

## Deacons' & Elders' Report for 2021

*Registered Charity number 1173094*

This is the fourth 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 | To 31/07/21  | 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        | To 30/09/21  | Church membership   |
| Paul Troon     | Elder         | From 1/11/21 | Church membership   |

## Description of the charity's trusts

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Type of</b> | Deed of Conveyance dated 1895 |
|----------------|-------------------------------|

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>governing document</b>             | Constitution; Handbook  |
| <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.                          |

**Four Members' Meetings were held during the year as follows-**

**22/02/21**

**26/04/21**

**05/07/21**

**01/11/21** (incl. AGM for 2020)

Andrew Graham, pastor of the church for 14 years and an original trustee, moved to the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Cardiff in August 2021.

Paul Troon was elected an Elder (trustee) in November 2021

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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.

Some of the above groups were suspended in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many were accommodated with online alternatives using video (YouTube) and conferencing platforms (Zoom and Skype). However, regular Sunday morning services of worship were held throughout 2021, and in the final quarter of the year, Sunday evening meetings recommenced, as did the Focus youth meeting and monthly in-church bible study & prayer meetings.

### *Other regular meetings*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, other regular meetings continued to be disrupted or suspended. [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*),
- Monthly mid-week Fellowship meetings held in members' homes. (\* replaced by online meetings although some house groups did re-commence later in the year)
- 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 provided outdoor summer services in Belle Vue Park and also held a Christmas Carol Service in the church car park.
- The church hall served as Polling station for local elections.

### *Additional ongoing steps taken due to during COVID-19 pandemic*

- Online streaming of services and programmes as above.
- WhatsApp group continued to promote 'community' and fellowship.
- Weekly information email.
- 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 see a steady return to in-person gatherings for worship services and other functions. Church Members and regular attenders have continued to progress their Christian lives and witness, together with offering mutual support and renewing of fellowship together. Our presence as a 'living body' within the local community has thankfully begun to re-emerge.

One new member joined the church during 2021, two transferred their membership to another church and six others resigned. The total membership at the close of the year was 43.

A number of people continued to be introduced to the church through the online meetings and some have since attended in-person.

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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. *Christian Safeguarding Services* for advice on safeguarding vulnerable persons and the 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/Elder/Trustee  |  |
| Date      | 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022  |  |



**BRADLEY ROAD EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR**

**31 DECEMBER 2021**

**FINANSURE LIMITED**

2 Sheppard Street, Brymbo, Wrexham, LL11 5FF

# **BRADLEY ROAD EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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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>             | Nigel Bryan Eardley<br>Peter Andrew Hiles<br>Jonathan Peter Ellis<br>Matthew Steven Brown<br>Paul Troon (Appointed November 2021)<br>Andrew Michael Graham (Resigned July 2021)<br>David John Neal (Resigned September 2021) |
| <b>Principal address</b>    | 104 Bradley Road<br>Wrexham<br>LL13 7TP  |
| <b>Independent examiner</b> | Luke Howson MAAT<br>Finansure Ltd<br>2 Sheppard Street<br>Brymbo<br>Wrexham<br>LL11 5FF  |

## BRADLEY ROAD EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report on the receipt and payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, 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

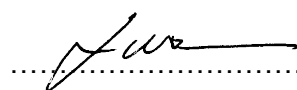
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### 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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Date 12 August 2022 .....

Luke Howson MAAT  
Finansure Ltd, 2 Sheppard Street, Brymbo, Wrexham, LL11 5FF

## BRADLEY ROAD EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

|                                     | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2021<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>2021<br>£ | <b>Total<br/>Funds<br/>2021<br/>£</b> | Total<br>funds<br>2020<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                     |                                    |                                  |                                       |                             |
| Donations received                  | 65,360                             | 170                              | <b>65,530</b>                         | 71,747                      |
| Gift Aid tax recovered              | 7,237                              | -                                | <b>7,237</b>                          | 15,140                      |
| Grants received                     | 150                                | -                                | <b>150</b>                            |                             |
| Hall hire income                    | -                                  | -                                | -                                     | 150                         |
| Investment income                   | 3                                  | -                                | <b>3</b>                              | 9                           |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>               | <b>72,920</b>                      | <b>170</b>                       | <b>73,090</b>                         | <b>87,046</b>               |
| <b>PAYMENTS</b>                     |                                    |                                  |                                       |                             |
| Mission (grants to other charities) | 9,580                              | 540                              | <b>10,120</b>                         | 7,372                       |
| Employment costs                    | 51,506                             | -                                | <b>51,506</b>                         | 67,358                      |
| Ministry expenses                   | 744                                | -                                | <b>744</b>                            | 977                         |
| Utilities                           | 1,502                              | -                                | <b>1,502</b>                          | 2,182                       |
| Administration & governance         | 2,507                              | -                                | <b>2,507</b>                          | 2,892                       |
| Training expenses                   | -                                  | -                                | -                                     | 292                         |
| Repairs and maintenance             | 803                                | -                                | <b>803</b>                            | 325                         |
| Other expenses                      | -                                  | -                                | -                                     | 64                          |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>               | <b>66,642</b>                      | <b>540</b>                       | <b>67,182</b>                         | <b>81,462</b>               |
| <b>NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>   | <b>6,278</b>                       | <b>(370)</b>                     | <b>5,908</b>                          | <b>5,584</b>                |
| Cash funds last y/e                 | 30,054                             | 370                              | <b>30,424</b>                         | 24,840                      |
| Cash funds this y/e                 | <b>36,332</b>                      | <b>-</b>                         | <b>36,332</b>                         | <b>30,424</b>               |

## BRADLEY ROAD EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 DECEMBER 2021

|                            | 2021<br>£     | 2020<br>£     |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>CASH FUNDS</b>          |               |               |
| Lloyds treasurer's account | 6,332         | 1,902         |
| Lloyds savings account     | 30,000        | 28,522        |
|                            | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>    | <b>36,332</b> | <b>30,424</b> |
|                            | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |

|  | Current value<br>£ |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE</b> |                    |
| 104 Bradley Road                                 | 400,000            |
|  | <hr/>              |
|  | <b>400,000</b>     |
|  | <hr/>              |

These receipts and payments accounts were approved by the trustees on [9th May 2022](#) .....  
and are signed on their behalf by:

.....  
Nigel Eardley (Trustee)