

Bradley Road

EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Trustees Report for 2024

Registered Charity number 1173094

This is the seventh 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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Section A Reference and administration details

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	(whole year)	Church membership

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of	Deed of Conveyance dated 1895
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governing document	Constitution; Handbook
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-
16/04/24, 01/07/24 (AGM for 2023) & 01/12/24**

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 activities for children and older young people

- *Focus is a meeting for teenagers 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).*
- *Baby Club – A new, school term time group for under 4's and carers*

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

Other regular meetings

- *Bi-monthly mid-week Fellowship meetings held in homes and online.*
- *Monthly 'Who Let the Dads Out' meeting for under 7's and their male carers.*
- *Monthly Fellowship Lunch meeting for elderly/retired/lonely folk*
- *One-to-one or small-group studies for enquirers into the Christian faith and for those seeking baptism, as required.*

Further Seasonal/Occasional activities

Local/Community

- *The church celebrated its 125th anniversary with a public exhibition, local school visit plus history walks & talks.*

- *The church provided outdoor afternoon services throughout August in Belle Vue Park.*
- *The church also held special Easter & Christmas Carol Services, plus carol singing in Island Green.*
- *The church hall served as a Polling Station for the general election.*
- *The church also hosted a skip as location for a community clean-up day.*

Additional ongoing steps to maintain communications.

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

Grants to other organisations

The church aims to give a minimum of 10% of its unrestricted giving to the following

- *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)*

In addition, we have begun to support a local Christian documentary filmmaker and videographer (<https://www.pughproductions.com/>) to help to continue the creation of content for individuals, churches and organisations in Wales and the UK.

The church occasionally supports specific 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, by collecting food parcels for suffering Christians.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The church has continued to see a growing attendance at worship services, and we remain a diverse congregation, which reflects the various nationalities, age spread and local demographic well.

Members and regular attenders are concerned for the spiritual well-being of those living around and continue to embrace the principles of mutual love and support that mark out our identity as Christians.

Our 125th anniversary was a special time where we were able to celebrate and remember our origins as a church fellowship, our faithful predecessors and the reason for our continued presence in the area. We continue to believe that God is always good and faithful.

We were pleased to baptise 5 young people during the year. Our membership at the end of 2024 stood at 40.

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 to meet all obligations. There are no funds in deficit. Our audited 2024 Financial Statement is available upon request.

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 Ltd, continues to provide our payroll, pension, gift aid claims, 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 and regular giving.
3. *Christian Safeguarding Services* for advice on safeguarding vulnerable persons and the administration of the Disclosure and Barring Service. We have a fully compliant safeguarding policy & procedures document that is available on request.

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	2025

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR

31 DECEMBER 2024

FINANSURE LIMITED

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the receipt and payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, 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

Luke Howson MAAT

Finansure Ltd, 2 Sheppard Street, Brymbo, Wrexham, LL11 5FF

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations received	48,351	4,123	52,474	52,584
Gift Aid tax recovered	5,784	-	5,784	5,723
Trips & events	1,636	-	1,636	1,307
Hall hire income	300	-	300	-
Investment income	463	-	463	328
TOTAL RECEIPTS	56,534	4,123	60,657	59,942
PAYMENTS				
Missions grants	8,351	190	8,541	8,897
Employment costs	36,887	-	36,887	35,292
Church activities	2,939	2,427	5,366	2,875
Utilities	1,963	-	1,963	1,620
Administration & governance	3,201	-	3,201	2,713
Repairs & maintenance	6,200	-	6,200	7,167
Asset purchases	177	-	177	549
TOTAL PAYMENTS	59,718	2,617	62,335	59,113
NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(3,184)	1,506	(1,678)	829
Cash funds last y/e	41,772	3,736	45,508	44,679
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this y/e	38,588	5,242	43,830	45,508

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
CASH FUNDS		
Lloyds treasurer's account	4,571	7,713
Lloyds savings account	39,259	37,795
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	43,830	45,508

	Current value £
ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE	
104 Bradley Road	400,000
Printer	100
TOTAL ASSETS RETAINED	400,250

	2024 £	2023 £
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES		
Youth/children's work	5,232	3,686
Other restricted funds	10	50
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	5,242	3,736

These receipts and payments accounts were approved by the trustees on
and are signed on their behalf by:

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