

**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> £
<b>Receipts</b>			
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
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>84,247</u>	<u>22,874</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Mission	4	5,648	2,304
Upkeep of Church Premises	5	54,794	4,980
Administration	6	8,975	7,128
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>69,417</u>	<u>14,412</u>
<b>Net Income for the Year</b>		14,830	8,462
<b>Add Balance as at 31st December 2021</b>		39,620	31,158
<b>Balance as at 31st December 2022</b>	7	<u><u>54,450</u></u>	<u><u>39,620</u></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>£</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>
<b>2 Donations and other income</b>		
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>
<b>3 Investment income</b>		
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>
<b>4 Mission</b>		
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>
<b>5 Upkeep of Church Premises</b>		
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>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>6 Administration</b>		
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>
 <b>7 Balance as at 31st December 2022</b>		
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>
 <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 £2,101,746.	
b)	The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £169,308.	
 <b>9 Liabilities</b>		
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**

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