

Charity Number: 1060870

The Branches Christian Fellowship

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended

31st August 2021

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name	The Branches Christian Fellowship
Charity Number	1060870
Correspondence Address	3 Bank Close Littleborough Lancashire OL15 0DP
Trustees	Mr David Clark Mr Peter Bowers Mr Andrew Pringle Rev Alan Anthony Reeve MA Mr Howard Carl Smith Mrs Janet Smith
Date Constituted	8 th December 1996
Accountant	Pennine Accounting Limited Suite 1, 33 Harehill Road Littleborough Lancashire OL15 9AD
Bankers	Virgin Money and Kingdom Bank

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Registered Charity 1060870

Annual Trustees Report for y/e 31st August 2021

The objects of the Branches Christian Fellowship are to advance the Christian faith and to assist in the relief of human suffering and poverty.

Sept 2020 – Aug 2021 Summary

From September 2020 to Aug 2021 the UK was still under the relevant Covid restrictions, albeit most restrictions were lifted, or in the process of being lifted by Aug 2021. Although these restrictions did limit some of our activities we were able to fulfil the Charity's core objects.

As was the case under the previous restrictions, we were still able to run our Foodbank and Branches of Hope initiatives that have proven to be great support for many hundreds of vulnerable families of all races, backgrounds and ages. These specifically have helped us grow the relationship with core Council and other support teams.

Again the year has seen numerical as well as spiritual growth as we continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have had the privilege of holding more believers baptisms, child dedications and seen people committing their lives to Jesus.

We continue to lead on building strong relationships across the Christian Churches in Rochdale and other groups such as Festival Manchester. They will be undertaking a massive outreach event in 2022 across the whole of Greater Manchester and we will be looking to work with the Churches across the town to take an active part.

As the year was ending and it was becoming clearer that the UK Government would be further removing Covid restrictions plans were established to hold an Outreach Community funday later in the year, September and hold our Fellowship weekend away sometime in November

Our weekly / monthly activities include

- ⇒ Sunday Services
- ⇒ Family Groups which include bible study, prayer and fellowship
- ⇒ Kids Klub for primary school children
- ⇒ Saplings for the pre-school mums and children
- ⇒ Youth nights for High School children
- ⇒ Place of Welcome, which is part of a national initiative to offer a place to which people can come to relax, enjoy tea, coffee and cakes and meet informally with other people who may be lonely.
- ⇒ S.U.P.A. = School Uniform Pass Around where we offer parents to come and exchange local school uniforms or simply take those donated as a gift
- ⇒ Foodbank as part of the Trussell Trust
- ⇒ Branches corporate prayer events
- ⇒ Rochdale Leaders meeting with leaders from Churches of all denominations
- ⇒ Rochdale Townwide prayer events

Calendar highlights during the year

Dec 2020 – Although in lockdown we were given permission by the Council to hold an outdoor Christmas and Carol Service on the church steps. This saw many people from the immediate area attend.

Jan 2021 - Start the year with a week of prayer and fasting. This is a great time of prayer, listening and Fellowship that sets the focus on God's plan for the Church.

Feb 2021 – Arranged for Jonathan Conrathe, from Mission 24 ministries to provide teaching and training for the members of the Church.

April 2021 – With the lifting of certain restrictions we were able to open up Saplings and Youth activities

May 2021 – Saw the re-opening of Places of Welcome

(Kids Klub started Sept 2021)

This meant that by the end of this report year we were fully operational and seeing people returning fully to the Church.

May – Aug 2021 – Since we were in lockdown and operating at a reduced level, it was agreed by the Trustees and relevant planning meetings to undertake significant investments to improve the building facilities. This including providing new access doors to the building to help those with disabilities, repointing, painting and provision of specialised hammerglass window coverings for the front of the building. We also improved the security having new roller shutters installed.

July 2021 – The Church was broken into and significant damage was done. The police were involved and the matter has been sorted with help from our insurance. Although this is never a good thing a lot of positive relationship building with the Community was established. They saw the way in which we dealt with the issue and the people involved and this has proven to be a good witness as to how Christians deal with such issues.

Funding and giving

As in previous years we have made gifts from our funds to a variety of Registered Charities, working both in this country and overseas. As a Charity we continue to be self-financing, and have not made any appeals for financial help to the general public.

Reserves Policy

The trustees are confident that the charity is not dependent upon any one source of income to support its charitable activities. It has regular receipts from a number of donors. The trustees have agreed to ensure that sufficient reserves are always held to meet the usual running costs of the charities activities over a six month period. This is currently anticipated to be £10,000 At the date of this report cash balances in excess of c£80k are held and the trustees are therefore confident, especially given the discretionary nature of much of their annual spend, that the charity has adequate funds to enable it to continue to meet the costs of its charitable activities for the foreseeable future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aka H. Bessie", is written over a horizontal line.

Signed

(Chairman/Trustee)

The Branches Christian Fellowship Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of The Branches Christian Fellowship

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Branches Christian Fellowship (the Trust) for the year ended 31st August 2021

Responsibilities and basis of the report

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

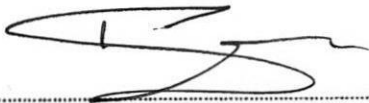
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



24th June 2022

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st August 2021

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming Resources Charitable Giving				
Give as you earn	—	—	—	4,512
Gift Aid Donations (& Gift Aid Relief)	49442	—	49442	45,970
Other Gifts & Donations	—	20	20	103
Other Income				
Other Income	6970	—	6970	3,151
Bank Interest	260	—	260	159
Total Incoming Resources	56672	20	56692	53895
 Resources Expended				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Evangelism	813	—	813	282
Ministry Gifts	900	—	900	3550
Tithe Donations	3900	—	3900	1850
Other Gifts & Donations	2034	—	2034	1182
Stephen Centre	—	240	240	240
Church Weekend	1358	—	1358	3676
Ministry	—	757	757	750
Childrens' Ministry & Kids Klub	4403	—	4403	3861
Food Bank	797	—	797	—
Other Expenditure				
Premises and Utilities	4180	—	4180	2953
General Running Expenses	5083	—	5083	5225
Building Expenses	8908	—	8908	9367
Capital Expenditure	15300	—	15300	—
Gross Expenditure	47676	997	48673	32936
 Net Receipts/(Payments)	8996	-977	8019	20959
 Transfers to/(from) funds	-2040	2040	—	—
 Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	6956	1063	8019	20959

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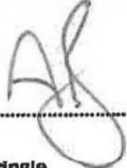
Transfers and movements

	£
Total cash assets brought forward	74,620
Plus income/(deficit) for the year	<u>8,019</u>
Cash funds this year end	82,639

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the period ended 31st August 2021

	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds	2021		2020	
Bank account No.1	46,561		39,868	
Bank account No.2 (Note 1)	5,659		4,593	
Treasury Bank Building Fund	<u>30,419</u>		<u>30,159</u>	
Total Cash Assets	82,639		74,620	
Other Assets retained for the charity's own use (Unrestricted Fund)				
Freehold Property	128,855		114,224	
Kitchen	3,000		3,000	
Moveable Equipment & Furnishings	2,833		2,164	
Integrated Features (PA System)	<u>3,200</u>		<u>3,200</u>	
Total other assets	137,888		122,588	
Total Assets	220,527		197,208	
Total Assets less Total Liabilities	220,527		197,208	
Net Charitable assets brought forward	197,208		176,249	
Increase/(decrease) in assets during the year	23,319		20,959	
Total net charitable assets	220,527		197,208	

Approved by the trustees on 24 June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Andrew Pringle
Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts

1. The 'Number 2 Account' receives donations to fund ministry and educational work of the charity and is therefore 'restricted' for this purpose.