

**Bethel Christian Fellowship, West Bromwich.**  
**Charity No. 1052751**

**Annual Report for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

The Church Council present their report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

**Administrative Information.**

The members of the **Church Council** during the year were;

Peter Kay:	Church Elder, Administrator & Holding Trustee
Haydn Sharman	Church Elder, Treasurer & Holding Trustee
Dennis Simpson	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Malcolm Hannah	Council Member & Holding Trustee
Wayne Harris	Council Member
Susan Wright	Council Member
Julie Vaughan	Council Member

Devon Barr resigned his position as Holding Trustee.

The Church Council have employed Pastor Daniel Cherian on part time basis as senior leader. His induction service took place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Church Council members are appointed by Pastor Daniel Cherian, Peter Kay and Haydn Sharman (Spiritual Leadership of the Church) Holding Trustees are appointed by the Church Council.

The Charity was established by Trust Deed dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 1995 by the Bethel Christian Fellowship Church Council, and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 1052751. The charity's address is, Gads Lane, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 8QL.

**Objectives**

***Bethel Christian Fellowship Mission Statement.***

*To reach all age and people groups in our community with the gospel and to see those who are saved baptised in water and with the Holy Spirit. To subsequently promote discipleship and commitment to the Lord by encouraging and developing the outworking of each individual's gifting so that finally, we present each one mature in Christ*

Bethel Christian Fellowship is established to provide Pentecostal fellowship for those of like faith, to proclaim and further the Gospel of God concerning his Son Jesus Christ, to consolidate converts in their faith, to maintain a place of worship for the meeting of believers, the solemnisation of marriages, funerals, the dedication of infants together with providing caring ministries and social assistance.

The charity is affiliated to The Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Northern Ireland and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. The Church is also now a Network Church of The All Nations Movement, Wolverhampton

### **Staff.**

The charity is currently staffed by three part time employees, a large team of church member volunteers who undertake everything from church cleaning to conducting church services. The charity is heavily dependant on this voluntary help continuing in order to achieve its objectives in the future.

### **Pastoral Care**

The Leadership have a "Visitation Team" to ensure that church members receive adequate pastoral care. Residents from the community who request a Pastoral visit also receive one. Those who request communion are also visited and those who are housebound are visited on a regular basis to keep them in touch with church life. The Pastor along with the two Church Elders visit as and when necessary.

### **Activities and Performance.**

The church is fully committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at the church and become part of our church community at Bethel Christian Fellowship. The services and worship enable people to put faith into practice through prayer, bible ministry, music, and fellowship.

The weekly Church Services are conducted by the Spiritual Leadership of the Church assisted by members of the Church Council, members of the congregation and occasionally the Leadership seek the help of ministers from Churches within the locality to minister. This means that the congregation received a full and varied range of preaching styles and topics.

The church's activities are concentrated on the area immediately surrounding the church with the building being used throughout the week for a range of activities that the Leadership trust the community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

The activities include Communion and Gospel Services, Bible Study, Prayer Times, Children's Activities for 5-11-year olds, Youth Activities for 7-14-year olds. An informal afternoon service for the retired including a Luncheon Club is held weekly. A ten-week Alpha Course was held for people to discover more about the Christian faith, followed by a "New Christian Basic Christianity" course. The Church also organised an outing to Bourton on the Water in the Cotswolds that was very well attended by various members of the membership and non members from the community.

The monthly services at the two local care homes have been suspended due to staffing issues. The church is actively involved in mission and outreach work and the Church Council believe these activities meet the Commissions guidance on public benefit.

We contribute to the local food bank as well as helping casual visitors to the church who seek help and assistance in emergency circumstances.

The Church hall is used on weekday afternoons by a neighbourhood after school club “Woodys” and again the leadership see this as a great way to connect with the community.

The Friday Youth Activities continue to attract a good number of local youths especially throughout the winter months and the leadership team implement changes to the programme as and when needed to facilitate the energy and enthusiasm of the young people. We continue to look for inspirational means of attracting young people into the church community. The Church Council are also seeking a youth worker to help with this ministry.

The church held a McMillan coffee morning, and this was very successful. During the school holidays the church held a number of “Fun Lunch” events offering a lunch and fun activities to the parents and children from the locality. Two Bring & Share Lunches were held for the members and these were very well attended. The Church took part in the Rotary Club’s Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for Eastern Europe.

The various departments of the church continue to attract a limited interest from the local housing estates that surround the church, although special events always attract extra people. The Harvest Festival was well attended, and a collection of food was given to the local Food Bank. The Christmas programme was full and varied; the main Carol Service was very well attended by both church members and the local community. The Church was used for a baptismal service and several funeral services. We continue to connect with “Churches Together West Bromwich” a local organisation that promotes evangelism, prayer, and fellowship.

### **Membership.**

Church Membership has remained stable in line with the National trend. We continue to attract a steady number of visitors throughout the year, although very few take up membership, again this seems to be the trend nationally. We currently have an attendance that varies between 60 and 90 in the Family and Communion Service and 30 -50 at the Evening Service. Special events and Christmas always see an increase in numbers attending, mostly family and friends.

A monthly newsletter is produced and distributed to church members.

### **Mission.**

We continue to support the various projects for orphaned children in both Zambia and India.

We continue to support other individuals in foreign mission’s work.

The church members contribute regularly to the West Bromwich Food Bank, an organisation that feeds the underprivileged in West Bromwich.

## **The Church Building.**

The main was redecorated to a high standard and the chairs recovered. New lighting was installed around the stage area. It is still the Church Council's desire to install a disabled toilet and the church Council continues to seek outside funding to help finance the project. The Church Council ensure that building is kept in excellent state of general repair.

**The Church House.** The tenants and rent remain the same.

## **Finances**

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October where the accounts were presented.

The main source of church income comes from church member voluntary donations and represents the funding needed for the church to carry out its day-to-day activities.

The church is financially stable and the Church Council continues to monitor the situation closely.

Tithes and Offerings increased by 11.29 % to £55136.00 which included Gift Aid receipts of £6519.00.

Sundry income increased by 32.63 % to £8540.00 and includes £4550.00 donated by Woody's After-School Club who use our facilities, Youth fund takings of £812.00, and two donations of £500.00 apiece.

Missionary donations continue to decline year on year.

The largest outgoings were the salaries. Our payroll increased to now include three part-time employees totalling £20025.00.

Most outgoings again remained consistent with previous years.

Expenditure of note includes:

Re-decorating £3843.00, Seating re-upholstery £3764.00, Lighting £2642.00, Insurance £1852.00, Support for Missionary Joseph Barkat £1850.00, Ministry Gifts £1625.00, Tithe to Assemblies Of God £1580.00, and Plumbing £1535.00.

Light and heat costs decreased by 19% to 3669.00 following a reduced-price deal.

The house mortgage was repaid in full.

A net profit of £2847.00 was made overall.

The church savings account ended the year with a balance of £51171.00.

Peter Kay

Church Administrator.

1<sup>st</sup> August 2020

**BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

# BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## BUSINESS INFORMATION

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### **Accountants**

Bache Brown & Co Limited  
Swinford House  
Albion Street  
Brierley Hill  
West Midlands  
DY5 3EE

### **Business address**

Gads Lane  
West Bromwich  
West Midlands  
B70 8QL

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# **BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

## **CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE PROPRIETOR ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

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As described on page 2, you have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 set out on pages 2 to 4 and have acknowledged your responsibility for them and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

**Bache Brown & Co Limited**

18 August 2020

**Chartered Accountants**

Swinford House  
Albion Street  
Brierley Hill  
West Midlands  
DY5 3EE



# BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		2019	2018
	£	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>			
Tithes and offerings		55,136	49,543
Sundry income		8,540	6,439
Missionary commission		1,738	1,884
		<u>65,414</u>	<u>57,866</u>
<b>Administrative expenses</b>			
Wages and salaries	20,025	16,080	
Rates	2,157	2,190	
Youth and childrens work	847	1,269	
Outreach work	794	1,014	
Light and heat	3,531	4,358	
Missionary expenses	5,959	5,553	
Repairs and maintenance	13,298	4,755	
Printing, postage and stationery	1,531	1,537	
Telephone	501	644	
Travelling expenses	345	338	
Hospitality	415	265	
Legal and prof fees	40	40	
Accountancy	834	834	
Credit card charges	-	32	
Canteen	1,599	702	
Sundry expenses	1,505	1,325	
Charitable donations and ministry gifts	4,615	3,945	
Depreciation on freehold property	8,122	7,971	
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	2,517	2,636	
		<u>(68,635)</u>	<u>(55,488)</u>
		(3,221)	2,378
<b>Other operating income</b>			
Rent receivable		6,125	5,940
		<u>2,904</u>	<u>8,318</u>
<b>Operating profit</b>			
		2,904	8,318
<b>Other income</b>			
Bank interest received		112	78
<b>Interest payable</b>			
Bank interest payable		(169)	(992)
		<u>2,847</u>	<u>7,404</u>
<b>Net profit for the year</b>			
		<u>2,847</u>	<u>7,404</u>

# BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 £	£	2018 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	1		253,514		259,593
<b>Current assets</b>					
Prepayments		219		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		56,700		84,545	
		<u>56,919</u>		<u>84,545</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Bank loans		-		3,000	
Accruals		1,624		1,530	
		<u>1,624</u>		<u>4,530</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			55,295		80,015
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>308,809</u>		<u>339,608</u>
<b>Creditors due after more than one year</b>			-		(33,646)
			<u>308,809</u>		<u>305,962</u>
<b>Capital account</b>					
At 1 January 2019			305,962		298,558
Profit for the year			2,847		7,404
			<u>308,809</u>		<u>305,962</u>

I approve the accounts set out on pages 2 to 4. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts and for providing Bache Brown & Co Limited with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

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Date : .....

# BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 1 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings Freehold £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2019	240,687	96,461	337,148
Additions	2,642	1,918	4,560
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At 31 December 2019	243,329	98,379	341,708
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<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2019	115,119	80,687	195,806
Charge for the year	8,122	2,517	10,639
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At 31 December 2019	123,241	83,204	206,445
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<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2019	120,088	15,175	135,263
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At 31 December 2018	125,568	15,774	141,342
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	Investment properties £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2019 & at 31 December 2019	118,251
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

BETHEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, WEST BRAMWICH

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/19

Charity no  
(if any)

1052751

Set out on pages

1-4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above  
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out  
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I  
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission  
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to  
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of  
applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have  
come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that  
disclosed below~~\*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material  
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130  
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements  
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities  
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement  
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter  
considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection  
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in  
order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*Perry*

Date:

10/7/20

Name:

PATRICIA PERRY

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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Address:

67 Grosvenor Road
Ettinghall Park,
Wolverhampton WV4 6QX.

## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of  
any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose.**