

# The Bridge Christian Fellowship Temple Fortune

Report and Accounts  
Year ended 31 December 2023

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**THE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TEMPLE FORTUNE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**  
**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	54 Bridge Lane London NW11 0EH
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 20 April 2009
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1130219
TRUSTEES	Betty Hicks David Hicks Kyuwon Park Antony Pearce Daniel Bishop Clayton Wells Esther Ameyaw Dennis Wardle Christopher Beckingham
BANKERS	CAF Bank 25 Kings Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4TA
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Ajay Rajani FCIE Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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# **THE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TEMPLE FORTUNE**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

#### **Objects of the charity**

In brief summary the Trust's objects, as set out in its governing document, are to:

- a) advance the Christian faith and to undertake any other connected charitable work
- b) relieve sickness and financial hardship
- c) advance education

The charity seeks to achieve these objects through holding regular services for Christian worship open to the general public in Temple Fortune area of London NW11. The fellowship provides facilities for families, including Sunday school and crèche for babies.

In carrying out its activities in the year under review, the trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission, and are satisfied that the charity's activities are all for the public benefit.

#### **Government**

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Trust.

Trustees are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust Deed. Regular reviews are held to identify any expertise gaps within the Board of Trustees and appointments are made where required to strengthen the Board of Trustees, subject to all trustees' approval.

#### **Review of Activities**

The church has continued to meet regularly during 2023, with a morning service at 11am and an evening service at 6.30pm. These services have been well attended and appreciated by those who come. The morning service has a Sunday school for children and a youth meeting for teenagers. Some new members have been added to the church. We have also continued to broadcast the services via livestreaming with good numbers visiting. Recordings of our talks are available on our website [www.bridgelane.org.uk](http://www.bridgelane.org.uk) and are regularly visited by people around this country and abroad. We have held regular midweek meetings for Bible Study and prayer.

We have continued our evangelism when possible, with distribution of leaflets locally in Golders Green and in a wider region of north London and Boreham Wood.

We give regular support to a number of overseas ministries, involved in evangelism and Bible teaching, including in Bolivia, Papua New Guinea, Israel, Greece, Serbia and the USA.

The work has been overseen by our elders and deacons, who hold regular meetings to discuss the work and deal with any problems and arrange help for members with social or spiritual needs. We have kept the building in a good standard of maintenance. The finances of the church have been kept in order and we maintain a healthy reserve fund for the future.

Our work is open to the general public.

#### **Financial Review**

The Church continues to raise the funds that it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year. This year the charity received a legacy of £31,216, which helped increase income to £166,657 (2022: £121,437). This year's expenditure was £111,872 (2022: £118,909) and the surplus for the year was therefore £54,785 (2022: £2,528).

The charity's cash balances at the year end amounted to £226,875, of which £5,650 was restricted.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted, are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

### Reserves Policy

The Bridge Christian Fellowship's policy is to ensure that it holds sufficient reserves (being unrestricted cash) to run the basic operations of the charity for a minimum of three months. At the balance sheet date, the Trustees estimate this would require reserves of £20,000. The Charity's reserves at the end of the reporting period were above this level, at just over £221,000. This is significantly in excess of the minimum requirement and the excess is being held because the charity might need to fund accommodation for a potential church pastor in the future.

### Trustees' Responsibilities

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

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

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

### Approval

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

Antony M Pearce  
Antony M Pearce | Oct 21, 2024 11:11 GMT+1

Oct 21, 2024  
Date: .....

Antony Pearce - trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TEMPLE FORTUNE**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bridge Christian Fellowship Temple Fortune ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 5 to 8 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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.

*Ajay Rajani*  
Ajay Rajani (Oct 21, 2024 11:13 GMT+1)

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Date: Oct 21, 2024

**THE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TEMPLE FORTUNE**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Gifts received		120,858	13,007	133,865	121,012
Legacies received		31,216	-	31,216	-
Interest received		1,477	-	1,477	348
CD & DVD Sales		99	-	99	78
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>153,650</u>	<u>13,007</u>	<u>166,657</u>	<u>121,437</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	88,345	50	88,395	89,348
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	15,888	7,589	23,477	29,561
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>104,233</u>	<u>7,639</u>	<u>111,872</u>	<u>118,909</u>
Net receipts/ (payments) before transfers		49,417	5,368	54,785	2,528
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<u>49,417</u>	<u>5,368</u>	<u>54,785</u>	<u>2,528</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		171,808	282	172,090	169,562
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>221,225</u>	<u>5,650</u>	<u>226,875</u>	<u>172,090</u>

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these accounts.

**THE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TEMPLE FORTUNE**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	189,989	650	190,639	168,475
Unbanked cheques and cash	31,236	5,000	36,236	3,615
	<u>221,225</u>	<u>5,650</u>	<u>226,875</u>	<u>172,090</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>				
Debts owed to the charity	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>				
Fee for preparing and independently examining the accounts	1,140	-	1,140	1,020
Amounts owed in respect of payroll	<u>2,172</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,172</u>	<u>1,979</u>
	<u>3,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,312</u>	<u>2,999</u>

**D Assets retained for charity's own use**

The charity does not own any property; the property used by the charity is leased from the Church Growth Trust for a peppercorn rent.

The charity owns some equipment and fittings; the current value of these assets is minimal.

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

by Antony M Pearce  
Antony M Pearce (Oct 21, 2024 11:11 GMT+1)  
 Antony Pearce - trustee

date Oct 21, 2024

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**THE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TEMPLE FORTUNE**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1 Accounting Policies**

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

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>				
Employment & consultancy costs (see note 4)	57,746	50	57,796	56,084
Property costs (see note 2a)	9,054	-	9,054	6,156
Ministry (including guest speakers)	10,631	-	10,631	11,437
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	2,937	-	2,937	8,758
Administration	1,837	-	1,837	1,748
Accounts administration	5,121	-	5,121	4,307
Fee for independent examination	1,020	-	1,020	858
	<u>88,345</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>88,395</u>	<u>89,348</u>

**2a Property costs**

Rent	400	350
Insurance	899	838
Cleaning	2,238	1,673
Water, electricity & gas	5,517	3,294
	<u>9,054</u>	<u>6,156</u>

**3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others**

Grants to support UK and overseas mission				
Amutat Mayim Chaim Chinam	1,500	2,701	4,201	4,800
Beit Halochem	-	1,201	1,201	-
Friends of Israel	-	1,201	1,201	600
Kehilat Haderech	1,200	-	1,200	1,700
Reasons for Hope	1,200	-	1,200	1,700
Stand With Us	300	1,100	1,400	-
New Tribes Mission	2,400	-	2,400	2,900
Nations Trust	-	-	-	1,000
Other smaller grants to institutions	509	-	509	2,640
Grants to individuals	7,300	900	8,200	10,556
	<u>14,409</u>	<u>7,102</u>	<u>21,511</u>	<u>25,896</u>
Grants to help relieve hardship				
Barnabas Aid	571	455	1,026	800
To individuals	908	32	940	2,865
	<u>15,888</u>	<u>7,589</u>	<u>23,477</u>	<u>29,561</u>



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**4 Employees and consultants**

Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers. The charity employs Christopher Beckingham as a ministry trainee and Kyuwon Park as associate pastor; in addition the charity makes payments to another charity "Light for the Last Days" ('LLD') for Antony Pearce who serves as senior pastor. The following amounts were payable for their services:

	2023 £	2022 £
Antony Pearce: payments to LDD	12,877	12,877
Kyuwon Park: employment benefits	29,053	28,656
Christopher Beckingham: employment benefits	15,552	15,552
Adjustments for amounts owing and for payments to other individuals	(314)	(1,001)
	<u>57,796</u>	<u>56,084</u>

All three individuals also serve as trustees. The above payments were made for their roles as church workers (not for serving as trustees) and these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

**5 Restricted funds**

	Brought forward 31 Dec 2022	Receipts	Payments	Carried forward 31 Dec 2023
Mission Support fund	250	12,552	(7,152)	5,650
Hardship fund	32	455	(487)	-
	<u>282</u>	<u>13,007</u>	<u>(7,639)</u>	<u>5,650</u>