

THE BRIDGE CHURCH, CHEPSTOW

England & Wales · Charity number 1063495

Details

Other names KINGS CHURCH, KINGS CHURCH CHEPSTOW

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1997-07-18

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT

Activities: Religious activities / Spiritual and practical care of, and provision for, the community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE CHEPSTOW
- Monmouthshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£195,528	£166,275	-	-
2024-03-31	£198,265	£166,434	-	-
2023-03-31	£170,254	£145,988	-	-
2022-03-31	£119,092	£122,635	-	-
2021-03-31	£129,202	£117,808	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Keith Charles Brews	Chair	2023-11-02
Brian Lloyd		2024-04-11
Lynne Robson		2025-07-29
MARTYN ENEVER		
Paul Edwards		2014-07-09

THE BRIDGE CHURCH, CHEPSTOW

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report – 2024 /25

(Accompanying Receipts and Payments Accounts)

Section 1 Legal and Administrative Information

Charity name The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Other names charity is known by: N/A b

Registered charity number; 1063495

For the financial year beginning on 1st April 2024

For the financial year ending on 31st March 2025

Charity's principal address; Unit 1A Critchcraft Buildings, Bulwark Ind. Est. Chepstow, NP16 5QZ

Names of the charity trustees:

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted, if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
Martin Coleman	Chairman		<i>de facto</i> as Minister
Martyn Enever	Elder		Trustees of Charity
Paul Edwards	Treasurer		Trustees of Charity
Keith Brews	Elder		Trustees of Charity
Brian Lloyd		Appointed April 2024	

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Over the course of the year we have continued to offer engaging Sunday worship services with youth and children's provision. Sunday services were live streamed to members only up until January 2025, at which point the service was discontinued as we reassessed our digital provision. Currently all sermons are recorded and uploaded to the website and to youtube so that those who missed them can catch up, or others can listen again. The church has continued to welcome new people and continues to see numerical growth, particularly with the addition of many younger families with babies and young children.

Unite, a group for older teenagers from year 11 to year 13, operates once a month on a Sunday evening, and has been well attended, with many young people forming stronger relationships with God and with each other.

John & Julie MacManus took on the life group coordinators role at the beginning of 2024. Life groups are working well, with six groups continuing to meet regularly. These are mainly in-person groups but some are still making use of zoom. A new Christians group has also been started over the past year, with men new to faith. This is something that we wish to become a regular part of our small group provision.

We continued to offer zoom prayer meetings on Thursday morning, with an average of 6-8 people in attendance. We also hold our prayer and praise meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.

Christmas hampers were slightly different this year. Instead of giving out a bag of goodies, we just gave a card with a voucher inside to enable families to get what they needed this Christmas.

We once again welcomed Pembroke primary school to our premises for a special Christmas assembly.

Alpha

We ran the shorter version of the Alpha course (7 weeks) once again in February and March (2025). This was another encouraging course, although numbers were small. Rachel Norman cooked the food which enabled us to meet our food hygiene requirements. We only had one group of 8 people, which included 4 guests. We held the evening in Unit 1a on Tuesday evenings and the Alpha day was held in unit 2.

Lads Lunch

Our Lads Lunch community project which was launched in November 2022 continues to welcome regular and new guests, serving a simple hot meal and creating a warm space for friendly conversations and support. We have seen a good number of men use the service, with some regulars returning every week. We've also had two of our lads lunch guests become regular members of the church. Some of the feedback we've received about the project has been extremely positive. We have also been publicly profiled by the warm space campaign.

Foodbank

Foodbank continues to operate from The Bridge Church building on a Wednesday. Donations of food continue to be provided by the residents of Chepstow and the number of users remains steady. The volunteer team is overseen by members of The Bridge Church and is a great place of service, connection and community. There have also been a few foodbank users that have been directed to lads lunch, so the two projects work well together.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

Chepstow and District CAP Debt Centre celebrated 10 years in 2024, and we held a celebration event in September 2024 at The Bridge Church, which was well attended. During the past year, David Price resigned from his role as Debt Centre Manager, so we advertised and appointed a new debt centre manager. Funding remains a problem so the contract offered was a two year fixed contract, which will enable us to carefully review and make a decision as to the continued sustainability of the project. It was decided by the steering group that the project should come completely under The Bridge Church, as the Debt Centre manager was a member of the Bridge Church and this enables everything to work more efficiently and also enables gift aid to be claimed on donations, which is a added help.

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)

Over the past year the number of coaches has dropped off and the project is becoming increasingly difficult to sustain. It was agreed by the elders and TLG coordinator that the project would be brought to a close at the end of the academic year (July 2025). It has been a really positive project over many years, and has enabled the church to strengthen its links with local schools, which is a connection that will continue beyond the life of the project.

Overseas Mission

We are connected with various projects overseas through prayer, financial giving and relationship. The strongest links are with two projects in Kisumu, Kenya. Genesis School and Compassion project and To Kenya With Love and The Simon Newberry School. We have continued to support these projects financially throughout the past year. We continue to give 18% of our income away to external projects and organisations including Open Doors, Wycliffe Bible Translators, TLG and Christians Against Poverty. Each year we plan to do a review of our giving and adjust/change accordingly.

Vision & Finance

The specific areas of vision that we believe God continues to call us to really focus upon are; Serving Community and Growing Together. We also have four key cultural values that underpin all our work and activity; Word, Spirit, Prayer and Generosity.

Finances continue to remain strong, which is a welcome change. We held a vision offering as a boost in June 2024, which raised approx. £12000, which is something we currently do annually which we budget for.

Rogerstone

Over the past year Martin Coleman (Senior Minister) felt a real sense of call to lead a struggling AOG church in Rogerstone, South Wales, on a part time basis. The Elders prayed and discussed together what this would involve and agreed to release Martin for 1.5 days per week (Wednesdays and Sunday evenings) and see how things develop. This new venture began in June 2024 and so far the arrangement is working well.

AOG

The Bridge Church continues to hold status with AOG and contributes 3% of its annual income to AOG UK (due to rise to 4% next year). Leaders from The Bridge Church attend various national and local conferences throughout the year and Martin has been connected with AOG churches across South Wales due to his role as AOG South East Wales zone leader. Although he stepped down from that role in July 2024 in order to focus on his work in Rogerstone.

John McManus has enrolled onto the ministers in training program, which began in June 2024 and he will complete a three year training course

Reserves Policy

It is our policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) which equates to at least 3 months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. We are currently matching this target.

Section 4 Declaration

The trustees have approved the trustees' report above.

Signature:



Full name:

MARTIN JOHN COLEMAN

Position:

PASTOR & TRUSTEE

Date:

03/12/25

**THE BRIDGE CHURCH
UNIT 1A CRITCHCRAFT BUILDINGS
BULWARK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
BULWARK
CHEPSTOW
MONMOUTHSHIRE
NP16 5QZ**

Registered Charity: 1063495

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
AND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Registered Charity Number 1063495

On the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

Set out on the following pages

Respective responsibilities of 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 3 July 2025

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance / Accountancy Practitioner

Accountancy & Taxation Services
25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 6DQ

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 3 July 2025

THE BRIDGE CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees during the year were as follows:

Chairperson

Mr Martin Coleman

36 Queens Road, Bulwark, Chepstow, Gwent. NP16 5AN Tel: 07943
851799

Mr Martyn Enever

2 Bryn Deri Rise, Pwllmeyric, Chepstow, NP16 6LE

Mr Paul Edwards

5 Chapel Close, Pwllmeyric, Chepstow, NP16 6HW

Mr Keith Brews

4 Burnt Barn Road, Bulwark, Chepstow, NP16 5AR
(appointed Nov 2023)

Mr Brian Lloyd

37 Normandy Way, Chepstow, NP16 5NB
(appointed April 2024)

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL



Please print name: MARTIN COLEMAN

Date: 03/12/25

The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 31.03.25 £	Total 31.03.24 £
Resources Arising						
Donations, Legacies and Similar Incoming Resources	3a	167,116	0	8,534	175,650	148,844
Investment Income	3c	1,555	0	0	1,555	901
Other Incoming Resources	3d	18,323	0	0	18,323	48,520
Total Incoming Resources		186,994	0	8,534	195,528	198,265
Resources Used						
Direct Charitable Expenditure						
Establishment Support Costs	4a	48,955	0	0	48,955	51,605
Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charitable Objects	4b	96,545	0	0	96,545	90,287
Church Family Expenses	4c	5,778	0	0	5,778	1,553
Evangelism & Outreach	4d	1,112	0	0	1,112	949
Resources Expended on Managing and Administering the Charity	4e	3,477	0	0	3,477	2,833
f) Ring Fenced Funding	4f	10,408	0	0	10,408	19,207
Total Resources Expended		166,275	0	0	166,275	166,434
Net Movement in Funds		20,719	0	8,534	29,253	31,831
Fund Balances b/fwd at 01.04.24		101,446	0	0	101,446	69,615
Transfers		0	0	0	0	0
Gains and Losses Building Valuation		0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31.03.25		122,165	0	8,534	130,699	101,446

The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Balance Sheet

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2		0		0
			<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Current Assets					
Bank Accounts Hand	5	117,583		83,882	
Debtors	6	13,116		17,564	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	0		0	
Net Current Assets			130,699		101,446
Total Assets less current liabilities			130,699		101,446
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than a year	8		0		0
Net Assets			<u>130,699</u>		<u>101,446</u>
Capital and Reserves					
Income Funds:					
General Fund			130,699		101,446
			<u>130,699</u>		<u>101,446</u>

The Bridge Church, Chepstow
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

(a) These accounts have been prepared on a accruals basis and include income which has been received or that is receivable at the year end.

(b) The recommendations of charities SORP have been followed in the preparation of these accounts.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

		Land & Building £	Fixtures, Fitting & Equipment £	2025 Total £
Equipment				
Cost	01-Apr-24	0	0	0
Revaluation		0	0	0
Cost at	31-Mar-25	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Depreciation				
Charge	01-Apr-24	0	0	0
Depreciation at	31-Mar-25	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value				
Net Book Value	31-Mar-25	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	31-Mar-24	0	0	0

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2025 :	None
31st March 2024 :	None

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2025 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 31.03.25 £	Total 31.03.24 £
3. Incoming Resources					
a) Donations, Legacies and Similar Incoming Resources					
Tithes & Offerings	140,403	0	8,534	148,937	126,183
Gifts	0	0	0	0	0
Charities Trust	0	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	26,713	0	0	26,713	22,661
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
	167,116	0	8,534	175,650	148,844
b) Investment Income					
Bank Interest	1,555	0	0	1,555	901
	1,555	0	0	1,555	901
c) Other Incoming Resources					
Other Income	32	0	0	32	37
Community Café	0	0	0	0	5,550
TLG Other	0	0	0	0	300
Hamper Appeal	0	0	0	0	1,800
Kenya	0	0	0	0	7,314
Operations Manager	0	0	0	0	20,000
CAP Debt Centre	6,831	0	0	6,831	13,519
CAF	500	0	0	500	0
River Church	10,960	0	0	10,960	0
	18,323	0	0	18,323	48,520
Total Incoming Resources	186,994	0	8,534	195,528	198,265

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2025 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 31.03.25 £	Total 31.03.24 £
4. Resources Expended					
a) Establishment Support Costs					
Unit 1a Lease	32,031	0	0	32,031	31,000
Gas	1,629	0	0	1,629	1,420
Electric	2,932	0	0	2,932	5,527
Water	373	0	0	373	325
Insurance	384	0	0	384	377
PA / Equipment Costs	5,641	0	0	5,641	1,584
Building Maintenance	3,438	0	0	3,438	3,154
Communication	1,484	0	0	1,484	605
Annual Servicing	1,043	0	0	1,043	525
Building Fund	0	0	0	0	7,088
	48,955	0	0	48,955	51,605
b) Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charitable Objects					
In House Ministry	52,887	0	0	52,887	51,913
CAP Debt Centre Manager	6,832	0	0	6,832	10,595
Conference & Travel Expenses	879	0	0	879	3,536
Gifts / Missionary Support	35,947	0	0	35,947	24,243
	96,545	0	0	96,545	90,287
c) Church Family Expenses					
AoG Subscription	100	0	0	100	50
Unite	0	0	0	0	82
Kids Church Resources	448	0	0	448	190
Youth / Relentless	376	0	0	376	278
Hospitality & Cleaning	1,148	0	0	1,148	953
Building Supplies	560	0	0	560	0
Toddlers	888	0	0	888	0
Worship	2,258	0	0	2,258	0
	5,778	0	0	5,778	1,553
d) Evangelism & Outreach					
Course Materials / Resources	129	0	0	129	132
Mental Health / Safeguarding	0	0	0	0	69
Welcome Events	0	0	0	0	52
24/7 Prayer	73	0	0	73	37
Alpha	910	0	0	910	659
	1,112	0	0	1,112	949

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e) Resources Expended on Managing and Administering the Charity					
CCLI Licence	584	0	0	584	555
Child Protection	557	0	0	557	407
Inspire	781	0	0	781	95
Professional Fees	756	0	0	756	677
Printing / Stationery	396	0	0	396	102
Sundries	403	0	0	403	997
	3,477	0	0	3,477	2,833
f) Ring Fenced Funding					
Kitchen		0	0	0	12
Community Café	1,811	0	0	1,811	7,227
TLG Other Expenditure	0	0	0	0	1,200
TLG Coaching Village	286	0	0	286	600
Hamper Appeal	1,115	0	0	1,115	1,800
Operations Manager	5,833	0	0	5,833	0
Kenya	983	0	0	983	7,314
Peaceful Garden	0	0	0	0	54
CAP Debt Centre	380	0	0	380	1,000
	10,408	0	0	10,408	19,207
Total Resources Expended	166,275	0	0	166,275	166,434

5. Bank Accounts

	31-Mar-25 £	31-Mar-24 £
Barclays Bank Community Statement	4,228	10,082
Barclays Bank Base Rate Reward	113,355	73,800
Barclays Bank Business Premium	0	0
Barclays Church Plant	0	0
	117,583	83,882

6. Debtors

	31-Mar-25 £	31-Mar-24 £
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	12,133	10,250
Kenya Flights	0	7,314
CAP Centre Wages	983	0
	13,116	17,564

7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	31-Mar-25 £	31-Mar-24 £
HMRC PAYE	0	0
	0	0

**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2053 (continued)**

8. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In More Than One Year

	31-Mar-25 £	31-Mar-24 £
NONE	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9. Staff Costs

	31-Mar-25 £	31-Mar-24 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	52,887	51,913
Employer's National Insurance Costs (incl above)	0	0
	<u>52,887</u>	<u>51,913</u>

No employees received emoluments of over £60,000. (2024: None)

The Charity operates payroll under a PAYE scheme.

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Christmas hampers were given out again through the local schools; 75 bags to 75 families. Over £3000 of donations were received for this hamper project. We also welcomed Pembroke primary school to our premises for a special Christmas assembly.

Alpha

We ran a shorter version of the Alpha course (7 weeks) in February and March 2024. This was a great success and once again involved lots of people serving in different areas; hospitality team, kitchen team, set up team, group leaders and helpers, evening hosts and an administrator to keep everything on track. We used an outside chef to help with the food which was a great success. We had approx. 25 people attend the introductory evening and then 12 people commit to the full course. We held the evening in Unit 1a on Wednesday evenings and had two groups in the hall discussing the material together. The groups were made up of new guests with no real church background as well as those who already attend the church but wanted to grow in their faith. As part of the course we held an Alpha day (Saturday) at Stroat Church, which was well attended and enjoyable for all our guests.

Lads Lunch

Our Lads Lunch community project which was launched in November 2022 continues to welcome regular and new guests, serving a simple hot meal and creating a warm space for friendly conversations and support. We have seen a good number of men use the service, with some regulars returning every week. We have also had the privilege of welcoming two of our lads lunch guests to church on Sundays, both of whom are now regular attenders, one got baptized. The funding remains in place for the continuation of the project into 2024 and beyond. We have also received a cost of living small grant from GAVO to help with revenue costs.

Foodbank

Foodbank continues to operate from The Bridge Church building on a Wednesday. Donations of food continue to be provided by the residents of Chepstow and the number of users remains steady. The volunteer team is overseen by members of The Bridge Church and is a great place of service and community.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

The Debt Centre worker, David Price continues to be employed by The Bridge Church in order to offer him a more robust network and process of support, although his wages are paid by Chepstow & District CAP funds. The past year has seen a rise in clients needing help from CAP. Finances continue to be tight and the Steering Group are seeking ways to raise more funds and make the project more sustainable longer term. In September 2024 CAP Chepstow will celebrate 10 years since its launch.

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)

We have coaches in Pembroke and Thornwell Primary schools and Chepstow High School. We have held some end of term parties for the TLG children and families at the Church building which have been a great success and has enabled the church to build stronger connections with families from our community. We continue to fund a part-time coordinator for this project.

Overseas Mission

We are connected with various projects overseas through prayer, financial giving and relationship. The strongest links are with two projects in Kisumu, Kenya. Genesis School and Compassion project and To Kenya With Love and The Simon Newberry School. We have continued to support these projects financially throughout the past year. In July 2024 a team from The Bridge Church is planning to visit the projects in Kenya and offer further support and input. We continue to give 18% of our income away to external projects and organisations including Open Doors, Wycliffe Bible Translators, TLG and Christians Against Poverty. Each year we plan to do a review of our giving and adjust/change accordingly.

Vision & Finance

The specific areas of vision that we believe God continues to call us to really focus upon are; Serving Community and Growing Together. We also have four key cultural values that underpin all our work and activity; Word, Spirit, Prayer and Generosity.

Finances continue to remain strong, which is a welcome change. We held a vision offering as a boost in June 2023, which is something we currently do annually which we budget for.

Rogerstone

Over the past year Martin Coleman (Senior Minister) felt a real sense of call to lead a struggling AOG church in Rogerstone, South Wales, on a part time basis. The Elders prayed and discussed together what this would involve and agreed to release Martin for 1.5 days per week (Wednesdays and Sunday evenings) and see how things develop. This new venture will begin in June 2024, and will be reviewed quarterly.

AOG

The Bridge Church continues to hold status with AOG and contributes 3% of its annual income to AOG UK. Leaders from The Bridge Church attend various national and local conferences throughout the year and Martin is connected with AOG churches across South Wales due to his role as AOG South East Wales zone leader. Jen Edwards completed her ministers in training program in May 2023 and graduated as a full status minister with Assemblies of God at the National Conference in Harrogate which was a great celebration.

Reserves Policy

It is our policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) which equates to at least 3 months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. We are currently matching this target.

Section 4 Declaration

The trustees have approved the trustees' report above.

Signature: 

Full name: MARTIN JOHN COLEMAN

Position: TRUSTEE

Date: 16/01/25

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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Signed *L A Silver*

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Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 10 July 2024

THE BRIDGE CHURCH

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024**

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith.

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The Trustees during the year were as follows:

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Mr Paul Edwards

5 Chapel Close, Pwllmeyric, Chepstow, NP16 6HW

Mr Keith Brews

4 Burnt Barn Road, Bulwark, Chepstow, NP16 5AR
(appointed Nov 2023)

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL



Please print name:

MARTIN COLEMAN

Date: 26/11/24

The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 31.03.24 £	Total 31.03.23 £
<u>Resources Arising</u>						
Donations, Legacies and Similar Incoming Resources	3a	141,756	0	7,088	148,844	123,752
Investment Income	3c	901	0	0	901	68
Other Incoming Resources	3d	48,520	0	0	48,520	46,434
Total Incoming Resources		191,177	0	7,088	198,265	170,254
<u>Resources Used</u>						
Direct Charitable Expenditure						
Establishment Support Costs	4a	51,605	0	0	51,605	38,727
Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charitable Objects	4b	90,287	0	0	90,287	78,341
Church Family Expenses	4c	1,553	0	0	1,553	1,125
Evangelism & Outreach	4d	949	0	0	949	971
Resources Expended on Managing and Administering the Charity	4e	2,833	0	0	2,833	2,568
f) Ring Fenced Funding	4f	19,207	0	0	19,207	24,256
Total Resources Expended		166,434	0	0	166,434	145,988
Net Movement in Funds		24,743	0	7,088	31,831	24,266
Fund Balances b/fwd at 01.04.23		69,615	0	0	69,615	45,349
Transfers		0	0	0	0	0
Gains and Losses Building Valuation		0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31.03.24		94,358	0	7,088	101,446	69,615

The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Balance Sheet	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2		0		0
			<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Current Assets					
Bank Accounts Hand	5	83,882		62,975	
Debtors	6	17,564		8,300	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	0		1,660	
Net Current Assets			101,446		69,615
Total Assets less current liabilities			101,446		69,615
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than a year	8		0		0
Net Assets			<u>101,446</u>		<u>69,615</u>
Capital and Reserves					
Income Funds:					
General Fund			101,446		69,615
			<u>101,446</u>		<u>69,615</u>

The Bridge Church, Chepstow
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024

1.Accounting Policies

(a) These accounts have been prepared on a accruals basis and include income which has been received or that is receivable at the year end.

(b) The recommendations of charities SORP have been followed in the preparation of these accounts.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

		Land & Building £	Fixtures, Fitting & Equipment £	2023 Total £
Equipment				
Cost	01-Apr-23	0	0	0
Revaluation		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cost at	31-Mar-24	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Depreciation				
Charge	01-Apr-23	0	0	0
Depreciation at	31-Mar-24	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value	31-Mar-24	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value	31-Mar-23	0	0	0

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2024 :	None
31st March 2023 :	None

**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 31.03.24 £	Total 31.03.23 £
3. Incoming Resources					
a) Donations, Legacies and Similar Incoming Resources					
Tithes & Offerings	119,095	0	7,088	126,183	103,739
Gifts	0	0	0	0	0
Charities Trust	0	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	22,661	0	0	22,661	20,013
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
	141,756	0	7,088	148,844	123,752
b) Investment Income					
Bank Interest	901	0	0	901	68
	901	0	0	901	68
c) Other Incoming Resources					
Other Income	37	0	0	37	30
Salary Support	0	0	0	0	0
Community Café	5,550	0	0	5,550	10,400
TLG Other	300	0	0	300	1,500
Hamper Appeal	1,800	0	0	1,800	3,370
Kenya	7,314	0	0	7,314	10,000
Peaceful Garden	0	0	0	0	500
Operations Manager	20,000	0	0	20,000	10,000
CAP Debt Centre	13,519	0	0	13,519	10,634
	48,520	0	0	48,520	46,434
Total Incoming Resources	191,177	0	7,088	198,265	170,254

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 31.03.24 £	Total 31.03.23 £
4. Resources Expended					
a) Establishment Support Costs					
Unit 1a Lease	31,000	0	0	31,000	31,000
Gas	1,420	0	0	1,420	1,252
Electric	5,527	0	0	5,527	2,127
Water	325	0	0	325	295
Insurance	377	0	0	377	351
PA / Equipment Costs	1,584	0	0	1,584	932
Building Maintenance	3,154	0	0	3,154	2,107
Communication	605	0	0	605	605
Annual Servicing	525	0	0	525	58
Building Fund	7,088	0	0	7,088	0
	51,605	0	0	51,605	38,727
b) Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charitable Objects					
In House Ministry	51,913	0	0	51,913	50,343
CAP Debt Centre Manager	10,595	0	0	10,595	10,087
Conference & Travel Expenses	3,536	0	0	3,536	1,578
Gifts / Missionary Support	24,243	0	0	24,243	16,333
Ring Fenced Giving	0	0	0	0	0
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
	90,287	0	0	90,287	78,341
c) Church Family Expenses					
AoG Subscription	50	0	0	50	50
Unite	82	0	0	82	0
Kids Church Resources	190	0	0	190	54
Youth / Relentless	278	0	0	278	234
Hospitality & Cleaning	953	0	0	953	787
	1,553	0	0	1,553	1,125
d) Evangelism & Outreach					
Course Materials / Resources	132	0	0	132	17
Mental Health / Safeguarding	69	0	0	69	0
Welcome Events	52	0	0	52	82
24/7 Prayer	37	0	0	37	0
Alpha	659	0	0	659	872
	949	0	0	949	971

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 31.03.24 £	Total 31.03.23 £
e) Resources Expended on Managing and Administering the Charity					
CCLI Licence	555	0	0	555	664
Child Protection	407	0	0	407	303
Inspire	95	0	0	95	41
Professional Fees	677	0	0	677	627
Printing / Stationery	102	0	0	102	270
Sundries	997	0	0	997	663
	2,833	0	0	2,833	2,568
f) Ring Fenced Funding					
Kitchen	12	0	0	12	2,530
Community Café	7,227	0	0	7,227	4,264
TLG Other Expenditure	1,200	0	0	1,200	650
TLG Coaching Village	600	0	0	600	496
Hamper Appeal	1,800	0	0	1,800	3,370
Unit 2	0	0	0	0	2,500
Kenya	7,314	0	0	7,314	10,000
Peaceful Garden	54	0	0	54	446
CAP Debt Centre	1,000	0	0	1,000	0
	19,207	0	0	19,207	24,256
Total Resources Expended	166,434	0	0	166,434	145,988

5. Bank Accounts

	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23 £
Barclays Bank Community Statement	10,082	2,843
Barclays Bank Base Rate Reward	73,800	60,132
Barclays Bank Business Premium	0	0
Barclays Church Plant	0	0
	83,882	62,975

6. Debtors

	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23 £
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	10,250	8,300
Kenya Flights	7,314	0
	17,564	8,300

7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23 £
HMRC PAYE	0	1660
	0	1,660

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

8. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In More Than One Year

	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23 £
NONE	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9. Staff Costs

	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	51,913	50,343
Employer's National Insurance Costs (incl above)	0	0
	<u>51,913</u>	<u>50,343</u>

No employees received emoluments of over £60,000. (2023: None)

The Charity operates payroll under a PAYE scheme.

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The Bridge Church, Chepstow

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The Bridge Church, Chepstow

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Capital and Reserves					
Income Funds:					
General Fund			101,446		69,615
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Revaluation		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cost at	31-Mar-24	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Depreciation				
Charge	01-Apr-23	0	0	0
Depreciation at	31-Mar-24	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value	31-Mar-24	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value	31-Mar-23	0	0	0

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**Notes to the Accounts
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Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	22,661	0	0	22,661	20,013
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
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c) Other Incoming Resources					
Other Income	37	0	0	37	30
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Hamper Appeal	1,800	0	0	1,800	3,370
Kenya	7,314	0	0	7,314	10,000
Peaceful Garden	0	0	0	0	500
Operations Manager	20,000	0	0	20,000	10,000
CAP Debt Centre	13,519	0	0	13,519	10,634
	48,520	0	0	48,520	46,434
Total Incoming Resources	191,177	0	7,088	198,265	170,254

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 31.03.24 £	Total 31.03.23 £
4. Resources Expended					
a) Establishment Support Costs					
Unit 1a Lease	31,000	0	0	31,000	31,000
Gas	1,420	0	0	1,420	1,252
Electric	5,527	0	0	5,527	2,127
Water	325	0	0	325	295
Insurance	377	0	0	377	351
PA / Equipment Costs	1,584	0	0	1,584	932
Building Maintenance	3,154	0	0	3,154	2,107
Communication	605	0	0	605	605
Annual Servicing	525	0	0	525	58
Building Fund	7,088	0	0	7,088	0
	51,605	0	0	51,605	38,727
b) Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charitable Objects					
In House Ministry	51,913	0	0	51,913	50,343
CAP Debt Centre Manager	10,595	0	0	10,595	10,087
Conference & Travel Expenses	3,536	0	0	3,536	1,578
Gifts / Missionary Support	24,243	0	0	24,243	16,333
Ring Fenced Giving	0	0	0	0	0
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
	90,287	0	0	90,287	78,341
c) Church Family Expenses					
AoG Subscription	50	0	0	50	50
Unite	82	0	0	82	0
Kids Church Resources	190	0	0	190	54
Youth / Relentless	278	0	0	278	234
Hospitality & Cleaning	953	0	0	953	787
	1,553	0	0	1,553	1,125
d) Evangelism & Outreach					
Course Materials / Resources	132	0	0	132	17
Mental Health / Safeguarding	69	0	0	69	0
Welcome Events	52	0	0	52	82
24/7 Prayer	37	0	0	37	0
Alpha	659	0	0	659	872
	949	0	0	949	971

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 31.03.24 £	Total 31.03.23 £
e) Resources Expended on Managing and Administering the Charity					
CCLI Licence	555	0	0	555	664
Child Protection	407	0	0	407	303
Inspire	95	0	0	95	41
Professional Fees	677	0	0	677	627
Printing / Stationery	102	0	0	102	270
Sundries	997	0	0	997	663
	2,833	0	0	2,833	2,568
f) Ring Fenced Funding					
Kitchen	12	0	0	12	2,530
Community Café	7,227	0	0	7,227	4,264
TLG Other Expenditure	1,200	0	0	1,200	650
TLG Coaching Village	600	0	0	600	496
Hamper Appeal	1,800	0	0	1,800	3,370
Unit 2	0	0	0	0	2,500
Kenya	7,314	0	0	7,314	10,000
Peaceful Garden	54	0	0	54	446
CAP Debt Centre	1,000	0	0	1,000	0
	19,207	0	0	19,207	24,256
Total Resources Expended	166,434	0	0	166,434	145,988

5. Bank Accounts

	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23 £
Barclays Bank Community Statement	10,082	2,843
Barclays Bank Base Rate Reward	73,800	60,132
Barclays Bank Business Premium	0	0
Barclays Church Plant	0	0
	83,882	62,975

6. Debtors

	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23 £
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	10,250	8,300
Kenya Flights	7,314	0
	17,564	8,300

7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23 £
HMRC PAYE	0	1660
	0	1,660

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

8. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In More Than One Year

	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23 £
NONE	0	0
	0	0

9. Staff Costs

	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	51,913	50,343
Employer's National Insurance Costs (incl above)	0	0
	51,913	50,343

No employees received emoluments of over £60,000. (2023: None)

The Charity operates payroll under a PAYE scheme.

THE BRIDGE CHURCH, CHEPSTOW

England & Wales - Charity number 1063495

Accounts

THE BRIDGE CHURCH
UNIT 1A CRITCHCRAFT BUILDINGS
BULWARK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
BULWARK
CHEPSTOW
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Registered Charity: 1063495

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
AND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Registered Charity Number 1063495

On the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

Set out on the following pages

Respective responsibilities of 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 25 July 2023

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance / Accountancy Practitioner

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 25 July 2023

THE BRIDGE CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees during the year were as follows:

Chairperson

Mr Martin Coleman

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Mr Martyn Enever

2 Bryn Deri Rise, Pwllmeyric, Chepstow, NP16 6LE

Mr Paul Edwards

5 Chapel Close, Pwllmeyric, Chepstow, NP16 6HW

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL



Please print name: MARTIN COLEMAN

Date: 3/11/23

The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 31.03.23 £	Total 31.03.22 £
<u>Resources Arising</u>						
Donations, Legacies and Similar Incoming Resources	3a	123,752	0	0	123,752	113,660
Investment Income	3c	68	0	0	68	1
Other Incoming Resources	3d	46,434	0	0	46,434	5,431
Total Incoming Resources		170,254	0	0	170,254	119,092
<u>Resources Used</u>						
Direct Charitable Expenditure						
Establishment Support Costs	4a	38,727	0	0	38,727	34,397
Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charitable Objects	4b	78,341	0	0	78,341	85,112
Church Family Expenses	4c	1,125	0	0	1,125	677
Evangelism & Outreach	4d	971	0	0	971	536
Resources Expended on Managing and Administering the Charity	4e	2,568	0	0	2,568	1,913
f) Ring Fenced Funding	4f	24,256	0	0	24,256	0
Total Resources Expended		145,988	0	0	145,988	122,635
Net Movement in Funds		24,266	0	0	24,266	(3,543)
Fund Balances b/fwd at 01.04.22		45,349	0	0	45,349	48,892
Transfers		0	0	0	0	0
Gains and Losses Building Valuation		0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31.03.23		69,615	0	0	69,615	45,349

The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Balance Sheet

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2		0		0
			<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Current Assets					
Bank Accounts Hand	5	62,975		39,984	
Debtors	6	8,300		5,365	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	1,660		0	
Net Current Assets			69,615		45,349
Total Assets less current liabilities			69,615		45,349
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than a year	8		0		0
Net Assets			<u>69,615</u>		<u>45,349</u>
Capital and Reserves					
Income Funds:					
General Fund			69,615		45,349
			<u>69,615</u>		<u>45,349</u>

The Bridge Church, Chepstow
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023

1.Accounting Policies

(a) These accounts have been prepared on a accruals basis and include income which has been received or that is receivable at the year end.

(b) The recommendations of charities SORP have been followed in the preparation of these accounts.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

		Land & Building £	Fixtures, Fitting & Equipment £	2023 Total £
Equipment				
Cost	01-Apr-22	0	0	0
Revaluation		0	0	0
Cost at	31-Mar-23	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Depreciation				
Charge	01-Apr-22	0	0	0
Depreciation at	31-Mar-23	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value				
Net Book Value	31-Mar-23	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	31-Mar-22	0	0	0

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2023 :	None
31st March 2022 :	None

**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 31.03.23 £	Total 31.03.22 £
3. Incoming Resources					
a) Donations, Legacies and Similar Incoming Resources					
Tithes & Offerings	103,739	0		103,739	97,963
Gifts	0	0	0	0	0
Charities Trust	0	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	20,013	0	0	20,013	15,697
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
	123,752	0	0	123,752	113,660
b) Investment Income					
Bank Interest	68	0	0	68	1
	68	0	0	68	1
c) Other Incoming Resources					
Other Income	30	0	0	30	535
Salary Support	0	0	0	0	4,896
Community Café	10,400	0	0	10,400	0
TLG Other	1,500	0	0	1,500	0
Hamper Appeal	3,370	0	0	3,370	0
Kenya	10,000	0	0	10,000	0
Peaceful Garden	500	0	0	500	0
Operations Manager	10,000	0	0	10,000	0
CAP Debt Centre	10,634	0	0	10,634	0
	46,434	0	0	46,434	5,431
Total Incoming Resources	170,254	0	0	170,254	119,092

**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 31.03.23 £	Total 31.03.22 £
4. Resources Expended					
a) Establishment Support Costs					
Unit 1a Lease	31,000	0	0	31,000	29,100
Gas	1,252	0	0	1,252	702
Electric	2,127	0	0	2,127	1,414
Water	295	0	0	295	207
Insurance	351	0	0	351	298
Fire Inspection	0	0	0	0	358
PA / Equipment Costs	932	0	0	932	932
Building Maintenance	2,107	0	0	2,107	781
Communication	605	0	0	605	605
Annual Servicing	58	0	0	58	0
	38,727	0	0	38,727	34,397
b) Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charitable Objects					
In House Ministry	50,343	0	0	50,343	53,909
CAP Debt Centre Manager	10,087	0	0	10,087	0
Conference & Travel Expenses	1,578	0	0	1,578	88
Gifts / Missionary Support	16,333	0	0	16,333	16,807
Ring Fenced Giving	0	0	0	0	14,308
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
	78,341	0	0	78,341	85,112
c) Church Family Expenses					
AoG Subscription	50	0	0	50	0
Churches Together	0	0	0	0	0
Kids Church Resources	54	0	0	54	79
Youth / Relentless	234	0	0	234	256
Food & Drink	0	0	0	0	342
Worship	0	0	0	0	0
Hospitality & Cleaning	787	0	0	787	0
	1,125	0	0	1,125	677
d) Evangelism & Outreach					
Course Materials / Resources	17	0	0	17	182
Mental Health / Safeguarding	0	0	0	0	258
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
Men's Ministry	0	0	0	0	28
Women's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0
Welcome Events	82	0	0	82	68
24/7 Prayer	0	0	0	0	0
Ministry Team	0	0	0	0	0
Alpha	872	0	0	872	0
	971	0	0	971	536

**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 31.03.23 £	Total 31.03.22 £
e) Resources Expended on Managing and Administering the Charity					
CCLI Licence	664	0	0	664	634
Child Protection	303	0	0	303	202
Inspire	41	0	0	41	0
Professional Fees	627	0	0	627	560
Printing / Stationery	270	0	0	270	50
Sundries	663	0	0	663	467
	2,568	0	0	2,568	1,913
f) Ring Fenced Funding					
Kitchen	2,530	0	0	2,530	0
Community Café	4,264	0	0	4,264	0
TLG Other Expenditure	650	0	0	650	0
TLG Coaching Village	496	0	0	496	0
Hamper Appeal	3,370	0	0	3,370	0
Unit 2	2,500	0	0	2,500	0
Kenya	10,000	0	0	10,000	0
Peaceful Garden	446	0	0	446	0
Operations Manager	0	0	0	0	0
	24,256	0	0	24,256	0
Total Resources Expended	145,988	0	0	145,988	122,635

5. Bank Accounts

	31-Mar-23 £	31-Mar-22 £
Barclays Bank Community Statement	2,843	29,923
Barclays Bank Base Rate Reward	60,132	10,061
Barclays Bank Business Premium	0	0
Barclays Church Plant	0	0
	62,975	39,984

6. Debtors

Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	8,300	5,365
	8,300	5,365

7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	31-Mar-23 £	31-Mar-22 £
HMRC PAYE	1,660	0
	1,660	0

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023 (continued)

8. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In More Than One Year

	31-Mar-23 £	31-Mar-22 £
NONE	0	0
	0	0

9. Staff Costs

	31-Mar-23 £	31-Mar-22 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	50,343	53,909
Employer's National Insurance Costs (incl above)	0	0
	50,343	53,909

No employees received emoluments of over £60,000. (2021: None)

The Charity operates payroll under a PAYE scheme.

Trustees' Annual Report – 2022/23

(Accompanying Receipts and Payments Accounts)

Section 1 Legal and Administrative Information

Charity name The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Other names charity is known by: N/A b

Registered charity number; 1063495

For the financial year beginning on 5th April 2022

For the financial year ending on 31st March 2023

Charity's principal address; Unit 1A Critchcraft Buildings, Bulwark Ind. Est. Chepstow, NP16 5QZ

Names of the charity trustees:

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted, if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
Martin Coleman	Chairman		<i>de facto</i> as Minister
Martyn Enever	Elder		Trustees of Charity
Paul Edwards	Treasurer		Trustees of Charity

Holding Trustees: Sarah Coleman, Daphne Goulding, Paul Edwards

Governing document: Model Trust Deed for Local Assemblies of God

Names and Addresses of advisors regularly used: Luke Silver, Accountancy & Taxation Services, 25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 6DQ.

Section 2 Objectives of the Charity

Objects of the charity:

The objects of the Church ("the Objects") are for the benefit of the public:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit;
- to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

Public Benefit: The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they can confirm that public benefit has been provided in at least the following ways;

- Providing regular public worship open to all.
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Praying regularly for our community
- Taking religious assemblies in schools
- Providing a youth club with a Christian ethos
- Providing much needed practical support for the surrounding community through a range of services and courses, including running a Foodbank distribution Centre and a child-mentoring program in local schools.
- Supporting other charities and churches in the UK and overseas.

Section 3 Activities and Achievements

Owing to the spiritual nature of the church's objectives it is difficult to quantify achievements; however we have in the past year undertaken the following activities:

Church Activities:

Over the course of the year we have continued to offer engaging Sunday worship services with alternate youth and children's provision. Sunday services continue to be livestreamed, but only via a private link, as we encourage people to return fully to in-person meetings. The church has continued to welcome new people and has seen some steady numerical growth over the past year.

Sunday Night Youth, for young people from year 6 to year 13, continues to operate on the last Sunday evening of each month, and has been joined by some youth groups from Tidenham and Coleford during the past year. We regularly see upwards of 20 young people attending on the last Sunday of each month to worship, learn and connect with God and each other.

Life groups are working well, with six groups now meeting regularly. These are mainly in-person groups but some are still making use of zoom. We continued to offer zoom prayer meetings on Sunday evening, and Monday and Thursday morning, with an average of 6-8 people in attendance. We also hold our prayer and praise meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.

We also ran a Bridge Grill project during the summer school holidays which fed families connected with TLG and local primary schools. Every Thursday afternoon for 6 weeks a BBQ was provided and guests were welcomed to the church for food and drink.

Christmas hampers were given out again through the local schools; 75 bags to 75 families. Over £3000 of donations were received for this hamper project. We also welcomed Pembroke primary school to our premises for a special Christmas assembly.

Alpha

We launched our first in-person Alpha course for many years in September 2022. This was a great success and involved lots of people serving in different areas; hospitality team, kitchen team, set up team, group leaders and helpers, evening hosts and an administrator to keep everything on track. We had approx. 25 people attend the introductory evening and then about 12-13 commit to the full course. We held the evening in Unit 1a on Wednesday evenings and had three groups in the hall discussing the material together. The groups were largely made up of church members doing the course for the first time, but this was part of the plan, in order to get people excited and engaged with future Alpha courses that we run.

Lads Lunch

A new community project was launched in November 2022 to make use of our new kitchen facility in Unit 1A. Research was undertaken by Rachel Norman to discover an area of great need in our community. This research revealed that there was a high proportion of single, unemployed men in need of support and community. The idea for the project was to offer a free lunch to men of any age in the church premises once a week. Lads lunch was formed, funding secured for necessary resources as well as a part-time salary for the project coordinator, and the first session was launched in November. The initiative has continued almost every week, on Thursday lunchtimes, ever since. We have seen a good number of men use the service, with some regulars returning every week. We have also had the privilege of welcoming two of our lads lunch guests to church on Sundays, one of whom is now a regular attender. The funding remains in place for the continuation of the project into 2024 and beyond.

Foodbank

Foodbank continues to operate from The Bridge Church building on a Wednesday. Donations of food continue to be provided by the residents of Chepstow and the number of users remains steady.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

The Debt Centre worker, David Price has been employed by The Bridge Church in order to offer him a more robust network and process of support, although his wages are paid by Chepstow & District CAP funds. The past year has seen a rise in clients needing help from CAP. Finances have been tight over the past year and The Bridge Church has been able to help with a one off donation and an increase in our regular monthly donation.

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)

We have coaches in Pembroke and Thornwell Primary schools and Chepstow High School. We have held some end of term parties for the TLG children and families at the Church building which have been a great success. We continue to fund a part-time coordinator for this project.

Overseas Mission

We are connected with various projects overseas through prayer, financial giving and relationship. The strongest links are with two projects in Kisumu, Kenya. Genesis School and Compassion project and To Kenya With Love and The Simon Newberry School. We have continued to support these projects financially throughout the past year. We continue to give 18% of our income away to external projects and organisations including Open Doors, Wycliffe Bible Translators, TLG and Christians Against Poverty. Each year we plan to do a review of our giving and adjust/change accordingly.

Vision & Finance

The specific areas of vision that we believe God is calling us to really focus upon are; Serving Community and Growing Together. We've also highlighted four key cultural values that underpin all our work and activity; Word, Spirit, Prayer and Generosity.

Finances have improved over the past year as new people have joined the church and giving has increased. We held a vision offering as a boost in June 2022, which is something we currently wish to do annually.

AOG

The Bridge Church continues to hold status with AOG and contributes 3% of its annual income to AOG UK. Leaders from The Bridge Church attend various national and local conferences throughout the year and Martin is connected with AOG churches across South Wales due to his role as AOG South East Wales zone leader. Jen Edwards completes her ministers in training program in May 2023 and will graduate as a full status minister with Assemblies of God at the National Conference in Harrogate.

Reserves Policy

It is our policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) which equates to at least 3 months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. We are currently matching this target although can see some challenges ahead which we are already thinking through.

Section 4 Declaration

The trustees have approved the trustees' report above.

Signature:



Full name:

MARTIN COLEMAN

Position:

Chairman

Date: 3/11/23

THE BRIDGE CHURCH, CHEPSTOW

England & Wales - Charity number 1063495

Accounts

THE BRIDGE CHURCH
UNIT 1A CRITCHCRAFT BUILDINGS
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
AND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Registered Charity Number 1063495

On the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

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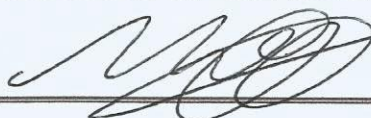
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SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL



Please print name: MARTIN COLEMAN

Date: 29/11/22

The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 31.03.22 £	Total 31.03.21 £
<u>Resources Arising</u>						
Donations, Legacies and Similar Incoming Resources	3a	93,715	0	19,945	113,660	121,905
Investment Income	3c	1	0	0	1	25
Other Incoming Resources	3d	5,431	0	0	5,431	7,272
Total Incoming Resources		99,147	0	19,945	119,092	129,202
<u>Resources Used</u>						
Direct Charitable Expenditure						
Establishment Support Costs	4a	34,397	0	0	34,397	36,115
Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charitable Objects	4b	85,112	0	0	85,112	79,351
Church Family Expenses	4c	677	0	0	677	341
Evangelism & Outreach	4d	536	0	0	536	140
Resources Expended on Managing and Administering the Charity	4e	1,913	0	0	1,913	1,861
Total Resources Expended		122,635	0	0	122,635	117,808
Net Movement in Funds		(23,488)	0	19,945	(3,543)	11,394
Fund Balances b/fwd at 01.04.21		48,892	0	0	48,892	37,498
Transfers		0	0	0	0	0
Gains and Losses Building Valuation		0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31.03.22		25,404	0	19,945	45,349	48,892

The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Balance Sheet	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2		0		0
			<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Current Assets					
Bank Accounts Hand	5	39,984		40,270	
Debtors	6	5,365		8,622	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	0		0	
Net Current Assets			45,349		48,892
Total Assets less current liabilities			45,349		48,892
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than a year	8		0		0
Net Assets			<u>45,349</u>		<u>48,892</u>
Capital and Reserves					
Income Funds:					
General Fund			45,349		48,892
			<u>45,349</u>		<u>48,892</u>

The Bridge Church, Chepstow
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2022

1.Accounting Policies

(a) These accounts have been prepared on a accruals basis and include income which has been received or that is receivable at the year end.

(b) The recommendations of charities SORP have been followed in the preparation of these accounts.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

		Land & Building £	Fixtures, Fitting & Equipment £	2020 Total £
Equipment				
Cost	01-Apr-21	0	0	0
Revaluation		0	0	0
Cost at	31-Mar-22	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Depreciation				
Charge	01-Apr-21	0	0	0
Depreciation at	31-Mar-22	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value				
Net Book Value	31-Mar-22	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value	31-Mar-22	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2022 :	None
31st March 2021 :	None

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2022 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 31.03.22 £	Total 31.03.21 £
3. Incoming Resources					
a) Donations, Legacies and Similar Incoming Resources					
Tithes & Offerings	78,018	0	19,945	97,963	82,577
Gifts	0	0	0	0	0
Charities Trust	0	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	15,697	0	0	15,697	16,903
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	22,425
	93,715	0	19,945	113,660	121,905
b) Investment Income					
Bank Interest	1	0	0	1	25
	1	0	0	1	25
c) Other Incoming Resources					
Other Income	535	0	0	535	30
Salary Support	4,896	0	0	4,896	7,242
	5,431	0	0	5,431	7,272
Total Incoming Resources	99,147	0	19,945	119,092	129,202

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2022 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 31.03.22 £	Total 31.03.21 £
4. Resources Expended					
a) Establishment Support Costs					
Unit 1a Lease	29,100	0	0	29,100	28,000
Gas	702	0	0	702	650
Electric	1,414	0	0	1,414	1,447
Water	207	0	0	207	156
Insurance	298	0	0	298	277
Fire Inspection	358	0	0	358	117
PA / Equipment Costs	932	0	0	932	2,882
Building Maintenance	781	0	0	781	2,026
Communication	605	0	0	605	560
	34,397	0	0	34,397	36,115
b) Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charitable Objects					
In House Ministry	53,909	0	0	53,909	58,876
Conference Expenses	88	0	0	88	(50)
Travel Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Gifts / Missionary Support	16,807	0	0	16,807	15,600
Ring Fenced Giving	14,308	0	0	14,308	4,925
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
	85,112	0	0	85,112	79,351
c) Church Family Expenses					
AoG Subscription	0	0	0	0	50
Churches Together	0	0	0	0	75
Kids Church Resources	79	0	0	79	0
Youth / Relentless	256	0	0	256	216
Food & Drink	342	0	0	342	0
Worship	0	0	0	0	0
Creche	0	0	0	0	0
	677	0	0	677	341
d) Evangelism & Outreach					
Course Materials / Resources	182	0	0	182	140
Mental Health / Safeguarding	258	0	0	258	0
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
Men's Ministry	28	0	0	28	0
Women's Ministry	0	0	0	0	0
Welcome Events	68	0	0	68	0
24/7 Prayer	0	0	0	0	0
Ministry Team	0	0	0	0	0
	536	0	0	536	140

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2022 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 31.03.22 £	Total 31.03.21 £
e) Resources Expended on Managing and Administering the Charity					
CCLI Licence	634	0	0	634	608
Child Protection	202	0	0	202	268
Inspire	0	0	0	0	42
Professional Fees	560	0	0	560	413
Printing / Stationery	50	0	0	50	0
Sundries	467	0	0	467	530
	1,913	0	0	1,913	1,861
Total Resources Expended	122,635	0	0	122,635	117,808

5. Bank Accounts

	31-Mar-22 £	31-Mar-21 £
Barclays Bank Community Statement	29,923	30,209
Barclays Bank Base Rate Reward	10,061	10,061
Barclays Bank Business Premium	0	0
Barclays Church Plant	0	0
	39,984	40,270

6. Debtors

Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	5,365	8,622
	5,365	8,622

7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	31-Mar-22 £	31-Mar-21 £
NONE	0	0
	0	0

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2020 (continued)

8. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In More Than One Year

	31-Mar-21 £	31-Mar-20 £
NONE	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9. Staff Costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	53,909	58,876
Employer's National Insurance Costs (incl above)	0	0
	<u>53,909</u>	<u>58,876</u>

No employees received emoluments of over £60,000. (2021: None)

The Charity operates payroll under a PAYE scheme.

Trustees' Annual Report - 2021/22

(Accompanying Receipts and Payments Accounts)

Section 1 Legal and Administrative Information

Charity name The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Other names charity is known by: N/A b

Registered charity number; 1063495

For the financial year beginning on 5th April 2021

For the financial year ending on 31st March 2022

Charity's principal address; Unit 1A Critchcraft Buildings, Bulwark Ind. Est. Chepstow, NP16 5QZ

Names of the charity trustees:

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted, if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
Martin Coleman	Chairman		<i>de facto</i> as Minister
Martyn Enever	Elder		Trustees of Charity
Paul Edwards	Treasurer		Trustees of Charity
Tim Robertson		April-Oct 2021	Trustees of Charity

Holding Trustees: Sarah Coleman, Daphne Goulding, Paul Edwards

Governing document: Model Trust Deed for Local Assemblies of God

Names and Addresses of advisors regularly used: Luke Silver, Accountancy & Taxation Services, The Stables, 1 London Rd, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 6AJ.

Section 2 Objectives of the Charity

Objects of the charity:

The objects of the Church ("the Objects") are for the benefit of the public:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit;
- (b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- (c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

Public Benefit: The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they can confirm that public benefit has been provided in at least the following ways;

- Providing regular public worship open to all.
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Praying regularly for our community
- Taking religious assemblies in schools
- Providing a youth club with a Christian ethos
- Providing much needed practical support for the surrounding community through a range of services and courses, including running a Foodbank distribution Centre and a child-mentoring program in local schools.
- Supporting other charities and churches in the UK and overseas.

Section 3 Activities and Achievements

Owing to the spiritual nature of the church's objectives it is difficult to quantify achievements; however we have in the past year undertaken the following activities:

Church Activities:

The past year has involved a return to more normal levels of activity after the Pandemic, including a return to congregational singing in September. We have also witnessed a lot of numerical growth in recent months (Nov 2021 – March 2022) as people re-engage with church and lots of new people have moved into Chepstow and have been looking for a church.

Over the course of the year we have continued to offer engaging Sunday worship services with alternate youth and children's provision. Sunday services were continued to be livestreamed, helping people connect who were not yet ready or able to return in-person. Eventually the plan is to stop the public livestream and only make it available to church members or contacts with a password protected link.

Sunday Night Youth was launched in September for young people in year 6 to year 13 across the churches in Chepstow. This has been a great success with up to 30 young people attending on the last Sunday of each month to worship, learn and connect with God and each other.

Life groups are working well, with five groups meeting regularly. These are mainly in person groups but some are still making use of zoom. We continue to offer zoom prayer meetings on Sunday evening, and Monday and Thursday morning, with an average of 8-10 in attendance. We also hold our prayer and praise meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. Alpha online was offered once again and attended by 2 people.

We installed the kitchen in Unit 1a and had a new boiler and heating system installed in the Connect area. This has so far been used for hospitality on Sundays, including lunch on thanksgiving Sunday, welcome lunches, and men's and women's breakfasts. The Community team are also planning for a launch of some sort of community café/lunch project. We also redecorated Unit 2.

Christmas hampers were given out again through the local schools; 76 bags to 76 families including 134 children. Over £3000 of donations were received for this hamper project. This year, due to a Covid outbreak in the schools, Christmas assemblies were recorded by video and enjoyed by the schools.

Foodbank

Foodbank continues to operate from The Bridge Church building on a Wednesday. Donations of food continue to flood in regularly from the residents of Chepstow and the number of users remains steady.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

The Debt Centre worker, David Price has been employed by The Bridge Church in order to offer him a more robust network and process of support, although his wages are paid by Chepstow & District CAP funds.

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)

Coaches have been able to reengage with the schools and new coaches have been recruited. We also secured funding for a TLG coordinator (1.5hrs per week) to strengthen the work. We have coaches in Pembroke and Thornwell Primary schools and Chepstow High School. We also held a TLG regional training event at The Bridge Church, which was a great success.

Overseas Mission

We are connected with various projects overseas through prayer, financial giving and relationship. The strongest links are with two projects in Kisumu, Kenya. Genesis School and Compassion project and To Kenya With Love and The Simon Newberry School. We have continued to support these projects financially throughout the past year. We continue to give 18% of our income away to external projects and organisations including Open Doors, Wycliffe Bible Translators, TLG and Christians Against Poverty. Each year we plan to do a review of our giving and adjust/change accordingly.

Vision & Finance

The specific areas of vision that we believe God is calling us to really focus upon are; Serving Community and Growing Together. We've also highlighted four key cultural values that underpin all our work and activity; Word, Spirit, Prayer and Generosity.

Finances continue to be tight for us as a church, with regular income between £1-2k short of what we really need. We have shared this information with the church and are looking at ways of cutting our expenditure as well as planning another vision offering in June.

We have also received funding of £10k for a community café project/coordinator, for which a process of recruiting the right person will be embarked upon.

AOG

The Bridge Church continues to hold status with AOG and contributes 3% of its annual income to AOG UK. Leaders from The Bridge Church attend various national and local conferences throughout the year and Martin is connected with AOG churches across South Wales due to his role as AOG South East Wales zone leader.

Jen Edwards is currently enrolled on the ministers in training program, which is a three year course that leads to full status ministers status within AOG (she qualifies in May 2023).

Reserves Policy

It is our policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) which equates to at least 3 months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. We are currently matching this target although can see some challenges ahead which we are already thinking through.

Section 4 Declaration

The trustees have approved the trustees' report above.

Signature:



Full name:

MARTIN COLEMAN

Position:

Chairman

Date: 29/11/22

THE BRIDGE CHURCH, CHEPSTOW

England & Wales - Charity number 1063495

Accounts

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BULWARK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
BULWARK
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Registered Charity: 1063495

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Registered Charity Number 1063495

On the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

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Please print name: MARTIN COLEMAN

Date: 15/9/21

The Bridge Church, Chepstow

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Resources Arising						
Donations, Legacies and Similar Incoming Resources	3a	121,905	0	0	121,905	130,016
Investment Income	3c	25	0	0	25	112
Other Incoming Resources	3d	7,272	0	0	7,272	18,364
Total Incoming Resources		129,202	0	0	129,202	148,492
Resources Used						
Direct Charitable Expenditure						
Establishment Support Costs	4a	36,115	0	0	36,115	36,071
Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charitable Objects	4b	79,351	0	0	79,351	120,121
Church Family Expenses	4c	341	0	0	341	1,358
Evangelism & Outreach	4d	140	0	0	140	998
Resources Expended on Managing and Administering the Charity	4e	1,861	0	0	1,861	2,637
Total Resources Expended		117,808	0	0	117,808	161,185
Net Movement in Funds		11,394	0	0	11,394	(12,693)
Fund Balances b/fwd at 01.04.19		37,498	0	0	37,498	50,191
Transfers		0	0	0	0	0
Gains and Losses Building Valuation		0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31.03.20		48,892	0	0	48,892	37,498

The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Balance Sheet	Notes	2020		2019	
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Current Assets					
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Creditors: amounts falling due in more than a year	8		0		0
Net Assets			<u>48,892</u>		<u>37,498</u>
Capital and Reserves					
Income Funds:					
General Fund			48,892		37,498
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The Bridge Church, Chepstow
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for the year ended 31st March 2021

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Equipment				
Cost	01-Apr-20	0	0	0
Revaluation		0	0	0
Cost at	31-Mar-21	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Depreciation				
Charge	01-Apr-20	0	0	0
Depreciation at	31-Mar-21	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value				
Net Book Value	31-Mar-21	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	31-Mar-20	0	0	0

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2021 :	None
31st March 2020 :	None

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2021 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Designated Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 31.03.21 £	Total 31.03.20 £
3. Incoming Resources					
a) Donations, Legacies and Similar Incoming Resources					
Tithes & Offerings	82,577	0	0	82,577	96,842
Gifts	0	0	0	0	0
Charities Trust	0	0	0	0	732
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	16,903	0	0	16,903	27,267
Church Plant	22,425	0	0	22,425	5,175
	121,905	0	0	121,905	130,016
b) Investment Income					
Bank Interest	25	0	0	25	112
	25	0	0	25	112
c) Other Incoming Resources					
Other Income	30	0	0	30	1,139
Salary Support	7,242	0	0	7,242	17,225
	7,272	0	0	7,272	18,364
Total Incoming Resources	129,202	0	0	129,202	148,492

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2021 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Designated Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 31.03.21 £	Total 31.03.20 £
4. Resources Expended					
a) Establishment Support Costs					
Unit 1a Lease	28,000	0	0	28,000	28,027
Gas	650	0	0	650	774
Electric	1,447	0	0	1,447	2,230
Water	156	0	0	156	281
Insurance	277	0	0	277	271
Fire Inspection	117	0	0	117	152
PA / Equipment Costs	2,882	0	0	2,882	1,684
Building Maintenance	2,026	0	0	2,026	1,487
Communication	560	0	0	560	1,165
	36,115	0	0	36,115	36,071
b) Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charitable Objects					
In House Ministry	58,876	0	0	58,876	69,366
Conference Expenses	(50)	0	0	(50)	1,909
Travel Expenses	0	0	0	0	3,999
Gifts / Missionary Support	15,600	0	0	15,600	38,362
Ring Fenced Giving	4,925	0	0	4,925	6,485
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
	79,351	0	0	79,351	120,121
c) Church Family Expenses					
AoG Subscription	50	0	0	50	50
Churches Together	75	0	0	75	75
Kids Church Resources	0	0	0	0	214
Youth / Relentless	216	0	0	216	216
Food & Drink	0	0	0	0	800
Worship	0	0	0	0	0
Creche	0	0	0	0	3
	341	0	0	341	1,358
d) Evangelism & Outreach					
Course Materials / Resources	140	0	0	140	579
Community Activity	0	0	0	0	0
Church Plant	0	0	0	0	0
Men's Ministry	0	0	0	0	45
Women's Ministry	0	0	0	0	216
Welcome Events	0	0	0	0	72
24/7 Prayer	0	0	0	0	86
Strategic Prayer	0	0	0	0	0
Ministry Team	0	0	0	0	0
	140	0	0	140	998

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2021 (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Designated Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 31.03.21 £	Total 31.03.20 £
e) Resources Expended on Managing and Administering the Charity					
CCLI Licence	608	0	0	608	538
Child Protection	268	0	0	268	185
Inspire	42	0	0	42	0
Professional Fees	413	0	0	413	345
Printing / Stationery	0	0	0	0	104
Sundries	530	0	0	530	1,465
	1,861	0	0	1,861	2,637
Total Resources Expended	117,808	0	0	117,808	161,185

5. Bank Accounts

	31-Mar-21 £	31-Mar-20 £
Barclays Bank Community Statement	30,209	4,541
Barclays Bank Base Rate Reward	10,061	20,036
Barclays Bank Business Premium	0	0
Barclays Church Plant	0	4,583
	40,270	29,160

6. Debtors

Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	8,622	8,338
	8,622	8,338

7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	31-Mar-21 £	31-Mar-20 £
NONE	0	0
	0	0

Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2020 (continued)

8. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In More Than One Year

	31-Mar-21 £	31-Mar-20 £
NONE	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9. Staff Costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	58,876	69,366
Employer's National Insurance Costs (incl above)	0	0
	<u>58,876</u>	<u>69,366</u>

No employees received emoluments of over £60,000. (2020: None)

The Charity operates payroll under a PAYE scheme.

Trustees' Annual Report - 2020/21

(Accompanying Receipts and Payments Accounts)

Section 1 Legal and Administrative Information

Charity name The Bridge Church, Chepstow

Other names charity is known by: N/A b

Registered charity number; 1063495

For the financial year beginning on 5th April 2020

For the financial year ending on 31st March 2021

Charity's principal address; Unit 1A Critchcraft Buildings, Bulwark Ind. Est. Chepstow, NP16 5QZ

Names of the charity trustees:

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted, if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
Martin Coleman	Chairman		<i>de facto</i> as Minister
Tim Robertson			Trustees of Charity
Martyn Enever	Elder		Trustees of Charity
Paul Edwards	Treasurer		Trustees of Charity

Holding Trustees: Sarah Coleman, Daphne Goulding, Paul Edwards

Governing document: Model Trust Deed for Local Assemblies of God

Names and Addresses of advisors regularly used: Luke Silver, Accountancy & Taxation Services, The Stables, 1 London Rd, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 6AJ.

Section 2 Objectives of the Charity

Objects of the charity:

The objects of the Church ("the Objects") are for the benefit of the public:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit;
- (b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- (c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

Public Benefit: The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they can confirm that public benefit has been provided in at least the following ways;

- Providing regular public worship open to all.
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Praying regularly for our community
- Taking religious assemblies in schools
- Providing a youth club with a Christian ethos
- Providing much needed practical support for the surrounding community through a range of services and courses, including running a Foodbank distribution Centre and a child-mentoring program in local schools.
- Supporting other charities and churches in the UK and overseas.

Section 3 Activities and Achievements

Owing to the spiritual nature of the church's objectives it is difficult to quantify achievements; however we have in the past year undertaken the following activities:

Church Activities:

The past year has been heavily disrupted by the global coronavirus pandemic, which has meant many of our regular activities and events have had to be adapted or cancelled. Despite the incredible challenges that the pandemic has created, as a local church we have navigated the past year with incredible resilience and have continued to experience many positive outcomes.

The nation went into lockdown at the end of March 2020 and so we had to quickly move our Sunday services online. The elders and leaders worked incredibly hard to ensure we could offer something each week for people to engage with online from their homes. We produced pre-recorded services every Sunday without fail, which included a positive welcome, some short testimonies and encouragements from church members, some sung worship performed by a worship leader from their home, and a shorter sermon, and these services were streamed every week on Facebook, YouTube and the church website. Church members were able to watch from their homes on Sunday mornings and we heard stories of lots of other people from the local area and further afield also tuning in.

This online only content continued until September when we were able to reintroduce in-person meetings with all the risk assessments, hygiene and social distancing guidelines in place. We had to move to a two-service format on Sunday mornings (9:30am & 11am) in order to accommodate everyone in a socially distanced layout. This obviously created extra work for those involved, but each volunteer and leader has selflessly served throughout this Pandemic to ensure God is honoured and people have been helped.

Not only did we go online with our Sunday services, but we also moved our Life Groups online, using zoom to ensure people remained connected. Although getting to grips with zoom was difficult for many to begin with, it has become a really helpful tool in the life of the church.

We used zoom for our prayer meetings which has become a really helpful addition to our prayer focus as a church. Zoom has made prayer more accessible, because people only have to log on from their own homes in order to be able to pray with others. Early on in the pandemic we began zoom prayer meetings on Sunday and Wednesday evenings (19mins for Covid-19). We also started prayer meetings for the sick and suffering on Monday and Thursday mornings at 8am for 30mins. These have been consistently attended through the year. We have also held youth club online for young people in school years 6-10, and this has been a really helpful vehicle to ensure the young people stay connected in a really difficult season.

We have held quiz nights, women's breakfasts, inspire leaders meetings, elders meetings, men's meetings and prayer events on zoom throughout the year.

We also launched an online Alpha course, which although only ended up with two guests attending, was a really encouraging and positive experience. We plan to hold Alpha online again next year.

At Christmas we were able to give out 49 food and gift hampers to families from Thornwell school. These hampers were produced in partnership with foodbank, as well as through the generous donations from the church and its members.

FoodBank

The pandemic had a significant impact on Foodbank in both a positive and negative way. Negatively, the distribution centre was no longer able to welcome clients in person and it had to become a referral agent collection point. Obviously building connection and offering prayer with the clients is a key part of the Foodbank ethos and so it has been hard for the team to function without this key component.

During the first lockdown, volunteers were not able to get involved in Foodbank and it had to be largely run by the coordinator, Sarah Coleman, using The Bridge Church premises to store food donations and to serve as a collection point for referral agencies.

Positively, donations of food were coming in thick and fast from organisations and food outlets and so the Foodbank were never short of resources to help those in need.

During the year we were also able to secure funding for increased storage for Foodbank in Unit 1a. We purchased a storage container for Foodbank to use and also had some storage built into the foyer.

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)

The Pandemic and lockdown meant that our TLG work had to stop for much of the year. We are hopeful that as restrictions are lifted and things return to normal, that our coaches will be able to reengage with the schools and that we will also be able to recruit new coaches and continue to promote the great work of TLG and their early intervention program.

Overseas Mission

We are connected with various projects overseas through prayer, financial giving and relationship. The strongest links are with two projects in Kisumu, Kenya. Genesis School and Compassion project and To Kenya With Love and The Simon Newberry School. We have continued to support these projects financially throughout the past year. We also support financially and prayerfully organisations such as Open Doors, Wycliffe Bible Translators, TLG and Christians Against Poverty. Each year we plan to do a review of our giving and adjust/change accordingly.

Vision & Finance

The specific areas of vision that we believe God is calling us to really focus upon are; Serving community and Growing together. We feel that the prayer and generosity elements have been bedded in well to the church culture and that these will continue to be cultivated as part of our key values.

Part of our vision for serving community is to install a fully functioning kitchen in Unit 1a to enable us to increase our opportunities for connection with our community. We want to create projects and spaces where we not only serve our community but also are able to build deeper relationships with them. In January 2021 the financial situation of the church was looking bleak, we were expected to drop approx. £10k below our financial reserves limit at the end of March and yet we still had this desire to install a kitchen, which could cost up to £20k. As elders we prayed and discussed what we should do and felt that we needed to continue with the vision God had stirred in our hearts. We put a plea out to the church via a video to explain the financial situation and ask those who were able to give. We also applied for funding from various streams. Within weeks the situation completely turned around and the financial situation had changed dramatically. We received over £8k from church donations and ended up receiving £15k of funding towards our lease payments, and then over £25k towards the kitchen has been received from various funding bids. This has certainly confirmed that the kitchen and its part in our vision is the right direction of travel.

AOG

The Bridge Church continues to hold status with AOG and contributes 3% of its annual income to AOG UK. Leaders from The Bridge Church attend various national and local conferences throughout the year and Martin is connected with AOG churches across South Wales due to his role as AOG South East Wales zone leader. Jen Edwards is currently enrolled on the ministers in training program, which is a three year course that leads to full status ministers status within AOG.

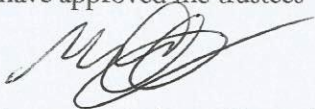
Reserves Policy

It is our policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) which equates to at least 3 months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. We are currently matching this target although can see some challenges ahead which we are already thinking through.

Section 4 Declaration

The trustees have approved the trustees' report above.

Signature:



Full name: MARTIN COLEMAN

Position: Chairman

Date: 15/9/21