

Charity Registration Number: 502464

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

**Trustees Annual Report
and Financial Statements**

Year Ended 31 December 2024

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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	Virgin Money 9/11 Yorkshire Street Rochdale OL16 1BL National Savings Bank Glasgow G58 1SB

BETHESDA CHAPEL

Dogford Road, Royton, Oldham. OL2 6UA

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Date: 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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

Virgin Money
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 meetings 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

1. 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. Two 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.

2. Whatsapp Group

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

3. 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.

4. 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 towards heating.

6 Christmas Toys

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

7. Charity Shop

The Charity shop continues to operate from upstairs rooms in the Church building. It is staffed by a small group of volunteers. Because there are no rent or staff expenses, prices on items are kept low and even free to needy people. Proceeds from sales are used to help people in need. This year the Charity shop has contributed to the installation of new central heating.

However, this contribution was from general donations rather than sales. White goods, furniture, 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 such as Early Help. The Charity uses Acts 435, an online Christian crowd-funding scheme, to help fund the supply of white goods and other needs to people in crisis.

8. 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.

7. 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 2024 was £16,970.31 (comprising Church funds: £12,926.49 and Charity Shop funds: £4,043.82). 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 Charity shop also provides a valuable resource for people in need. 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

Individuals

1. Ndumiso Moyo, 8 Queen St Shaw Oldham OL2 8RW

Grant: £250

To enable Ndumiso, who is on a very low income, to visit his mother in Zimbabwe

Grant: £50

To send to Zimbabwe to help a sick child

2. Kirsten Masters, 97a Beal Lane Shaw OL2 8PH

Grant: £200

To flee from domestic abuse and help with bills³.

3. Andrew Dalton, 4 Hobson St, Oldham OL1 1TT

Grant: £10

Help with electricity

4. L Bottomley, no fixed abode

Grant: £190

Help with food

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

Grant: £155

Help with bills and transport costs after fleeing domestic abuse complicated by serious medical problems

6. Sharon Morland 6 St Marys Close OL1 3SL

Grant: £40

Help with electricity

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

Grant: £10.42

Help to a Ukrainian in financial need.

8. C Southward, 24 Goldbourne House, Cowie St, Shaw OL2 7UP

Grant: £110

Funeral costs and a bed

9. Diane Bloor. 11 Croydon Avenue, Royton

Grant: £100

Help with bills

10. Joanne Murray, 12 Atherton Rd, Royton

Grant: £100

Help with bills

11. B Jacobs, social worker

Grant: £55

Sleeping bag and tent for homeless person

12. D Richards
Grant: £20
Electricity help

13. J Jenkins
Grant: £40
A cot for a baby

14. J Dalton
Grant: £10
Bills

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, Brightons, Falkirk, FK2 OTT. Charity no. SC037354
Grant: £236.13
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: £157.42
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: £157.42
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: £ 184.30
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: £650
PFJ Ukraine Appeal. PFJ operates in Ukraine, so it is well placed to respond to help Ukraine.

8. Soul Cafe, 58-60 Yorkshire St, Oldham OL11 1SR
Grant: £425.29
The Soul Cafe in Oldham is a Christian organisation serving the youth of Oldham

9. Christians Against Poverty
Grant: £50
CAP helps people get out of debt

NON-DISCLOSED GRANTS

Total non-disclosed grants: £962.40

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 from the Charity shop is used for local people in financial need, apart from contributions to running costs. 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..... 

Name..... Geoff Goodwin..... Date..... 3-2-25.....

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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 2024

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 10 to 12.

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.

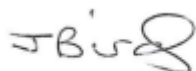
Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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.



27th May 2025

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 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
<i>Church</i>				
Collections & Donations	10,204	-	10,204	9,863
Donations (Refurbishments)	-	38,365	38,365	-
Charity Shop Contribution to Refurbishments	3,000	-	3,000	-
Gift Aid	2,804	-	2,804	1,202
Rainy Day Fund	-	-	-	125
Family Aid Direct	-	-	-	-
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-	-	-	700
Ukraine Appeal	-	650	650	350
Bibles	-	100	100	-
Refunds (Utilities)	-	-	-	69
Bank Interest	214	-	214	146
Other Income	43	-	43	-
	<u>16,265</u>	<u>39,115</u>	<u>55,380</u>	<u>12,455</u>
<i>Charity Shop</i>				
Shop Sales	4,064	-	4,064	4,404
Gift Aid	-	-	-	991
Action Together Grants:				
Help with Electricity & Bills	-	-	-	500
Celebrating Volunteers	-	-	-	480
Donations	4,500	-	4,500	6,150
Acts 35	-	550	550	2,415
Food Project	-	3,718	3,718	2,957
Other Income	-	-	-	-
	<u>8,564</u>	<u>4,268</u>	<u>12,832</u>	<u>17,897</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>24,829</u>	<u>43,383</u>	<u>68,212</u>	<u>30,352</u>
PAYMENTS				
<i>Church</i>				
Building Maintenance	605	-	605	691
Insurance & Fire	2,104	-	2,104	1,898
Utilities	5,467	-	5,467	4,840
Resources	767	-	767	284
Rainy Day Fund	-	-	-	125
Family Aid Direct	184	-	184	174
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	-	-	-	700
Ukraine Appeal	-	650	650	350
Bibles	-	4	4	-
Beneficiary Goods & Grants	250	-	250	-
Image Pregnancy Crisis	840	-	840	840
WEC International (Missionary Society)	157	-	157	138
Good News for Everyone (Gideons UK)	157	-	157	138
Romanian Street Children (A Child's Dream)	236	-	236	207
Grace Baptist Mission (Annual Donation)	100	-	100	100
Soul Cafe	425	-	425	-
Refurbishments	10,259	38,365	48,624	-
Accountancy Fees	495	-	495	455
Sundries	517	-	517	552
	<u>22,563</u>	<u>39,019</u>	<u>61,582</u>	<u>11,492</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT continued

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
PAYMENTS continued				
<i>Charity Shop</i>				
Beneficiary Goods & Grants	2,041	-	2,041	1,508
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	50	-	50	-
Charity Shop Contribution to Refurbishments	3,000	-	3,000	-
Acts 35	-	550	550	2,415
Food Project	5,253	3,243	8,496	10,578
Gas & Electric	1,206	-	1,206	1,097
Volunteer Celebration Events	-	-	-	480
Sundries	251	-	251	674
	<u>11,801</u>	<u>3,793</u>	<u>15,594</u>	<u>16,752</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>34,364</u>	<u>42,812</u>	<u>77,176</u>	<u>28,244</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)	(9,535)	571	(8,964)	2,108
Cash funds at 1 January 2024	25,824	110	25,934	23,826
Cash funds at 31 December 2024	<u>16,289</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>16,970</u>	<u>25,934</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 27th of May 2025 and signed on their behalf:



JANET NOLA GOODWIN
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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 £184 were paid to ‘Family Aid Direct’ during the year.

3. Fund Analysis

Fund Name	Balance as at 1st January 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance as at 31st December 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	25,824	24,829	(34,364)	16,289
Restricted Funds				
Acts 435	-	550	(550)	-
Food Project	110	3,718	(3,243)	585
Ukraine Appeal	-	650	(650)	-
Donations (Refurbishments)	-	38,365	(38,365)	-
Bibles	-	100	(4)	96
	<u>110</u>	<u>43,383</u>	<u>(42,812)</u>	<u>681</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,934</u>	<u>68,212</u>	<u>(77,176)</u>	<u>16,970</u>