

THE BRANDON CHURCH OF CHRIST

England & Wales · Charity number 1135988

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2010-05-18

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE HOLDING OF WORSHIP SERVICES, PRAYER MEETINGS AND BIBLE STUDIES TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

Activities: Provides religious activities for the general public in the Norfolk and Suffolk area. Provides support for the advancement of the Christian faith in the UK, India and Malawi. Provides the use of buildings in Brandon for use by the local community.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES
- India
- Malawi
- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£27,163	£28,825	-	-
2024-05-31	£33,781	£44,333	-	-
2023-05-31	£31,778	£21,590	-	-
2022-05-31	£25,501	£29,241	-	-
2021-05-31	£25,078	£20,203	-	-
2020-05-31	£21,864	£13,515	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JAMES VINCENT O'DONOVAN	Chair	
DR Ayodele OBIDEYI		2016-06-01
Guy Sandison		2013-09-01
Jemuel Reyes		2013-09-01

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Trustee Report for year ending 31st May 2025

Objects of the Brandon Church of Christ.

To advance the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and Third world countries for the benefit of the public through the holding of worship services, prayer meetings and Bible study to enlighten others about the Christian Faith.

Finance

This year saw an increase in Benevolence reflecting the needs of congregation members and financial aid to Gospel preachers. In total we paid £11,000 plus an item of £2000 to a legal firm in respect of a visa application. Benevolence payments were approved by a benevolence committee of three church members.

Our excess expenditure over income is not considered an issue at present as we have sufficient funds in our bank account to carry out planned activities.

Our balance of £44,154 is considered healthy by the Trustees.

The congregation (held by trustees for the church) owns the church premises and next-door cottage mortgage free, current valuation of both properties is approximately £500,000.

Church Activities

We continue with Sunday morning worship service and Adult Bible study, attendance at Worship service remains at circa 30+. Our Sunday morning services, and bible study is open to the public and we continue to welcome occasional visitors.

Our fortnightly ladies Bible study takes place on Zoom as does our weekly Church wide Study of the book Samuel.

Our children's Sunday school classes for members children continues throughout the year with some 12-14 children attending.

Fellowship activities continue monthly with fellowship lunches, Baby showers and farewell activities for US Airforce personnel deploying.

We held a very successful ladies day in March, which was attended by over 60 ladies.

We continue to support 6 Ukrainian refugees living in the church cottage.

The congregation agreed to financial support for a UK wide young adults' weekend in September 2025 organised by our church young adults.

Buildings:

No major improvement on the buildings was required this year albeit we purchased a new cooker for the cottage. Following last years recommendations by the Suffolk Fire department we continue to follow their guidance regarding safety.

Risks

There were no notifiable risks or complaints in the period

Other Matters

Following a church meeting there was no alteration to church accounts signatories or Church buildings Trustees.

Accounts to 31st May 2025

Parish fundraising and donations 27,163

Expenditure

Benevolence	11,006
Rent, rate, light and heat	8,371
Telephone	903
Building - repairs/renewals	2,513
Licenses	325
Legal assistance	2,000
Insurance	1,223
Fellowship	1,328
Church supplies	1,006
Accountancy fees	150
Evangelism	0

Total Expenditure 28,825

Excess expenditure over income -1,662

Balances brought forward 45,816

Balances carried forward **£ 44,154**

NatWest current account 44,101

Reserve account 25

US Dollar account 28

£ 44,154

From: Jim Hudson <jimhudson1973@gmail.com>
Date: 4 May 2026 at 15:03:50 BST
To: Vince O'Donovan <v.odonovan@btinternet.com>
Subject: Church accounts: Brandon Church of Christ

To whom it may concern -

I am able to confirm that, having looked over the accounts for the Brandon Church of Christ, that I find them to be wholly consistent with the records and receipts presented to me. I therefore believe that they represent a true and accurate record of the financial position of the Brandon Church of Christ in March 2026 including its income and expenditure over the previous year (1/06/2024 to 31/5/2025).

I have made a number of recommendations with regards to record keeping, that the have been universally accepted by the preparers of the Church accounts. I am an independent verifier with no connection to the Church of Christ, either the Brandon parish or the wider organisation.

James C M Hudson

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Finance:

This year saw the conclusion of major expenditure of both the main auditorium and the church cottage next door. In total we spent £22,949 on the infrastructure of the buildings.

Our excess of expenditure over income is not considered an issue as donations had been increasing to ensure we had sufficient monies to carry out the planned work required to meet all of the identified issues of the buildings.

Our balance carried forward of £45,816 is considered healthy by the Trustees.

Church Activities:

We continue to have Sunday morning worship attendance of 35 plus children. This meeting is available to members on Zoom.

Our Sunday morning service is open to the public and we have occasional attendees from the surrounding community. We will continue to welcome visitors to our meetings.

Our fortnightly Tuesday evening ladies Bible Study is well attended as is our weekly Bible study on a Wednesday evening. These studies take place on Zoom.

We have provided benevolence to various individual according to their identified needs.

Fellowship activities involve a BBQ or Fellowship lunch at the church building monthly.

The Church continues to support 6 Ukrainian Refugees living in the church cottage, both financially and emotionally.

Buildings:

Following a meeting of the congregation the following work was considered essential to ensure the safety of attendees at the building,

Compliant EIRC report: Resulting in completion of remedial work required.

Fire survey by Suffolk Fire Department: Resulting in new alarm system, new fire extinguishers, fire doors installed to upper rooms. Review and implementation of new procedures for evacuation procedures.

Building Heating: Replacement of 48-year-old boiler with new modern boiler.

Children Safety: Installation of gates to main road.

Cottage Roof: Removal of leaking chimney to stop water leakage.

Risk

There were no notifiable risk or complaints in the period

Other Matters:

There was no alteration to those men assigned to be able to sign cheques on behalf of the church.

Following a church meeting it was agreed that the Trustees of the Building and the charity remain unchanged.

We obtained two church debit cards to be held by Guy Sanderson and James Vincent O'Donovan

Accounts to 31st May 2024

Parish fundraising and donations 33,781

Expenditure

Benevolence	3,155
Rent, rate, light and heat	8,687
Telephone	985
Building - repairs/renewals	3,212
Building - cottage roof	4,495
Building - alarm	2,038
Building - new boiler	9,894
Building - front gates	1,460
Building - electrical work	960
Building - fire doors	890
Insurance	1,140
Fellowship	1,300
Church supplies	146
Accountancy fees	120
Evangelism	5,850

Total Expenditure 44,333

Excess expenditure over income -10,552

Balances brought forward 56,368

Balances carried forward £ 45,816

NatWest current account 45,763

Reserve account 25

US Dollar account 28

£ 45,816

Jim Hudson<jimhudson1973@gmail.com>

To:You

Mon 2025-03-24 5:05 PM

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Brandon Church of Christ Trustee Report for period June 2022-May 2023

Finance

Expenditure exceeded income by £10188. Major expenses in the year were spent on the purchase of an overhead projector to improve the worship experience, together with the cost associated with a nationwide ladies praise meeting.

We provided £2800 benevolence due to covid pandemic.

Income remains at an acceptable level, reflective of the congregation's desire to aid Ukrainian refugees as well as planning for upgrade of classrooms and the installation of a new boiler in the summer months.

We had increased reserves of £56,368 at the end of the period.

The church owns under Trust the unincumbered church building and next door three bedroomed cottage. These properties are valued more than £400000.

No Trustees received any payments or benefits from the charity.

Serious Incidents

There were no serious incidents in the period.

Worship Services:

No amendment were made to worship services, we continued with Sunday Morning Bible study followed by Lords table service. Attendance numbers are 30 +.

We continue to broadcast our Sunday services on Zoom, this facility is useful for students away at university and members who are unable to attend in person due to illness or holiday. Typical numbers on Zoom are 6 to 8 persons.

Wednesday bible study continued io Zoom, with numbers of 12 to 15 regularly attending.

We provided a portion £4,950 of travel and accommodation expenses for visiting preachers.

Buildings

It is likely that the heating system in the church will need to be updated in the next 24 months.

All of the upstairs rooms in the building are now being used for classes on a Lords Day morning.

General.

No amendments were made to Building Trustee or authorised signatories.

Accounts to 31st May 2023

Parish fundraising and donations 31,778

Expenditure

Benevolence	2,870
Rent, rate, light and heat	4,641
Telephone	940
Building - repairs/renewals	851
Building - new projector	2,269
Sunday school	1,660
Insurance	965
Fellowship	201
Ladies day	1,100
Church supplies	993
Accountancy fees	150
Evangelism	4,950

Total Expenditure 21,590

Excess expenditure over income 10,188

Balances brought forward 46,180

Balances carried forward £ 56,368

NatWest current account 56,315

Reserve account 25

US Dollar account 28

£ 56,368

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10/12/23

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Finance

Expenditure exceeded income by £3740, due in the main to two areas. Firstly the refurbishment and alterations to the cottage in preparation for accommodating six refugees from the conflict in Ukraine. Secondly a complete flooring of the church building. These extraordinary expenditures amounted to a total of £13,243.

Additionally, we provided £7000 benevolence due to covid pandemic.

Income was the highest for a number of years, reflective of the congregation's desire to aid Ukrainian refugees as well as updating the flooring in the church building.

We had sufficient reserves of £46180 at the end of the period.

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Wednesday bible study continued io Zoom, with numbers of 12 to 15 regularly attending.

We provided a portion £1239 of travel expenses for visiting preachers.

Buildings

The much needed updating of the flooring in the building was completed, as well the work on the cottage to prepare for receiving Ukrainian refugees.

It is likely that the heating system in the cottage will need to be updated in the next 24 months.

All of the upstairs rooms in the building are now being used for classes for the children on a Lords day morning.

From: jimhudson1973@gmail.com
Date: 11 December 2022 at 12:52:28 GMT
To: v.odonovan@btinternet.com
Subject: Brandon Church of Christ Accounts

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Brandon Church of Christ Trustee Report for period June 2020-May 2021

Finance

Due to the Pandemic we utilised alternative method for church donations, namely direct payment to church bank account and the Virgin Money online giving site. We avoided wherever possible collection donations in cash at our meetings. This did not substantially affect our overall contributions levels.

During the period we provide benevolence to church members who had been affected by employment restrictions as a result of Covid.

We purchased a lap- top and webcam to allow our vulnerable members to attend services remotely via Zoom.

The income from all fundraising and donations and gift aid was £25,078, no income was received from overseas or by way of Government Grant.

Our income exceeded our expenditure by £4875.

We had sufficient reserves of £49,920 at the end of the period.

The church owns under Trust the unencumbered Church Building and adjacent three bedroomed house. These properties are valued in excess of £400,000.

No Trustees received any payment or benefits for services from the charity.

Serious Incidents

There were no serious incidents in the period.

Worship Services

We applied all government guideline to the Lords Day worship and restricted the numbers to ensure social distancing applied. The worship service was available on Zoom, with numbers of 12 to 15 individuals attending remotely. We discontinued the Sunday morning Bible study. For much of the period under review we did not meet in the church building due to Government guidelines.

Our Wednesday evening Bible study was available on Zoom and was well attended.

We had no visiting speakers during the period.

Buildings

The cottage was not occupied during the period and the church building was closed for the majority of the period. Meetings re-commenced in May 21 in the building. Counselling sessions stopped in this period.

It is likely in the next few years that some refurbishment of the church building will be required.

Outreach

There was limited opportunity for outreach, with limited response to our advertised Zoom bible study from interested non members.

Brandon Church of Christ
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year to 31st May 2021

<u>Income</u>	£	£
Congregation fundraising and Expenditure		25,078
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Benevolence	10,500	
Rent, Rates, Light and Heat	4,592	
Telephone	800	
Repairs and Renewal	353	
Laptop and Webcam	1,616	
Insurance	852	
Security Gates	1,250	
Accountancy Fees	240	
Bank Interest	0	
Total Expenditure		<u>20,203</u>
Excess Expenditure over Income		4,875
Balances Brought Forward		<u>45,045</u>
Balances Carried Forward		£49,920
<u>Represented By</u> _____		
Nat West Current Account	48,517	
Reserve Account	25	
US Dollar Account	<u>1,378</u>	
		 <u>£49,920</u>

To the Trustees of the Brandon church of Christ.

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3/4/2022

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