

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1192691

**Report of the Trustees
and
Unaudited Financial
Statements For The
Year Ended 31st December 2023
for
El-Bethel Mission**

El-Bethel Mission

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

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El-Bethel Mission

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1192691

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**El-Bethel Mission
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

El-Bethel Mission registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in October 2020, marking the beginning of our mission to make a positive impact on our community

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

El-Bethel Mission operates in accordance with its governing document, which serves as the foundation for our operations.

Legal Status

We also function as a charitable company limited by guarantee, and notably, without a share capital. This structure reflects our commitment to our mission rather than profit.

Trustees and Directors

Our dedicated team of directors, who concurrently serve as trustees, oversee the charity's day-to-day affairs. These trustees are drawn from our membership base, ensuring a deep connection to our mission.

Risk management

El-Bethel Mission places a strong emphasis on risk management. We diligently identify and assess the risks to which our charity is exposed. To safeguard against fraud and error, we implement appropriate controls. Notably, our approach includes regular risk assessments and Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks for individuals in leadership roles, especially those working closely with children.

Financial Transparency

All financial decisions of a significant nature require approval by a minimum of two trustees. This commitment to transparency ensures that our financial matters are conducted with integrity and openness.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Statement of Objectives and Public Benefit

El-Bethel Mission's primary mission is to advance the Christian faith in both the United Kingdom and on a global scale. We are resolute in our determination to address the root causes and consequences of poverty, particularly within the BAME and Latin American migrant communities across England.

Wider network

El-Bethel Mission operates independently, not affiliating with any other organisations. This independence allows us to focus our resources and efforts directly on our mission and the communities we serve.

Related parties

Our operations do not involve any related parties, underscoring our commitment to maintaining ethical practices and avoiding conflicts of interest.

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Report of the Trustees (Cont'd)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Report from the Pastor

On behalf of the Trustee Board, I am pleased to present our Annual Report for the year 2023. This year has proven to be pivotal for El-Bethel Mission as we have successfully transitioned from the various challenges posed by the pandemic and moved into a promising new phase of growth and future aspirations that are well-aligned with our strategic vision. This report aims to provide a detailed and concise overview of our activities throughout the year and the significant impact they have had on the community, particularly within the BAEM and Latin American migrant communities that reside across England.

Our dedication to delivering innovative, high-quality services that promote social inclusion and support community growth remains unwavering. With the generous support of local food bank charities—most notably Bethany Food Bank in Erdington—our committed and hardworking volunteers, alongside essential sponsors, we have continued to make a significant and positive difference in the lives of those we serve in the community. Our sustained efforts reflect our mission to empower and uplift the marginalised and those in need, ensuring that our services are not only impactful but also integral to fostering a stronger sense of community.

2023: A Year of Good Success

El-Bethel Mission has made substantial progress this year in advancing its core mission through various church services and numerous community projects. We proudly achieved an impressive 95% positive community impact rate of our set goals, which showcases our dedication to quality service delivery. Additionally, we successfully funded and delivered 50% of our proposed projects, reflecting both our determination and the support of our community stakeholders. Despite ongoing challenges related to the high cost of living, we managed to support most of our families through a variety of community-focused activities, illustrating our strong commitment to those who rely on us.

One of the standout initiatives this year was the TENTing Project, which was generously funded by the National Lottery Community Fund [*Award for All*]. This project provided crucial support to migrant and asylum-seeking families by delivering essential toiletries and groceries. The efforts of this initiative played a significant role in helping to mitigate the adverse effects of isolation and anxiety that many of these families were experiencing. The support we provided through this project significantly contributed to the social integration and overall mental well-being of our beneficiaries, allowing them to feel more secure and welcomed in their communities.

Financial Review

In terms of our finances, El-Bethel Mission recorded a notable improvement in 2023, achieving a commendable net profit of over £10,000, which stands in contrast to the slight loss we experienced in 2022. Our total income saw an increase of 10%, a growth that can be primarily attributed to a significant rise in Gift-Aided tithes and offerings. Although we witnessed a decline in grant income, our effective cost management strategies have led to a reduction in overall staff costs, allowing us to allocate our resources more efficiently. The financial outlook for 2024 remains positive and encouraging, with a focused strategy on increasing donor contributions, enhancing our efforts in grant-seeking, and optimising our overall expenditure to ensure that we can maintain continued growth and sustainability in the years to come.

Church Services and Pastoral Care

Our church services offered on Sundays, along with our Bible study sessions, quarterly Thanks & Praise services, and monthly prayer meetings within the community, were well attended and received enthusiastic participation. These platforms provided invaluable opportunities for both career and leadership development, particularly aimed at young people looking to cultivate their skills and grow within an encouraging environment. A highlight of our year was the successful year-end camp meeting, which brought together congregation members for fellowship, music, and recreational activities. This gathering provided not only a chance for fun but also strengthened the bonds between participants, creating lasting memories and a sense of unity among attendees.

The Way Forward

Looking ahead, the Trustees have recommended that El-Bethel Mission explore the possibility of registering with the Care Quality Commission. This step would enable us to expand our care services beyond our current scope, thereby enhancing our ability to serve the community effectively. Other plans to engage with the international eye health community are also being proposed for 2024 and beyond. The increased volunteer support we have experienced, made possible through our successful fundraising efforts, has further positioned us well for this next significant step in our evolution.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and supportive partners for their unwavering commitment and support throughout this year. The remarkable success we have achieved collectively would not have been possible without your involvement and encouragement. As we look forward to the opportunities and challenges of 2024, we approach the future with excitement and a renewed sense of purpose, remaining dedicated to fulfilling our mission and vision for the community we serve.

**Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of
El-Bethel Mission**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general 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 or 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

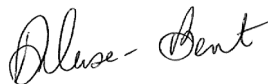
Independent Examiner's Statement

There are no issues

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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14th October 2024

El-Bethel Mission
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		44,896	0	44,896	24,998
Grants		19,902		19,902	29,800
Bank Interest	2	108		108	1
Total incoming resources		<u>64,906</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64,906</u>	<u>54,799</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		46,935		46,935	54,011
Governance costs	5	470		470	900
Other resources expended					
Total resources expended		<u>47,405</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>47,405</u>	<u>54,911</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		17,501	0	17,501	-112
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		2,253	0	2,253	2,365
Income in advance		-4,019	0	-4,019	0
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>15,735</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,735</u>	<u>2,253</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses for the year other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

El-Bethel Mission**Balance Sheet
At 31st December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	14,788	0	14,788	1,666
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	3,312	0	3,312	1,262
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2,649</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,649</u>	<u>406</u>
		5,961	0	5,961	1,668
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	-5,014	0	-5,014	-1,081
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>947</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>947</u>	<u>587</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		15,735	0	15,735	2,253
NET ASSETS		<u>15,735</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,735</u>	<u>2,253</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	9			15,735	2,253
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>15,735</u>	<u>2,253</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 7th October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Rev Albert Asiedu

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the church are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets less estimated residual value over their expected useful lives

Furniture and Equipment 25% per annum straight line basis

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>108</u>	<u>1</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There was no Trustee remuneration for the year ending 31st December 2023 nor for the year 2022

Trustees' Expenses

Trustees' expenses paid for the year was Nil. Trustee expenses for 2022 was also nil

4. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	13,276	22,398
Pension	174	354
	<u>13,450</u>	<u>22,752</u>

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent Examination and Statutory accounts preparation	470	900
	<u>470</u>	<u>900</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	2023	2022
	£	£
COST		
Cost b/fwd	2,788	1,848
Additions	14,148	940
	<u>16,936</u>	<u>2,788</u>
DEPRECIATION		
Accumulatd Depreciation b/fwd	1,122	430
Charge for the year	1,026	692
	<u>2,148</u>	<u>1,122</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 December	14,788	1,666

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
Accrued income	3,312	1,263
	<u>3,312</u>	<u>0</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy Fee	470	560
Trade Creditors	0	690
Other Creditors	4,544	-169
	<u>5,014</u>	<u>1,081</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	At	Net movements	At
Unrestricted Funds	01/01/2023	in funds	31/12/2023
General fund	2,253	17,501	19,754
Transfers between funds and Debtors	0	-4,019	-4,019
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,253</u>	<u>13,482</u>	<u>15,735</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,906	47,405	17,501
Transfers between funds and Debtors	-4,019	0	-4,019
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,887</u>	<u>47,405</u>	<u>13,482</u>

El-Bethel Mission
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	41,939	24,998
Total incoming resources	<u>41,939</u>	<u>24,998</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Costs of generating voluntary income		
Employee costs:		
Salaries	13,276	22,398
Employers NI	0	349
Pension costs	174	354
Staff training and welfare	1,272	187
Travel and subsistence	3,122	3,209
Volunteer Expenses	<u>2,488</u>	<u>2,386</u>
	20,333	28,884
Premises costs:		
Rent	<u>10,186</u>	<u>1,833</u>
	10,186	1,833
General administrative expenses:		
Office Expenses	0	1,714
Advertising and Marketing	287	1,003
Telephone and fax	3,617	2,385
Stationery and printing	270	0
Postage	0	0
Insurance	618	542
IT Software and consumables	638	826
Subscriptions	678	0
Bank charges	42	167
Equipment expensed	510	156
Depreciation	1,026	692
Charitable Donations	1,409	642
Gifts and Donations	4,694	4,338
Project Expenses	0	3,299
Repairs and Maintenance	0	137
Sundry Expenses	92	241
Members Welfare	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	13,880	16,143
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	470	900
Other Legal and Professional Fees	<u>2,536</u>	<u>7,150</u>
	3,006	8,050
	47,406	54,910
Other operating income	<u>18,950</u>	<u>29,800</u>
	18,950	29,800
Surplus / Loss for Year	13,483	-112