

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1002844

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1991-05-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1)THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL AS CONTAINED IN THE HOLY BIBLE RECOGNISING JESUS AS LORD.(B)BRINGING PEOPLE TO KNOW JESUS AS LORD BY BOTH PUBLIC AND PERSONAL WITNESS.

Activities: The proclamation of the Christian Gospel in Bridport and surrounding districts through regular Sunday Services, house groups, outreach activities in the town centre, joint activities with Churches Together in Bridport. Youth work, Mother and Toddler Group, Alpha Courses, regular charitable donations of 15% of our income.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE BRIDPORT AND SURROUNDING AREA
- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£65,389	£83,763	-	-
2024-03-31	£70,386	£65,750	-	-
2023-03-31	£93,682	£60,444	-	-
2022-03-31	£55,654	£46,717	-	-
2021-03-31	£54,308	£52,117	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carolyn Swadling		2017-04-27
Elaine Butcher		2020-03-04
JACQUELINE Edwards		
Kelvin Weaver		2020-03-04
Robin Harrison		2024-04-26

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Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

Stewardship 
Active generosity

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Elaine Butcher Grant Butcher Jacqueline Edwards Robin Harrison (appointed April 2024) Carolyn Swadling Kelvin Weaver
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc Kingdom Bank Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year 2024-2025 as follows.

Objects of the charity

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We recognise a responsibility to support other Christian and charitable works world-wide, and therefore it is a policy of the Trust to provide financial support to causes that are judged as deserving by an appointed Giving Committee, the work of which is overseen by the Trustees. We aim to give away twenty five percent of our total income received from offerings and tax reclaimed on those offerings plus rental income from the flat and hall lettings. Approximately fifty per cent of our outward giving is applied to UK-based charities working overseas, the balance is applied within the UK particularly focussing on local needs. We also operate a food bank supplying local families in need, as well as offering a hot meal weekly to the homeless and people in need.

Governance

Responsibility for policy setting and the financial and legal decisions of the Charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to direct and monitor the activities of the Trust.

Responsibility for the spiritual direction of the church rests with the Eldership Team. New Trustees are appointed by the Elders and approved by the existing Trustees.

At the commencement of the year the Trustees were Mr Grant Butcher (Chairman), Mrs Carrie Swaddling, Mrs Jackie Edwards, Mrs Elaine Butcher, Mr Kelvin Weaver & Mr Robin Harrison

At the commencement of the year the Eldership Team comprised of: Leading Elders David & Janice Collins, Ray & Carole Dobson as "Founding Elders", assisted by Elders Theresa Gordon and Kevin and Sue Hillier.

Mr Dave Collins has continued in his paid part-time position as 'Leading Elder'.

Church life

House-groups continue to be a key part of church life. Leaders of these groups have first responsibility for the pastoral care of those in their groups. It is however recognised that needs can arise for the provision of deeper care in ways that are beyond the scope of house-groups and their leaders. This kind of pastoral care is currently the responsibility of the Elders.

Bible Study, worship and prayer evenings are an essential part of our church life and are usually held on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Worship meetings are held on Sunday mornings.

Social activities and fellowship meals are seen as an important means of building relationships and are usually held on the first Sunday of the month.

Review of the year

The core activities of the Trust – meeting for worship, prayer, and Bible Study, plus outreach activities and acts of public witness appropriate to the season.

Worship services in church on Sunday mornings.

Occasional prayer meetings at various times of the week.

Outreach (Pray & Chat) in Bucky Doo Square in Bridport Town happens regularly.

House-groups meeting mid-week.

A feeding programme for the homeless started in February 2020 and serves a hot meal at the church on Mondays.

The Lord's Larder food bank has been operating to meet local families in need.

A free Saturday morning Coffee Bar for visitors to the market is available weekly.

Mother and Toddler group meet midweek.

Christian films, open to the general public are shown occasionally.

The Shed (men's group) meets fortnightly and have breakfasts regularly.

The Friday morning Art Group is very popular and is very well attended.

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We continue to provide accommodation for a Ukrainian Family who have settled well into the community and the fellowship and are looking for a more permanent home.

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We continue in membership of Churches Together in Bridport through which we work with other Bridport churches. The annual Christmas Lunch for needy or lonely people was held at the United Church. We were able to celebrate the usual Easter activity of the walk of witness with a service in Bucky Doo square and the Christmas nativity in St Mary's Church. Services are held in the summer in West Bay on the Green outside St John's Church. We are also members of the Evangelical Alliance.

We still maintain our association with the Ichthus Fellowship in London the leaders of which attend our church several times during the year, as well as our Elders attending their conferences.

The Trustees have complied with their duty in the Charities Act 2006, Section 4, to have due regard to the public benefit and have closely followed guidance published by the Charity Commission in December 2008.

Thanksgiving

The work of the Trustees would not be possible without the enthusiastic support, generous financial giving and prayer of church members, and the blessings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the glory of Whom all our efforts are dedicated. We have also been overwhelmed by the love and provision of God our Father who has kept us safe and provided abundantly for our needs above and beyond our expectations.

Financial review

2024-2025 financial year was challenging with income reduced and below budgeted expectations. Costs were also below budget but higher than income due to major remedial work which had to be carried out on the building. Outward giving was 29% of income.

Income decreased by £5,998 to £65,389. Expenditure increased by £18,013, to £83,763. Overall, the cash held by the charity decreased by £18,374, to £67,261, of which £64,762 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

Our agreed reserves policy states the amount of £40,000 should be held on deposit with Kingdom Bank in a Church and Charity Reserve Account, to cover any more unexpected costs relating to the maintenance of our aged building. At the year end the unrestricted cash on hand was £64,762.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Grant Butcher

Grant Butcher (Dec 1, 2025 11:18:53 GMT)

Grant Butcher

Date: Dec 1, 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bridport Christian Fellowship ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 6 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

Archie McDowall
Archie McDowall (Dec 12, 2025 15:46:27 GMT)

Archie McDowall BA CA

Stewardship
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Date: Dec 12, 2025

**BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		36,561	-	952	37,513	41,527
Gift aid receipts		8,037	-	-	8,037	7,455
Other grants		7,950	-	-	7,950	8,200
Rental income		9,923	-	-	9,923	10,708
Charitable activities		700	-	605	1,304	1,827
Other		662	-	-	662	670
		<u>63,832</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,556</u>	<u>65,389</u>	<u>70,386</u>
Capital and similar receipts						
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total receipts		<u><u>63,832</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,556</u></u>	<u><u>65,389</u></u>	<u><u>70,386</u></u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	63,826	-	942	64,768	47,565
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	17,836	-	1,159	18,995	18,185
		<u>81,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,101</u>	<u>83,763</u>	<u>65,750</u>
Loans made		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total payments		<u><u>81,662</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,101</u></u>	<u><u>83,763</u></u>	<u><u>65,750</u></u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers	-	17,829	-	545	18,374	4,636
Transfers between funds	5	- 485	0	485	-	-
Net movement in funds	-	<u>18,314</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(60)</u>	<u>18,374</u>	<u>4,636</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		57,527	25,549	2,559	85,636	80,999
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u><u>39,213</u></u>	<u><u>25,549</u></u>	<u><u>2,499</u></u>	<u><u>67,261</u></u>	<u><u>85,636</u></u>

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	17,951	5,549	2,499	26,000	65,030
Notice deposits	21,261	20,000	-	41,261	20,605
	<u>39,213</u>	<u>25,549</u>	<u>2,499</u>	<u>67,261</u>	<u>85,636</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	2,712	-	-	2,712	3,212
Other debtors	457	-	-	457	457
	<u>3,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,169</u>	<u>3,669</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Trade Creditors	-	-	-	-	-
Fee for Independent Examination	1,050	-	-	1,050	1,002
	<u>1,050</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,002</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
				Value 2025	Value 2024
				£	£
<i>Freehold buildings: church and residential property</i>				-	-
Contents				143,021	127,697
				<u>143,021</u>	<u>127,697</u>

Current values have not been quoted for properties because reliable valuations are not available (disclosure is not mandatory).

The trustees have used insurance values for contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Grant Butcher date Dec 1, 2025
Grant Butcher (Dec 1, 2025 11:18:53 GMT)
 Grant Butcher

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs	11,688	-	-	11,688	9,250
Utilities and telephone	12,082	-	-	12,082	8,653
Property maintenance	24,523	-	-	24,523	12,779
Insurance	1,867	-	-	1,867	1,589
Speakers	1,172	-	-	1,172	1,503
Events and outreach	-	-	942	942	565
Equipment	3,420	-	-	3,420	2,353
Administration and support	5,360	-	-	5,360	6,034
Governance costs	1,002	-	-	1,002	1,260
Other costs	2,712	-	-	2,712	3,580
	<u>63,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>64,768</u>	<u>47,565</u>

3 Grants and gifts paid to others

Organisations:

Disasters Emergency Committee

Organisations < £1,000

Individuals

	-	-	-	-	-
	14,096	-	170	14,266	11,887
	3,740	-	990	4,730	6,298
	<u>17,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,159</u>	<u>18,995</u>	<u>18,185</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 Movement of funds	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	57,527	63,832	(81,662)	- 485	39,213
Designated funds					
Legacy	25,549	-	-	-	25,549
	<u>83,076</u>	<u>63,832</u>	<u>(81,662)</u>	<u>- 485</u>	<u>64,762</u>
Restricted funds					
Friday Art Group	1,891	605	(942)	-	1,554
Bible Society	-	29	(29)	-	-
Feeding programme	482	417	(502)	325	722
Mission giving	-	-	-	-	-
Ladies Group	186	366	(327)	-	224
Other	-	141	(301)	160	-
	<u>2,559</u>	<u>1,556</u>	<u>- 2,101</u>	<u>485</u>	<u>2,499</u>
Total funds	<u>85,636</u>	<u>65,389</u>	<u>(83,763)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,261</u>

The legacy was received in 2023 for the general work of the church.

The Feeding programme funds relates to the provision of hot meals to the homeless and those in need.

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Review of the year

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Worship services in church on Sunday mornings.

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Outreach (Pray & Chat) in Bucky Doo Square in Bridport Town happens regularly.

House-groups meeting mid-week.

A feeding programme for the homeless started in February 2020 and serves a hot takeaway meal at the church on Mondays.

The Lord's Larder food bank has been expanded to meet local families in need.

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We still maintain our association with the Ichthus Fellowship in London, the leaders of which attend our church several times during the year, as well as our Elders attending their conferences.

We have recently had to replace the flooring in one of our main meeting rooms, as well as refurbishing our youth room to provide better insulation and soundproofing.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Thanksgiving

The work of the Trustees would not be possible without the enthusiastic support, generous financial giving and prayer of church members, and the blessings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the glory of Whom all our efforts are dedicated. We have also been overwhelmed by the love and provision of God our Father who has kept us safe and provided abundantly for our needs above and beyond our expectations.

Financial review

We have continued to enjoy a healthy financial position, with income exceeding budget for the year due to the generosity of our members and costs also being below expectations. We received a generous legacy from one of our members last year, which will be used for a number of projects. One of which was the provision of a defibrillator that is attached to the building and is in a public car park. Outward giving was maintained at the level of 25% of income. Much thought and prayer are still being given to the proper use of surplus funds and in accordance with our agreed reserves policy an amount of £20,000 is still on deposit with Kingdom Bank in a Church and Charity Reserve Account.

Excluding the legacy received in the previous year, income increased by £4,200. Expenditure increased by £4,600, to £65,700. Overall, the cash held by the charity increased by £4,600, to £85,600, of which £83,100 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £83,100 and the charity is holding excess funds mainly due to a legacy received last year, as explained in the Financial review.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

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Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

G B Butcher

G B Butcher (Sep 13, 2024 10:06 GMT+1)

Grant Butcher

Date: Sep 13, 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
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Income receipts						
Donations		39,371	-	2,156	41,527	42,388
Gift aid receipts		7,455	-	-	7,455	7,823
Legacies		-	-	-	-	28,169
Other grants		8,200	-	-	8,200	4,550
Rental income		10,708	-	-	10,708	8,643
Charitable activities		1,148	-	679	1,827	1,618
Other		670	-	-	670	491
		<u>67,551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,835</u>	<u>70,386</u>	<u>93,682</u>
Capital and similar receipts						
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-	700
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700</u>
Total receipts		<u>67,551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,835</u>	<u>70,386</u>	<u>94,382</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	45,631	1,369	565	47,565	44,281
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	16,198	-	1,987	18,185	16,162
		<u>61,828</u>	<u>1,369</u>	<u>2,553</u>	<u>65,750</u>	<u>60,444</u>
Loans made		-	-	-	-	700
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700</u>
Total payments		<u>61,828</u>	<u>1,369</u>	<u>2,553</u>	<u>65,750</u>	<u>61,144</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		5,723	-	1,369	4,636	33,238
Transfers between funds	5	5,801	(1,251)	(4,550)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>11,524</u>	<u>(2,620)</u>	<u>(4,268)</u>	<u>4,636</u>	<u>33,238</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		46,003	28,169	6,827	80,999	47,761
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>57,527</u>	<u>25,549</u>	<u>2,559</u>	<u>85,636</u>	<u>80,999</u>

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BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	36,922	25,549	2,559	65,030	60,879
Notice deposits	20,605	-	-	20,605	20,120
	<u>57,527</u>	<u>25,549</u>	<u>2,559</u>	<u>85,636</u>	<u>80,999</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	3,212	-	-	3,212	2,848
Other debtors	759	-	-	759	745
	<u>3,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,971</u>	<u>3,593</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Fee for Independent Examination	1,002	-	-	1,002	960
	<u>1,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>960</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
				Value 2024 £	Value 2023 £
<i>Freehold buildings: church and residential property</i>				-	-
Contents				127,697	114,015
				<u>127,697</u>	<u>114,015</u>

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The trustees have used insurance values for contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by G B Butcher
G B Butcher (Sep 13, 2024 10:06 GMT+1)
 Grant Butcher

date Sep 13, 2024

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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs	9,250	-	-	9,250	8,506
Utilities and telephone	8,653	-	-	8,653	8,765
Property maintenance	12,779	-	-	12,779	11,438
Insurance	1,589	-	-	1,589	1,367
Speakers	1,503	-	-	1,503	1,945
Events and outreach	-	-	565	565	472
Equipment	2,353	-	-	2,353	4,436
Administration and support	5,601	433	-	6,034	4,575
Governance costs	1,260	-	-	1,260	930
Other costs	2,644	936	-	3,580	1,847
	<u>45,631</u>	<u>1,369</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>47,565</u>	<u>44,281</u>
3 Grants and gifts paid to others					
Organisations:					
Disasters Emergency Committee	-	-	-	-	750
Organisations < £1,000	11,798	-	90	11,887	14,425
Individuals	4,400	-	1,898	6,298	987
	<u>16,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,987</u>	<u>18,185</u>	<u>16,162</u>
4 Transactions with related parties					

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
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5 Movement of funds	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	46,003	67,551	(61,828)	5,801	57,527
Designated funds					
Legacy	28,169	-	(1,369)	(1,251)	25,549
	<u>74,172</u>	<u>67,551</u>	<u>(63,197)</u>	<u>4,550</u>	<u>83,076</u>
Restricted funds					
Friday Art Group	1,777	679	(565)	-	1,891
Council grant	4,550	-	-	(4,550)	-
Bible Society	-	49	(49)	-	-
Feeding programme	500	270	(288)	-	482
Mission giving	-	1,610	(1,610)	-	-
Ladies Group	-	186	-	-	186
Other	-	41	(41)	-	-
	<u>6,827</u>	<u>2,835</u>	<u>(2,553)</u>	<u>(4,550)</u>	<u>2,559</u>
Total funds	<u>80,999</u>	<u>70,386</u>	<u>(65,750)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,636</u>

The legacy was received in 2023 for the general work of the church.

The council grant last year related to funds received as a result of hosting a refugee family in the residential property owned by the charity. £250 of these funds relating to restricted funds which were fully spent in the previous year. The remaining funds had been paid to the charity with no conditions but were classified as restricted funds in error. The balance has therefore been transferred to the general fund.

The Feeding programme funds relates to the provision of hot meals to the homeless and those in need.

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Review of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Church life

House-groups continue to be a key part of church life. Leaders of these groups have first responsibility for the pastoral care of those in their groups. It is however recognised that needs can arise for the provision of deeper care in ways that are beyond the scope of house-groups and their leaders. This kind of pastoral care is currently the responsibility of the Elders.

Bible Study, worship and prayer evenings are an essential part of our church life and are usually held on a Sunday afternoons & evenings. These are on occasions being held using zoom technology and have continued to enable those who still are unable to get to church to take part.

Sunday morning worship meetings are held normally but some Covid guidance is still applied particularly the sharing of communion and space between chairs.

Social activities and fellowship meals are seen as an important means of building fellowship and have resumed as restrictions have been lifted.

Review of the year 2022-23

The core activities of the Trust – meeting for worship, prayer and Bible Study, plus outreach activities and acts of public witness appropriate to the season have resumed fully:

Worship services in church on Sunday mornings.

Occasional prayer meetings via Zoom on Sunday evenings.

Outreach (Pray & Chat) in Bucky Doo Square in Bridport Town happens regularly.

House-groups meeting mid-week.

A feeding programme for the homeless, started in February 2020, and serves a hot takeaway meal at the church on Mondays.

The Lord's Larder food bank has been expanded to meet local families in need.

A Saturday morning Coffee Bar for visitors to the market has commenced.

Mother and Toddler group has re-started midweek.

Christian films, open to the general public are being shown on a regular basis.

The Shed (men's group) meets fortnightly and have breakfasts regularly.

The Friday morning Art Group is very popular and is very well attended.

We continued to receive income from hiring our premises to local groups and get a regular income from the residential letting of the flat in the "Headmaster's House". We also converted the lower floor of the 'Headmaster's House' into accommodation for a Ukrainian refugee family for which we receive a grant from the council.

We have continued to enjoy a healthy financial position, with income exceeding budget for the year due to the generosity of our members and costs also being below expectations. We also received a generous legacy from one of our members who died this year which will be used for a number of projects. Much thought and prayer are still being given to the proper use of surplus funds and in accordance with our agreed reserves policy an amount of £20,000 is still on deposit with Kingdom Bank in a Church and Charity Reserve Account.

We continue in membership of Churches Together in Bridport (CTiB) through which we work with other Bridport churches. The annual Christmas Lunch for needy or lonely people was held at the United Church. We were unable to celebrate the usual Easter activity of the walk of witness and the Christmas nativity in the Town Square.

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the public benefit and have closely followed guidance published by the Charity Commission.

We still maintain our association with the Ichthus Fellowship in London the leaders of which attend our church several times during the year, as well as our Elders attending their conferences.

This year we intend to recruit a part time youth/family worker/s who will be financially supported and for which we will make provision in our reserves policy. As well as refurbishing our youth room to provide better insulation and soundproofing, we are also looking into the installation of Solar panels to save costs and help the environment. We have also purchased a defibrillator which will be attached to the outside of our building so can be used by the public if needed.

Thanksgiving

The work of the Trustees would not be possible without the enthusiastic support, generous financial giving and prayer of church members, and the blessings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the glory of Whom all our efforts are dedicated. We have also been overwhelmed by the love and provision of God our Father who has kept us safe and provided abundantly for our needs above and beyond our expectations.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £38,700, to £94,400, and expenditure increased by £14,400, to £61,100. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £33,200, to £81,000, of which £74,200 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Outward giving

We recognise a responsibility to support other Christian and charitable works world-wide, and therefore it is a policy of the Trust to provide financial support to causes that are judged as deserving by an appointed Giving Committee, the work of which is overseen by the Trustees. We aim to give away twenty five percent of our total income received from offerings and tax reclaimed on those offerings plus rental income from the flat and hall lettings. Approximately fifty per cent of our outward giving is applied to UK-based charities working overseas; the balance is applied within the UK particularly focussing on local needs. We also operate a food bank supplying local families in need, as well as offering a hot meal weekly to the homeless and people in need.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to about 4 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £74,200 and the charity is holding excess funds mainly due to a legacy received in the year.

Governance

Responsibility for policy setting and the financial and legal decisions of the Charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to direct and monitor the activities of the Trust.

Responsibility for the spiritual direction of the church rests with the Eldership Team. New Trustees are appointed by the Elders and approved by the existing Trustees.

At the commencement of the year the Trustees were Mr Grant Butcher (Chairman), Mrs Carrie Swaddling, Mrs Jackie Edwards, Mrs Elaine Butcher & Mr Kelvin Weaver.

At the commencement of the year the Eldership Team comprised of: Leading Elders David & Janice Collins, Ray & Carole Dobson as "Founding Elders", assisted by Elders Theresa Gordon and Kevin and Sue Hillier.

Mr Dave Collins has continued in his paid part-time position as 'Leading Elder'.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Grant Butcher

Date: 22/9/23.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bridport Christian Fellowship ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 on pages 6 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

Archie McDowall BA CA

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
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Date:

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £	
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £				
Income receipts						
Donations	42,180	-	208	42,388	40,541	
Gift aid receipts	7,823	-	-	7,823	6,396	
Legacies	-	28,169	-	28,169	-	
Other grants	-	-	4,550	4,550	-	
Rental income	8,643	-	-	8,643	8,299	
Charitable activities	711	-	907	1,618	350	
Other	491	-	-	491	67	
	<u>59,847</u>	<u>28,169</u>	<u>5,665</u>	<u>93,682</u>	<u>55,654</u>	
Capital and similar receipts						
Loan repayments	700	-	-	700	-	
	<u>700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>-</u>	
Total receipts	<u>60,547</u>	<u>28,169</u>	<u>5,665</u>	<u>94,382</u>	<u>55,654</u>	
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	43,809	-	472	44,281	34,781
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	15,932	-	230	16,162	11,936
		<u>59,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>60,444</u>	<u>46,717</u>
Loans made		700	-	-	700	-
		<u>700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>-</u>
Total payments		<u>60,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>61,144</u>	<u>46,717</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		106	28,169	4,963	33,238	8,937
Transfers between funds	5	(22)	-	22	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>84</u>	<u>28,169</u>	<u>4,985</u>	<u>33,238</u>	<u>8,937</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		45,919	-	1,843	47,761	38,825
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>46,003</u>	<u>28,169</u>	<u>6,827</u>	<u>80,999</u>	<u>47,761</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
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A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	25,883	28,169	6,827	60,879	27,761
Notice deposits	20,120	-	-	20,120	20,000
	<u>46,003</u>	<u>28,169</u>	<u>6,827</u>	<u>80,999</u>	<u>47,761</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	2,848	-	-	2,848	2,781
Other debtors	745	-	-	745	295
	<u>3,593</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,593</u>	<u>3,076</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Fee for Independent Examination	960	-	-	960	900
	<u>960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>900</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
				Value 2023 £	Value 2022 £
<i>Freehold buildings: church and residential property</i>				-	-
Contents				114,015	108,585
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by


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	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs	8,506	-	-	8,506	8,506
Utilities and telephone	8,765	-	-	8,765	6,299
Property maintenance	11,438	-	-	11,438	9,800
Insurance	1,367	-	-	1,367	1,297
Speakers	1,945	-	-	1,945	325
Events and outreach	-	-	472	472	856
Work among the young	-	-	-	-	32
Equipment	4,436	-	-	4,436	3,378
Administration and support	4,575	-	-	4,575	2,787
Governance costs	930	-	-	930	840
Other costs	1,847	-	-	1,847	661
	<u>43,809</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>44,281</u>	<u>34,781</u>
3 Grants and gifts paid to others					
Organisations:					
Disasters Emergency Committee	750	-	-	750	1,200
Organisations under £1,000	14,195	-	230	14,425	8,869
Individuals	987	-	-	987	1,867
	<u>15,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>16,162</u>	<u>11,936</u>
4 Transactions with related parties					

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	45,919	60,547	(60,441)	(22)	46,003
Designated funds					
Legacy	-	28,169	-	-	28,169
	<u>45,919</u>	<u>88,716</u>	<u>(60,441)</u>	<u>(22)</u>	<u>74,172</u>
Restricted funds					
Friday Art Group	1,343	907	(472)	-	1,777
Council grant	-	4,550	-	-	4,550
Bible Society	20	53	(80)	7	-
Feeding programme	480	20	-	-	500
Other	-	136	(150)	14	-
	<u>1,843</u>	<u>5,665</u>	<u>(702)</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>6,827</u>
Total funds	<u>47,761</u>	<u>94,382</u>	<u>(61,144)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,999</u>

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To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Church life

In spite of the restrictions in the first half of the past year, house-groups continue to be a key part of church life, with an increased use of technology, meetings were able to take place albeit in a limited fashion. Leaders of these groups have first responsibility for the pastoral care of those in their groups. It is however recognised that needs can arise for the provision of deeper care in ways that are beyond the scope of house-groups and their leaders. This kind of pastoral care is currently the responsibility of the Elders.

Bible Study, worship and prayer evenings are an essential part of our church life and are usually held on Sunday afternoons and evenings. In view of the restrictions these were again being held using zoom technology and have continued to enable those who still are unable to get to church to take part.

Sunday morning worship meetings were held when allowed and strict Covid regulations were applied. A full risk assessment was carried out and guidelines put in place. Normal Sunday worship meetings are taking place again now restrictions have been lifted.

The church has been open during the year, when allowed, for private prayer.

Social activities and fellowship meals are seen as an important means of building fellowship and have resumed as restrictions have been lifted.

Review of the year 2021-22

The core activities of the Trust – meeting for worship, prayer and Bible Study, plus outreach activities and acts of public witness appropriate to the season - were severely restricted in the first part of the year but where possible, and with regulations and technology permitting, we have endeavoured to carry out the following;

Worship services in church on Sunday mornings.

Prayer meetings via Zoom on Sunday evenings.

Outreach (Pray & Chat) in Bucky Doo Square in Bridport Town happens regularly.

House-groups meeting mid-week.

A feeding programme for the homeless started in February 2020 and serves a hot takeaway meal at the church on Mondays.

The Lord's Larder food bank has been expanded to meet local families in need.

A Saturday morning Coffee Bar for visitors to the market has commenced.

Mother and Toddler group has re-started midweek.

Christian films, open to the general public are being shown on a regular basis.

The Shed (men's group) meets fortnightly and have breakfasts regularly.

The Friday morning Art Group resumed in September and is very well attended.

We continued to receive some income from hiring our premises to local groups when allowed, again with strict Covid regulations in place and we receive a regular income from the residential letting of the flat in the "Headmaster's House".

In spite of loss of income from hall lettings and Sunday morning services, we have continued to enjoy a healthy financial position, with income exceeding budget for the year due to the generosity of our members and costs also being below expectations. We have also been able to complete the refurbishment of the kitchen and coffee bar areas during lockdown. Outward giving was increased to the level of 25% of income. Much thought and prayer are still being given to the proper use of surplus funds and in accordance with our agreed reserves policy an amount of £20,000 has been deposited with Kingdom Bank in a Church and Charity Reserve Account.

We continue in membership of Churches Together in Bridport (CTiB) through which we work with other Bridport churches. Unfortunately we were unable to provide the annual Christmas Lunch for needy or lonely people. We were also unable to celebrate the usual Easter activity of the walk of witness and the Christmas nativity in the Town Square.

Although at times during the past year we have had to close the church due to Covid restrictions, thanks to technology we were able to link to our associate church Ichthus Fellowship in London and hold Sunday evening meetings and house groups using Zoom technology. Thankfully we are now able to resume our previous activities and start some new ones.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Thanksgiving

The work of the Trustees would not be possible without the enthusiastic support, generous financial giving and prayer of church members, and the blessings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the glory of Whom all our efforts are dedicated. We have also been overwhelmed by the love and provision of God our Father who has kept us safe and provided abundantly for our needs above and beyond our expectations.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £1,350, to £55,650, and expenditure decreased by £5,400, to £46,700. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £38,800, to £47,750, of which £45,900 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Outward giving

We recognise a responsibility to support other Christian and charitable works worldwide, and therefore it is a policy of the Trust to provide financial support to causes that are judged as deserving by an appointed Giving Committee, the work of which is overseen by the Trustees. We aim to give away twenty five percent of our total income received from offerings and tax reclaimed on those offerings plus rental income from the flat and hall lettings. Approximately fifty per cent of our outward giving is applied to UK based charities that work overseas; the balance is applied within the UK particularly focussing on local needs. We also operate a food bank supplying local families in need, as well as offering a hot meal weekly to the homeless and people in need.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to one year's salary for our pastor, 3 months of general costs and £5,000 for emergency unbudgeted building repairs) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £45,900 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for policy setting and the financial and legal decisions of the Charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to direct and monitor the activities of the Trust. In spite of Covid 19 restraints in the earlier part of the year, we were still able to meet using the Zoom platform. We have been able to resume all activities in the second half of the year when Covid restrictions were lifted.

Responsibility for the spiritual direction of the church rests with the Eldership Team. New Trustees are appointed by the Elders and approved by the existing Trustees.

At the commencement of the year the Trustees were Mr Grant Butcher (Chairman), Mrs Carrie Swaddling, Mrs Jackie Edwards, Mrs Elaine Butcher & Mr Kelvin Weaver

At the commencement of the year the Eldership Team comprised of: Leading Elders David & Janice Collins, Ray & Carole Dobson as "Founding Elders", assisted by Elders Theresa Gordon and Kevin and Sue Hillier.

Mr Dave Collins has continued in his paid part-time position as 'Leading Elder'.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Grant Butcher

Date: 21 July 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bridport Christian Fellowship ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 on pages 7 to 10 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

Archie McDowall BA CA

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 22 July 2022

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		40,422	-	119	40,541	38,082
Gift aid receipts		6,396	-	-	6,396	7,627
Rental income		8,299	-	-	8,299	8,083
Charitable activities		62	-	288	350	255
Other		67	-	-	67	261
Total receipts		55,247	-	407	55,654	54,308
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	34,483	-	298	34,781	41,932
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	11,867	-	69	11,936	10,186
Total payments		46,350	-	367	46,717	52,117
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		8,897	-	40	8,937	2,191
Transfers between funds	5	(94)	-	94	-	-
Net movement in funds		8,803	-	134	8,937	2,191
Cash funds as at last year end		37,116	-	1,708	38,825	36,634
Cash funds at this year end	A	45,919	-	1,843	47,761	38,825

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	25,919	-	1,843	27,761	38,825
Notice deposits	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
	<u>45,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,843</u>	<u>47,761</u>	<u>38,825</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	2,781	-	-	2,781	1,798
Other debtors	295	-	-	295	-
	<u>3,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,076</u>	<u>1,798</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Fee for Independent Examination	900	-	-	900	900
	<u>900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
				Value 2022 £	Value 2021 £
Freehold buildings				837,180	789,792
Contents				108,585	103,414
				<u>945,765</u>	<u>893,206</u>

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Grant Butcher date 21 July 2022

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs	8,506	-	-	8,506	8,494
Utilities and telephone	6,299	-	-	6,299	4,922
Property maintenance	8,933	-	-	8,933	7,976
Building project	-	-	-	-	8,947
Service charges and insurance	2,164	-	-	2,164	2,470
Speakers	325	-	-	325	-
Advertisements, leaflets & books	585	-	-	585	760
Events and outreach	558	-	298	856	113
Work among the young	32	-	-	32	-
Equipment	3,378	-	-	3,378	5,299
Administration and support	2,203	-	-	2,203	1,882
Governance costs	840	-	-	840	900
Other costs	661	-	-	661	168
	<u>34,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>34,781</u>	<u>41,932</u>

3 Grants and gifts paid to others

Organisations:					
Disasters Emergency Committee	1,200	-	-	1,200	-
Organisations under £1,000	8,800	-	69	8,869	9,480
Individuals	1,867	-	-	1,867	706
	<u>11,867</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>11,936</u>	<u>10,186</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Other than reimbursement for expenses purchased on behalf of the charity, no payments were made to any trustees or persons connected to them.

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5 Movement of funds	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	37,116	55,247	(46,350)	(94)	45,919
	<u>37,116</u>	<u>55,247</u>	<u>(46,350)</u>	<u>(94)</u>	<u>45,919</u>
Restricted funds					
Friday Art Group	1,258	288	(298)	94	1,343
Bible Society	-	89	(69)	-	20
Feeding programme	450	30	-	-	480
	<u>1,708</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>(367)</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>1,843</u>
Total funds	<u>38,825</u>	<u>55,654</u>	<u>(46,717)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,761</u>

The Feeding programme funds relates to the provision of hot meals to the homeless and those in need.

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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**BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	4-5 Kings Square East Street Bridport Dorset DT6 3QE	
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated April 1991	
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1002844	
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Elaine Butcher Grant Butcher Jacqueline Edwards Carolyn Swadling Kelvin Weaver	Treasurer Secretary
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc	
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB	

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BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Objects of the charity

The charitable objectives of the Fellowship are the proclamation of the Christian Gospel as contained in the Holy Bible recognising Jesus as our Saviour and Lord, and bringing people to know Jesus by both public and personal witness.

These charitable objectives are realised through activities designed to build up the church. These include: Regular worship services; Prayer meetings; Clubs for young people and children which are open to church and non-church attendees; House Groups and Bible Study groups as a basis for mutual care and support; Outreach activities in Bridport town square throughout the year, and especially at Christian festivals as a public witness.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Church life

In spite of the restrictions over the past year, house-groups continue to be a key part of church life, with an increased use of technology, Trustee, Elders, Church and House Group meetings have been able to take place albeit in a limited fashion, via Zoom. Leaders of these groups have first responsibility for the pastoral care of those in their groups. It is however recognised that needs can arise for the provision of deeper care in ways that are beyond the scope of house-groups and their leaders. This kind of pastoral care is currently the responsibility of the Elders.

Bible Study, worship and prayer evenings are an essential part of our church life and are usually held on a Sunday evening. In view of the restrictions these have again been held using zoom technology.

Sunday morning worship meetings have been held when allowed and strict Covid regulations have been applied. A full risk assessment was carried out and guidelines put in place.

The church has been open during the year, when allowed, for private prayer.

Social activities and fellowship meals are seen as an important means of building fellowship but unfortunately none have been possible this year due to restrictions.

Review of the year 2020-21

The core activities of the Trust – meeting for worship, prayer and Bible Study, plus outreach activities and acts of public witness appropriate to the season, have been severely restricted but where possible and with regulations and technology permitting we have endeavoured to carry out the following :-

Worship services in church on Sunday mornings.

Prayer meetings via Zoom on Sunday evenings.

Outreach in Bucky Doo Square in Bridport Town when allowed.

House-groups meet via Zoom mid-week.

A feeding programme for the homeless started in February 2020 and serves a hot takeaway meal at the church on Mondays.

The Lord's Larder food bank has been expanded to meet local families in need.

We continued to receive some income from hiring our premises to local groups when allowed, again with strict Covid regulations in place and we receive a regular income from the residential letting of the flat in the "Headmaster's House".

In spite of loss of income from hall lettings and Sunday morning services, we have continued to enjoy a healthy financial position, with income exceeding budget for the year due to the generosity of our members and costs also being below expectations. We have also been able to complete the refurbishment of the kitchen and coffee bar areas during lockdown. Outward giving continues at the level of 20% of income, increasing to 25% next year. Much thought and prayer is still being given to the proper use of surplus funds and it was agreed that an amount would be invested to ensure any emergencies could be met. This has not been implemented due to the financial uncertainty.

We continue in membership of Churches Together in Bridport (CTiB) through which we work with other Bridport churches. Unfortunately we were unable to provide the annual Christmas Lunch for needy or lonely people. We were also unable to celebrate the usual Easter activity of the walk of witness and the Christmas nativity in the Town Square.

Although we have had to close the church on a number of occasions, thanks to technology we are able to link to our associate church Ichthus Fellowship in London and hold Sunday evening meetings and house groups using Zoom technology.

In planning the activities the Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the public benefit and have closely followed guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Thanksgiving

The work of the Trustees would not be possible without the enthusiastic support and prayer of church members, and the blessings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the glory of Whom all our efforts are dedicated. We have also been overwhelmed by the love and provision of God our Father who has kept us safe and provided abundantly for our needs above and beyond our expectations.

Outward giving

We recognise a responsibility to support other Christian and charitable works world-wide, and therefore it is a policy of the Trust to provide financial support to causes that are judged as deserving by an appointed Giving Committee, the work of which is overseen by the Trustees. We aim to give away twenty per cent of our total income received from offerings and tax reclaimed on those offerings, this will increase to 25% next year. Approximately fifty per cent of our outward giving is applied to beneficiaries who work overseas but payments are made in the UK; the balance is applied within the UK particularly focussing on local needs. We also operate a food bank supplying local families in need.

Financial review

During the year income decreased by £11,700, to £54,300, and expenditure decreased by £52,300, to £52,100. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £2,200, to £38,800, of which £37,100 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to one year's salary for our pastor, 3 months of general costs and £5,000 for emergency unbudgeted building repairs) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £37,100 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy. During the year, discussion was held at two Trustees meetings to consider whether to invest the reserves in a Savings account with Kingdom Bank but due to the pandemic this was put on hold.

Governance

Responsibility for policy setting and the operating decisions of the Charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to direct and monitor the activities of the Trust. In spite of Covid19 restraints we have still been able to meet using the Zoom platform.

Responsibility for the spiritual direction of the church rests with the Eldership Team.

New Trustees are appointed by the Elders and approved by the existing Trustees.

At the commencement of the year the Trustees were Mr Grant Butcher (Chairman), Mrs Carrie Swaddling, Mrs Jackie Edwards, Mrs Elaine Butcher & Mr Kelvin Weaver

At the commencement of the year the Eldership Team comprised of: Ray & Carole Dobson as "Founding Elders", assisted by Leading Elders David & Janice Collins, Elder Theresa Gordon and Kevin and Sue Hillier.

Mr Dave Collins has continued in his paid part-time position as 'Leading Elder'.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Grant Butcher

Date: 6th June 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bridport Christian Fellowship ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 on pages 6 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

Jaimée Young

Stewardship
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LONDON
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Date: 7th June 2021

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General Funds	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts					
Donations	36,582	-	1,500	38,082	41,682
Gift aid receipts	7,627	-	-	7,627	8,731
Rental income	8,083	-	-	8,083	9,620
Charitable activities	168	-	87	255	4,806
Other	261	-	-	261	892
	<u>52,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,587</u>	<u>54,308</u>	<u>65,730</u>
Capital and similar receipts					
Sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	250
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250</u>
Total receipts	<u>52,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,587</u>	<u>54,308</u>	<u>65,980</u>
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	41,932	-	-	41,932	92,624
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	9,136	-	1,050	10,186	11,753
Total payments	<u>51,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>52,117</u>	<u>104,378</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers	1,654	-	537	2,191	(38,397)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>1,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>537</u>	<u>2,191</u>	<u>(38,397)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end	35,462	-	1,171	36,634	75,031
Cash funds at this year end	<u>37,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,708</u>	<u>38,825</u>	<u>36,634</u>

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	37,116	-	1,708	38,825	36,634
	<u>37,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,708</u>	<u>38,825</u>	<u>36,634</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	1,798	-	-	1,798	3,469
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	250
	<u>1,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,798</u>	<u>3,719</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Fee for Independent Examination	900	-	-	900	900
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-	928
	<u>900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>1,828</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
				Value 2021 £	Value 2020 £
Freehold building				789,792	745,086
Contents				103,414	98,489
				<u>893,206</u>	<u>843,575</u>

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Grant Butcher date 6th June 2021

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

BRIDPORT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs and church expenses	10,457	-	-	10,457	11,515
Utilities	4,245	-	-	4,245	4,951
Property maintenance	7,976	-	-	7,976	20,496
Building project	8,947	-	-	8,947	39,850
Service charges and insurance	2,470	-	-	2,470	2,376
Speakers	-	-	-	-	823
Advertisements, leaflets & books	760	-	-	760	992
Events and outreach	113	-	-	113	6,116
Work among the young	-	-	-	-	283
Equipment	5,299	-	-	5,299	2,538
Governance costs	900	-	-	900	904
Other costs	766	-	-	766	1,781
	<u>41,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,932</u>	<u>92,624</u>
3 Grants and gifts paid to others					
Organisations:					
Samaritans Purse	-	-	-	-	1,307
Organisations under £1,000	8,430	-	1,050	9,480	7,321
Individuals	706	-	-	706	3,125
	<u>9,136</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>10,186</u>	<u>11,753</u>
4 Transactions with related parties					

Other than reimbursement for expenses purchased on behalf of the charity, no payments were made to any trustees or persons connected to them.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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5 Movement of funds	Balance at 31Mar2020 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31Mar2021 £
General funds	35,462	52,721	(51,067)	-	37,116
	<u>35,462</u>	<u>52,721</u>	<u>(51,067)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,116</u>
Restricted funds					
Friday Art Group	1,171	87	-	-	1,258
Giving Committee	-	500	(500)	-	-
Feeding programme	-	1,000	(550)	-	450
	<u>1,171</u>	<u>1,587</u>	<u>(1,050)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,708</u>
Total funds	<u>36,634</u>	<u>54,308</u>	<u>(52,117)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,825</u>

The Feeding programme funds relates to the provision of hot meals to the homeless and those in need.