

## **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](http://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.

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.

**THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Note	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
<b>Receipts</b>			
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
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>24,426</u>	<u>21,379</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Mission	4	2,838	2,951
Upkeep of Church Premises	5	11,456	25,376
Administration	6	9,281	8,812
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>23,575</u>	<u>37,139</u>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year</b>		851	(15,760)
<b>Add Balance as at 31st December 2023</b>		38,690	54,450
<b>Balance as at 31st December 2024</b>	7	<u><u>39,541</u></u>	<u><u>38,690</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>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
<b>2 Donations and other income</b>		
Gift aid donations	11,893	12,152
Other donations	0	75
Room hire	1,450	825
	<u>13,343</u>	<u>13,052</u>
<b>3 Investment income</b>		
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>
<b>4 Mission</b>		
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>
<b>5 Upkeep of Church Premises</b>		
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>

## THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<b>6 Administration</b>		
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>
 <b>7 Balance as at 31st December 2024</b>		
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>
 <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 £2,275,294 (2023 - £2,202,626).	
b)	The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £183,289 (2023 - £177,435).	
 <b>9 Liabilities</b>		
There are no liabilities at 31st December 2024.		

**THE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
<b>Assets</b>			
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>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>2,498,124</u>	<u>2,418,751</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	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