekend was filled with activities, worship, prayer and teaching. We had communal worship and prayer in our conference room. Alongside teachings from the leaders, a group discussion with presentations as well as the sharing of testimonies, from both the young people and the leaders. The impact of the weekend was seen in an altar call on the last day, where many of the kids came forward in surrender, and received prayer. The activities included archery, zip line, the big swing, the trapeze, laser tag, and team building. We had a campfire on the last night filled with fellowship, where we danced into the evening worshipping the Lord with songs of praise. The weekend was a very blessed time where the children could form new connections, strengthen their unity and worship the Lord.

3.3. EBCM Updates & Changes

The Eritrean Bethel Church Children's Ministry has undergone many exciting updates and changes since January 2024. These include a new organisational structure, the addition of a new group of teachers, and the introduction of a fresh curriculum.

New Cohort of Teachers:

EBCM has grown and expanded with the addition of six new teachers from our youth, who have joined the Children's Ministry as teachers. They will be teaching in our Splashes, Xstream, and Grid classes. These young teachers will undergo a training period from September 2024 to December 2024, with the goal of becoming main class teachers starting in January 2025. This marks an exciting transition for EBCM, as we witness the remarkable journey of our young people, moving from being disciples themselves to now guiding and discipling the next generation.

New Classroom Admins:

In 2024, the EBCM introduced a new organizational structure that includes the role of classroom administrators. These administrators are volunteers selected from our youth and are responsible for managing various administrative tasks within the classes, such as handling documentation, registrations, and classroom resources. They work closely with classroom leaders to address any administrative issues that arise, ensuring the smooth operation of each class. This new structure enhances the efficiency of our Children's Ministry and empowers our young people with leadership and organisational responsibilities.

New Curriculum:

Starting in September 2024, EBCM will be implementing a new curriculum called the Mosaic Series from Scripture Union. This curriculum offers a fresh and engaging approach to biblical teaching, designed to captivate and inspire our children. The Mosaic Series features dynamic sessions that encourage active participation and deeper understanding of the Bible. This change reflects our commitment to providing a vibrant and enriching learning experience for our children as they grow in their faith.

4. Eritrean Bethel Church Youth Ministry (EBYM)

EBC Youth Ministry (16+) has grown massively in 2024, with saints from all walks of life and ethnic backgrounds. We have witnessed a revival in this ministry with souls saved, lives transformed, and countless testimonies of God's goodness at work in individual lives. We thank God for the committed ministers who, emboldened by faith, serve our youth and young adults wholeheartedly, contributing to the congregation's spiritual growth and overall well-being.

4.1. Teaching Department

EBYM teaching department, exists to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and from by the waves and carried about by every wind of worldly ideologies, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. (Ephesians 4:12-14).

We aspire to achieve these through teaching and preaching the Scripture, which is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16). We believe the Scripture is not merely a body of truth, but the very power of God which bears holistic change for a person who encounters it. We, therefore, aspire and work to train and raise young leaders who can carry out the divine imperative to grow both in quality and quantity.

EBYM provides several morning classes alongside the Sunday afternoon English service, with rigorous teaching that allows individuals to grow deeper in their understanding and faith. Our morning classes are divided into three (detailed below), tailored to the spiritual maturity of its attendees.

➤ **EBYM Classes**

Shepherds (10:00 AM - 11:25 AM):

This group is made up of selected leaders from the Youth and Young Adult Ministry, established in November 2019. The ministry was created with the purpose of training and developing young leaders who can fulfil God's divine mandate. Specifically, it aims to raise leaders grounded in biblical truth, with strong convictions and a heart for God, who can effectively impact their generation for the glory of Jesus Christ. All these leaders, known as shepherds, are now actively involved in teaching and leading within EBCM.

Discipleship (11:25 AM - 12:25 PM):

As per baptismal teaching, that is, teaching on growing up in salvation (1 Pet 2: 2). The focus of this class is to show the sufficiency of the atonement of Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind, the doctrine of the Fall and of the Cross.

Glory to Glory (12: 25 PM - 1:25 PM):

This class is designed for those who have already been baptised, helping them to understand that the purpose of both original creation and re-creation is to glorify God

and participate in His glory. The central theme of the teaching is that to be fully alive as a human being means to be empowered by the Spirit of God to glorify Him. We believe that the essence of human life is found in the adoration of God and in loving others as we love ourselves.

Our guiding scriptures are:

- “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- “For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.” (Hebrews 2:10)

Sunday English Service (2:30 PM - 5:30 PM):

Every Sunday we have topical teachings, discussion, prayer, and worship in our main congregation. Our weekly service is in English, and it is open to all youth and young adults.

4.2. Weekly Fellowship

Outside of the regular Sunday programme, which includes tailored morning classes and an afternoon Sunday English Service for the entire congregation, we have fellowships during the week. These fellowships are:

4.2.1. Prayer & Worship

The weekly Prayer & Worship Service at EBYM (opening hours Wednesday 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM) offers a space for saints to pray for themselves and one another, promoting a sense of belonging and community. Sparked by a recognised need for more gatherings for the upbuilding of the youth and young adults through prayer and worship and the sharing of the Word of God; it was decided that prayer meetings would take place weekly (Hebrews 10:25).

These meetings were founded in August 2022 and are held in English. It is an opportunity for believers to unite and reinforce their biblical beliefs, values, and convictions as they ‘...pray for one another...’ (James 5:16) and ‘carry each other’s burdens...’ (Galatians 6:2). This weekly prayer and worship service creates a bond that goes beyond mere social interactions as it is chance to share experiences, support one another, and strengthen relationships. Youth and young adults are encouraged to attend as freedom and enjoyment are found in worshipping the

Lord (Psalm 100:4). These meetings are an opportunity to be led by the Holy Spirit and learn what He sees as true prayer and worship (John 14:26, John 16:13).

We have received the following feedback from one of our attendees:

"I think it's been really helpful for me having a check in throughout the week in the form of Wednesdays [prayer and worship meetings]. I think for me that has helped me to be really grounded. And also, I think this coming together and having a chance to come intentionally to a time solely dedicated to prayer is extremely beneficial, especially in communal prayer which isn't as common in the Church, and it gives a good time of reflecting and quiet time with God in the middle of a busy week."

4.2.2. Bible Study

The weekly Bible Studies at EBYM (opening hours Friday 6:30pm to 9:00pm) is a focused and structured way for individuals to deepen their understanding of Scripture and their faith. The purpose of the bible study is to dig deeper into God's word, looking beyond the surface of biblical texts and creating a space where we can discuss our thoughts and share the life of the word with one another.

The usual bible study programme runs as such: prayer, sharing the word (either by the youth pastor or one of the youth members), discussion followed by prayer and worship.

In 2024 we started to read the gospel of John. The youth pastor and a member of the youth would lead the sessions, and there would be discussions on the passages of scripture that we are focusing on. However, we then moved to appoint two people within the youth to lead the sessions so that everyone would have the opportunity to share what they have meditated on. Primarily this has helped us in getting to know Christ more and imitating Him through that knowledge, which has developed our spiritual lives. It has also helped in building confidence in others to share and speak, who normally wouldn't do so, which is one of the things our youth struggles with. Every couple of months, we take one of the Fridays to pause on our normal bible studies and spend time in intentional prayer and worship, where we collectively pray for one another, the church and the world.

4.2.3. EBYM Fellowship Activities

Our Youth Ministry offers a wide range of regular events and activities beyond our weekly fellowships. These are organized by shepherds and members from the

Youth and Young Adults groups, and they vary in nature. The purpose of these activities is to strengthen our community bonds, foster love and unity, and support one another as we strive to glorify Jesus and grow in love for one another.

2024 Events & Programmes

Worship & Paint:

Worship and Paint, in February 2024, was an event held to fundraise for the International Conference that was held in the Summer of 2024. The evening allowed the youth to participate in an artistic activity, giving them an opportunity to showcase their creativity whilst spending their time singing praises. It was an amazing way to discover the hidden artists amongst our Kingdom. The theme of the Worship & Paint was linked to the topic of our teachings for the past couple of months- Righteousness. All participants were instructed to paint how they would envision righteousness. There were varying interpretations which was a pleasure to see. This was a night that allowed the youth to strengthen in fellowship and grow an intimate bond with one another.

Annual Youth Retreat:

A key event in the Youth Ministry is our much-anticipated annual retreat to Wales. It serves as a focused and intentional period of time in which our church community temporarily withdraws from the hustle and bustle of everyday life to focus on their spiritual journey. Through intentional worship, prayer, meditation, and reflection, saints experience a deepening of their faith as they take a break from the distractions of everyday life. This year, from Friday the 23rd of August to Monday the 26th of August, 79 of our Youth and 2 leaders stayed at Llanelli, Wales. Our ages ranged from 16 to 28 for the Youth. We had organised events such as prayer, worship, teachings, team building games, a hike, BBQ and morning walks. Many people reported enjoying prayer, being less distracted and benefitted from the lessons. Many people visited Wales for the first time this year, and we all spent considerably more time outside than other years. This year the majority reported a peaceful atmosphere conducive to natural fellowship and growing in sincerity before the Lord in true worship. Spending this extended time together has encouraged more meaningful conversations and the development of stronger relationships within the church community.

International Youth Conference:

This year, from Friday, the 9th of August to Sunday, the 11th of August 2024, our Youth Ministry hosted its very first International Conference, titled "The Work of The Holy Spirit." This was a significant milestone for us, as it marked the beginning of what we

hope will be a series of annual gatherings that unite believers from around the world. By God's grace, we plan to continue hosting these conferences in the years to come, creating opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. The International Conference, titled 'The Work of The Holy Spirit,' united believers from countries like Norway, Holland, Sweden, Austria, Germany, the USA, and numerous UK churches. On the Friday, featured Pastor Nahom Zenawi's deep session on being 'Addicted to Jesus', touching many of the attendees. Additionally, Kebreab Yemesgen, a US-based Christian Psychologist, addressed the importance of mental health in the 'Social Media Generation,' shedding light on a crucial topic. The Shepherds of the youth also took lead in segments of the conference, seen and behind the scenes such as leading prayer, leading worship, the panel discussion, the media, admin work, food preparation, creating an usher's team and tithing collection - training and preparing them for Bethel Youth takeover. With a full church of around 250 young adults and youth, the conference was successful, with participants eagerly anticipating another international gathering next year. The positive feedback and enthusiasm from all the saints highlighted the impact of the conference.

5. Baptism Service

In July 2023, we held a Baptism Service for the youth, during which fourteen individuals were baptised. We thank God for each one of them, as they made a public profession of their faith in Christ Jesus. This sacred act symbolised their decision to die to sin, in accordance with Romans 6:11, as they were submerged in the water, and to be raised to a brand-new life, as described in (Colossians 2:12), as they emerged from the water. Before the baptisms took place, these individuals had the opportunity to share their powerful testimonies. It was a joyous and remarkable moment, filled with countless stories of God's saving power and grace. The atmosphere was charged with faith and gratitude as each testimony highlighted the transformative work of Christ in their lives. At the end of the baptism service, the church community gathered to pray over the newly baptised saints, asking for God's guidance, strength, and empowerment as they continue their journey of faith. Following the service, we shared a time of celebration, rejoicing together as a congregation over the decision these individuals made to fully commit their lives to Christ.

As we reflect on this special day, we are filled with anticipation and gratitude for the upcoming baptism service this Sunday, the 22nd of September 2024, where even more young people will be getting baptised! We are ready and excited to witness God continue to move in the lives of our youth, bringing them into a deeper relationship with Him.

6. Community Engagement

In 2024 EBC Children & Youth Ministry has concentrated on enhancing community engagement, both within the church and beyond, to reflect Christ's love in practical ways. Our efforts include evangelism outreach to share the Gospel and invite others into a relationship with Jesus, alongside in-house workshops that provide resources and training. This year, we've also introduced a new leadership training program designed to equip our young leaders with the skills to lead and serve effectively. Through these initiatives and our expanded social media engagement, we aim to build a supportive community that empowers young people to realise their God-given potential and live out their faith daily.

Leadership Training:

EBYM Leadership is currently developing a training program for the Shepherds. The goal of this course is to equip young leaders with a deep understanding of the nature and dynamics of God's community and to prepare them to serve effectively within it.

Time frame: This course will take at least six months to complete depending on the engagement of the class

Delivery: We will use seminar style teaching with course work and group discussion

Outline:

- The founder and the foundation of the community
- The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Community
- The district feature of the Community of God
- Functioning as leaders in the community of God

Evangelism Outreach:

On Sunday, August 4th, Bethel Youth embarked on our first-ever evangelism outreach, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ across various parts of North London. This marked the beginning of a new chapter for us as a youth, and we are committed to making evangelism a continuous part of our mission moving forward. We divided into teams and went out to share the good news in the streets of Wood Green, Turnpike Lane, and Finsbury Park. Our primary goal was to proclaim the message that Jesus Christ is for everyone regardless of past actions, history, or background. We wanted to make it clear that no one is exempt from receiving His love and salvation. JESUS CHRIST IS FOR EVERYONE. Additionally, we invited people to the conference we held the following week, where the teachings and the power of the Holy Spirit was powerfully displayed. The event was a tremendous success, as many attendees were moved to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. For

others, it sparked an interest, and for many more, it planted a seed in their hearts. This experience has inspired us, and we are eager to continue with our evangelism efforts. By God's power, mercy, and grace, we believe we will be used as vessels to bring people out of darkness and into His marvellous light. We look forward to our next evangelism session and the many more that will follow.

Empowering Futures Series:

The "Empowering Futures Series" is a new church initiative currently being developed rooted in our faith and love for God's people, dedicated to empowering the youth in our community. This program will feature a series of regular workshops designed to equip young people aged 14-24 with the skills needed for academic success and informed career choices. Believing that everyone is uniquely gifted by God, our goal is to nurture these gifts through practical and impactful learning experiences. Our workshops will cover key topics such as career exploration, study skills, CV and cover letter writing, and university personal statement guidance. To enhance the quality and reach of these sessions, we have partnered with charitable organisations within Haringey Council including The Prince's Trust, Haringey Shed, Youth Employment UK and The Community Hub who will support the development and delivery of these workshops. These partnerships bring valuable expertise and resources, ensuring that our youth receive the best possible guidance and support. This initiative is not only a reflection of our church's mission to serve others with compassion and faith but also a means to make a lasting impact on the broader community. By empowering young people with the tools, they need to succeed, we aim to help them realise their God-given potentials.

Social Media Engagement:

Our Instagram page, @bethelyouthuk, was launched in July 2024 as a new initiative to engage with our Youth and Young Adults community. The launch was marked by sharing highlights of our fellowship and extending an invitation to our first International Conference. Moving forward, our goal is to maintain consistent posting, featuring content that not only reflects the fellowship and love within our group but also encourages spiritual growth by sharing biblical knowledge, words of encouragement, and insights that lead people closer to Christ.

Currently, the page has gained over 200 followers, with the invitation clip for our International Conference receiving 6,400 views. This is just the beginning, as we intend to use this platform to spread the love, knowledge, and abundant life found in Christ, while showcasing the work God is doing among Bethel Youth and Young Adults in an engaging and visually compelling manner.

The page has been managed with care and organisation. Content creation and posting have been led by our Shepherds, with all media captured on professional cameras by designated team members that include members of our Youth Ministry. Recently, an additional Shepherd has been given access to contribute to the page. Posts are subject to review and approval by leadership, ensuring that the page is in alignment with our church's values.

7. Conclusion:

As we reflect on 2024, we are grateful for the growth, unity, and spiritual development within our Children & Youth Ministry. Through the dedication of our leaders, the enthusiasm of our youth, and the unwavering support of our church community, we have seen God's hand at work in powerful ways.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to these efforts—parents, volunteers, and church members—your prayers, time, and resources have been invaluable.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build on this foundation, continuing to nurture our young people in their faith, equipping them with the tools they need to lead and serve, and expanding our reach to impact more lives for Christ.

Evangelism and Discipleship department:

The yearly report for the Evangelism and Discipleship department covering the period from January to December 2024.

Throughout this year, our department successfully baptized eleven new believers, who have embraced the teachings of salvation and redemption through Christ.

After completing the essential salvation classes, these individuals participated in a three-month discipleship program. Following their successful completion of this program, they have transitioned into the service and stewardship class.

In addition to the baptisms, our department has consistently engaged in outreach and evangelism efforts each month, by sending groups of people from the department and the wider congregation to the North London area as well as other parts of the city. We have also maintained our weekly Friday prayer meetings, fostering a strong sense of community and spiritual growth.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The Trustees are aware of the requirements of the charity to have a Reserve policy and aim to maintain a target balance of three months operation costs at any time to ensure on going delivery of its charitable objectives.

Principal Funding

This is provided mainly through voluntary tithes and offerings by members and through gifts aid scheme. Pledges are also taken for specific projects whenever needed.

Financial Review

Eritrean Beth-el Church London had incoming resources of £324,167 as shown on the statement of financial activities. Resources expended in undertaking its charitable activities amounted to £210,586 resulting in a surplus of £113,581. All the church assets are held for the furtherance of its objectives.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustees in determining how best to pursue these objectives, have taken on board guidance from Charity Commission in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011, including the guidance on the Advancement of Religion for public benefit.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust of the deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and the apply them consistently
- observe the method and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the basis of current concerns unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at any time and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



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Nataniel Yemane

Date:17/08/25.....

I report on the account of Eritrean Beth-el Church in London for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 2 to 34.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charity Act.
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Independent examiner

Tsega Ateweberhan

1 Henderson Drive, DA1 5LE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Incoming Resources from charitable activities:	3	222,791	180,257
Activities for generating funds	2	5,143	4,556
Other incoming resources	4	96,233	76,155
Total incoming resources		324,167	260,069
EXPENDED RESOURCES			
Charitable activities	5	210,586	203,755
Total resource expended		210,586	203,755
Net incoming/(outgoing)resources for the year/ Net income / (expenditure) for the year		113,581	57,214
Total funds brought forward		953,266	896,052
Total funds carried forward		1,066,847	953,266

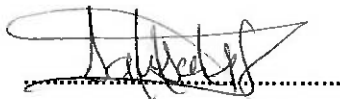
The statements of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate stamen of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8		757,207		777,856
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		479,398		379,432	
Prepayment		3,281		161	
CREDITORS					
amounts fallings due within one year					
Net current assets			<u>482,679</u>		<u>379,593</u>
TOTAL ASSET LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
			1,239,885		1,157,449
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7		<u>-173,038</u>		<u>-204,183</u>
NET ASSETS			1,066,847		953,266
FUNDS					
General Purpose Fund			<u>1,066,847</u>		<u>953,266</u>

The Financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on 9th of June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Samson Amanuel Menghistu

The notes from Page 31 to 34 forms part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), The Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the amounts are realised and can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Church collections and gifts to the church are recognised as income when received.

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when on receipts.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA on accruals basis.

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the Church or the amount realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distribution by the Church.

Donated services

The Charity does not quantify and include services provided by the volunteers in the financial statement as the costs of collecting such data is considered to be more than any benefit to the charity. The value of the voluntary help is however described in the trustees, annual report.

Investment income, gains and losses

Investment income is included in the financial statements when received. Gains and losses on sale of investments or resulting from revaluation of investments are determined at point of disposal or revaluation. Gains or losses arising at the point of revaluation are not included in the accounts

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to headings they have been allocated to activities on basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property (Building)-2% straight line basis.

Musical instruments and office equipment - 25% reducing balance basis.

2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUND

	2024	2023
	£	£
Building Fund	0	0
Fund raising Sales	5,143	4,556
	<u>5,143</u>	<u>4,556</u>

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tithes and Offerings	198,591	162,509
Tax reclaimed on Gift Aids	24,200	17,749
	<u>222,791</u>	<u>180,257</u>

4. OTHER INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent	8,230	3,890
Deposit Interest	5,013	2,401
Refund	625	101
Contribution	29,569	11,458
Gift		
Grant	2,000	4,974
Tuition Fee		
	<u>50,797</u>	<u>53,331</u>
	<u>96,233</u>	<u>76,155</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Payment for the Ministers	69,602	59,940
PAYE and NI	8,273	7,277
Pension	3,521	2,512
Office Materials	4,487	1,842
Insurance	2,278	3,528
Donation & Gifts	6,822	23,832
Bible, Cassettes, News Papers etc.	3,770	8,417
Travel & Subsistence	16,176	7,853
Telephone, Gas & Electricity	8,154	4,383
Rent	1,831	2,239
Conference & Training	15,946	11,111
Catering & Refreshment	7,644	4,067
Printing, Stationery, Photocopy,		
Postage	2,635	1,361
Bank Charges	512	2,580
Premises Expense	8,872	8,930
Professional Fee	6,414	1,912
Membership Fee	2,009	1,353
Mortgage Payment	16,022	17,253
Repair/Maintenance of Property	786	7,217
Depreciation	24,831	26,149
	<u>210,586</u>	<u>203,755</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year and in the previous years, no Trustee received remuneration, benefit in kind or had reimbursement of expenses.

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank Loan	<u>173,038</u>	<u>203,183</u>

The Bank loan is a commercial mortgage secured by charges on Eritrean Beth-el Church in London's premises at Unit 1 and 2 OSKA Building, Empress Works, Boreham Road, N22 6SL.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost	Office Equipment & Musical Instrument	Property	Total
At 01/01/2024	141,393	1,010,181	1,151,574
Additions	4,182		4,182
Disposal			0
1	<u>145,575</u>	<u>1,010,181</u>	<u>1,155,756</u>
Depreciation			
At 01/01/2024	123,232	250,486	373,718
Additions	4,627	20,204	24,831
Disposal			0
At 31/12/2024	<u>127,860</u>	<u>270,690</u>	<u>398,549</u>
Net Book Value			
At 01/01/2024	<u>22,806</u>	<u>800,102</u>	<u>822,908</u>
At 31/12/2024	<u>17,716</u>	<u>739,491</u>	<u>757,207</u>