

**Charity Registration Number: 502464**

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

**Trustees Annual Report  
and Financial Statements**

**Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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## TRUST PROPERTY HELD IN CONNEXION WITH BETHESDA CHAPEL ROYTON

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

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

# BETHESDA CHAPEL

Dogford Road, Royton, Oldham. OL2 6UA

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Date: 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

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. Quarterly meeting are held, at which decisions are made by a consensus of opinion of those present.

## 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, Charity Shop, Meetings and Social Activities

In the past year the Charity has provided Christian worship and ministry and opportunities for Christian service throughout the various aspects of Church life: Sunday Church services, mid-week fellowship meetings, Sunday school, a weekly toddler group and a Charity Shop in aid of local needy people. A number of delegates attended the Holocaust Study Day at Menorah Synagogue in Manchester. Social events have included monthly "Bring and Share" meals and the annual Christmas party. The trustees look forward to continuing to provide a spiritually healthy environment in which to worship and serve God, to help spread the Christian gospel and to engage in social action.

### Whatsapp Group

Bethesda Whatsapp continued providing communication and spiritual support for members of the Church congregation.

### Emergency Food Project

Basic emergency food parcels, including frozen ready meals have continued to be delivered by volunteers to needy people. Funding comes via donations into the Charity shop bank account. Shortfalls in the purchase of food are covered by unrestricted donations from a generous Church friend.

### The Bread and Butter Charity

Each Wednesday this Charity brings groceries for local social housing tenants to buy at greatly reduced prices. The Church building then also becomes a Warm Hub, for which The Bread and Butter Charity donates £400 over winter towards heating.

### Christmas Toys

Donations of new toys were received and passed on to Naomi Martin-Smith of First Choice Homes social housing and second hand toys were received and passed on to needy families in the local area.

### Charity Shop

The Charity shop continues to operate 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, furniture, household items and clothes are often provided free to local people in crisis, who are introduced by support workers or simply word of mouth. The Charity also uses Acts 435, an online Christian crowd-funding scheme, to help fund the supply of white goods and other items.

### Special Appeals

Members of the Church responded generously to the appeals for the earthquake in Turkey/Syria and for the plight of those in Ukraine

## Facebook

The Charity's Facebook pages help to make local people aware of the Emergency Food project, the School Uniform Swapshop Facebook groups, the Charity Shop and the Church services.

## Grants

The Charity has continued to make many grants to worthy causes, both those to whom the Charity has an ongoing commitment, and also those of a one-off nature. 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.

## THE CHARITY'S POLICIES ON RESERVES

The amount of reserves at 31 December 2023 was £25,934 (comprising Church funds: £19,129 and Charity Shop funds: £6,805). The existing policy is to set aside tithes from the Church collections and donations into various funds in order to meet commitments to good causes. The use of tax-efficient giving through Gift Aid is encouraged 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 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 a further 10% to ease poverty at home and abroad. 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. Audrey Sharples, 16 Norfolk Way, Royton, Oldham. OL2 5BD.

Grant: £225

This was help to an elderly widow in financial need.

Michaela Voinea, 14 Queen St, Shaw Oldham OL2 8RW

Grant: £120

This was help to a Ukrainian in financial need.

Michelle Slater, 15 Pemberton Way Shaw Oldham OL2 7TZ

Grant: £50

This was to help with bus fares and bills while caring for her husband in hospital

A Walmsley, Oldham

Grant: £25

This was help with a taxi fair to hospital

Ndumiso Moyo, 8 Queen St Shaw Oldham OL2 8RW

Grant: £170

This was to cover bills whilst between jobs and interview transport costs

Kirsten O'Grady, 97a Beal Lane Shaw OL2 8PH

Grant: £70

This woman has fled from domestic abuse and struggles with bills

Robert 4 Bartland Place, Oldham.

Grant £80

This was help with electricity

Jodeine O'Neill, 134 Boundary Park Rd, Oldham. OL1 2NZ

Grant: £425

This was help over a sustained period with bills and transport costs after fleeing domestic abuse complicated by serious medical problems

Andrew Dalton, 4 Hobson St, Oldham OL1 1TT

Grant: £50

This was help with electricity

Sharon Morland 6 St Marys Close OL1 3SL

Grant: £40

This was help with electricity

Stacey Williams 3 Norbury House AbbeyHills Rd Oldham OL4 1RH

Grant: £60

This was help with food

L Bottomley, no fixed abode

Grant: £60

This was help with food

David Greenacres, 5 Beech Avenue Oldham OL4 2EE

Grant: £30

This was help with electricity

E Golding, Social Worker

Grant: £49

This was for a microwave for a needy client

## Organisations

1. Image Coverdale Centre, Coverdale Crescent, Manchester, M12 4FG. Charity no.1141832

Grant: £840

Image is a pregnancy crisis centre that cares for life from conception to natural death.

2. Vis De Copil (A Child's Dream), 56 Battock Road, Brighton, Falkirk, FK2 OTT. Charity no. SC037354

Grant: £206.79

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

3. Good News For Everyone (formerly Gideons International), Western House, George St, Lutterworth, Leics. LE17 4EE. Charity no. 221605

Grant: £137.86

Good New for Everyone distributes bibles to schools, hospitals, prisons and hotels.

4. World Wide Evangelisation for Christ (WEC International), Bulstrode, Oxford Rd, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 8SZ. Charity no. 237005

Grant: £137.86

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

5. Grace Baptist Mission (GBM), 12 Abbey Close, Abingdon, Oxon. OX14 3JD. Charity no. 1157506

Grant: £100

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

6. Family Aid Direct

Family Aid Direct, C/o 12 Thornham Old Road, Royton, Oldham. OL2 5UN. Charity no. 1110147

Grant: £174

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

7. Mark Curtis Evangelism Trust Incorporating Passion For Jesus Ministries, 10 Cambridge Drive, Little Lever, Bolton. BL3 1XJ. Charity no. 1086475

Grant: £350 (13Feb,

PFJ Ukraine Appeal. PFJ operates in Ukraine, so it is well placed to respond to the crisis in Ukraine.

8. Disasters and Emergency Committee Turkish/Syrian Earthquake Appeal, PO Box 999, London. EC3A 3AA. Charity number 1062638

Grant £700

DEC represents 15 Charities working in disaster areas

9. Soul Cafe 58-60 Yorkshire St Oldham. OL1 1QX

Grant: £25

This is an Christian organisation working with youth of Oldham

### 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. These include preaching, Sunday school teaching, musicians, leading fellowship meetings, ministering to people in the local community, weekly toddler group, Charity Shop work, purchasing, packing and delivering emergency food parcels, cleaning and 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 and grants, through gifts and donations from members, congregation and friends, rather than fund raising. Money made in the Charity shop is not used for Church funds, but rather is used for local people in financial need, apart from covering the cost of electricity used. Donations received for the Emergency Food Project are used for local people in food crisis. Donations from Acts 435 crowd-funding are used to purchase white goods and other household items for local people in financial need.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



JANET NOLA GOODWIN

25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

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

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, 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.

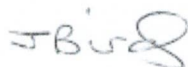
**Independent Examiners Statement**

I have completed my examination for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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.



25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

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

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<i>Church</i>				
Collections & Donations	9,863	-	9,863	7,674
Gift Aid	1,202	-	1,202	1,719
Rainy Day Fund	-	125	125	600
Family Aid Direct	-	-	-	-
Afghanistan Crisis Appeal	-	-	-	460
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-	700	700	-
Ukraine Appeal	-	350	350	2,060
Shadrak Motorbike Appeal	-	-	-	460
Refunds (Utilities)	69	-	69	-
Bank Interest	146	-	146	83
Other Income	-	-	-	-
	<u>11,280</u>	<u>1,175</u>	<u>12,455</u>	<u>13,056</u>
<i>Charity Shop</i>				
Shop Sales	4,404	-	4,404	2,102
Gift Aid	991	-	991	1,125
Action Together Grants:				
Help with Electricity & Bills	-	500	500	-
Celebrating Volunteers	-	480	480	-
Donations	6,150	-	6,150	4,400
Acts 35	-	2,415	2,415	4,085
Food Project	-	2,957	2,957	5,502
Other Income	-	-	-	-
	<u>11,545</u>	<u>6,352</u>	<u>17,897</u>	<u>17,214</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><b>22,825</b></u>	<u><b>7,527</b></u>	<u><b>30,352</b></u>	<u><b>30,270</b></u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<i>Church</i>				
Building Maintenance	691	-	691	619
Insurance & Fire	1,898	-	1,898	1,723
Utilities	4,840	-	4,840	2,781
Resources	284	-	284	361
Rainy Day Fund	-	125	125	660
Family Aid Direct	174	-	174	1,391
Afghanistan Crisis Appeal	-	-	-	1,000
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-	700	700	-
Ukraine Appeal	-	350	350	2,560
Shadrak Motorbike Appeal	-	-	-	1,000
Capernwray Missionary Fellowship	-	-	-	1,000
Image Pregnancy Crisis	840	-	840	840
WEC International (Missionary Society)	138	-	138	165
Gideons UK	138	-	138	165
Romanian Street Children	207	-	207	247
Women's World Day of Prayer	-	-	-	-
Epilepsy Society	-	-	-	-
GBM (Annual Donation)	100	-	100	100
British Heart Foundation	-	-	-	100
Accountancy Fees	455	-	455	450
Sundries	552	-	552	607
	<u>10,317</u>	<u>1,175</u>	<u>11,492</u>	<u>15,769</u>

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

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT continued**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>PAYMENTS continued</b>				
<i>Charity Shop</i>				
Beneficiary Goods	1,008	500	1,508	1,482
Acts 35	-	2,415	2,415	4,085
Food Project	7,600	2,978	10,578	8,459
Gas & Electric	1,097	-	1,097	250
Volunteer Celebration Events	-	480	480	-
Sundries	674	-	674	1,122
	<u>10,379</u>	<u>6,373</u>	<u>16,752</u>	<u>15,398</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u><b>20,696</b></u>	<u><b>7,548</b></u>	<u><b>28,244</b></u>	<u><b>31,167</b></u>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	2,129	(21)	2,108	(897)
<b>Cash funds at 1 January 2023</b>	23,695	131	23,826	24,723
<b>Cash funds at 31 December 2023</b>	<u><b>25,824</b></u>	<u><b>110</b></u>	<u><b>25,934</b></u>	<u><b>23,826</b></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 and signed on their behalf:



JANET NOLA GOODWIN  
Trustee

# TRUST PROPERTY HELD IN CONNEXION WITH BETHESDA CHAPEL ROYTON

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2023

### 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 transactions were made between 'Trust Property held in connexion with Bethesda Chapel Royton' and 'Family Aid Direct (Registered Charity Number 1110147)' which has the same trustees as the 'Trust Property held in connexion with Bethesda Chapel Royton'.

Unrestricted (general) funds of £174 were paid to 'Family Aid Direct' during the year from the Tithe Fund.

### 3. Fund Analysis

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Balance as at 1st January 2023 £</b>	<b>Receipts £</b>	<b>Payments £</b>	<b>Balance as at 31st December 2023 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Funds	23,695	22,825	(20,696)	25,824
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Acts 435	-	2,415	(2,415)	-
Food Project	131	2,957	(2,978)	110
Action Together:				
Help with Electricity & Bills	-	500	(500)	-
Celebrating Volunteers	-	480	(480)	-
Rainy Day	-	125	(125)	-
Ukraine Appeal	-	350	(350)	-
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-	700	(700)	-
	<u>131</u>	<u>7,527</u>	<u>(7,548)</u>	<u>110</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>23,826</u>	<u>30,352</u>	<u>(28,244)</u>	<u>25,934</u>