THE BETHEL INDEPENDENT AND EVANGELICAL CHURCH, CLAPHAM, NORTH YORKSHIRE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2025

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INFORMATION PAGE

Registered charity number	1152630
Working name	The Bethel Independent and Evangelical Church
Contact address	The Bethel Independent and Evangelical Church Clapham Lancaster Lancashire LA2 8DZ
Trustees	G J Coates T W Fawcett J E Townley A Whitaker A B Woodhouse P Close M S Woodhouse P W Fawcett G P Townley
Elders	J E Townley A B Woodhouse T W Fawcett G P Townley
Treasurer	Paul Close
Secretary	J E Townley
Independent Examiners	Bennett Kirkhope Smith Chartered Certified Accountants Suites 5 & 6, The Printworks Hey Road, Barrow, Clitheroe Lancashire BB7 9WB
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Leicester LE87 2AB

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a church constitution dated 24 June 2013 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The method of appointment of the charity members is set out in the Church Rules. At The Bethel Independent and Evangelical Church, Clapham, North Yorkshire, the membership of the charity consists of the elders, deacons and members.

The managing trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the charity including deciding on how funds of the charity are to be spent. The managing trustees must hold at least 4 meetings in each 12 month period.

Once a new managing trustee has been appointed they shall be provided with a copy of:

- the latest annual report and accounts of the church
- the constitution and church rules
- any other relevant documentation relating to the property of the church

The property owned by the charity is held in the names of all the trustees.

Objectives and activities

The charity has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. The principal objectives are:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Clapham, North Yorkshire and the surrounding area
- such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the managing trustees further the work of the charity

Achievements and performance

During the year the charity has held regular church services and has 34 members.

The charity continues to allow its facilities to be used free of charge for church members and the community. These include:

- Fellowship Meetings/ Bible Studies every other Tuesday (except for Summer months)
- Monthly Friends meeting in the afternoon, served with tea and cakes, and a guest speaker (except for Summer months)
- Coffee Meetings every month on a Thursday evening (except for Summer months)
- Clapham Tots-Toddler Group every Friday (except school holidays)
- 5-11 year olds "Kmotion" group every 2 weeks on a Friday (except school holidays)
- 12-16 year olds "Encounter" group every 2 weeks on a Friday (except school holidays)
- Clapham Tots Story Time 2nd Wednesday morning monthly
- A singing group from Bethel Chapel sing weekly (weather permitting) at Settle market on a Tuesday morning

These are all held in the church hall and are a benefit to the community as a whole.

Other events that have been made available during the year are:

- a free Harvest Supper and guest speaker for anyone in the surrounding area
- a free Christmas meal and guest speaker for elderly people from the local community at the Chapel in December 2025
- Coffee, Cake & Chat. A once a month coffee morning and drop off time for foodbank donations. Money is given to Olive Branch Foodbank, Lancaster & food donations are given to Skipton Foodbank
- Sportsreach soccer & netball school for children aged 7-15 in August 2025
- An open day with children's craft activities, raised £346.05 for Farming Community Network
- Coffee morning raising £162.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support
- Christmas events, including a Christmas celebration, singing at Settle Christmas lights switch on event and a carol service at Gisburn Auction Mart

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £40,425 and total expenses were £43,475, the net result for the year was a deficit of payments over receipts of £3,050.

Adding bank balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balance carried forward at 31st December 2025 on unrestricted funds totalled £23,116.

The present level of reserves is adequate to support the present activities of the charity, however this shall be reviewed regularly by the managing trustees.

J E Townley

21-10-2026
Date

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BETHEL INDEPENDENT AND EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bethel Independent and Evangelical Church for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Trustee'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
(3) there has been any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: AM Smith FCCA CTA
Address: Bennett Kirkhope Smith
Chartered Certified Accountants
Registered Auditors
Suites 5 & 6, The Printworks
Hey Road,
Barrow, Clitheroe
Lancashire, BB7 9WB

Date: 2/4/26

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts	1	40,087	-	40,087	38,877
Other receipts	2	338	-	338	2,656
		40,425	-	40,425	41,533
Receipts from sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Total receipts		40,425	-	40,425	41,533
PAYMENTS					
Costs of generating voluntary receipts	3	43,475	-	43,475	32,847
		43,475	-	43,475	32,847
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Total payments		43,475	-	43,475	32,847
Excess Receipts over Payments/ (Payments over Receipts)		**(3,050)**	-	**(3,050)**	**8,686**
Bank account as at 1 January 2025		26,166	-	26,166	17,480
Bank account as at 31 December 2025		23,116	-	23,116	26,166

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
MONETARY ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand	4	23,116	-	23,116	26,166
		23,116	-	23,116	26,166
OTHER ASSETS					
Tax refunds		4,349	-	4,349	5,202
Prepayments		283	-	283	190
LIABILITIES					
Accruals		(3,544)	-	(3,544)	(3,591)
		24,204	-	24,204	27,967

The charity operates from property owned by the trustees of The Bethel Independent and Evangelical Church, Clapham, North Yorkshire, which includes fixtures, fittings, plant and equipment used for charitable objectives.

Approved by the PCC

J E Townley

31-10-2026
Date

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Covenant gifts	14,600	19,800
Freewill offerings	548	235
Donations	8,815	4,928
Tax Refund	6,732	6,237
Gift Aid small donations scheme	8,792	7,046
Stewardship	600	631
	40,087	38,877

2 OTHER RECEIPTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Gifts in kind	-	510
House rent, rates, water and power	63	1,883
Bank interest	275	263
	338	2,656

3 COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Gifts in kind: lunches/supers	-	510
Travel expenses	4,910	4,365
Events	790	600
Water rates	362	205
Donations and gifts	23,648	20,987
Books and bibles	169	437
Fuel and light	3,140	3,252
Repairs and renewals	4,507	648
Council tax	2,157	-
Church insurance	822	807
Sundry expenses	930	1,036
Accountancy fees	2040	-
	43,475	32,847

4 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2025 £	2024 £
Current account	3,620	3,536
Deposit account	19,195	22,420
Cash in hand	300	210
	23,115	26,166

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

5 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & EXPENSES

	2025 £	2024 £
G Coates - Expenses reimbursed	974	117

All expenses reimbursed were for donations or the purchase of items used directly in or by the Church.

6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Costs of generating voluntary receipts includes the following monetary support payments to relatives of the trustees.

	2025 £	2024 £
C Tonwley – Support for missionary work Papua New Guinea	2,200	-
G Townley – Support following missionary work abroad	200	2,400
M Fawcett – Support for providing sermons & bible studies at various other churches	4,000	2,400
	4,800	4,800

C Townley is the son of G Townley and nephew of J Townley.
G Townley is the brother of JE Townley and a Trustee of the Church.
M Fawcett is the grandson of TW Fawcett.

Reimbursed Travel expenses and sundry expenses to members of the church includes payments to relatives of the trustees.

	2025 £	2024 £
D Townley	-	16
	-	16

D Townley is the spouse of JE Townley