

Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church

Report and Accounts

31 December 2021

Charity number 1151214

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Principal address

Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church
Kingshall Street
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Trustees

The trustees who served during the year under review were:

Alan Drury	
James Martin	
David Stannard	
Stuart Hitchcock	
Angus Michael Barnard	
Peter Marshall Mason	Resigned 31 July 2021
Neil Gammon	
Benjamin Greeves	
Benjamin Ryan	

Structure, governance and management

Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church is governed under a Constitution adopted on 5th February 2013.

Objects

The principal object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the basis of faith as stated in Schedule 1. The charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and /or other parts of the world.

Financial review

The charity endeavours to utilise the funds available to the best effect in the advancement of its objects.

Main activities

Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church is a growing and active Baptist Church in rural Suffolk. We meet for Christian worship every Sunday and have a range of activities for young and old throughout the week, including prayer meetings, home groups, parent & toddlers group, ladies and men's meetings, fellowship lunches and youth activities from age 4 upwards.

Achievements and performance

In the future 2020 will be the year that we all look back on with a hazy recollection of news headlines, lockdowns, exam turmoil and troubling statistics. 2021 was, in many ways, a repeat of 2020: The ongoing challenges of COVID19 meant that the Eldership were constantly having to review and adjust plans for teaching and encouraging the BRBC congregation.

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2021 has, in many ways been a more disjointed and disrupted year than 2020. The arrival of the pandemic in March 2020 injected a sense of unity and, along with the changes to the premises that were already underway, we were able to roll out engaging virtual services, implement Zoom Community Groups and prayer meetings and form support networks for those in need. But the stop/start way of operating that COVID imposed on everyone through 2021 was exhausting and noticeably drained the energy from a lot of the work of the church. In spite of this, the BRBC fellowship continued to faithfully serve, and it is pleasing to see the achievements of 2021.

Glen and Lydia McLellan joined us in March and Glen has quickly integrated as the Children's and Youth Pastor. He has introduced greater structure into the leadership and teaching programs of the youth ministries and has begun a one-to-one mentoring scheme for some of the older teenagers. We have also benefited from Glen's experience as he has planned and led excellent all-age services that have taught across the generations on a Sunday morning.

Ministries that were run virtually or via Zoom during the first part of the year were gradually transitioned to in-person, and as we approach the end of the year, we can see a clearer vision of the hybrid nature of many activities that will be part of the ongoing work. The live video streaming that was set up during the pandemic has continued and for Sunday morning services there is a dual congregation with those in the building and those watching from home.

Community Groups were restructured for the start of the new academic year and are starting to gel together well. The groups worked through a series looking at the heart of Jesus and it was encouraging to see the depth of the conversations that developed around the studies. Many groups implemented a Zoom option for those who, as a result of COVID isolation or other commitments, were not able to be there in person.

Increased focus on our Mission Partners was an important element of communications and meetings through the year. These focus sessions were designed to help increase the awareness and understanding of the work done by the mission organisations that we support financially and in prayer. It is also hoped that this increased awareness will provide opportunities for individuals to get involved and serve.

Alan and Barbra Drury continued their pastoral support work with the sick and older people who were not able to attend in person. This was particularly important as some of these individuals also do not have the equipment or understanding to be able to attend the virtual meetings.

A low point of 2021 was saying goodbye to Peter and Emily Mason as they returned to the USA in July. Their service in the church has been hugely influential and we miss the teaching, encouragement, technical expertise and support that they brought. The Mason's departure put significant additional burdens on James and Quincie, but they have shown strength in their work and in holding things together.

Despite all the disruption the finances of the church have remained healthy and there has been no need to draw on reserves. This has partly been due to reduced costs as a result of virtual ministries and cancelled activities, but it is also a testament to the faithfulness of the congregation in continuing to support financially during this unsettled year.

Through all the uncertainties that arose, we can look back and see God's goodness in the way that the church has continued to flourish. We finish 2021 with a larger and more active church than the one that went into the first lockdown.

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As we go into 2022, we trust that the church at BRBC and the wider world will continue emerging from the pandemic and resume 'normal service'; whatever that new normal may be.

This coming year we aim to expand the Eldership and appoint additional staff members to cater for the growing church and relieve James and Glen of the administrative burden. The Elders will also be re-visiting the Vision statement to assess changes that are needed following the disruption of the last two years. In addition, we anticipate 2022 being the year when we transition from the existing Trusteeship to a new CIO structure of Governance.

The upgrades to the church building that were completed in 2020 have made a significant difference to the way the premises are used and has lifted the atmosphere during the meetings, particularly on a Sunday morning. But the continuing growth in numbers means that 2022 will be a year for further adaptations to the building. The Building Team will be drawing up plans for alteration and expansion that ensures the physical space continues to support the work of the church rather than constrain it.

The COVID19 pandemic has changed society and changed church. The success of delivering online options over the last two years has given people a choice in varying their routines and picking the Sunday morning option that works for them on a given week. 'Consumer church' has arrived and 2022 will be the year where, God willing, we continue to grow the work of BRBC as we love Jesus and help others to do the same.

This report was approved by the trustees on 29/03/2022



James Martin
Trustee



Benjamin Ryan
Trustee

**Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church
Independent Examiner's Report
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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


I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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13 July 2022

Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £			2020 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts				
Offerings and General income	139,519		139,519	152,144
Gift aid tax reclaimed	11,073		11,073	11,574
Sundry income	935		935	1,205
Interest	11		11	203
Restricted income				
Mission offerings		460	460	1,650
Total receipts	151,538	460	151,998	166,776
Payments				
Restricted payments				
Mission donations		19,143	19,143	20,826
Church Activity Expenses	11,640		11,640	11,152
Church Administration expenses	16,277		16,277	13,360
Church Utilities and maintenance	11,175		11,175	68,597
Manse	18,659		18,659	23,017
Pastors and Ministry	67,687		67,687	54,769
	125,438	19,143	144,581	191,721
Assets and investment purchases etc.				
Equipment and fixtures	4,303		4,303	31,666
Total payments	129,741	19,143	148,884	223,387
Net Receipts/(payments)	21,797	(18,683)	3,114	(56,611)

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 December 2021

	2021			2020
	£			£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Cash funds				
Current a/c	16,723	-	16,723	13,580
Deposit a/c	112,833	-	112,833	112,822
Cash in hand	304	-	304	344
	<u>129,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,860</u>	<u>126,746</u>
Other current assets				
Manse deposit	-	-	-	1,269
HMRC overpayment	-	-	-	649
Gift aid tax to be reclaimed	15,471	-	15,471	11,073
	<u>15,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,471</u>	<u>12,991</u>
Fixed Asset (insurance valuations)				
Church premises	970,647	-	970,647	970,647
Fixtures and fittings	67,791	-	67,791	67,791
Manse	292,788	-	292,788	292,788
	<u>1,331,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,331,226</u>	<u>1,331,226</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,476,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,476,557</u>	<u>1,470,963</u>
Movement of Funds	Brought forward	Net receipts	Transfer from general fund	Carried forward
General	125,930	21,797	(17,956)	129,771
Mission	816	(18,683)	17,956	89
	<u>126,746</u>	<u>3,114</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,860</u>