

**Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church**

**Report and Accounts**

**31 December 2024**

**Charity number 1151214**

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**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Principal address**

Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church  
Kingshall Street  
Rougham  
Bury St Edmunds  
IP30 9LE

**Trustees**

The trustees who served during the year under review were:

James Martin	
David Stannard	resigned 15 October 2024
Angus Michael Barnard	resigned 13 February 2024
Glen McLellan	resigned 4 November 2024
Stuart Ruegg	
John Tyrrell	appointed 27 February 2024
Joseph Grimwood	appointed 29 October 2024

**Structure, governance and management**

Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church is governed under a Constitution adopted on 5th February 2013. During 2023 the church members voted unanimously to operate as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and we await confirmation that our governance has been fully transferred to this framework.

**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, ladies' and men's meetings, fellowship lunches and youth activities from age 4 upwards.

**Achievements and performance**

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with much gratitude for God's continued faithfulness to our church family at Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church. This year has been marked by significant changes, growth, and new opportunities to pursue our mission of "Loving Jesus together and helping others to do the same."

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One of the most notable changes this year was our move to Thurston Community College for most of our Sunday morning services. After the challenges of maintaining two identical morning services in our previous space, this transition has allowed us to reunite as one congregation on Sunday mornings. The larger auditorium has accommodated our growing numbers while relieving the significant burden on our volunteers and staff, many of whom had sacrificially “doubled up” their service each week. We're thankful for the good relationship with Thurston Community College.

Our Sunday evening gatherings continued throughout 2024, providing valuable opportunities for deeper discipleship, equipping, and fellowship. Many of these evening gatherings have continued to focus on practical aspects of living out our faith and addressing contemporary challenges through biblical teaching.

Our Friday Night Youth groups gained more momentum towards the end of 2024, with increasing numbers of young people from both within the church and the wider community. These groups have provided a safe and fun environment where our youth can build meaningful relationships and engage with the Gospel message. It was with mixed emotions that we said farewell to our youth pastor Glen, who moved to another FIEC church. While we were sad to see him go, we sent him with our blessing and are grateful for the foundation he established in our children's and youth ministry. The transition has been smooth, and we continue to see fruit in the lives of our young people.

This year, we held our first ever church weekend away at Sizewell Hall, which proved to be a really valuable time of fellowship, teaching, and spiritual refreshment for those who attended. The weekend strengthened relationships within our church family and provided dedicated time to focus on our church community God away from the distractions of everyday life.

Our On Goal football camp was another real success, reaching many people from the community who might not otherwise connect with our church. Through this sports ministry, we've been able to share the Gospel in engaging ways. Additionally, our seasonal events and services continued to be well-received throughout 2024. From Easter celebrations to Christmas services, these special gatherings provided meaningful moments for both regular attendees and visitors.

Throughout 2024, we have continued to grow in our understanding of the Bible through various teaching series on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and in our Community Groups. These groups have remained vital to our church life, offering spaces for deeper Bible study, prayer, and mutual support. We have continued to run Christianity Explored and other introductory courses for those new to the Christian faith.

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There was another significant transition in our staff team as our business manager Ben Ryan stood back and handed over his role to Graeme Thomas. Graeme, with his business background, has sought to develop our structures, HR processes, and policies. This transition has strengthened our administrative foundation and enabled us to better support our growing ministries and staff team. We are grateful for Ben's service and for Graeme's willingness to step into this important role in a consultative capacity.

We are pleased to report that church finances have remained healthy throughout 2024, allowing us to meet the increasing demands of our growing church. We have continued our commitment to supporting our mission partners both locally and globally, maintaining our financial contributions to various initiatives.

Our staff team has continued to work hard and with enthusiasm, adapting to the changes brought by our move to Thurston Community College and responding to the needs of our growing congregation. We remain deeply grateful for the countless volunteers who faithfully serve in various capacities, from children's workers to musicians, from welcome team members to those preparing refreshments, and many others who contribute to the life of our church.

As we look toward 2025, we do so with prayerful expectancy, trusting God to guide us in the next steps for our church family. We continue to seek His direction regarding our long-term facilities, considering how best to accommodate our growing numbers while remaining good stewards of our resources.

We remain committed to our mission of "Loving Jesus together and helping others to do the same," and we step into the new year with the confidence expressed in Hebrews 10:23: "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

We thank God for His continued blessing on Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church and look forward to seeing how He will work in and through us in the coming year.

This report was approved by the trustees on .....



James Martin  
Trustee



Stuart Ruegg  
Trustee

**Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church  
Independent Examiner's Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**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 2024.

**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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The Laurel Partnership Ltd  
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**Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024 £			2023 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total
<b>Receipts</b>				
Offerings and General income	233,186			233,186
Gift aid tax reclaimed	15,351	250		15,601
Sundry income	16,049			16,049
Interest	2,391			2,391
Mission offerings		1,280		1,280
Educational grant		-		-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>266,977</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>268,507</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Mission donations		1,461	35,833	37,294
Educational grant		6,067		6,067
Church Activity Expenses	63,689			63,689
Church Administration expenses	44,584			44,584
Church Utilities and maintenance	10,576			10,576
Manse	32,545			32,545
Pastors and Ministry	79,777			79,777
	<b>231,171</b>	<b>7,528</b>	<b>35,833</b>	<b>274,532</b>
<b>Assets and investment purchases etc.</b>				
Equipment and fixtures	6,632			6,632
	<b>6,632</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,632</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>237,803</b>	<b>7,528</b>	<b>35,833</b>	<b>281,164</b>
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>29,174</b>	<b>(5,998)</b>	<b>(35,833)</b>	<b>9,439</b>

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**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>			<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>			<b>£</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Current a/c	24,138	-	24,138	126,144
Deposit a/c	203,418	-	203,418	114,018
Cash in hand	281	-	281	332
	<u>227,837</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227,837</u>	<u>240,494</u>
<b>Other current assets</b>				
Gift aid tax to be reclaimed	10,400	-	10,400	4,749
	<u>10,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,400</u>	<u>4,749</u>
<b>Fixed Asset (professional valuations)</b>				
Church premises	1,035,000	-	1,035,000	970,647
Fixtures and fittings	67,791	-	67,791	67,791
Manse	400,000	-	400,000	292,788
	<u>1,502,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,502,791</u>	<u>1,331,226</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>1,741,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,741,028</u>	<u>1,576,469</u>
<b>Movement of Funds</b>	<b>Brought forward</b>	<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>Transfer from general fund</b>	<b>Carried forward</b>
General	176,672	29,174	(26,077)	179,769
Mission	11,393	(35,764)	26,077	1,706
Educational grant	52,429	(6,067)	-	46,362
	<u>240,494</u>	<u>(12,657)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227,837</u>