

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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 May 2021, including its income and expenditure over the previous year (1/06/2020 to 31/5/2021). I am an independent verifier with no connection to the Church of Christ, either the Brandon parish or the wider organisation.

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