

The Bridge Christian Fellowship Temple Fortune

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2024

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THE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TEMPLE FORTUNE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
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	Lisa Darby FCA 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 2024

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

Objects of the charity

The trust's objects are to advance the Christian faith through holding regular services for Christian worship open to the public in the Temple Fortune area of London, NW 1 1. The fellowship provides facilities for families, including Sunday school and a creche 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 2024, with a morning service at 11 am and an evening service at 6.30 pm. 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 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 the 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 function as trustees and hold regular bi-monthly 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 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.

Income for the year was £128,000 (2023- £166,657) and expenditure was £118,930 (2023 - £111,872). Consequently, the surplus for the year was £9,070 (2023 - £54,785). The charity's cash balances at the year-end amounted to £235,945, of which £1,650 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.

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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 £234k. This is significantly more than 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 Pearce

Antony Pearce (Sep 16, 2025 19:01:23 GMT+1)

Antony Pearce – Trustee

Date: Sep 16, 2025

**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 2024 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.


Lisa Darby (Sep 23, 2025 11:37:34 GMT+1)

Lisa Darby FCA
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Date: Sep 23, 2025

THE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TEMPLE FORTUNE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts					
Gifts received		120,867	4,903	125,770	133,865
Legacies received		-	-	-	31,216
Interest received		2,206	-	2,206	1,477
CD & DVD Sales		24	-	24	99
Total Receipts		<u>123,097</u>	<u>4,903</u>	<u>128,000</u>	<u>166,657</u>
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	87,677	-	87,677	88,395
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	22,350	8,903	31,253	23,477
Total Payments		<u>110,027</u>	<u>8,903</u>	<u>118,930</u>	<u>111,872</u>
Net receipts/ (payments) before transfers		13,070	(4,000)	9,070	54,785
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		<u>13,070</u>	<u>(4,000)</u>	<u>9,070</u>	<u>54,785</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		221,225	5,650	226,875	172,090
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>234,295</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>235,945</u>	<u>226,875</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank	234,295	1,650	235,945	190,639
Unbanked cheques and cash	-	-	-	36,236
	<u>234,295</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>235,945</u>	<u>226,875</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Debts owed to the charity	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
C Liabilities				
Fee for preparing and independently examining the accounts	1,320	-	1,320	1,140
Amounts owed in respect of payroll	1,937	-	1,937	2,172
Accounts payable	501	-	501	-
	<u>3,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,758</u>	<u>3,312</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 Pearce
Antony Pearce [Sep 16, 2025 19:01:23 GMT+1]
 Antony Pearce - trustee

date Sep 16, 2025

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

THE BRIDGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TEMPLE FORTUNE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Employment & consultancy costs (see note 4)	60,142	-	60,142	57,796
Property costs (see note 2a)	8,261	-	8,261	9,054
Ministry (including guest speakers)	8,625	-	8,625	10,631
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	3,943	-	3,943	2,937
Administration	1,156	-	1,156	1,837
Accounts administration	4,409	-	4,409	5,121
Fee for independent examination	1,140	-	1,140	1,020
	<u>87,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,677</u>	<u>88,395</u>
2a Property costs				
Rent			400	400
Insurance			932	899
Cleaning			3,136	2,238
Water, electricity & gas			<u>3,793</u>	<u>5,517</u>
			<u>8,261</u>	<u>9,054</u>
3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others				
Grants to support UK and overseas mission				
Amutat Mayim Chaim Chinam	2,600	450	3,050	4,201
Beit Halochem	-	2,703	2,703	1,201
Friends of Israel	1,100	1,000	2,100	1,201
One for Israel	-	1,000	1,000	-
Kehilat Haderech	950	-	950	1,200
Open Doors	700	-	700	509
Reasons for Hope	1,500	-	1,500	1,200
Stand With Us	-	1,000	1,000	1,400
New Tribes Mission	2,200	50	2,250	2,400
Light for Last Days	5,000	-	5,000	-
Grants to individuals	<u>8,300</u>	<u>2,700</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>8,200</u>
	<u>22,350</u>	<u>8,903</u>	<u>31,253</u>	<u>21,511</u>
Grants to help relieve hardship				
Barnabas Aid	-	-	-	1,026
To individuals	-	-	-	940
	<u>22,350</u>	<u>8,903</u>	<u>31,253</u>	<u>23,477</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" ('LDD') for Antony Pearce who serves as senior pastor. The following amounts were payable for their services:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Antony Pearce: payments to LDD	13,650	12,877
Kyuwon Park: employment benefits	32,064	29,053
Christopher Beckingham: employment benefits	14,427	15,552
Adjustments for amounts owing and for payments to other individuals	-	(314)
	<u>60,142</u>	<u>57,796</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 1 Jan 2024	Receipts	Payments	Carried forward 31 Dec 2024
Mission Support fund	<u>5,650</u>	<u>4,903</u>	<u>(8,903)</u>	<u>1,650</u>
	<u>5,650</u>	<u>4,903</u>	<u>(8,903)</u>	<u>1,650</u>