

# **Trustee Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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
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#### 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
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Excess expenditure over income	-1,662
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Balances brought forward	45,816
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Balances carried forward	<b>£ 44,154</b>
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NatWest current account	44,101
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Reserve account	25
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US Dollar account	28
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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.

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