

Trustees Report for 2022

Registered Charity number 1173094

This is the fifth 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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Charity name	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

Name	Office	Dates	Appointed by
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
Paul Troon	Elder	(whole year)	Church membership
Raul Valentim	Deacon	From 26/09/22	Church membership

Description of the charity's trusts

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

Members' Meetings were held during the year as follows- 06/03/22 & 26/09/22 (incl. AGM for 2021).

Section C Objectives and activities

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, including Communion services.*
- *Mid-week Bible study & prayer meetings plus online/Fellowship meetings*

Various weekly youth activities

- *Focus is a meeting for teenagers & is held on a Friday evening.*
- *After Hours is a meeting for older teenagers & young adults held on a Sunday evening (and at other various occasions). Began May 22*

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

Other regular meetings

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, some previous regular meetings have now been discontinued plus some new meetings have commenced. These are indicated below-

- *Weekly Foodbank distribution, run by Wrexham Foodbank (discontinued October 2022 at their request and re-located to the Wellbeing Hub, Crown Buildings, 31 Chester Street, Wrexham.*
- *Monthly mid-week Fellowship meetings held in members' homes and online.*
- *Monthly Fellowship Lunch (began in November 2022)*
- *One-to-one or small-group studies for enquirers into the Christian faith.*
- *Instructional classes for those seeking baptism, as required.*

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.*
- *A Jubilee Lunch in June to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II reign.*
- *A Gardeners Question Time evening in July - an informative evening of gardening advice with refreshments and a bible talk.*
- *The church hall served as a Polling Station for local elections.*
- *An Offa Community clear out day was held with a skip in the car park.*

Additional ongoing steps to maintain communications.

- *Online streaming of services and programmes as above.*
- *WhatsApp groups (Share & Prayer) continue to promote 'community' and fellowship.*
- *New website launched (bradleyroadchurch.com) plus YouTube and Facebook social media presence.*

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. We have also supported the *food.gives* project, The International Christian Food Bank initiative organised by Barnabas Aid.

Section D *Achievements and performance*

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The focus of the church leadership in rebuilding our meetings as in-person gatherings has continued and as a consequence of the various activities listed above, it has been encouraging to see a steady improvement in attendance at worship services and other functions. Members and regular attenders have embraced the principles of mutual love and support that mark our identity, and there has been progress in both our fellowship and witness as a living body of Christian people.

Two new members joined the church during 2022 and the total membership at the close of the year was 45. A number of new people have attended the church following migration into the area and our livestreamed services continue to introduce others.

Section E *Financial review*

Reserves/Deficit & Further Financial Details

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.

The church received most of its funds from members and regular attenders. Gift Aid was recovered where appropriate, either directly or through Stewardship Services. The church also makes GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme) claims on qualifying cash

donations. Luke Howson (Finansure) continues to provide our payroll, pension, gift aid, and other essential financial services.

Section F Other optional information


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.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature		Pastor/Elder/Trustee
Full name	Nigel Eardley	5 th June 2023

BRADLEY ROAD EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR

31 DECEMBER 2022

FINANSURE LIMITED

2 Sheppard Street, Brymbo, Wrexham, LL11 5FF

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report on the receipt and payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, 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

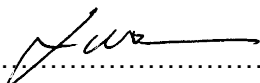
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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 18th July 2023

Luke Howson MAAT
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations received	54,237	1,245	55,482	65,530
Gift Aid tax recovered	6,934	-	6,934	7,237
Grants received	-	-	-	150
Trips & events	567	-	567	-
Hall hire income	150	-	150	-
Investment income	18	-	18	3
TOTAL RECEIPTS	61,906	1,245	63,151	73,090
PAYMENTS				
Missions grants	7,296	430	7,726	10,120
Employment costs	35,267	-	35,267	51,506
Church activities	2,134	-	2,134	744
Utilities	1,395	-	1,395	1,502
Administration & governance	2,966	-	2,966	2,507
Repairs and maintenance	5,066	-	5,066	803
Asset purchases	250	-	250	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	54,374	430	54,804	67,182
NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	7,532	815	8,347	5,908
Cash funds last y/e	36,332	-	36,332	30,424
Cash funds this y/e	43,864	815	44,679	36,332

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
CASH FUNDS		
Lloyds treasurer's account	9,663	6,332
Lloyds savings account	35,016	30,000
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TOTAL CASH FUNDS	44,679	36,332
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	Current value £
ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE	
104 Bradley Road	400,000
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These receipts and payments accounts were approved by the trustees on 20th June 2023
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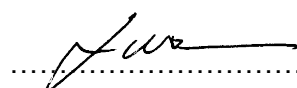
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