

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1185755

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-10-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: furtherance of the Christian religion

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£23,604	£18,998	-	-
2024-12-31	£24,426	£23,575	-	-
2023-12-31	£21,379	£37,139	-	-
2022-12-31	£84,247	£69,417	-	-
2021-12-31	£22,874	£14,412	-	-
2020-12-31	£26,796	£30,970	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian Tomlinson		2019-09-11
Derek Lawrence Gardner		2019-09-11
Martin Thorne		2025-04-13
Rev Elaine Burrows		2021-01-25

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The Bridge Baptist Church. Charities Writeup for 2024

People:

We were overjoyed as two of our young people decided to be Baptised.

One of our young folks has started helping with refreshments as well as helping at our young people's group on a Sunday called "Mosaic". She is doing this as a part of her Duke of Edinburgh award Scheme.

We held a "ladies Away Day in outer town as well as a "Getting to know our Friends From Hong Kong.

We had three more people accepted into our church membership.

Groups:

Wednesday morning some of the men do their DIY bits around the church whilst others mess around the Pool and Table Tennis Tables!

Every other Tuesday is the Bible study (this is a loose interpretation of study as chocolate cakes are always around)

Mid-afternoon prayer times, Alternate Thursdays where a Dementia Group meet aptly called "Singing for the Brain" by Ellie.

Church Services:

At 10.45am every Sunday. The First Sunday in the month we have a Family Service where it is more of a relaxed Café style service where the children are with their parents (to see how many biscuits they can consume from the tables scattered around)

On the second Sunday of the month, we have "Breaking of Bread (The Lords Supper)

Every Sunday the children join our "Mosaic Club' where they enjoy fun and games in a learning atmosphere.

We have some really special services for Christmas and Easter where everyone can take part.

We now have a super Lazer overhead projector to a huge screen which enhances our music and visual displays during the services.

Charities:

As a policy it is always our intention to give 10% of our income to various charitable causes, this year it was 13%. We have always been a giving church

We held an amazing Christmas market stall in our local precinct in aid of Great Ormond Street Children's hospital.

As a part of our giving, we supported Operation Smile, Water Aid, Alzheimer's Society, Sightsavers, NSPCC, Samaritan's Purse, The Russell Trust, Baptist Missionary Society, Baptist Home Mission Fund, Shoebox Appeal and Tearfund.

We also have a weekly food collection for a local Food Bank organised by Derek and Sue.

Socials:

We have various socials throughout the year particularly during the summer where David and Elaine have an open house (or even a breakfast if you arrive there early enough)

Social Communications:

We have regular updates to our website (thebridgebaptistchurch.co.uk) also in our Facebook pages.

We connect regularly with Transforming Notts Together (TNT) which inspires and equips people to break free from poverty.

As a part of Churches Together in our town we hold joint services where Elaine gave the Good Friday message.

Plans for 2025.

To start a second small evening group, to continue with Prayer Breakfasts, A Monthly prayer meeting, After Easter to start a Board Game Café, should be fun.

There are a further six people who have applied for church membership next year.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Receipts			
Weekly offerings		6,061	4,318
Donations and other income	2	13,343	13,052
Income tax recovered on gifts		3,870	3,266
Investment income	3	1,152	743
Total Receipts		<u>24,426</u>	<u>21,379</u>
Payments			
Mission	4	2,838	2,951
Upkeep of Church Premises	5	11,456	25,376
Administration	6	9,281	8,812
Total Payments		<u>23,575</u>	<u>37,139</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year		851	(15,760)
Add Balance as at 31st December 2023		38,690	54,450
Balance as at 31st December 2024	7	<u>39,541</u>	<u>38,690</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 **Basis of accounts**

These accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

The Bridge Baptist Church registered as a charity effective as from 10th October 2019. It's activities commenced on 1st January 2020.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
2 Donations and other income		
Gift aid donations	11,893	12,152
Other donations	0	75
Room hire	1,450	825
	<u>13,343</u>	<u>13,052</u>
3 Investment income		
Baptist Trust interest	0	404
Baptist Union Corporation Ltd interest	1,003	5
COIF Charities dividends	82	81
COIF Charities - increase in value of investment	67	253
	<u>1,152</u>	<u>743</u>
4 Mission		
Baptist Missionary Society	0	500
Home Mission Fund	500	0
The Vincent Society	150	0
Shoebox Appeal	250	0
Baptist Union fees	99	67
Baptist Union World Mission	250	0
Community Food Bank	150	200
Russell Trust	0	262
Tear Fund	250	250
Samaritans Purse	250	500
NSPCC	0	205
Sightsavers	250	0
Alzheimers Society	0	200
Water Aid	250	0
Possters	189	0
Operation Smile UK	250	0
Easter and Christmas expenses	0	637
Safeguarding course	0	130
	<u>2,838</u>	<u>2,951</u>
5 Upkeep of Church Premises		
Light and heat	1,434	1,406
Water rates	174	184
Pointing wall	3,360	0
Cleaning	960	840
New Projector	200	7,219
Roof repairs	0	5,724
New Front Gate and Railings	0	5,000
Repairs and maintenance	2,358	2,163
Gardening	620	708
Insurance	2,350	2,132
	<u>11,456</u>	<u>25,376</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
6 Administration		
Telephone	701	523
Pastoral Leader and support wages	4,200	4,200
Speakers	2,550	2,270
Licences	173	162
Postage and stationery	374	695
Accountancy	320	310
Gifts and hosting	366	385
Sundry expenses	65	30
Christmas expenses	532	0
Website expenses	0	237
	<u>9,281</u>	<u>8,812</u>
7 Balance as at 31st December 2024		
Barclays Bank Current Account	9,646	9,800
Baptist Union Corporation Ltd	26,009	25,006
Cash-in-hand	861	926
COIF Charities Investment Fund (Market Value)	3,025	2,958
	<u>39,541</u>	<u>38,690</u>
8 Assets held for the Church's own use		
The Church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee (the East Midlands Baptist Trust Co. Ltd.).		
a) Church premises at Mansfield Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 4FN Valued for insurance purposes at £2,275,294 (2023 - £2,202,626).		
b) The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £183,289 (2023 - £177,435).		
9 Liabilities		
There are no liabilities at 31st December 2024.		

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Note	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Assets			
Bank and other cash balances	7	39,541	38,690
Assets held for Church's own use	8	<u>2,458,583</u>	<u>2,380,061</u>
Total Assets		<u>2,498,124</u>	<u>2,418,751</u>
Liabilities	9	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 4 relating to the year ended 31st December 2024 are as approved by the trustees.

Signed
Mr. B. Tomlinson - Treasurer

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Overview 2023 for The Bridge Baptist Church

The Bridge Baptist Church continues to grow, whilst we have only 13 people in formal membership, we welcome a Sunday Morning congregation of around 25 to 40 people.

In Spring 2023 we launched 'The Welcome Course' a six-session course aimed at welcoming people who have moved to the UK from Hong Kong. This course was advertised locally and attended by Hong Kongers and native Brits. The consensus was that we all learnt a great deal from each other and about British culture.

Last year we also gave a major focus to our Children and young people. In preparation for a new Sunday Club many from our congregation trained in Level 2 Safeguarding and several went on to have their DBS checks completed. We registered 10 children and in summer we started a regular Sunday Club called Mosaic which now meets weekly during the sermon slot. The children enjoy stories, games, activities, and songs as they get to know Jesus better.

-Regarding the ministry of the Church:

- We are now talking with several people in church about them joining us more formally and committing to membership.
- We have run a Baptist class and next year plan to baptise two of our young people which is an occasion we look forward to.
- We continue to run prayer events. (24-hour event in May, Reflective prayer evening for Maundy Thursday and a Prayer afternoon in Avent.)

-We have connected with our local community in a number of ways:

- A new group - Singing for the Brain, an Alzheimer's Society initiative, started meeting in our Church. This group welcomes all and is particularly suitable for those living with Dementia and their carer's.
The group hosted a Christmas Fundraising event which we supported, and we managed to direct the Group leader to funding support.
- In Summer we ran an Afternoon Tea to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society which raised £300, **and** the church also donated £200.
- We also ran our usual Christmas Stall raising funds for the NSPCC which raised £770.
- We also collect food for a Local Food Bank and donate, probably two carrier bags of food as well as cash donations which we deliver to their distribution centre every two weeks,

-We continue in good relationship with other local Churches - joining together for an event to mark the week of prayer for Christian Unity, and meeting together outdoors in our town centre for a Good Friday Service.

-We are now very much a multinational congregation - welcoming people from people Hong Kong, Ghana, Sri-Lanka, The Philippines, India, and South America,
We have been keen to encourage inclusivity and access to all.

- We arranged a Cantonese speaking interpreter to enable one of our friends from Hong Kong to preach in Cantonese during a Morning service.
- We have some Bible Readings in Cantonese followed by the reading in English or displayed on our projector screen.
- We have compiled a folder with songs in large print for those who are unable to read words on the projector screen.
- We have a men's group on Wednesday morning, mainly small repairs, cleaning, and a few games of Pool (I am not at liberty as to the actual time sharing of these three activities!)
- We hold a Bi-Weekly Tuesday group meeting in our Upper room for a time of fellowship, Prayers, discussions and are currently watching the Video "The Chosen".

-In terms of the fabric of the building

- We have installed a new Lazer projector to provide a clearer picture for song words and videos we use, this did entail a rather copious amount of wiring etc.
- We have also installed a new wrought iron gate at the front of the building to compliment the wrought Iron railings to the frontage also replanted the garden area.
- We have lowered two large old brick pillars to the church frontage as well as repainted the access ramp into church.

-We are a giving church, as below.

- The Bridge Baptist Church continues to be a generous churchand donated out of church funds to: Tearfund, Samaritans Purse, The Russell Trust, Community Food Bank, BMS World Mission, Shoe Box Appeal, Baptist Home Mission Fund, Alzheimer's Society and to the NSPCC.
- It is always our intent to donate 10% of our Income to good causes or recognised Charitable Institutions.

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
Receipts			
Weekly offerings		4,318	3,196
Donations and other income	2	13,052	77,633
Income tax recovered on gifts		3,266	3,239
Investment income	3	743	179
Total Receipts		<u>21,379</u>	<u>84,247</u>
Payments			
Mission	4	2,951	5,648
Upkeep of Church Premises	5	25,376	54,794
Administration	6	8,812	8,975
Total Payments		<u>37,139</u>	<u>69,417</u>
Net (Expenditure)/ Income for the Year		(15,760)	14,830
Add Balance as at 31st December 2022		54,450	39,620
Balance as at 31st December 2023	7	<u>38,690</u>	<u>54,450</u>

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2 Donations and other income		
Gift aid donations	12,152	11,379
Other donations	75	415
Entitlement on closure of Stanton Hill Baptist Church	0	65,499
Room hire	825	340
	<u>13,052</u>	<u>77,633</u>
3 Investment income		
Baptist Trust interest	404	454
Baptist Union Corporation Ltd interest	5	0
COIF Charities dividends	81	81
COIF Charities - increase (decrease) in value of investment	253	(356)
	<u>743</u>	<u>179</u>
4 Mission		
Baptist Missionary Society	500	600
Water Aid	0	600
Sightsavers	0	600
Shoebox Appeal	0	650
Baptist Union fees	67	78
Baptist Union donation	0	600
Community Food Bank	200	800
Russell Trust	262	0
Tear Fund	250	900
Samaritans Purse	500	0
NSPCC	205	0
Ukraine Appeal	0	300
Alzheimers Society	200	0
Portland Training College	0	100
Rough sleepers	0	20
Operation Smile UK	0	400
Easter and Christmas expenses	637	0
Safeguarding course	130	0
	<u>2,951</u>	<u>5,648</u>
5 Upkeep of Church Premises		
Light and heat	1,406	1,444
Water rates	184	105
Cleaning	840	0
New Projector	7,219	0
Roof repairs	5,724	47,000
New Front Gate and Railings	5,000	0
Repairs and maintenance	2,163	3,514
Gardening	708	590
Insurance	2,132	2,141
	<u>25,376</u>	<u>54,794</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
6 Administration		
Telephone	523	535
Pastoral Leader and support wages	4,200	3,800
Speakers	2,270	2,220
Licences	162	405
Postage and stationery	695	665
Accountancy	310	300
Gifts and hosting	385	967
Sundry expenses	30	83
Website expenses	237	0
	<u>8,812</u>	<u>8,975</u>
7 Balance as at 31st December 2023		
Barclays Bank Current Account	9,800	37,551
Baptist Union Corporation Ltd	25,006	0
Cash-in-hand	926	756
East Midlands' Baptist Trust Co. Ltd.	0	13,437
COIF Charities Investment Fund (Market Value)	2,958	2,706
	<u>38,690</u>	<u>54,450</u>
8 Assets held for the Church's own use		
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b) The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £177,435.		
9 Liabilities		
There are no liabilities at 31st December 2023.		

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
Assets			
Bank and other cash balances	7	38,690	54,450
Assets held for Church's own use	8	<u>2,380,061</u>	<u>2,271,054</u>
Total Assets		<u>2,418,751</u>	<u>2,325,504</u>
Liabilities	9	<u>NIL</u>	<u>3,000</u>

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Signed
Mr. B. Tomlinson - Treasurer

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**The Bridge Baptist Church. Sutton-in-Ashfield. NOTTS.
NG17 4NR**

Charity Number: 1185 755

We like to think of our church as “A small church with a big Heart” and on more than a few banners the statement below.

“Don’t tell your friends how big your problems are... tell them how big your God is”

We have been holding regular Sunday services all year round following the strange unworldly effects that Covid 19 has had on our church and community.

We have held various prayer events which included a “Prayer Walk” around town centre (with eyes wide open I might add) encouraged by “The Turning” a mission project headed up by Churches Together and by Mansfield Baptist Church. This encompassed encounter evenings, training sessions and an ongoing ministry in our town as well as in Mansfield.

We have been connecting regularly with “Transforming Notts Together” (TNT) an organisation which equips and connects churches together as they help people to break free from poverty, which is really helpful in sign pointing visitors to our church.

We have also produced a leaflet signposting information about all the places in our towns where people can access free food, warmth, and shelter as well as a catalogue of organisations who can offer this kind of help, this leaflet was born out of recent visitors to our church who had no idea where they could obtain this kind of help.

The year has seen Jubilee Afternoon Teas, Church Picnics, Christmas Socials and Coffee mornings.

As a giving church we have been instrumental in supporting a good number of Charities again this year, namely: The Ukraine Appeal, Sightsavers, Water Aid, The Baptist Union Home Mission, Ashfield Food Bank, Samaritan’s Purse Shoebox, Operation Smile, The Baptist Missionary Society, Portland Training Collage, The Floods in Pakistan Appeal and Tear Fund.

We have been blessed recently with the additions of two families from Hong Kong who hold British (Overseas Nationality) and have been so happy to participate in all our churches activities.

We are planning, in the New Year to host a Welcome Course of six sessions where they can integrate with others and people in our church in familiarising themselves with the strangeness of our Quirky English ways.

In December our church organised a stall at the Idlewells Indoor Market place to raise funds for "Portland Training Collage" plenty of items were both donated and in turn sold with copious amounts of coffee providing a welcome break amidst the hustle and bustle of a thriving market.

We now have a new, up and running Website to replace our original creaking old one and are looking forward to when we can place all our Diary of events on them, huge thanks to Philip working in his free time.

We are also toying with re-vamping our church activities on social media platform, Facebook to enable a wider "audience" and it seems almost everyone uses this platform to find friends and information.

Every Thursday two of our team take money and food to the local Community Food Hub and it seems to get busier day by day and is probably the Charity that we financially support the most.

Also, during December, we were blessed again to receive funding to replace our church roof which the British weather seems intent on watering, not only the outside but the inside as well, prayerfully we shall hear no more remarks such "Have you noticed the water.....". The finance came from the sale of a Baptist Church in another town, as the capital sum was considerably more than the cost of a new roof, we decided to gift Mansfield Baptist Church the sum of £25,000 and also to contribute to the various charities that we support.

At Christmas we were approached by the local Primary School across from our church to enquire if they could hold some Concerts and a Pantomime in our main church which would be lovely to see all the children and parents here, and such a great opportunity to invite them to our Christmas Carols. It was wonderful to see parents and children using our church for their concerts and pantomimes, we supplied free refreshments including Mince Pies and had the opportunity to chat with many parents, the future look good.

We look forward to what our Lord Jesus has in store for us in the New Year.

Shalom

Brian Tomlinson Church Secretary 24/04/23

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£
Receipts			
Weekly offerings		3,196	3,196
Donations and other income	2	77,633	12,002
Income tax recovered on gifts		3,239	3,950
Sale of organ, drum-kit and I-pads		0	2,800
Investment income	3	179	926
Total Receipts		<u>84,247</u>	<u>22,874</u>
Payments			
Mission	4	5,648	2,304
Upkeep of Church Premises	5	54,794	4,980
Administration	6	8,975	7,128
Total Payments		<u>69,417</u>	<u>14,412</u>
Net Income for the Year		14,830	8,462
Add Balance as at 31st December 2021		39,620	31,158
Balance as at 31st December 2022	7	<u>54,450</u>	<u>39,620</u>

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	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2 Donations and other income		
Gift aid donations	11,379	11,306
Other donations	415	696
Entitlement on closure of Stanton Hill Baptist Church	65,499	0
Room hire	340	0
	<u>77,633</u>	<u>12,002</u>
3 Investment income		
Baptist Trust interest	454	470
COIF Charities dividends	81	79
COIF Charities - (decrease) increase in value of investment	(356)	377
	<u>179</u>	<u>926</u>
4 Mission		
Baptist Missionary Society	600	300
Water Aid	600	300
Sightsavers	600	0
Shoebox Appeal	650	0
Baptist Union fees	78	123
Baptist Union donation	600	300
Community Food Bank	800	300
Tear Fund	900	500
Samaritans Purse	0	100
Children with Cancer	0	381
Ukraine Appeal	300	0
Portland Training College	100	0
Rough sleepers	20	0
Operation Smile UK	400	0
	<u>5,648</u>	<u>2,304</u>
5 Upkeep of Church Premises		
Light and heat	1,444	1,206
Water rates	105	99
Cleaning	0	177
Roof repairs	47,000	10
Repairs and maintenance	3,514	905
Gardening	590	650
Insurance	2,141	1,933
	<u>54,794</u>	<u>4,980</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
6 Administration		
Telephone	535	407
Pastoral Leader and support wages	3,800	3,900
Speakers	2,220	1,295
Licences	405	310
Postage and stationery	665	224
Music expenses	0	39
Accountancy	300	300
Gifts and hosting	967	543
Sundry expenses	83	0
Website and email expenses	0	110
	<u>8,975</u>	<u>7,128</u>
7 Balance as at 31st December 2022		
Barclays Bank Current Account	37,551	21,448
Cash-in-hand	756	2,128
East Midlands' Baptist Trust Co. Ltd.	13,437	12,983
COIF Charities Investment Fund (Market Value)	2,706	3,061
	<u>54,450</u>	<u>39,620</u>
8 Assets held for the Church's own use		
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a) Church premises at Mansfield Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 4FN Valued for insurance purposes at £2,101,746.		
b) The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £169,308.		
9 Liabilities		
There is a creditor of £3,000 as at 31st December 2022 for roof repairs.		

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Note	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Assets			
Bank and other cash balances	7	54,450	39,620
Assets held for Church's own use	8	<u>2,271,054</u>	<u>2,018,691</u>
Total Assets		<u>2,325,504</u>	<u>2,058,311</u>
Liabilities	9	<u>3,000</u>	<u>NIL</u>

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Signed
Mr. B. Tomlinson - Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Bridge Baptist Church

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bridge Baptist Church for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 13 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
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I have no concerns and 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.

Signed: 

Name: MR. STUART BRANDRETH
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address: 41 CHESTNUT DRIVE, BERRY HILL, MANSFIELD, NOTTS NG18 4PW

Date: 10TH APRIL 2023

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1185755

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**The Bridge Baptist Church. Sutton-in-Ashfield. NOTTS.
NG17 4NR**

Charity Number: 1185 755

We like to think of our church as “A small church with a big Heart” and on more than a few banners the statement below.

“Don’t tell your friends how big your problems are... tell them how big your God is”

We have been holding regular Sunday services all year round following the strange unworldly effects that Covid 19 has had on our church and community.

We have held various prayer events which included a “Prayer Walk” around town centre (with eyes wide open I might add) encouraged by “The Turning” a mission project headed up by Churches Together and by Mansfield Baptist Church. This encompassed encounter evenings, training sessions and an ongoing ministry in our town as well as in Mansfield.

We have been connecting regularly with “Transforming Notts Together” (TNT) an organisation which equips and connects churches together as they help people to break free from poverty, which is really helpful in sign pointing visitors to our church.

We have also produced a leaflet signposting information about all the places in our towns where people can access free food, warmth, and shelter as well as a catalogue of organisations who can offer this kind of help, this leaflet was born out of recent visitors to our church who had no idea where they could obtain this kind of help.

The year has seen Jubilee Afternoon Teas, Church Picnics, Christmas Socials and Coffee mornings.

As a giving church we have been instrumental in supporting a good number of Charities again this year, namely: The Ukraine Appeal, Sightsavers, Water Aid, The Baptist Union Home Mission, Ashfield Food Bank, Samaritan’s Purse Shoebox, Operation Smile, The Baptist Missionary Society, Portland Training Collage, The Floods in Pakistan Appeal and Tear Fund.

We have been blessed recently with the additions of two families from Hong Kong who hold British (Overseas Nationality) and have been so happy to participate in all our churches activities.

We are planning, in the New Year to host a Welcome Course of six sessions where they can integrate with others and people in our church in familiarising themselves with the strangeness of our Quirky English ways.

In December our church organised a stall at the Idlewells Indoor Market place to raise funds for "Portland Training Collage" plenty of items were both donated and in turn sold with copious amounts of coffee providing a welcome break amidst the hustle and bustle of a thriving market.

We now have a new, up and running Website to replace our original creaking old one and are looking forward to when we can place all our Diary of events on them, huge thanks to Philip working in his free time.

We are also toying with re-vamping our church activities on social media platform, Facebook to enable a wider "audience" and it seems almost everyone uses this platform to find friends and information.

Every Thursday two of our team take money and food to the local Community Food Hub and it seems to get busier day by day and is probably the Charity that we financially support the most.

Also, during December, we were blessed again to receive funding to replace our church roof which the British weather seems intent on watering, not only the outside but the inside as well, prayerfully we shall hear no more remarks such "Have you noticed the water.....". The finance came from the sale of a Baptist Church in another town, as the capital sum was considerably more than the cost of a new roof, we decided to gift Mansfield Baptist Church the sum of £25,000 and also to contribute to the various charities that we support.

At Christmas we were approached by the local Primary School across from our church to enquire if they could hold some Concerts and a Pantomime in our main church which would be lovely to see all the children and parents here, and such a great opportunity to invite them to our Christmas Carols. It was wonderful to see parents and children using our church for their concerts and pantomimes, we supplied free refreshments including Mince Pies and had the opportunity to chat with many parents, the future look good.

We look forward to what our Lord Jesus has in store for us in the New Year.

Shalom

Brian Tomlinson Church Secretary 24/04/23

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Receipts			
Weekly offerings		3,196	3,196
Donations and other income	2	77,633	12,002
Income tax recovered on gifts		3,239	3,950
Sale of organ, drum-kit and I-pads		0	2,800
Investment income	3	179	926
Total Receipts		<u>84,247</u>	<u>22,874</u>
Payments			
Mission	4	5,648	2,304
Upkeep of Church Premises	5	54,794	4,980
Administration	6	8,975	7,128
Total Payments		<u>69,417</u>	<u>14,412</u>
Net Income for the Year		14,830	8,462
Add Balance as at 31st December 2021		39,620	31,158
Balance as at 31st December 2022	7	<u>54,450</u>	<u>39,620</u>

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of accounts

These accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

The Bridge Baptist Church registered as a charity effective as from 10th October 2019. It's activities commenced on 1st January 2020.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2 Donations and other income		
Gift aid donations	11,379	11,306
Other donations	415	696
Entitlement on closure of Stanton Hill Baptist Church	65,499	0
Room hire	340	0
	<u>77,633</u>	<u>12,002</u>
3 Investment income		
Baptist Trust interest	454	470
COIF Charities dividends	81	79
COIF Charities - (decrease) increase in value of investment	(356)	377
	<u>179</u>	<u>926</u>
4 Mission		
Baptist Missionary Society	600	300
Water Aid	600	300
Sightsavers	600	0
Shoebox Appeal	650	0
Baptist Union fees	78	123
Baptist Union donation	600	300
Community Food Bank	800	300
Tear Fund	900	500
Samaritans Purse	0	100
Children with Cancer	0	381
Ukraine Appeal	300	0
Portland Training College	100	0
Rough sleepers	20	0
Operation Smile UK	400	0
	<u>5,648</u>	<u>2,304</u>
5 Upkeep of Church Premises		
Light and heat	1,444	1,206
Water rates	105	99
Cleaning	0	177
Roof repairs	47,000	10
Repairs and maintenance	3,514	905
Gardening	590	650
Insurance	2,141	1,933
	<u>54,794</u>	<u>4,980</u>

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
6 Administration		
Telephone	535	407
Pastoral Leader and support wages	3,800	3,900
Speakers	2,220	1,295
Licences	405	310
Postage and stationery	665	224
Music expenses	0	39
Accountancy	300	300
Gifts and hosting	967	543
Sundry expenses	83	0
Website and email expenses	0	110
	<u>8,975</u>	<u>7,128</u>
7 Balance as at 31st December 2022		
Barclays Bank Current Account	37,551	21,448
Cash-in-hand	756	2,128
East Midlands' Baptist Trust Co. Ltd.	13,437	12,983
COIF Charities Investment Fund (Market Value)	2,706	3,061
	<u>54,450</u>	<u>39,620</u>
8 Assets held for the Church's own use		
The Church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee (the East Midlands Baptist Trust Co. Ltd.).		
a) Church premises at Mansfield Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 4FN Valued for insurance purposes at £2,101,746.		
b) The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £169,308.		
9 Liabilities		
There is a creditor of £3,000 as at 31st December 2022 for roof repairs.		

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Note	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Assets			
Bank and other cash balances	7	54,450	39,620
Assets held for Church's own use	8	<u>2,271,054</u>	<u>2,018,691</u>
Total Assets		<u>2,325,504</u>	<u>2,058,311</u>
Liabilities	9	<u>3,000</u>	<u>NIL</u>

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 4 relating to the year ended 31st December 2022 are as approved by the trustees.

Signed
Mr. B. Tomlinson - Treasurer

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1185755

Accounts

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARITY No. 1185 755

Our Church "The Bridge Baptist Church" originally called "Zion Baptist" was built well over a hundred years ago and has been serving the community since then.

It has always put the needs of the people in our town at the forefront of everything they do.

On October 10th 2019 we became a Charitable Integrated Organisation, though physically we did not actually make any changes until January 1st, 2020, just for the sake of simplicity in our accounts and documentations.

2020 started off with so many plans for meetings, courses and similar with Helen and Elaine and the Leadership Team, though in reality it has been a challenging year with little or no actual physical contact or communications since we had the lock down in March and we have missed the people in our fellowship so so very much during these periods

Our main emphasis is, and always has been on following Jesus as our Lord and our Saviour with everything we are involved in and to put Him at the forefront of all our endeavours.

We are a worshipping Church with amazing musicians and we believe that we are at the very cutting edge both in our Worship and the wide variety of Christian speakers who are invited to come and talk to us every Sunday morning.

The beginning of 2020 saw the start of our "Breakfast Church" where people were invited for a breakfast on a Café Style layout and a shorter service starting at 10am, this was well presented and encouraging, until Covid-19 restrictions stopped play, something we will work on for next year (2021)

The "Bridge Parent & Toddler group hosted mainly by Helen and Lillian, as last year was, again really well attended to a full capacity.

The Tuesday morning "Connect" run by Derek & Sue on the Tuesday morning was a small group session, mainly with a Christian Video, Coffee and Discussion type of learning.

The "Open" early on the Friday was an experiment to see the kind of help that we could provide to the local community whether social, friendship or Clothing was an issue, sadly it was not well attended which makes one wonder if our neighbourhood is an affluent one or people are quite wary of what churches can offer them!

We held a "Friends of Dementia" session to familiarise people with the struggles that people with this horrible illness had to suffer and how one could empathise with sufferers.

EMBA Safeguarding Level 2 course run by EMBA was well attended and helpful, particularly where our children and young people are involved.

Then we were hit with the terrible Covid-19 which caused our church to close its doors, something that never happened even during two World Wars!

We had a massive hole in our church roof early in the year, awkward to even access the damage with seven quotations up to £7,500! Since repaired by a local builder with Derek, Dennis and Matt doing a clean-up operation.

We have updated our Worship and Musical items with Matt and Ben up at all hours in a freezing cold church sorting cables and other mystifying things that our Worship Team uses.

The Church has been decorated as well as our centre downstairs and thanks to Simon for putting in the extra effort for such a great job.

Helen and Elaine have spent an inordinate amount of time preparing for sanitising the church in readiness of opening the church, with all the necessary legal requirements that go with it, Elaine has kept us all enthralled with her weekly newsletter and thanks to all the contributors.

It was with sadness that we lost Rob Quincey, our ex-Church Treasurer of many years also John Kellet who passed away, and we do thank Helen for officiating the Funerals Service, not an easy task for her at the best of times.

Derek and Sue have been quite busy during lockdown collection foods and essentials for a local food charity which covers the Ashfield area, providing foodstuffs and essentials, and at times their home must have resembled a mini supermarket!

Marina was all geared up for shoe box appeal for Samaritans Purse but like so many things this year the actual shoe boxes had to be missed although the Church donated a sum from our accounts.

During the latter part of December, we did manage to host two Christmas Carol Services, we decided to have two to be able to accommodate all the people, it was an excellent end to what had been a difficult year.

A sincere thanks to all the folk in our fellowship who have continued to support our church both financially, physically and in communication with each other as the Covid-19 restrictions have allowed. These contributions have really helped our fellowship during this most difficult period, nevertheless we have still managed to contribute our finances to various charitable institutions, The Baptist Missionary Society, Ashfield Food Distribution, Water Aid, Sightsavers, Tearfund, Children of Cancer UK as well as others.

Worthy of note is that we decided many years ago to donate at least 10% of our income to other charitable causes, of course the people who covenant to our church through the Gift Aid scheme whereby we receive 25% of what they give through the HMRC scheme has helped enormously.

All in all, though our church has been closed for such a long period of time, the work of many people in our fellowship has continued and a great thank You for all their efforts.

We have missed you all and pray for the time when masks can be discarded, and we can hug each other again.

Thanks again.

Brian Tomlinson - Church Secretary and on behalf of our amazing Leadership Team here.

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 10TH OCTOBER 2019
TO 31ST DECEMBER 2020

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	£
Receipts		
Weekly offerings		2,542
Donations and other income	2	18,004
Income tax recovered on gifts		5,647
Investment income	3	603
Total Receipts		<u>26,796</u>
Payments		
Mission	4	1,407
Upkeep of Church Premises	5	11,507
Administration	6	18,056
Total Payments		<u>30,970</u>
Net (Payments) for the period		<u>-4,174</u>
Balance transferred from previous Church		35,332
Balance as at 31st December 2020	7	<u>31,158</u>

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of accounts

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2 Donations and other income

	<u>£</u>
Gift aid donations	17,675
Samaritan's Purse	5
Room hire	324
	<u>18,004</u>

3 Investment income

Baptist Trust interest	365
COIF Charities dividends	77
COIF Charities - increase in value of investment	161
	<u>603</u>

4 Mission

Baptist Missionary Society	250
Water Aid	250
Sightsavers	125
Ashfield Voluntary Action	100
Shoebox Appeal	100
Baptist Union fees	122
Baptist Union donation	250
Breakfast Church	82
Youth work	78
Parent and toddler	50
	<u>1,407</u>

5 Upkeep of Church Premises

Light and heat	1,577
Cleaning	787
Refuse disposal	185
Repairs and maintenance	6,648
Gardening	425
Insurance	1,885
	<u>11,507</u>

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	£
6 Administration	
Telephone	383
Pastoral Leader and support wages	7,428
Speakers	465
Licences	286
Postage and stationery	337
Music expenses	6,682
Accountancy	275
Legal expenses	1,113
COVID - 19 expenses	426
Gifts and hosting	361
Sundry expenses	120
Website and email expenses	180
	<u>18,056</u>
7 Balance as at 31st December 2020	
Barclays Bank Current Account	15,520
Cash-in-hand	439
East Midlands' Baptist Trust Co. Ltd.	12,514
COIF Charities Investment Fund (Market Value)	2,685
	<u>31,158</u>
8 Assets held for the Church's own use	
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a) Church premises at Mansfield Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 4FN Valued for insurance purposes at £1,800,000.	
b) The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £145,000.	
9 Liabilities	
There are no liabilities at 31st December 2020.	

THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Note	£
Assets		
Bank and other cash balances	7	31,158
Assets held for Church's own use	8	<u>1,945,000</u>
Total Assets		<u>1,976,158</u>
Liabilities	9	<u>NIL</u>

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages to relating to the year ended 31st December 2020 are as approved by the trustees.

Signed

Mr. B. Tomlinson - Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Bridge Baptist Church

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bridge Baptist Church for the period from 10th October 2019 to 31st December 2020.

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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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3. The accounts do 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 no concerns and 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.

Signed: 

Name: MR. STUART BRANDRETH
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address: 41 CHESTNUT DRIVE, BERRY HILL, MANSFIELD, NOTTS NG18 4PW

Date: 19TH MARCH 2021