

Charity Number: 1060870

The Branches Christian Fellowship

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended

31st August 2022

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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 Mr Adam Smith
Date Constituted	8 th December 1996
Accountant	Pennine Accounting Limited 109a Church Street Littleborough Lancashire OL15 8AA
Bankers	Virgin Money and Kingdom Bank

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Registered Charity 1060870

Annual Trustees Report for y/e 31st August 2022

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 2021 – Aug 2022 Summary

A big year of change for the Church as the UK saw all Covid restrictions lifted and we moved from the standard Elders and Deacons Leadership to an Elders, Family Groups and Service Teams Leads Leadership model in order to support the continued growth in the Fellowship.

Four Family Groups were set-up to provide overall pastoral support, care, bible study and weekly fellowship, and nine service teams covering Preaching & Teaching, Evangelism, Worship, Children's Ministry, Prayer, Hospitality, Needs, Property and Administration.

These changes also prompted a change to the Executive Committee from the Elders, Deacons, Secretary and Treasurer, to the Elders, Family Group Leader, Secretary and Treasurer.

Since putting this new structure in place we have seen numerical and spiritual growth covering all ages and nationalities specifically brother and sisters from Africa and Iran.

We are continuing our work with the local council and drafting ideas about new Smallbridge Luncheon Club in conjunction with Heywood, Manchester & Rochdale Circle Community Group.

As well as holding our own local outreach funday, we supported the Festival Manchester outreach which saw thousands of people across the City come together to praise, worship, have fun and see lives changed.

We believe firmly that God is continuing to change lives across the town and our own local community area covering Smallbridge, Wardle, Dearnley and Smithybridge. Since the start of Jan 2022 through to Aug 2022 we have seen significant, c. 20% growth in regular attendance, with even higher numbers attending other activities. The fields truly are white unto harvest.

Our weekly / monthly activities include

- ⇒ Sunday Services
- ⇒ Family Groups which include bible study, prayer, fellowship and social activities
- ⇒ Saplings for the pre-school mums and children
- ⇒ Kids Klub for primary school children
- ⇒ Youth nights for High School children
- ⇒ Place of Welcome - a place to which people can come to relax, enjoy tea, coffee and cakes and meet informally with other people.
- ⇒ 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 prayer events – regular prayer and praise
- ⇒ Rochdale Leaders - meeting with leaders from Churches of all denominations
- ⇒ Rochdale Revival prayer – monthly gathering across the town to pray for revival

Calendar highlights during the year

Aug-Sept 2021 – Completion of the first set of building improvements, covering new access doors, improved roller shutter security, painting of the outside of the building and specialised hammergeass window coverings for the front of the building.

Sept 2021 – All Children's activities up and running in conjunction with the start of the new school year. Between Sept 2021 and Aug 2022 there was over 50% growth in people attending the various events

Nov 2021 – Church weekend away in Conwy, Wales. Amazing time of fellowship, bible teaching and fun over the 3 days, (Friday Night to Sunday lunch). Guest speaker was Wade McLennan providing teaching, ministry and encouragement to all the folk who were able to go.

Dec 2021 – AGM agreed the new team structures put in place. Four Family Groups were set-up to provide overall pastoral support, care, bible study and weekly fellowship, and nine service teams covering Preaching & Teaching, Evangelism, Worship, Children's Ministry, Prayer, Hospitality, Needs, Property and Administration. These changes resulted in the change to the Executive Committee from the Elders, Deacons, Secretary and Treasurer, to the Elders, Family Group Leader, Secretary and Treasurer.

Jan 2022 - Started the year with a month of prayer. This proved to be an amazing time together, giving the Church clear focus on God's plan for the Church.

June 2022 – First community outreach and funday since covid, music, inflatables, food, friendship and fun drawing around 200-300 people from the wider community.

July 2022 – Festival Manchester weekend. Friday Night was the youth night where our youth joined with those from other churches in the town to attend a fantastic night of worship and praise. Praise God for the young folk who make their commitment to Jesus. On the Saturday hired a coach to take 50+ folk and others went in cars to a day of fun and concert at night time.

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 £65,000 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Alan Thomas', with a horizontal line underneath.

Signed

(Chairman/Trustee)

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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 2022

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')

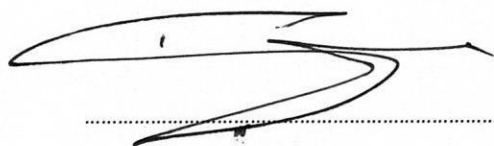
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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.



19th June 2023

Ian Cunningham
AAT Licensed Accountant

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st August 2022

	General Funds £	Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming Resources Charitable Giving				
Give as you earn	—	—	—	—
Gift Aid Donations (& Gift Aid Relief)	31481	—	31481	49,442
Other Gifts & Donations	—	74	74	20
Other Income				
Other Income	2604	—	2604	6,970
Bank Interest	—	100	100	260
Total Incoming Resources	34085	174	34259	56692
Resources Expended				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Evangelism	4504	—	4504	813
Ministry Gifts	1050	—	1050	900
Tithe Donations	4165	—	4165	3900
Other Gifts & Donations	1469	—	1469	2034
Stephen Centre	—	240	240	240
Training	278	—	278	1358
Church Weekend	1842	—	1842	757
Childrens' Ministry & Kids Klub	3500	—	3500	4403
Food Bank	112	—	112	797
Other Expenditure				
Premises and Utilities	5648	—	5648	4180
General Running Expenses	5758	—	5758	5083
Building Expenses	1699	—	1699	8908
Capital Expenditure	5671	—	5671	15300
Gross Expenditure	35697	240	35937	— 48673
Net Receipts/(Payments)	-1612	-66	-1678	8019
Transfers to/(from) funds	-2040	2040	—	—
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-3652	1974	-1678	— 8019

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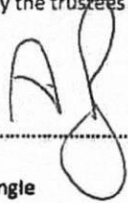
Transfers and movements

	£
Total cash assets brought forward	82,639
Plus income/(deficit) for the year	<u>(1,678)</u>
Cash funds this year end	80,961

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the period ended 31st August 2022

	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds	2022		2021	
Bank account No.1	42,909		46,561	
Bank account No.2 (Note 1)	7,533		5,659	
Treasury Bank Building Fund	30,519		30,419	
Total Cash Assets	80,961		82,639	
Other Assets retained for the charity's own use (Unrestricted Fund)				
Freehold Property	128,855		128,855	
Kitchen	3,000		3,000	
Moveable Equipment & Furnishings	7,226		2,833	
Integrated Features (PA System)	3,200		3,200	
Total other assets	142,281		137,888	
Total Assets		223,242		220,527
Total Assets less Total Liabilities		223,242		220,527
Net Charitable assets brought forward		220,527		197,208
Increase/(decrease) in assets during the year		2,715		23,319
Total net charitable assets		223,242		220,527

Approved by the trustees on 24 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



 Andrew Pringle
 Treasurer

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<u>Asset Category</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>Freehold Property</u>	Church Freehold Propert	£114,224
	Property improvements	£14,631
<u>Kitchen</u>	Kitchen	£3,000
<u>Moveable Equipment & furnishings</u>	Dyson Vacuum Cleaner	£249
	Strimmer	£175
	Music equipment	£6,133
	Furniture	£669
<u>Integrated Features</u>	PA System	£3,200
	Total	£142,281

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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.