

Charity Registration Number: 502464

**TRUST PROPERTY HELD IN CONNEXION WITH
BETHESDA CHAPEL ROYTON**

**Trustees Annual Report
and Financial Statements**

Year Ended 31 December 2020

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Registered Charity Name	Trust Property held in connexion with Bethesda Chapel Royton
Charity Number	502464
Registered Office	12 Thornham Old Road Royton Oldham OL2 5UN
Trustees	Geoffrey Goodwin Eleanor Lily Potter Andrea Rose Jean Gill Denise Debra Walton Janet Nola Goodwin Fraser Thomas Rose
Accountants	Community Accounting Lancashire C.I.C. Foxfields 9 Norley Close Chadderton Oldham Lancashire OL1 2RA
Bankers	Yorkshire Bank 2 Market Square Royton Oldham OL2 5QD

BETHESDA CHAPEL

Dogford Road, Royton, Oldham. OL2 6UA

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Date: 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Charity Name: 'Trust Property Held in Connexion with Bethesda Baptist Chapel Royton'

Registration Number: 502464

Principal Address of Charity: Dogford Road, Royton, Oldham. OL2 6UA

Correspondence address: 12 Thornham Old Road, Royton, Oldham. OL2 5UN

TRUST DEEDS

The particulars of the deed regulating the purpose of the charity are set out in the trust deeds dated 26 November 1866

BANKERS' NAME AND ADDRESS

Yorkshire Bank
9/11 Yorkshire Street
Rochdale
OL16 1BL
Account numbers: 55851732 and 22424721

National Savings Bank
Glasgow
G58 1SB
Account number: 138042892

TRUSTEES

New Charity Trustees are entitled to be appointed by Church Members at any of the Quarterly or Annual Church Meetings following discussion and agreement. The following is the list of persons who were trustees at the date this report was signed:

Geoffrey Goodwin
Janet Nola Goodwin
Denise Debra Walton
Eleanor Potter
Andrea Rose
Fraser Rose
Jean Gill

No other persons were trustees during the year.

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The objects of the Charity are to facilitate Christian worship and observance, and social action.

ORGANISATION AND DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE

Church members, including trustees, form the organising body, which meet quarterly. The two pastors, Geoff Goodwin and Fraser Rose, make day to day decisions, deferring to quarterly meetings if necessary. From March quarterly meetings and face to face discussions were not possible due to the pandemic, so the pastors consulted via

telephone.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PARTIES, CHARITIES, AND ORGANISATIONS

The Church is autonomous and the Charity has no formal relationships with other parties or with any other charities and organisations, other than by way of making grants. However, there is an informal relationship with Family Aid Direct, which is the Charity the Church uses for poverty relief and mission in India. Some of the Trustees are also Trustees of Family Aid Direct.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST YEAR AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

Church Worship services, Meetings and Social Activities

The pandemic has affected the Charity's ability to provide Christian worship and ministry and opportunities for Christian service throughout the various aspects of Church life. The following activities were suspended from 22 March:-

Sunday worship services

Sunday school

Weekly toddler group

Weekly fellowship meetings

Monthly 'Bring and Share' meals together

Good Friday outdoor service with Churches Together in Royton on the shopping precinct.

Church quarterly business meetings

Summer Fun Day

The Charity shop in aid of local needy folk

Whatsapp Group

Bethesda Whatsapp group was set up as soon as the lockdown began. This has proved invaluable for maintaining communication and spiritual support for members of the congregation during the closure of the church. Sunday morning and Wednesday evening were set as worship times, with messages of support, prayers, sermons and photographs and videos from the children. In addition, each day started with Psalms and throughout each day there was encouragement and fellowship. Members of the congregation who could not access Whatsapp were contacted regularly by telephone.

Open Air Sunday Worship Services on the Church Car Park

From mid-July live outdoor music events were allowed to take place. So careful arrangements were made for short, Covid secure Sunday afternoon services on the church car park, using social distancing and with only the musicians allowed to sing. However, these had to stop when stricter measures were reintroduced in August.

School Uniform Project

Used school uniforms had been donated during the year in order to help ease the financial burden for families. However, because of Covid restrictions, it was difficult to sort the donations safely and not possible for families to come into the premises to collect uniforms. Instead, Facebook School Uniform Swapshop groups have been set up for the eight primary schools in Royton and also the five local feeder secondary schools. So rather than Bethesda being a hub for uniform donations, parents can post them on the relevant Facebook group for other parents to collect. In fact, this should prove to be a better way of getting specific school uniforms to the right people in the future.

Emergency Food Project

The project uses a very simple model of a small number of basic items plus frozen ready meals.. Donations of money, rather than food, means items according to the model can

be bought. Many local people generously donate towards the project and food parcels have been delivered daily by our volunteers. A grant was obtained from Forever Manchester for large freezers, because requests now come from a wider area of Oldham. Because of this, The Charity is trying to encourage this simple model to be set up in other districts of the borough. A further grant was obtained and is ready to fund this in the future.

Christmas Toy Appeal

The Christmas Toy Appeal could not go ahead this year, as the pandemic meant receiving used toys, sorting, wrapping and delivering them could not be done safely. In addition to this, last year Social Services and other agencies decided not to accept second hand toys, which made it difficult to get toys to needy children. Instead, we have encouraged people with used toys to post them on the local Facebook group 'Acts of Random Kindness Royton'.

India Appeal

Following an appeal to help people in India suffering food shortage caused by the pandemic, donations were received and passed on to Family Aid Direct, who sent them to New Creation Welfare Charity in India.

Charity Shop

The Charity shop normally operates from rooms upstairs in the Church building. It is staffed by a small group of volunteers and all proceeds are for the needy, with none being kept for Church funds, apart from a contribution towards heating and lighting. White goods, household items and clothes are often provided free to local people in crisis, who are introduced by support workers from Oldham Social Services and local Charities. The Charity draws on Acts 435, an online Christian crowd-funding scheme, to help fund the purchase of white goods and other needs to people in crisis. The Charity shop had to close from March as it could not operate safely during the pandemic. However, it has still been possible to respond to requests of help for needy people by support workers and others.

Facebook

The Charity's Facebook pages help to make local people aware of the Emergency Food project, the School Uniform Project, the Charity Shop and the Church services. It has been particularly helpful for communication during the pandemic.

Grants

Despite the lockdown in the year, the Charity has continued to make grants to worthy causes, both those to whom the Charity has an ongoing commitment, and also those of a one-off nature. The Salt Cellar Youth Project Oldham closed in February so did not require grants from then. There was a special India Appeal in aid of the Family Aid Direct for the provision of food during the pandemic. A donation to CAFOD was made in aid of the Lebanon disaster in August. White goods were provided using Acts 435 Christian crowd funding and some needs were met from Charity Shop funds. The Trustees hope for continued involvement in social action and to providing financial support for worthy causes that relate to the objects of the Charity.

Despite the limitations from Covid-19, the trustees hope to still provide a spiritually healthy environment in which to worship and serve God, to help spread the Christian gospel and to engage in social action. The trustees look forward to resuming the paused activities as soon as it is safe to do so.

THE CHARITY'S POLICIES ON RESERVES

The amount of reserves at 31 December 2020 was £31,582.55 (comprising Church funds:

£22,929.04 and Charity Shop funds: £8,653.51). The existing policy is to regularly set aside planned percentages from the Sunday Church collections into special funds in order to meet commitments. Tithing by Church members is encouraged and also the use of tax-efficient giving through Gift Aid where possible. The Emergency Food Project has a separate fund for donations and purchases. Church members are made aware of the need to ensure that the Charity's income is adequate to cover the financial responsibilities and that no financial commitments are made that the Charity cannot fulfil. The Treasurer's reported is normally presented at each quarterly Church meeting in order that an ongoing review of income and expenditure can be evaluated and any necessary recommendations made. However, due to the pandemic, face to face quarterly Church meetings have not taken place since January 2020. Copies of the quarterly accounts have been made available to trustees.

The following arrangements will continue in order to ensure there are adequate reserves for beneficiaries: the setting aside of £300 per quarter into a building fund for maintenance work; the setting aside of 10% of Church donations into missionary work funds and the setting aside a further 10% to ease poverty at home and abroad; a donation box at Church for the Emergency Food Project. Because the Church had to close from March onwards due to Covid-19, donations during the year were reduced, so unfortunately grants from the tithe funds are smaller. The trustees do not consider there is a need to adopt any new policies to determine the level of reserves that it is appropriate for the Charity to maintain in order to meet effectively the needs of its beneficiaries.

THE CHARITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The trustees do not consider there is a need at the present time to adopt any new policies for the selection of investments for the charity. The trustees confirm that there are no major investment risks facing the charity and appropriate buildings and public liability insurance continues to be in place.

GRANT-MAKING POLICIES

There is a continuing commitment of dedicating from Church Sunday collections 10% to missionary work and 10% to relieving poverty. Any further needs for grants to individuals or organisations come from general funds and are considered as and when they come to the notice of Church members, after ensuring that other financial responsibilities are met. The trustees do not consider there is a need at this time to adopt any new policies for the selection of individuals and institutions that are to receive grants out of the Charity assets.

DISCLOSURE OF GRANTS

Details of grants are as follows:-

Individuals

1. John Oldham, working with PFJ Ministries, Manchester Rd, Kearsley, Bolton BL4 8QX.
Grant: £240 (from non-restricted funds)
PFJ Ministries is involved in church planting and care programmes overseas.

Organisations

2. Image Coverdale Centre, Coverdale Crescent, Manchester, M12 4FG
Grant: £840 (from non-restricted funds).
Image is a pregnancy crisis centre that cares for life from conception to natural death.
3. Vis De Copil (A Child's Dream), 56 Battock Road, Brightons, Falkirk, FK2 OTT.

Grant: £372.59 (from non-restricted funds).

Vis De Copil ministers to the needs of street children in Romania (Str. Ludovic Szsntay Nr. 15 Arad, Romania, 310 100)

4. Gideons International, Western House, George St, Lutterworth, Leics. LE17 4EE

Grant: £242.40 (from non-restricted funds).

Gideons International distributes bibles to schools, hospitals, prisons and hotels.

5. World Wide Evangelisation for Christ (WEC International), Bulstrode, Oxford Rd, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 8SZ

Grant: £242.40 (from non-restricted funds).

WEC is a missionary organisation that facilitates the work of Christian missionaries.

6. Grace Baptist Mission (GBM), 12 Abbey Close, Abingdon, Oxon. OX14 3JD

Grant: £100 (from non-restricted funds).

GBM is a missionary organisation that facilitates the work of Christian missionaries

7. Barnabus Fund, 9 Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX. Charity no 1092935

Grant: £242.84 (from non-restricted funds).

Barnabusfund is an aid agency for the persecuted Church, working in over 60 countries.

8. Salt Cellar Youth Project, The Salt Cellar Christian Centre, 11a Church Street, Oldham, OL1 3AN

Grant: £50 (from non-restricted funds).

SCYP promotes the spread of the Christian gospel amongst young people of Oldham, but has now closed.

9. Family Aid Direct

Family Aid Direct, C/o 12 Thornham Old Road, Royton, Oldham. OL2 5UN.

Grant: £3,300.00 (from non-restricted funds)

Family Aid Direct is a poverty relief Charity, operating in India.

10. CAFOD

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Rd, London. SE1 7JB

Grant: £1,000 (from non-restricted funds)

CAFOD is a Charity that provides aid in the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America

11. J Ssali, Goodwork Furniture Bank, Melbourne St, Chadderton. Oldham OL9 9EW

Grant: £500 (from non-restricted funds)

Mr Ssali , who runs Good Work furniture bank, had an unexpected bill.

12 Mark Goodwin Pianos, Stadium Works, Dogford Road, Royton, Oldham. OL2 6UA

Grant: £95.94 (from non-restricted funds).

This was a reimbursement for 6 radios bought for a care home to help during the Corona virus epidemic.

NON-DISCLOSED GRANTS

There have been non-disclosed grants totalling £345 from the Charity Shop funds (non-restricted)

Such grants are made tactfully and discreetly to individual in crisis, in order to alleviate poverty and suffering. There is often a need for anonymity in order to avoid embarrassment, as the people who find themselves in the position of need might be known by people in the Church and surrounding area.

CONTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTEERS

There are no paid posts within the Charity. The Charity benefits from volunteers who are involved in various activities within the Church, including preaching, Sunday school teaching, leading fellowship meetings, musician work, the Charity shop, Christmas Toy Appeal, Summer Fun Day, Emergency Food project, School Uniform Project, cleaning, building maintenance, accounting and administration.

FUNDRAISING

The Charity continues to hold to its longstanding principle of looking to God in faith to provide funds for the Church's overheads, through gifts and donations of members, congregation and friends, rather than fund raising. Money raised in the Charity shop is not used for Church funds, but rather is used for local people in financial need. Donations from Acts 435 crowd-funding is used to offset the purchase of white goods and other household items for local people in financial need; donations received for the Emergency Food Project are used for local people in food crisis; donations received for the India Appeal was passed on to Family Aid Direct for those in India suffering food shortage during the Covid epidemic; donations received for the Lebanon disaster was passed on CAFOD.



Signed on behalf of the Trustees.....

Name JANET NOLA GOODWIN Date 19 April 2021

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**REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF TRUST
PROPERTY HELD IN CONNEXION WITH BETHESDA CHAPEL ROYTON**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 2011 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility as independent examiner to:

- ~ examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- ~ follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- ~ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

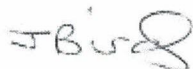
Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination for the year ended 31 December 2020.

I can 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 2011 Act or
- ~ the accounts do not accord with the accounting records to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.



20th April 2021

Miss Jacqueline Bird F.M.A.A.T.
Community Accounting Lancashire C.I.C.
Foxfields
9 Norley Close
Chadderton
Oldham
OL1 2RA

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
RECEIPTS				
<i>Church</i>				
Collections	6,811	-	6,811	12,803
Gift Aid	2,481	-	2,481	3,331
Fundraising (Fun Day)	-	-	-	332
Toy Appeal	-	-	-	801
Wedding Grant	-	-	-	200
Lebanon Disaster & Food Project	-	550	550	-
Furniture Bank	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	158	-	158	117
Other Income	-	-	-	218
	<u>9,450</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>17,802</u>
<i>Charity Shop</i>				
Shop Sales	2,761	-	2,761	6,832
Donations	-	-	-	3,965
Act 35	-	3,215	3,215	2,215
Emergency Food Project	-	15,845	15,845	3,924
India Appeal & Uniform Project	-	1,845	1,845	-
	<u>2,761</u>	<u>20,905</u>	<u>23,666</u>	<u>16,936</u>
<i>Furniture Bank</i>				
Furniture Sales	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>12,211</u>	<u>21,455</u>	<u>33,666</u>	<u>34,738</u>
PAYMENTS				
<i>Church</i>				
Building Maintenance	1,653	-	1,653	1,296
Insurance & Fire	1,396	-	1,396	1,662
Utilities	2,547	-	2,547	3,259
Resources	785	-	785	1,222
Toy Appeal	-	55	55	858
Thembe Mbambo Wedding Costs	-	-	-	1,500
Lebanon Disaster & Food Project	750	550	1,300	-
Fundraising Costs (Fun Day)	-	-	-	468
Flowers	138	-	138	108
Rainy Day Fund	500	-	500	666
Salt Cellar Youth Project	50	-	50	600
Image Pregnancy Crisis	840	-	840	840
Family Aid Direct (FAD)	3,300	-	3,300	-
WEC International (Missionary Society)	242	-	242	236
Gideons UK	242	-	242	236
Barnabus Fund	243	-	243	-
John Oldham, PFJ	340	-	340	240
Romanian Street Children	373	-	373	345
GBM (Annual Donation)	100	-	100	100
Oldham Food Bank	-	-	-	75
Street Angels Oldham	-	-	-	60
Cystic Fibrosis	100	-	100	-
British Heart Foundation	100	-	100	-
Radios for Care Homes	96	-	96	-
Food Project Donation	250	-	250	-
Accountancy Fees	450	-	450	390
Sundries	177	-	177	642
	<u>14,672</u>	<u>605</u>	<u>15,277</u>	<u>14,803</u>

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT continued
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
PAYMENTS continued				
<i>Charity Shop</i>				
Beneficiary Goods	494	-	494	3,564
Act 35	-	3,215	3,215	2,215
Emergency Food Project	-	11,816	11,816	2,969
India Appeal & Uniform Project	-	1,845	1,845	-
Gas & Electric	150	-	150	840
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Sundries	<u>257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>1,409</u>
	901	16,876	17,777	10,997
<i>Furniture Bank</i>				
SAWN Set Up Costs	-	-	-	4,552
Beneficiary Goods	-	-	-	-
Gas & Electric	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Delivery Costs	-	-	-	-
Storage	-	-	-	1,800
Sundries	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-	-	6,352
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>15,573</u>	<u>17,481</u>	<u>33,054</u>	<u>32,152</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)	(3,362)	3,974	612	2,586
Cash funds at 1 January 2020	29,960	1,010	30,970	28,384
Cash funds at 31 December 2020	<u>26,598</u>	<u>4,984</u>	<u>31,582</u>	<u>30,970</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 19th of April 2021 and signed on their behalf:



JANET NOLA GOODWIN
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Related Party Transactions

During the year donations of £3,300 were made to 'Family Aid Direct (Registered Charity Number 1110147)' which has the same trustees as the 'Trust Property held in connexion with Bethesda Chapel Royton'.

3. Fund Analysis

Fund Name	Balance as at 1st January 2020 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance as at 31st December 2020 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	29,960	12,211	(15,573)	26,598
Restricted Funds				
Toy Appeal	55	-	(55)	-
Act 435	-	3,215	(3,215)	-
Emergency Food Project	955	15,845	(11,816)	4,984
Lebanon Disaster & Food Project	-	550	(550)	-
India Appeal & Uniform Project	-	1,845	(1,845)	-
	<u>1,010</u>	<u>21,455</u>	<u>(17,481)</u>	<u>4,984</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>30,970</u>	<u>33,666</u>	<u>(33,054)</u>	<u>31,582</u>