Bethel Baptist Chapel

Charity Registration Number 1192188

Trustees Annual Report

From 1st April 2025-31st March 2026

Bethel Baptist Chapel
St John's Road, Bath, BA2 6PX
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1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers

Charity Details
A) The Charity Name: Bethel Baptist Chapel.
B) The Charity registration number: **1192188**
C) The address of the principal office of the charity: Bethel Chapel, St John's Road, Bath BA2 6PX.
D) Names of Trustees
Mr John Gaskell – Trustee
Mr John Benjamin Gaskell - Trustee
Pastor Bill Goodman – Pastor and Trustee

2. Structure, governance and management

Bethel Baptist Chapel as a fellowship of baptised Christian believers has been in existence since 1890.. The Church finally registered as an independent charity with the Charity Commission in October 2019. A statement of faith was adopted by all the membership. The Second London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689 adopted as the guide to all public teaching in the church. The Church has a defined membership of believers, who are baptised by immersion. A list of the current membership is available on request.
The Church Meetings of Bethel Baptist Chapel are the properly constituted means for conducting all the business and affairs of the Church. The minutes of these meetings are private. Some examples of matters arising at our Church Meetings are: The appointment of Trustees, the election of Church Officers, applications for Church membership, financial matters and reports, planning of activities, allocation of funds for missionary support, Sunday School, Sunday and Midweek worship services.

The principal object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Basis of Faith as stated in Schedule 1.

3. Financial Review

Our main source of income is derived from regular gifts of the Membership and congregation. The primary areas of expenditure are: The maintenance of premises, support of our Pastor for ministry work, grants to overseas ministries, and remuneration for visiting ministers. At present we do not hold any special reserves.

4. Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Trustees do not act as custodians.

5. Objectives and activities

(Charities that are not subject to a statutory audit requirement may limit their disclosures within this section to a summary of the charity's objects as set out in its governing document and to providing a brief summary of the main activities undertaken in relation to those objects)

The objective of Bethel Baptist Chapel Charity is the spread of the Christian Religion. The main activities are: Sunday worship Services, Midweek Services, Sunday School for Children, Open Air Ministry and regular evangelistic outreach work, raising money to support missionary work and gospel evangelism.

6. Achievements and performance

In addition to our Sunday morning and evening worship, and Midweek service, this last year by God's help and enabling we have been able to maintain our support to a number of important Christian charities and organisations in the United Kingdom. We have continued to support a full-time evangelist in Ethiopia working with Debre Birhan Baptist Church. We have continued to support missionaries in Kenya, Roger and Shireen West, who are also in membership at the church. The Sunday School continues to run concurrently with the morning service. We have organized one Saturday Special open to all children in March and we hope to run these on a regular basis throughout the following year. The Open-Air ministry continues on a weekly basis. 1100 Scripture verse calendars have been distributed to all care homes in Bath, and to many shops and cafes. We take monthly meetings in local sheltered housing.

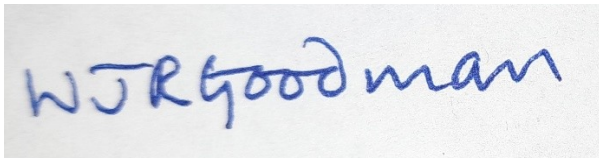
7. Charity Accounts

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2026	Last year 2025
Receipts			
Giving	**36,680**	**36,680**	**33,338**
Parking	**4,080**	**4,080**	**4,610**
Gift Aid	**8,008**	**8,008**	**6,005**
Refund	**0**	**0**	**0**
Error	**264**	**264**	**175**
Sub Total	**49,032**	**49,032**	**44,128**
Asset and investment sales.			
Total receipts	**49,032**	**49,032**	**44,128**
Payments			
Church Activities	**28,032**	**28,032**	**33,738**
Grants to support external work	**12,072**	**12,072**	**11,958**
Error			**175**
Total	**40,104**	**40,104**	**45,871**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**8,928**	**8,928**	**(1,743)**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	**16,060**	**16,060**	**8,877**
	Total cash funds	**16,060**	**16,060**	**8,877**
B3 Investment assets	Scottish Widows	**14,971**	**14,971**	**14,799**
	Total Investment assets	**14,971**	**14,971**	**14,799**
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Electric piano	**350**	**350**	**400**

Liabilities - There are no outstanding liabilities. The annual rent for the use of the building is not large and is met by cash payment each year.

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees. Signature



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Trustee **Date:**

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8. **Breakdown of Receipts and Payments**

Receipts	**2025-26**	**2024-25**
Voluntary Giving	**36,680**	**33,338**
Gift Aid	**8,008**	**6,005**
Parking	**4,080**	**4,610**
Error		**175**
Refund	**264**	**0**
Totals	**49,032**	**44,128**
Payments	**2025-26**	**2024-25**
Pastor's stipend	**18,713**	**18,598**
Ethiopia evangelist support	**3,840**	**4,806**
Kenya	**3,840**	**2,240**
HMRC	**2,535**	**1,987**
Gas and Electricity	**1,512**	**1,657**
Open Air Mission	**1,376**	**1,254**
Trinitarian Bible Society	**1,376**	**1,254**
Insurance	**1,192**	**1,153**
Visiting Preachers	**1,160**	**1,605**
Romania Ministries	**1,030**	**268**
Outreach (leaflets, calendars, books)	**834**	**1,308**
Online Services	**455**	**530**
Independent Examiner	**450**	**400**
Building maintenance	**415**	**5,166**
Slavic Gospel Association	**360**	**544**
Web site	**297**	**234**
Gospel Standard Trust (Rent)	**250**	**500**
Somerset Gospel Outreach	**250**	**250**
ThirtyOneEight	**159**	**189**
Bank Charges	**36**	**84**
Advertising	**24**	**44**
Barnabas Fund	**0**	**642**
Nepal	**0**	**500**
SDHS	**0**	**200**
Stationery	**0**	**20**
Sunday School	**0**	**263**
Error		**175**
Totals	**40,104**	**45,871**
Difference for the year	**8,928**	**(1,743)**

9. Independent Examination Our Accounts have been independently examined by Hans Duodu FMAAT (pages attached)

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name: Bethel Baptist Chapel
On accounts for the year ended	31/03/2026
Charity no (if any)	1192188
Set out on page	1

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:	
Date:	13th October 2026
Name:	Mr Hans Blix Duodu
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Association of Accounting Technicians (FMAAT)
Address:	49 Peppercorn Drive Northstowe, Cambridgeshire CB24 1BF

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Schedule 1

The Church's Statement of Faith

We believe in:

1. The full and verbal inspiration of all the Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures, and of these alone: their being in themselves the Word of God, without error, and wholly reliable in both fact and doctrine; their *sole* authority and perpetual sufficiency in all matters of faith and practice.
2. The unity of the Godhead and the divine co-equality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; the sovereignty of God in creation, providence, and redemption.
3. The total depravity of human nature in consequence of the fall, and the necessity for regeneration.
4. The true and proper deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, his virgin birth; his real and perfect manhood; the authority of his teaching and the infallibility of all his utterances; his work of atonement for sinners of mankind by his substitutionary sufferings and death; his bodily resurrection and his ascension into Heaven; and his present priestly intercession for his people at the right hand of the Father.
5. The justification of the sinner solely by faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
6. The work of the Holy Spirit as essential for a true and spiritual understanding of the Scriptures: for regeneration, conversion, and for ministry and worship.
7. The universal Church, the body of which Christ is the Head, embracing all the redeemed, called by God through the Gospel, born of the Spirit and justified by faith; the local church, comprising such believers as the expression of the universal Church, and fellowship between such churches, manifesting the unity of the body of Christ.
8. The ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as being instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, but not in Baptism as conveying regenerating grace, nor in the Lord's Supper as being a sacrifice for sin or involving any change in the substance of the bread and wine. The ordinance of Baptism is for believers only and by total immersion.

9. The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory. The resurrection of the body; the judgment of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.

This brief statement summarises the doctrines that all church members believe. In the Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689 these truths are amplified. The teaching of the church will reflect the doctrines of the 1689 Confession, to which the Pastor and all other Officers are required to give assent.