

## Deacons' & Elders' Report for 2020

*Registered Charity number 1173094*

This is the third Annual Report for this Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It was registered by the Charities Commission on 18th May 2017; Activity and assets transferred from the unincorporated church on 31st October 2017.

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<b>Charity name</b>	Bradley Road Evangelical Baptist Church
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**Other names charity is known by** Bradley Road Baptist Church

**Registered charity number** 1173094

**Charity's principal address** 104 Bradley Road, Wrexham,  
LL13 7TP

## Trustees who manage the charity

<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Appointed by</b>
Andrew Graham	Pastor, Elder	(whole year)	Church membership
Nigel Eardley	Pastor, Elder	(whole year)	Church membership
Peter Hiles	Elder	(whole year)	Church membership
Matthew Brown	Deacon	(whole year)	Church membership
Jonathan Ellis	Deacon	(whole year)	Church membership
David Neal	Deacon	(whole year)	Church membership

## Description of the charity's trusts

<b>Type of governing</b>	Deed of Conveyance dated 1895 Constitution; Handbook
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<b>document</b>	
<b>How the charity is constituted</b>	Registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation 18 May 2017. Affiliated to Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.
<b>Trustee selection methods</b>	Appointed by and from the church membership by approval of 75% of those present at a business meeting.

Three members' Business Meetings were held during the year, including the Annual General Meeting.

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## ***Section C Objectives and activities***

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### **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The purposes of the Church are:

1. the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Wrexham and the surrounding neighbourhood.
2. such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of community facilities.

### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects**

All the Elders & Deacons (Trustees) have confirmed that they have read and understood the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and have given due regard to this guidance when exercising any relevant powers or duties.

### *Regular main meetings of the church*

- Worship services on Sunday mornings & evenings.
- Mid-week Bible study & prayer meetings

### *Various weekly youth activities*

- *Sunday School* caters for ages 3 to 11 years.
- *Fab Club* is a meeting for Primary School age children on Friday evenings.
- *Focus* is a meeting for teenagers & is held on a Friday evening.

All youth meetings are aimed at promoting and applying the principles of the Christian Gospel in an attractive & enjoyable way.

All of the above were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many were accommodated with online alternatives using video (YouTube) and conferencing platforms (Zoom and Skype).

### *Other regular meetings*

At the start of the year, the church also ran regular all-age meetings, open to all members of the public. [Alternative arrangements due to COVID-19 are indicated](#). These included

- Weekly *Monday Matters*, offering support to the church and the community, including Easy English lessons for asylum seekers and others. ([\\* suspended](#))
- Weekly Foodbank distribution, run by *Wrexham Foodbank* ([\\* continued under Wrexham Foodbank / Trussell Trust Covid-secure procedures](#)), together with a drop-in 'Tea & Coffee' chat and support session. ([\\* suspended](#))
- Monthly mid-week Fellowship meetings held in members' homes. ([\\* replaced by online conference](#))
- Monthly Coffee Morning open to all from the local community. ([\\* suspended](#))
- Monthly Ladies' fellowship meetings with tea & cake and a Christian talk. ([\\* contact and support maintained via telephone and distanced visits](#))

- One-to-one or small-group studies for enquirers into the Christian faith. (\* continued online, or socially distanced)
- Instructional classes for those seeking baptism, as required. (\* continued online, or socially distanced)

### *Further Seasonal/Occasional activities*

#### Local/Community

- The church supported local primary schools in their religious education with a video series *Ten Things Everyone Should Know About The Bible* and videos for Easter and Christmas.
- One of the pastors does chaplaincy work at *Berwyn* prison, volunteering with Christian Prison Resourcing to lead Bible studies for the men in prison. (\* initially suspended, but continued online or in-person within HMP Berwyn guidelines)
- We provided a stand of information and literature at the student *Freshers' Fair* at Glyndwr University.
- The church hall served as Polling station for Welsh Assembly elections.

#### Global

- The church supported a local charity *Teams4U* to send Christmas gift shoeboxes to support church outreach work in Romania.

### *Additional steps during COVID-19 lockdown*

- Online services and programmes as above.
- WhatsApp group was set up to promote 'community' during the initial lockdown.
- Weekly information email.
- Online events: Quizzes, VE day celebrations and a Fun Day 'alternative'.
- Christmas card distribution in the locality, also announcing ...
- Christmas Carol Service on YouTube.
- Occasional outreach video series such as *Big Questions, Important Answers*.

- Production of CDs of sermons and printouts of emails for those without an internet connection. It was also available via a telephone 'recorded announcement' service.
- Support for errands and shopping for those shielding at home.

### *Grants to other organisations*

The church aims to give 10% of its unrestricted giving to mission work. Regular giving is as follows.

- London City Mission (Charity Number 247186)
- Albanian Evangelical Mission (Charity Number 1036807)
- Testimony Faith Homes (Kenya) via Aenon Trust, Charity Number 1046859)
- Open Doors (Charity Number 1125684)
- Release International (Charity Number 280577)
- The Christian Institute (Charity Number 1004774)

The church occasionally supports particular global appeals, through restricted giving, where they are in accord with the 'objects of the charity' set out in its governing document.

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## ***Section D    Achievements and performance***

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### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

As a consequence of the activities listed above, it has been encouraging to note excellent attendance at the church services on Sundays. Members and regulars continued to progress through life in community and with mutual support.

Five new members joined the church during 2020, and one passed away.

During the year the number of adults on our 'Regular Attenders' address list dropped by 7 (8 removed, 1 added).

A number of people were introduced to the church through the online meetings.

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## **Section E Financial review**

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### **Reserves and Deficit**

The church is committed to a reserve of at least 3 months of unrestricted payments in the savings account. There are no funds in deficit.

### **Further financial review details**

The church received most of its funds from members and regular attenders. Gift Aid was recovered where appropriate, either directly or through Stewardship Services. Several regulars have switched to bank transfer giving due to the suspension of in-person services.

The church makes GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme) claims on qualifying cash donations.

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## **Section F Other optional information**

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The church engages with several organisations for help in achieving its aims.

1. The *Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches* (FIEC) for dialogue and shared experience with other likeminded churches across the UK.
2. *Stewardship Services* for advice and assistance on finance matters such as Gift Aid.
3. *ThirtyOne:Eight* (formerly *Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service*) for advice on safeguarding vulnerable persons and administration of the Disclosure and Barring Service.


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## **Section G Declaration**

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature		
Full name	Nigel Eardley	
Position	Pastor	
Date	22/10/21	



**BRADLEY ROAD EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR**

**31 DECEMBER 2020**

**FINANSURE LIMITED**

2 Sheppard Street, Brymbo, Wrexham, LL11 5FF

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**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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## **BRADLEY ROAD EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Charity number</b>	1173094
<b>Working name</b>	Bradley Road Baptist Church
<b>Governing instrument</b>	CIO – association registered 18 May 2017
<b>Trustees</b>	Andrew Michael Graham Matthew Steven Brown David John Neal Peter Andrew Hiles Nigel Bryan Eardley Jonathan Peter Ellis
<b>Principal address</b>	104 Bradley Road Wrexham LL13 7TP
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Luke Howson MAAT Finansure Ltd 2 Sheppard Street Brymbo Wrexham LL11 5FF

## **BRADLEY ROAD EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

I report on the receipt and payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

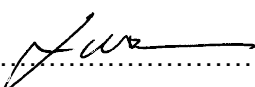
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#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Luke Howson MAAT  
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## BRADLEY ROAD EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Donations received	71,157	590	<b>71,747</b>	62,213
Gift Aid tax recovered	15,140	-	<b>15,140</b>	12,072
Hall hire income	150	-	<b>150</b>	-
Investment income	9	-	<b>9</b>	15
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>86,456</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>87,046</b>	<b>74,300</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Mission (grants to other charities)	7,372	-	<b>7,372</b>	9,826
Employment costs	67,358	-	<b>67,358</b>	67,340
Ministry expenses	505	-	<b>505</b>	444
Youth ministry	252	220	<b>472</b>	913
Utilities	2,182	-	<b>2,182</b>	2,557
Administration & governance	2,892	-	<b>2,892</b>	2,711
Training expenses	292	-	<b>292</b>	1,553
Repairs and maintenance	325	-	<b>325</b>	366
Other expenses	64	-	<b>64</b>	655
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>81,242</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>81,462</b>	<b>86,365</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>5,214</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>5,584</b>	<b>(12,065)</b>
Cash funds last y/e	24,840	-	<b>24,840</b>	36,905
Cash funds this y/e	<b>30,054</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>30,424</b>	<b>24,840</b>

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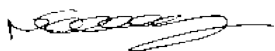
## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 DECEMBER 2020

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Lloyds treasurer's account	1,902	827
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These receipts and payments accounts were approved by the trustees on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:



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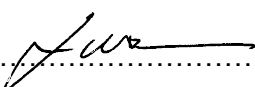
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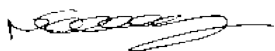
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