

# 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 emphasise 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.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 10TH OCTOBER 2019**  
**TO 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

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

£

**2 Donations and other income**

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>

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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	£
<b>6 Administration</b>	
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>
<b>7 Balance as at 31st December 2020</b>	
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>
<b>8 Assets held for the Church's own use</b>	
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 £1,800,000.	
b) The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £145,000.	
<b>9 Liabilities</b>	
There are no liabilities at 31st December 2020.	



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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	£
<b>Assets</b>		
Bank and other cash balances	7	31,158
Assets held for Church's own use	8	<u>1,945,000</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>1,976,158</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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:

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
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: 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021