

Trustees Annual Report

Unaudited Accounts and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Christ Apostolic Church (bethel) UK
Registered Charity Number: 274154

Registered Adress:
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Hackney
London
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Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK occupies the St Columba's Complex on Kingsland Road in Haggerston, Hackney. The premises comprises of the former Church of St Columba, the link building, the Vicarage, Sisters' House (former nunnery), the school building (former St Columba's School) and the forecourt railings to the church and the vicarage

Listings:

- The former Church of St Columba is nationally listed by Historic England at Grade I (LEN: 1226862) Date first listed: 03-Jan-1950
- The Vicarage and link to the church are listed at Grade I (LEN: 1265658) Date first listed: 04-Feb-1975
- The Sisters' House and School are listed at Grade II* (LEN: 1265691) Date first listed: 04-Feb-1975
- The forecourt railings to the church and vicarage are listed at Grade II (LEN: 1226777). Date first listed: 04-Feb-1975

The complex has the following significances:

The site is situated within the Kingsland Conservation Area
An interesting work by the well-regarded Hackney church architect, James Brooks
Group value as part of an ensemble of church buildings forming a complete compound
A well-designed and detailed building of its type and age, which is well preserved externally and has some internal features of interest
A relatively unusual example of a late 19th century Anglican possible nun's residence

Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK is now a vibrant, medium-sized black majority led church with service to the community at its heart.

The complex now delivers a wide range of programmes and initiatives supporting young people, women and men across a broad spectrum of social needs. These initiatives address key areas such as health and wellbeing, employment, personal aspirations and development. Services include a weekly food bank and a variety of wellbeing activities, notably the award-winning Reapers Choir, alongside the Hackney Community Gospel Choir. Collectively, these activities promote community engagement, strengthen social connections, encourage inclusion and contribute to the overall wellbeing of local residents.

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Our Mission statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfil the great commission as given by Christ Jesus to make disciples of all nations, we seek to minister the uncompromising message of salvation and to express God's love with a holistic approach to meet the needs of humanity, to the end that eternal life is gained

Our Vision

- To truthfully preach the gospel in love to bring about a God-pleasing nature and lifestyle to the body of Christ and our communities.
- Promoting an optimum level of spiritual intensity, integrity, and relational maturity within our community.
- To this end we are committed to Holy Spirit led worship and evangelism through various media platforms to our community and the world.
- In the love of Christ, we passionately seek to cater for the welfare of people within our community through various initiatives and to collaborate with local churches and charitable organisations in building a vibrant, healthy, inclusive and harmonious community.

Our Motto:

"Christ leads, we follow"

Our Ethos

"Prayer is our business, the Word our priority, Praise our Mandate and Salvation our message"

Trustees Board Report
Trustees Annual Report (TAR) and Unaudited Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025
CHRIST APOSTOLIC CHURCH (Bethel) UK
The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 December 2025
Charity Registration No. 274154

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deeds, Charities Act 1993 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.
Structure, governance and management

The charity was set up by a charitable trust deed dated 13 July 1977. The Trustees who served during this year (2025) were:

- Fadeke Omideyi (General Overseer & Chair of the Board of Trustees)
- David Folorunso
- Micheal Osundun
- Phyllis Dawn Smith
- Ms Alice Edeki

Trustees are familiar with the workings of the church having been drawn from long standing Church members that have the skill set to offer an empathy with the charity's core values.

New trustees are invited and encouraged to attend training courses by the Chair and also to read guidelines and publications issued by the charity Commission eg "the Essential Trustee", copies of which are given to the new trustees

Related Party Relationships
Transactions with related parties are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Risk Management
The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities
The object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the tenets and practice of the Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK. Various policies were adopted during the year in furtherance of this object.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts 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 of the charity for that year.
In preparing these accounts the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- Observe the methods and the principles of the charities SORP,
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent'
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any mate rial departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

Summation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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.



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For and on Behalf of the Board of Trustees of Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK

03 September 2026

Financial Review & Report

Trustees Annual Report (TAR) and Unaudited Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025
Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK

To the Board of Trustees of Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK
Charity Registration No. 274154

FINANCE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Introduction
On behalf of the Finance Committee, I am pleased to present the financial report for the year ended 2025 to the Board of Trustees.
Overall, the Charity has continued to maintain a strong financial position despite the challenging economic environment. This has been made possible through the continued generosity and commitment of our members, volunteers and partners, for which we are very grateful.
2. The Wider Economic Environment
The economic environment in the UK has remained challenging. Charities generally continue to experience increased costs while also facing greater demand for their services and community support.
Despite these challenges, the Charity has managed its finances responsibly and continued to support its charitable activities and community programmes.
3. How Our Accounts Are Prepared
The Charity's accounts have been prepared in accordance with the relevant accounting requirements and the Charity Commission's reporting framework.
In simple terms, this means that the financial information presented to the Trustees has been prepared using recognised accounting principles and appropriate standards for charities.
Unrestricted and Restricted Funds
The Charity receives different types of income, and it is important that these are used appropriately.
Unrestricted funds are funds that the Trustees can use at their discretion to support the Charity's overall objectives and activities.
Restricted funds are funds that have been given for a specific purpose. These funds must therefore be used only for the purpose for which they were provided.
4. Income and Expenditure
During the year ended 2025, the Charity received total income of £327,203.
This comprised:
- £167,499 in unrestricted funds; and
- £159,704 in restricted funds.

The income came from various sources, including tithes, general offerings, building fund contributions and other special donations.
The Charity's reported gross expenditure for the year was £226,603. The report currently records a healthy surplus of £100,600. This was largely due to increased efforts in our Building Fund fundraising campaign.
5. Financial Position and Sustainability
The Trustees remain confident that the Charity is in a strong position to meet its future financial commitments and continue delivering its charitable activities.
The Charity will continue to maintain appropriate financial reserves and carefully monitor its income and expenditure to ensure that its resources remain sufficient to support its activities and future plans.

6. Stewardship and Accountability

The Trustees recognise the importance of managing the Charity's funds responsibly and transparently.
During the year:
- Church funds were managed in accordance with relevant Charity Commission guidance and the financial controls approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Expenditure was subject to appropriate authorisation and supporting records were maintained.
- The Charity's accounts were independently examined.
- The independent examination confirmed that the accounts provided a true and fair representation of the Charity's financial activities for the year.

These arrangements provide assurance to the Trustees, members and other stakeholders that the Charity's financial resources are being properly managed.
7. Priorities for the Coming Year
Looking ahead, the Charity will continue to focus its financial resources on the following priorities:
Supporting Our Charitable Objectives
We will continue to support the Charity's core objectives and community outreach programmes.
Investment in Media and Technology
We will consider appropriate investment in media equipment to improve the quality and effectiveness of our productions and communications.
Building Fund
We will continue to strengthen the building fund to support future maintenance, improvements and strategic development of the St Columba's Complex.
Improving Financial Management
We will continue to improve financial reporting and make greater use of digital systems for giving and financial administration.
Strengthening Community Impact
We will continue supporting our community initiatives and seek to improve how we demonstrate and measure the positive impact of these activities.
8. Conclusion
The Charity remains financially well positioned, with appropriate financial controls and a clear focus on responsible stewardship of its resources.
The Finance Committee will continue to work closely with the Trustees to ensure that the Charity's finances are carefully managed, risks are identified and addressed, and available resources are directed towards achieving the Charity's objectives.
We thank our members, volunteers, donors and partners for their continued generosity and support.



David Folorunso
Head of Finance

For and on Behalf of the Board of Trustees of Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK

17 September 2026

Independent Examiner's Report (Unaudited)
Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK
To the Trustees of Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK

To the Trustees of Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK
Charity Registration No. 274154

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out in the attachment.

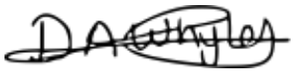
Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner
The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is what is needed.
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:
(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
(i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
(ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; have not been met; or
(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Deborah Anfo-Whyte
Independent Examiner (Bsc Finance & Accounting)

27 September 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK			Charity No (if any)	274154
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/01/2025	To	Period end date	31/12/2025

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources (Note 3)		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	-	159,704	-	159,704	13,121
Charitable activities	S02	167,499	-	-	167,499	175,935
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	-	-		-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	**167,499**	**159,704**	**-**	**327,203**	**189,055**
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	182,076	44,528	-	226,603	-
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	182,076	44,528	-	226,603	-
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	S13	- 14,577	115,176	-	100,600	189,055
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	- 14,577	115,176	-	100,600	189,055
Extraordinary items	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	- 14,577	115,176	-	100,600	189,055
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	92,485	273,743	-	366,228	-
Total funds carried forward	S22	**77,908**	**388,919**	**-**	**466,828**	**OK**

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Intangible assets (Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets (Note 14)	B02	33,915	-	-	33,915	38,810
Heritage assets (Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B05	33,915	-	-	33,915	38,810
Current assets						
Stocks (Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 19)	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	B09	96,408	330,594	-	427,003	366,228
Total current assets	B10	96,408	330,594	-	427,003	366,228
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 20)	B11	1,220	-	-	1,220	1,200
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	95,188	330,594	-	425,783	365,028
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	129,103	330,594	-	459,698	403,838
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	129,103	330,594	-	459,698	390,208
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds (Note 27)	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)	B18		330,594		330,594	273,743
Unrestricted funds	B19	129,103		-	129,103	116,465
Revaluation reserve	B20				-	
Total funds	B21	129,103	330,594	-	459,698	390,208

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
		David Folorunso	30/06/2026

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 2 Accounting policies

2.2 INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

		Yes	No	N/a
Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; · it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.	✓		
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.	✓		
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).	✓		
	In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).	✓		
Legacies	Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.	✓		
Government grants	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period	✓		
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.	✓		
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.	✓		
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.	✓		
	The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.	✓		
	Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.	✓		

		Yes	No	N/a
	Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.	✓		
	Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.	✓		
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.	✓		
	Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.	✓		
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.			✓
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.	✓		
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.	✓		
Income from membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.	✓		
	Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.	✓		
Settlement of insurance claims	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.			✓
Investment gains and losses	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.			✓

2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

		Yes	No	N/a
Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	✓		
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.			✓
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.			✓
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.	✓		

			Yes	No	N/a
Grants payable without performance conditions	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.		✓		
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.		Yes	No	N/a
			✓		
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.		Yes	No	N/a
			✓		
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts		Yes	No	N/a
			✓		
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date		Yes	No	N/a
			✓		
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.		Yes	No	N/a
			✓		
2.4 ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least	500			
	They are valued at cost.		Yes	No	N/a
			✓		
	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.				
Intangible fixed assets	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5		Yes	No	N/a
			✓		
	They are valued at cost.		Yes	No	N/a
			✓		
Heritage assets	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.		Yes	No	N/a
			✓		
			Yes	No	N/a
	They are valued at cost.		✓		
Investments	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.		Yes	No	N/a
			✓		
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments		Yes	No	N/a
			✓		
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.		Yes	No	N/a
					✓
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.		Yes	No	N/a
					✓

		Yes	No	N/a
	Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.			✓
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.	✓		
Current asset investments	The charity has has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.	✓		
	They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.	✓		

POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE	



Our Community Operations - Summary Report

In 2025, the Community experienced a significant increase in the number of projects delivered and attendance by service users, resulting in a considerable uplift in the reach, accessibility and overall delivery of our services. This growth reflects our continued commitment to responding to community needs, strengthening engagement and ensuring that our programmes deliver meaningful and measurable social impact.

We are particularly pleased to have launched Hope4All International, extending our commitment to community development and educational opportunity beyond the UK. Through this initiative, we successfully delivered a summer school programme in Nigeria, reaching over 850 pupils and providing valuable opportunities for learning, personal development and engagement. This milestone represents an important step in broadening our international impact and demonstrates our commitment to empowering young people through education, creating opportunities for underserved communities and contributing to more equitable outcomes.

These achievements also reinforce our commitment to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles, particularly the social and governance dimensions of sustainable development. Our increased service delivery supports social value through improved access to education, community participation, inclusion and the empowerment of young people. As we continue to expand our programmes, we aim to strengthen our approach to measuring outcomes, monitoring impact, maintaining accountability and ensuring that resources are deployed responsibly. We also recognise the importance of considering environmental sustainability in our operations and future project planning, embedding responsible practices into the way we deliver our work. Through this approach, we seek to ensure that our growth is not measured solely by the number of projects completed or people reached, but also by the lasting, positive difference we make to individuals, communities and future generations.

Background

Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK's work is to support and minister to the social and spiritual needs within the local community of residents, both Christian and non-Christian, spanning a wide range of projects from sign-posting the needy to services, and providing leadership training and facilities to those seeking employment and to develop as entrepreneurs, to youth programmes and choirs. There are limited, if any, alternative provisions for those coming to the area, particularly from Africa.

To this end, in late 2023, the Trustees of Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK commissioned a Community Impact Assessment report to be completed.

The report was carried out and finalised in 2024 by Sonnet Advisory & Impact CIC and completed by Jim Clifford OBE who is a lead author of the EU's impact measurement standards.

He has objectively assessed CAC's significant Ministry value. According to his enclosed assessment, CAC provides £1.4m community benefit annually, with a capitalised present value (today) of £8.8m.

Summary of findings

In common with many similar studies, we have identified a wider range of positive areas of outcomes than it has been possible or reasonable to evaluate at this stage. Nevertheless, the projects considered are showing values of at least the following, each for a typical (recent) year of operation:

Project area		Annual gain is at least (£000)	Running for (years)
HOPE 4 ALL	Telephone advice line for local people	45.0	2
Reaper's Choir	Community based choir and outreach	80.0	10
GO-GETTERS Aiming for the best	Free workspace for local socially focused micro businesses	653.0	2
Community Football Club	Youth football for engagement and wellbeing	140.2	6
Harvester's Kitchen and FOM Community Food	Feeding those who can't afford it	291.7	11
HCGC HACKNEY COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR	Community choir	98.8	6
BYG Bethel Youth Group	Youth group and engagement	85.8	3
PACESETTERS	Career training and development for young people	64.0	10
		1,458.8	

Illustrative Capital Evaluation - the Present Value of Future flows

As outlined in the explanation above, the capital value is derived from the above flows on the following assumptions, which we believe are reasonable based on the evidence we have been given:

i. The current profile of the projects and the value they bring is expected to continue into the future for at least ten years,
ii. Inflation is ignored
iii. There is no growth in the project scope
iv. Existing project partners are expected to continue to work with CAC Bethel, or, if they cease involvement, others can be found.
v. Where, as noted in the text of the detailed sections below, we have insufficient insight to a likely are of value, even if we have identified that it is likely, we do not attribute any value to it. This is key to ensuring that all values stated are minimum ones – it is at least this.

vi. With regard to Go-Getters, we understand that the original space at St Paul's has closed, and that the Angel facility is the sole space operational. We have discussed the levels of occupancy and use of the premises with the General Secretary, and understand that the figures assumed in the relevant section below are still sustainable. We have not had evidence to support this.

Details of the calculations, and the levels of evidence on which they are based, are shown in each of the detailed sections below.

The illustrative present value of the annual minimum gains identified above, evaluated based on the information given by the Church, and in line with the assumptions stated above, and current best practice, is as follows:

CAC Bethel
Illustrative evaluation of future gains from community programmes

Project	Annual gains (at least) £000	Assumed future years	Discount rate	Minimum PV of gross gain (£000)
Hope for All	45.0	10	5.50%	339.2
Reaper's Choir	80.0	10	5.50%	603.0
Go-getters	653.0	10	20.00%	2,737.7
Community Football club	140.5	10	5.50%	1,059.0
Harvester's Kitchen and FOM Community food	291.7	10	5.50%	2,198.7
HCGC	98.8	10	5.50%	744.7
Bethel Youth Group	85.8	10	5.50%	646.7
Pacesetters	64.0	10	5.50%	482.4
Totals	1458.8			8,811.5

Social Impact & Community Projects Summary Report

The Harvester's Kitchen Project, consisting of the Harvesters Soup Kitchen and a food bank, it was established in 2012. The Harvesters Kitchen – This five-star rated kitchen has been in operation for the past 13 years and has provided over 20,000 hot meals to vulnerable people within the local community. During the pandemic and lockdown periods, The Harvester's Kitchen has responded swiftly within the community by providing "**Bags of Hope**" to those most affected by the lockdown. The Bags of Hope include the most essential and basic food items and relief materials. From April 2020 to date, the food bank has distributed over 15000 Bags of Hope and still counting.

Hope4All was set up at the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic to provide support to individuals facing serious challenges due to the worldwide lockdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program offers emotional support, practical advice, and essential supplies, reflecting the church's commitment to uplifting its community in times of need. Hope4All services are also rapidly expanding for the future to providing an immigration surgery

The Pacesetters project was set up in 2014 to enable young people become leaders of integrity. Character development workshops are held in London, Tanzania and Nigeria.

In 2022, the **Go-Getters youth project** for business start -ups was launched.

The Reapers Choir is an award-winning gospel choir. The Choir has performed in several venues, including 10 Downing Street, Kensington Palace, The Royal Albert Hall and The Royal Festival Hal

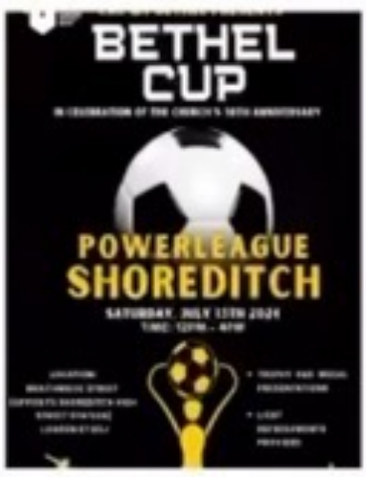
HOPE 4 ALL

Hope 4 All (General Advice & Support Call Centre) - Launched in early April 2021
The service offers free and confidential general advice and support for the most vulnerable people within the community due to the severe impact of COV-ID-19. Phone lines provide a single point of contact for those in need of emotional support or more practical assistance.

GO-GETTERS
Aiming for the best

Go-Getters was founded on the belief that anyone can achieve success through community support. The church offers free, well-designed workspaces for young people or young enterprenuers with business start-ups in Angel, Islington (North London)

Community Football



Bethel Cup tournament was set up to give young men and girls an outlet to come together in sporting terms and an outlet to compete and express their desire to excel in sports.

Community Feeding Tanzania



HCGC
HACKNEY COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

Hackney Community Gospel Choir (HCGC) - This project has been in operation for since 2012.
A weekly community choir for all ages open to anybody from any faith, persuasion, or background to foster community cohesion and help individuals build self-esteem



Hackney Community Gospel Choir is open to everybody giving more people an opportunity to find their voice in a community setting. The songs are mostly gospel and are uplifting, songs that anyone would love to sing! We usually support the members by sending them the songs to learn in advance of the practice.
At a time when Community Choirs are springing up all over the UK, it's great to be part of a movement that is giving people so much joy and hope. It is also a platform for communication across all generations!

The Reapers CHOIR

The vocal ability of this unique singing collective has been recognised nationally and internationally, with the gospel outfit winning "Choir of the Year 2018" in the GVMMA Awards, "Best Music Video by a UK Choir or Group" at the JUMP Music Video Awards 2017 for their latest track "The Only One (Okan Soso)", London UK; and both "Choir of the Year" and "Choir Director of the Year" (Anu Omideyi), in the Zeta Gospel Music Awards, Tennessee, USA, in October 2015.

The choir was a finalist on BBC1's Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year 2014 and was also nominated for "Musical Group/Choir of Excellence 2018" in the African Gospel Music Media Awards", "Best Gospel Act" in the Urban Music Awards 2017, Premier Gospel Award "Choir of The Year 2017", Choir of the Year 2016" and the British Gospel Music Alliance Industry (GMIA) award for "Best Music Video by a UK Choir/Group" (JUMP Music Video Awards) in 2014.

Despite the various accolades they've received The Reapers Choir is a humble church choir comprised of singers from Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel), Hackney, UK.

Their debut album, "Light Through the Tunnel", was also released to critical acclaim and great support from radio stations in 2015. Its contemporary style showcases a range of musical styles from pop to praise and worship providing a musical soundtrack for people of all faiths - and those who have none - that uplifts listeners, no matter what they are going through or experiencing on their life journey.

It has also been booked as a support act for well-known gospel artists such as Vashawn Mitchell and Tye Tribbett in their London shows. It was hosted by The 13th London African Music Festival (2015) and headlined its own night to a sold-out crowd and great reviews.

Pacesetters Project

PACESETTERS

Pacesetters – What is it?
Pacesetters is a programme aimed at young people between the ages of 11 and 25 to help them discover their unique gifting so they can serve God faithfully and positively impact others in the community and world at large.
We are passionate and dedicated to the transformation of young people's lives; with a desire to inspire them to commit to a lifestyle of service and social action.

The Need
In an increasingly turbulent and uncertain world, young people need hope and the ambition of achieving something. They should aspire to be progressive and successful and serve as role models to be imitated in their environment.
We aim to work directly with young people and their families to assist them in their development to adulthood, addressing character-building issues, which should effect a positive impact on their lifestyle, motivating them to become people of distinction and accomplishment.

The Programme
The Pacesetters programme is a two-year life coaching programme. The participant sets a character-building goal to be achieved within a pre-determined period. In addition, there will be integrity-based leadership seminars, workshops, and forums to be attended.
Designed to be self-accomplishing, it requires a high sense of commitment and self-discipline, absolute trust in God for grace and help achieve what you set out to do.

A great degree of trust and honesty is expected throughout to get the best out of the sessions. The programme is flexible and can therefore be adapted to suit and meet the needs of any age group. While it has been written from a Christian perspective, it can also be applied across all faiths or secular establishments.

The Harvesters Kitchen Project

The Harvesters Kitchen Project is an outreach initiative of designed to provide practical help, nourishment, and compassion to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. The programme operates through two connected services: **(1) Food Bank**: Offers parcels of essential groceries and household items to those in need, ensuring access to nutritious food during times of financial hardship. **(2) Soup Kitchen:** Provides freshly prepared hot meals in a welcoming, safe environment where guests can eat, rest, and connect with others in the community.

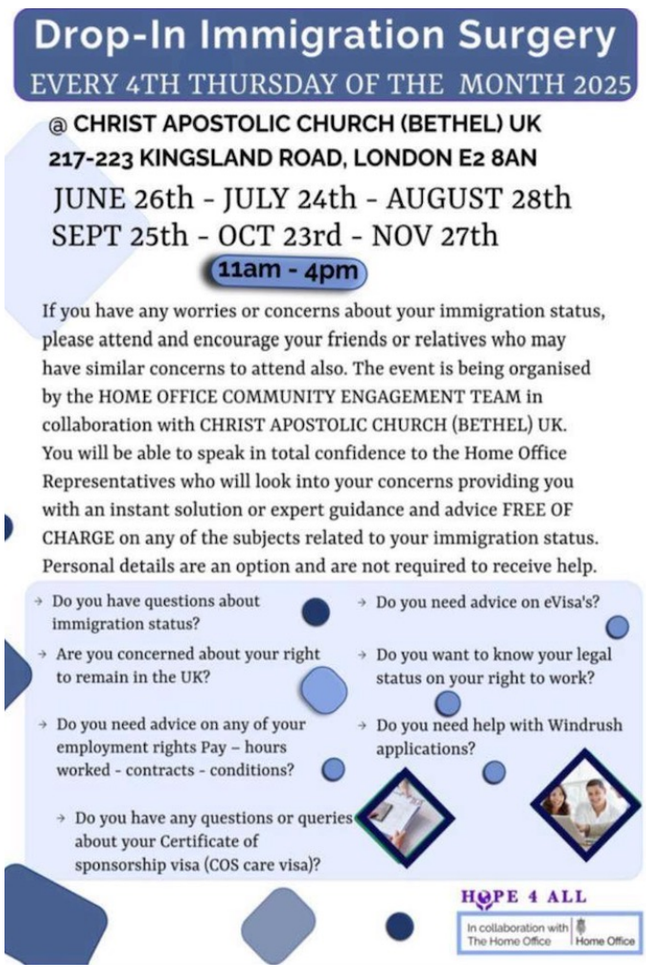














The Immigration surgery which is in collaboration with the Home Office provides specialized support and advice to individuals from the locality and beyond with immigration-related issues within a community setting.

The "surgery" in this context is a drop-in advice scheduled consultation session.

The immigration surgery is designed to offer specific guidance, information, and practical assistance to people dealing with immigration matters.

The Immigration surgery provides:
Access to Expert Advice: To allow individuals to consult qualified immigration advisors about visas, asylum, residency, or citizenship.

Support for Vulnerable Individuals: To assist those who may face barriers to understanding or navigating complex immigration laws including updates processs and legislation.

Community Integration: To help immigrants understand their rights, responsibilities, and available services, promoting social inclusion.

Early Intervention: To identify and address immigration issues before they escalate into legal or social crises.

Empowerment: To equip individuals with accurate information so that they can make informed decisions about their own immigration status.

In essence, the immigration surgery provides a safe, accessible space where people can receive confidential, accurate and professional immigration support within their community.







The Pacesetters Music and Media Academy is aimed at providing a platform for aspiring musicians and media creatives to learn, enhance their skills, network, and collaborate in order to deliver positive community messaging through their art. The project will aim to target disadvantaged demographics in our local community who otherwise would struggle to have access to such opportunities.
We aim to conclude with participants of the programme leading a social action project, which will develop their leadership skills and improve social harmony.
The workshops will consist of teaching / training sessions, practical exercises, networking opportunities, and performance showcases. This will also include confidence / character development and day to day guidance which is an ethos of the Pacesetters brand.

Objectives

To provide training and resources to aspiring artists, musicians and media creatives.
To develop their support systems to ensure these skills aid their employment pathways.
To facilitate collaboration and networking within the gospel music and media industry.
To showcase talent and provide performance opportunities for participants.
To inspire and uplift participants through the power of gospel music and media.



St Columba's Complex

Regeneration & Redevelopment



What is the Regeneration and Redevelopment Project

The St Columba's Regeneration and Redevelopment Project is a comprehensive programme to secure the long-term future of this historic St Columba's complex on Kingsland Road, Haggerston, by conserving and restoring its significant listed build-ings while creating safe, sustainable, accessible and fit-for-purpose spaces for wor-ship, community activity and wider public benefit.

The project seeks to address:
- Current repairs, maintenance and future development needs of the buildings,
- Improve their environmental and operational performance,
- Enhance accessibility and functionality
- Establish a sustainable approach to the management and use of the site

Importantly, the project builds on the Church's long-standing stewardship of St Co-lumba's and its commitment to preserving the site's heritage while ensuring that the complex continues to serve as a vibrant place of worship, community engagement, support and social impact for the present and future generations.

Why the St Columba's Complex Regeneration and Redevelopment Plan was devised

The Regeneration and Redevelopment plan for St Columba's Church, Kingsland Road, Haggerston, was devised primarily to address the long-term condition, con-servation and viability of an important set of historic buildings while securing its fu-ture for generations to come.

St Columba's complex is a complex of exceptional architectural and historic signifi-cance, designed by the renowned Victorian architect James Brooks with building works commencing in 1868–69.

The complex consists of the former St Columba's church which is a Grade I listed church, designed by the Victorian architect James Brooks and constructed in 1868–69. The associated vicarage and link building are also Grade I listed, while the former Sisters' House and School are Grade II*.

The significance of this collection of buildings makes their protection and appropri-ate repair particularly important, while their current condition and vulnerability demonstrate the urgent need for a comprehensive and sustainable approach to their future. (Historic England)

The entire set of buildings within the complex are all listed on the heritage at risk register by Historic England.

The plan was therefore developed to move beyond short-term maintenance and indi-vidual repairs and to consider the whole site as a sustainable asset.

A strategic Regeneration and Redevelopment approach provides an opportunity to identify the works necessary to stabilise, repair and conserve the historic fabric, while also considering how the buildings can be adapted to meet contemporary re-quirements. This is particularly important for a historic complex where inappropriate or piecemeal intervention could result in further deterioration, loss of historic fabric or increasing maintenance liabilities. The objective is to establish a coherent pro-gramme of conservation and improvement rather than continuing reactive repairs.

A further reason for devising the Regeneration and Redevelopment plan is the need to ensure that the buildings have a viable and sustainable future. The former St Co-lumba parish church has been closed for worship for many years, and the historic records confirm that the parish was declared redundant in 1975. The buildings have nevertheless continued to have a significant community and religious presence, with the Christ Apostolic Church (Bethel) UK occupying the St Columba complex since the 1980s. The regeneration strategy therefore needs to recognise both the historic significance of the site and its potential to continue serving the community through appropriate religious, social, cultural and community uses.

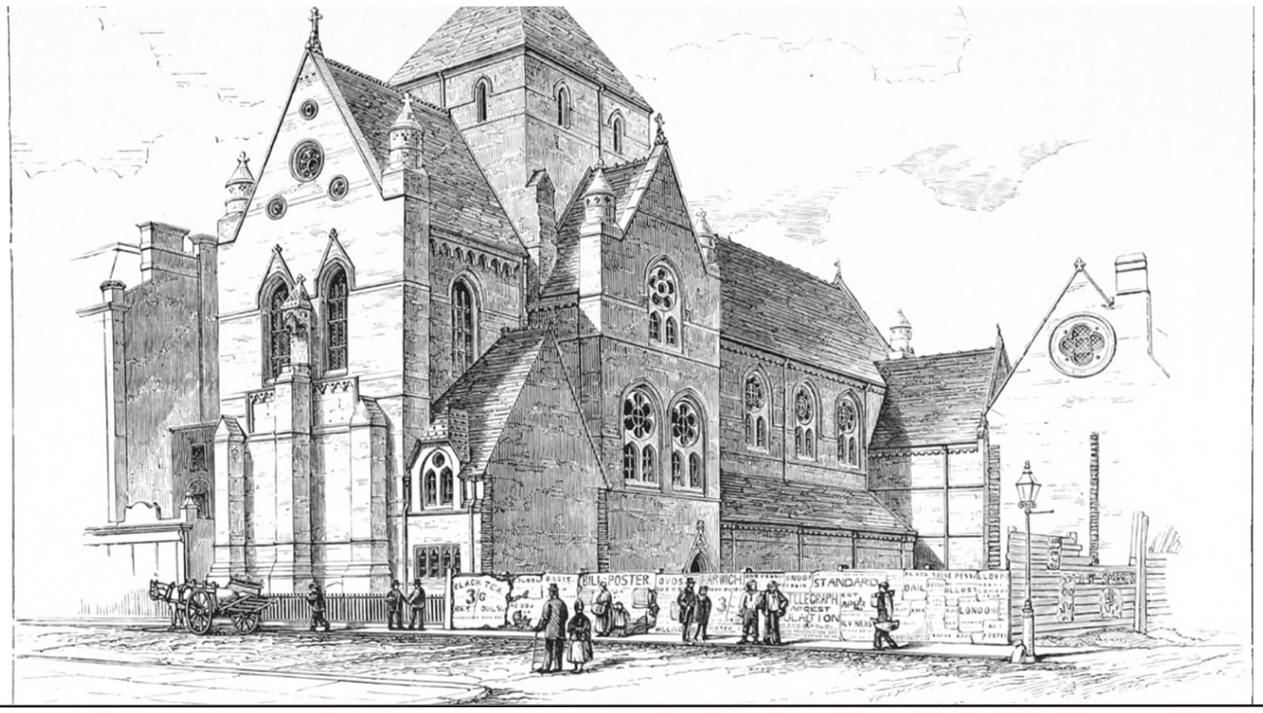
Ultimately, the St Columba's Regeneration and Redevelopment plan is intended to secure the long-term future of one of Hackney's most significant historic listed complexes' while creating a sustainable and useful community asset.

The approach seeks to balance heritage conservation with practical requirements, accessibili-ty, environmental performance, financial viability and the needs of present and future users. By investing in the existing buildings, addressing their condition and finding sustainable uses for the site, the project can protect the embodied herit-age and architectural value of St Columba's com-plex while ensuring that the com-plex continues to make a positive contribution to Haggerston, Hackney and the wid-er community.

Benefits of the Regeneration & Redevelopment Project

Heritage, Conservation & Repairs

A principal benefit of the project will be the repair, conservation and improvement of the existing buildings and historic fabric. Addressing areas of deterioration and maintenance will help prevent further damage and reduce the likelihood of increas-ingly expensive remedial works in the future. Improvements to the various buildings' envelope, roof and rainwater goods, together with appro-priate upgrades to heating, lighting, insulation, ventilation, electrical systems and other services, will improve the overall performance and functionality of the buildings. Where possible, existing materials and structures will be retained and repaired, supporting the principles of sustainable development by reducing waste, avoiding unnecessary demolition and preserving the embodied carbon and heritage value contained within the existing buildings.



Facilitating & Enabling Development
The project seeks to facilitate and enable the appropriate development within the St Columba's complex to support its long-term viability, sustainability and continued community use.

This will involve identifying opportunities to sensitively adapt, refurbish and, where appropriate, introduce new uses within the existing buildings and spaces, while re-specting their listed status, architectural significance and historic character. By mak-ing better and more efficient use of the wider complex, the project aims to create op-portunities for sustainable income generation, community and social enterprise ac-tivities, improved operational efficiency and complementary uses that can contribute towards the ongoing maintenance and stewardship of the heritage assets.

The approach will ensure that any development is proportionate, heritage-led and responsive to the needs of the Church and wider community, enabling the complex to become financially and operationally more resilient while safeguarding its signifi-cance for future generations.

Community
The Regeneration and Redevelopment will also deliver substantial social and com-munity benefits. The improved facilities will provide a more welcoming, inclusive, ac-cessible and flexible environment for worship, fellowship, community activities, meetings, learning, cultural activities and other forms of engagement. Better-quality spaces will enable the church to expand its programme of activities and strengthen its relationships with local residents, community organisations, voluntary groups and other partners. The project has the potential to create opportunities for volun-teering, skills development, intergenerational activities and community participation, while providing a safe and positive place where people can meet, build relationships and access support. In this respect, the project is intended not simply to improve a physical complex, but to strengthen the church's role as a long-term community as-set and place of belonging.

Economic
There will also be important economic and operational benefits. A more efficient and appropriately used complex should reduce ongoing maintenance requirements and improve the effective use of available space and resources. Modern repaired building services and energy-efficiency measures can help reduce operational costs and contribute to lower carbon emissions over the lifetime of the development. The project can also provide opportunities for local employment, contractors and suppli-ers during the construction and delivery phases, while creating a stronger platform for the church to develop sustainable income-generating and partnership opportuni-ties in the future. By taking a long-term approach to investment, the project aims to move away from reactive maintenance towards planned asset management, improv-ing the financial resilience and operational sustainability of the complex.

Sustainability
Ultimately, the Regeneration and Redevelopment Project is about securing the future of the church, its heritage, its people and its contribution to the wider community. This will bring together environmental sustainability, heritage conservation, social value, improved accessibility, operational efficiency and responsible governance within a single long-term vision. The benefits will extend beyond the physical im-provements to the buildings, creating a stronger and more resilient organisation with facilities capable of supporting changing needs and opportunities. By investing re-sponsibly in the site today, the project will help ensure that the complex remains a place of worship, fellowship, service and community engagement, preserving its her-itage while creating a sustainable legacy that can be enjoyed and used by present and future generations.

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)
The proposed Regeneration and Redevelopment Project of the St Columba's complex provides an important opportunity to embed Environmental, Social and Govern-ance (ESG) principles into the long-term future of the complex and its surrounding community.

Environmental
From an Environmental perspective, the project will prioritise the responsible stew-ardship of the existing buildings and their historic fabric, seeking to repair, reuse and improve existing assets wherever practicable rather than unnecessarily replacing them. Improvements to the building envelope, rainwater goods, insulation, heating, lighting, ventilation and other building services can help reduce energy consump-tion, operational carbon emissions and maintenance require-ments. The project will also seek to reduce construction waste, use materials responsibly and improve the building's resilience to climate change, including increased rainfall and other extreme weather events. In doing so, the regeneration will support the principle of retaining and enhancing an existing community asset rather than creating unnecessary envi-ronmental impacts through replacement or redevelopment elsewhere.

Social
The Social element of the ESG approach is two fold:
(i) - Policy
(ii) - Measuring Progress

These are both central to the church's purpose and future. The Regenerated and Redeveloped buildings will provide a safe, welcoming, ac-cessible and inclusive environment that supports worship, flowship, community engagement and a range of activities that benefit local residents and the wider com-munity. The project will seek to improve accessibility for people of different ages and abilities, create flexible spaces that can respond to changing community needs, and strengthen opportunities for partnership with local organisations, community groups and other stakeholders. By safeguarding the complex as a place for gather-ing, support, learning and so-cial interaction, the project can contribute to reducing social isolation, strengthening community cohesion and creating opportunities for volunteering, participation and intergenerational engage-ment. The Regeneration and Redevelopment therefore seeks not only to preserve a complex, but to preserve and strengthen its role as a community asset and place of belonging.

In terms of measuring the social Impact associated with this complex, this is illus-trated within the Social Impact & Community Projects Summary Report (Pg XX) with the detailed report also available upon request.

Governance
Strong Governance will underpin the delivery and long-term management of the pro-ject. This will include transparent decision-making, appropriate financial controls, effective project manage-ment, responsible procurement and clear accountability for the use of funds and other resources. The project will be managed in accordance with relevant legal, planning, heritage, safeguarding, health and safety and equality requirements, with appropriate engagement with stakeholders throughout its devel-opment and implementation.
Risks will be identified and managed proactively, while progress, expenditure and outcomes will be monitored against agreed objectives. Collectively, the Environmen-tal, Social and Governance commitments will help ensure that the complex's Regen-eration and Redevelopment is financially responsible, environmentally sustainable, socially beneficial and properly governed, securing the complex's future while enabling it to continue serving present and future generations.

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Thank you for your recent application to Benefact Trust. I'm delighted to let you know that our Trustees have approved a grant of £8,600 for the CAC Mt Bethel Community Hub Improvement Project.

Please note that our grant may only be used towards the project costs outlined in your application form. Our grant is subject to our Standard Grant Terms and Conditions, which can be found on the 'how to apply' page of our website (https://www.benefacttrust.co.uk/media/xr4jagm1/grant-terms.pdf). If there is a material change in your project plans as described in your application form, you are required to let us know. You should also tell us if the total cost of your project reduces as this may affect the size of your grant.

Payments and reporting

Your grant will be paid as a BACS payment once you have provided your organisation's bank details and formally accepted our grant (see next steps below). Payment will be made typically within 2 weeks of the submission of these details, though please allow up to four weeks.

We will contact you near the end of your project requesting that you complete an Impact Survey to help us measure the impact of our funding. The survey is brief and should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. Please note that this is requirement of your grant.

I would also be pleased to hear from you when you have updates on your progress to share. If you are unable to proceed with your project for any reason, or you are not sure if you will be able to deliver it in line with the proposals in your application form, please contact me for a discussion.

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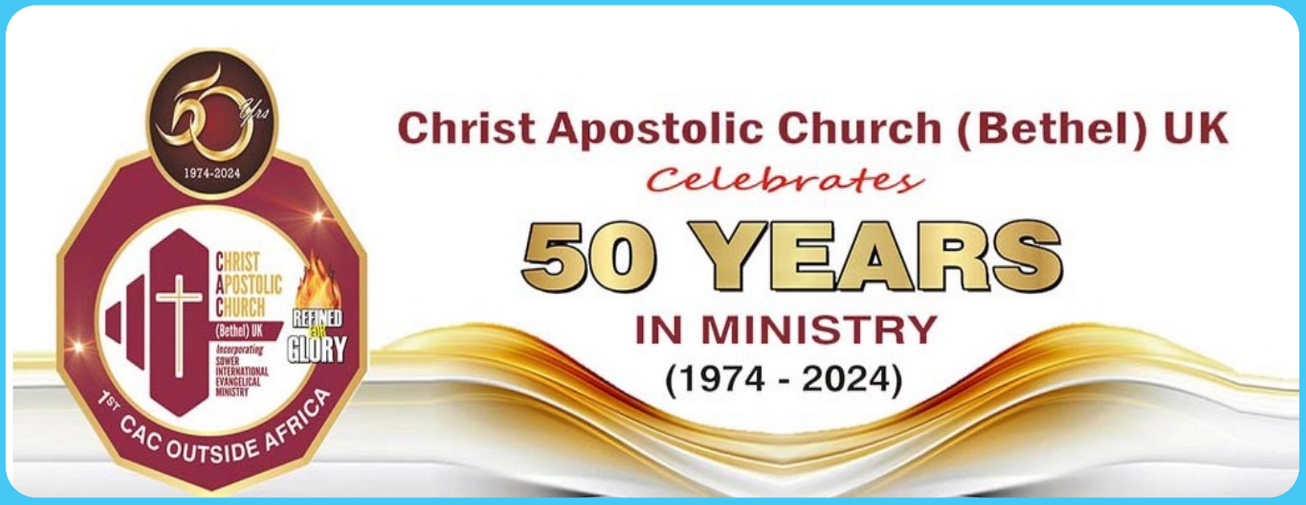
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