Charity Registration Number: 502464

TRUST PROPERTY HELD IN CONNEXION WITH BETHESDA CHAPEL ROYTON

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2025

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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 Janet Nola Goodwin Eleanor Lily Potter Andrea Rose Denise Debra Walton Fraser Thomas Rose Jean Gill (resigned 01/01/2025)
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. 0L2 6UA

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Date: 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025
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
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

1. Church Worship services, Charity Shop, Meetings and Social Activities
In the past year the Charity has again 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. Four 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. Churches Together in Royton
The Charity was pleased to be instrumental in relaunching Churches Together in Royton, which had been suspended due to the pandemic. The Church worship group led the Good Friday open air service on Royton shopping precinct, which was well attended by all Royton Churches. Monthly services continued through the summer, with a Carol service in December.

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

4. 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. The food project benefited from three generous legacies.

5. The Bread and Butter Charity
Each Wednesday groceries are brought to the Church for local social housing tenants to buy at greatly reduced prices. The Church building then also becomes a Warm Hub.

6. Christmas Toys
Donations of toys were received and passed on to those in need, including families collecting food parcels, contacts through a teacher at a local primary school and contacts through a PCSO.

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 for needy people. 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.

9. 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 2025 was £21,167.96 (comprising Church funds: £13,907.03 and Charity Shop funds: £7,260.93). 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. Oluwayomi, asylum seeker, referred by Julie Thomas of Focused Care for travel costs to Salford Immigration
Grant: £50

P Finney, help with bills
Grant: £260

S Redmond, help with bills
Grant: £20

Joe help, with bills
Grant £40

J Kaine, transport cost to hospital
Grant £60

L Bottomley homeless help
Grant: £60

B Meginson, electricity help
Grant: £20

G Simpson, for toiletries
Grant: £20

S Bond, bed help
Grant: £60

S Hoyle, PCSO, for needy families at Christmas
Grant: £80

Lea ,grandmother Christmas presents help
Grant £40

K Livesey, bills help
Grant: £30

K Garforth, debt help
Grant: £135

K Brearley, bills help
Grant: £40

D Walker, gas help
Grant: £170

D Walton, for equipment to help the special needs children that she supports in a local primary school.
Grant: £377

Organisations

1. Image Coverdale Centre, Coverdale Crescent, Manchester, M12 4FG. Charity no.1141832
Grant: £840: from non-restricted funds, Church account (£70 per month for 12 months)
Image is a pregnancy crisis centre that cares for life from conception to natural death.

2. Good News For Everyone (formerly Gideons International), Western House, George St, Lutterworth, Leics. LE17 4EE. Charity no. 221605
Grant: £177 from non-restricted funds, Church account 16 January 2025
Good New for Everyone distributes bibles to schools, hospitals, prisons and hotels.

3. WEC International (World Wide Evangelisation for Christ), Bulstrode, Oxford Rd, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 8SZ. Charity no. 237005
Grant: £177 from non-restricted funds, Church account 16 January 2025
WEC is a missionary organisation that facilitates the work of Christian missionaries.

4. GBM (Grace Baptist Mission), 12 Abbey Close, Abingdon, Oxon. OX14 3JD. Charity no. 1157506
Grant: £100 from non-restricted funds, Church account 16 January 2025
GBM is a missionary organisation that facilitates the work of Christian missionaries

5. Family Aid Direct
Family Aid Direct, C/o 12 Thornham Old Road, Royton, Oldham. OL2 5UN. Charity no. 1110147
Grant: £6,488.56 (£1,111.00 from restricted funds; £5,377.56 from unrestricted funds)
Family Aid Direct is a poverty relief Charity, operating in India.

6. Mark Curtis Evangelism Trust Incorporating Passion For Jesus Ministries, 10 Cambridge Drive, Little Lever, Bolton. BL3 1XJ. Charity no. 1086475
Grant: £300 from restricted funds
PFJ Ukraine Appeal. PFJ operates in Ukraine, so it is well placed to respond to help Ukraine.

7. Barnabus Aid, 9 Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX. Charity no 1092935
Grant: £101.37 from non-restricted funds, Church account 7 April 2025
Barnabus Aid is an aid agency for the persecuted Church, working in over 60 countries.

8. SPUC, 3 Whitacre Mews, Stannary Street, London. SE11 4AB. Charity no 1143342.
Grant: £588.50 from non-restricted funds, Church account 5 February 2025
SPUC is a Charity seeking to protect unborn children.

9. Family & Life 25 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1, Dublin Ireland. Charity no 594949
Grant: £300 from restricted funds
Family & Life is a pro-life organisation.

10. Christians Against Poverty, Jubilee House, 1 Filey St, Bradford, West Yorkshire. BD1 5LQ Charity Number1097217
Grant: £100 from unrestricted funds
Christians Against Poverty helps people with debt problems

NON-DISCLOSED GRANTS

The following non-disclosed grants totalling £340 have been made from non-restricted funds. 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.

£10 sanitary wear
£40 Christmas help
£100 Christmas help
£100 Christmas help
£40 help with bills
£50 help with bills

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, playing musical instruments and singing in the worship group, leading fellowship meetings, ministering to people in the local community, working in the 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. Takings from the Charity shop sales are 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: …….

Date: …….

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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 2025

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025, 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 2025.

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.

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 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
RECEIPTS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Church				
Collections & Donations	12,042	-	12,042	10,204
Donations (Refurbishments)	-	8,000	8,000	38,365
Charity Shop Contribution to Refurbishments	-	-	-	3,000
Gift Aid	8,221	-	8,221	2,804
Orissa Storm Appeal (FAD)	-	1,011	1,011	-
Ukraine Appeal	-	300	300	650
Nigeria Appeal	-	300	300	-
Bibles	-	40	40	100
Bank Interest	145	-	145	214
Other Income	-	-	-	43
	20,408	**9,651**	**30,059**	**55,380**
Charity Shop				
Shop Sales	3,785	-	3,785	4,064
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Orissa Storm Appeal (FAD)	-	100	100	-
Ascendha Charity	-	100	100	-
Donations	2,600	-	2,600	4,500
Acts 35	-	1,750	1,750	550
Food Project	-	12,018	12,018	3,718
Bank Interest	70	-	70	-
	6,455	**13,968**	**20,423**	**12,832**
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**26,863**	**23,619**	**50,482**	**68,212**
PAYMENTS				
Church				
Building Maintenance	2,149	-	2,149	605
Insurance & Fire	2,320	-	2,320	2,104
Utilities	4,336	-	4,336	5,467
Resources	1,074	-	1,074	767
Family Aid Direct	5,377	-	5,377	184
Orissa Storm Appeal (FAD)	-	1,011	1,011	-
Ukraine Appeal	-	300	300	650
Nigeria Appeal	-	300	300	-
Society for the Protection of Unborn Children	589	-	589	-
Barnabus Aid	101	-	101	-
Bibles	-	32	32	4
Beneficiary Goods & Grants	527	-	527	250
	100	-	100	-
Image Pregnancy Crisis	840	-	840	840
WEC International (Missionary Society)	177	-	177	157
Good News for Everyone (Gideons UK)	177	-	177	157
Romanian Street Children (A Child's Dream)	-	-	-	236
Grace Baptist Mission (Annual Donation)	100	-	100	100
Soul Cafe	-	-	-	425
Defibrillator Battery	258	-	258	-
Refurbishments	-	8,000	8,000	48,624
Accountancy Fees	745	-	745	495
Sundries	566	-	566	517
	19,436	**9,643**	**29,079**	**61,582**

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT continued

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
PAYMENTS continued				
Charity Shop				
Beneficiary Goods & Grants	1,456	-	1,456	2,041
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	-	-	-	50
Charity Shop Contribution to Refurbishments	-	-	-	3,000
Acts 35	-	1,750	1,750	550
Food Project	150	9,554	9,704	8,496
Gas & Electric	1,113	-	1,113	1,206
Orissa Storm Appeal (FAD)	-	100	100	-
Ascendha Charity	-	100	100	-
Donations (General)	2,450	-	2,450	-
Sundries	532	-	532	251
	5,701	**11,504**	**17,205**	**15,594**
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**25,137**	**21,147**	**46,284**	**77,176**
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,726	2,472	4,198	(8,964)
Cash funds at 1 January 2025	16,289	681	16,970	25,934
Cash funds at 31 December 2025	**18,015**	**3,153**	**21,168**	**16,970**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the …….. and signed on their behalf:

JANET NOLA GOODWIN
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2025

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 £5,377.56 were paid to 'Family Aid Direct' during the year.

3. Fund Analysis

Fund Name	Balance as at 1st January 2025	Receipts	Payments	Balance as at 31st December 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	**16,289**	**26,863**	**(25,137)**	**18,015**
Restricted Funds				
Acts 435	-	1,750	(1,750)	-
Food Project	585	12,018	(9,554)	3,049
Ascendha Charity	-	100	(100)	-
Ukraine Appeal	-	300	(300)	-
Nigeria Appeal (Family & Life)	-	300	(300)	-
Orissa Storm Appeal (FAD)	-	1,111	(1,111)	-
Donations (Refurbishments)	-	8,000	(8,000)	-
Bibles	96	40	(32)	104
	681	**23,619**	**(21,147)**	**3,153**
TOTAL FUNDS	**16,970**	**50,482**	**(46,284)**	**21,168**