

# THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1186458

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-11-19

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH AND IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

**Activities:** We are a place of worship. We have regular times of prayer and worship. We also seek to provide support and respite to the community. We do this by providing food, clothing, counselling and family support.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Birmingham City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£100,224	£95,076	-	-
2023-12-31	£91,470	£79,919	-	-
2022-12-31	£89,393	£82,351	-	-
2021-12-31	£59,828	£54,485	-	-
2020-12-31	£32,734	£10,907	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Errol Lawson</b>	Chair	2019-04-03
Kehinde Olatayo Lawson		2019-04-03
Michelle Lynch		2022-07-25
Tobi Labeodan		2019-04-03
Yvonne Brooks		2019-04-03

**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**

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# Accounts

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**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**

**Registered Charity: 1186458**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
AND  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

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# **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**

## **Receipts and Payment Accounts**

**Report to the trustees/members of The Bridge Church Birmingham**

**Registered Charity Number 1186458**

**On the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Set out on the following pages**

### **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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;  
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and  
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 Commissioners. 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:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- Have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed *L A Silver***

**Date: 7 October 2025**

Luke Silver HNC Business & Finance  
Accountancy Practitioner

25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 6DQ

# **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees and Church Council**

## **Introduction**

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. I will therefore keep my comments to a minimum.

## **Charity Law and Financial Regulations**

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

## **Signing of Accounts**

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

## **Conclusion**

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

**Luke Silver**

**Date: 7 October 2025**

**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**ACTIVITIES REVIEW**

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The object of the charitable incorporated organisation is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith and in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time, think fit.

**TRUSTEES**

The trustees during the year were as follows:

Errol Lawson

Yvonne Brooks

Tobi Labeodan

Michelle Lynch

Kehinde Lawson

**STATEMENT**

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

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Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Summary Receipts and Payments For The Year Ended 31st December 2024

	2023 £	2024 £		2023 £	2024 £
Giving (see note 1)	46,281	60,540	Pastoral & Ministry Costs (see note 4)	7,270	6,804
Other Income (see note 2)	39,827	33,595	Church Family (see note 5)	16,596	19,475
Restricted Income (see note 3)	5,285	5,992	Establishment Costs (see note 6)	48,752	58,439
Investment A/C (see note 4)	77	97	Administration (see note 7)	7,301	10,358
	<b>91,470</b>	<b>100,224</b>		<b>79,919</b>	<b>95,076</b>

**Opening Balance 01.01.24**

**Closing Balance @ 31.12.24**

Benevolent Fund (Women)	1,477	Benevolent Fund (Women)	1,695
Barclays	1,357	Barclays	5,582
Women's Ministry	139	Women's Ministry	(81)
Account 93251403	4,000	Account 93251403	2,184
Tangible Assets	32,917	Tangible Assets	36,510
Other Assets	667	Other Assets	667
Creditors	9,606	Creditors	2,487
Building Fund Restricted	5,135	Building Fund Restricted	11,402
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,298</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>60,446</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2024

	2023		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Giving (Note 1)</b>				
Donations Received	46,281		60,540	
Gift Aid	0		0	
		<b>46,281</b>		<b>60,540</b>
<b>Other Income (Note 2)</b>				
Gift Aid Tax Refund	15,036		18,722	
Conference	9,803		2,531	
Groups	0		2,261	
Junior Church	1,600		1,366	
Worship	270		448	
Young Adults	295		0	
Tuck Shop Sales	12		29	
Sales & Services	9,931		130	
Rent Income	1,460		4,356	
Book Sales	0		(95)	
Facilitator Fee	0		1,304	
Sundry Income	1,420		2,543	
		<b>39,827</b>		<b>33,595</b>
<b>Restricted Income (Note 3)</b>				
Building Fund	5,285		5,992	
		<b>5,285</b>		<b>5,992</b>
<b>Investment Income (Note 4)</b>				
Interest	77		97	
		<b>77</b>		<b>97</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>91,470</b>		<b>100,224</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Payments for the year ended 31st December 2024

	2023		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Pastoral &amp; Ministry Costs</b>				
Pastor Ministry Expenses	2,395		84	
Social Media Co-Ordinator	1,600		1,189	
Guest Speakers	1,032		1,400	
Staff Supports	400		280	
Follow Up Role	1,500		2,950	
Travelling Expenses	343		901	
		<b>7,270</b>		<b>6,804</b>
<b>Church Family</b>				
Leadership Development	42		588	
Outreach / Missions / Evangelism	550		1,200	
Worship Ministry	4,407		5,478	
Text Giving Fees	197		428	
Conference & Crusade Cost	8,952		4,021	
AOG Contribution	300		517	
Catering / Hospitality	950		1,987	
Junior Church	953		124	
Men's Ministry	0		1,170	
Young Adult Expenses	0		317	
Women's Ministry	45		3,645	
Missions Giving	200		0	
		<b>16,596</b>		<b>19,475</b>
<b>Establishment Costs</b>				
Establishment / Admin	0		0	
Sound / PA	0		64	
Equipment Hire	532		0	
Cleaning	3,861		5,290	
Insurance	3,942		860	
Light & Heat	797		12,794	
Rent	36,000		38,000	
Repairs & Maintenance	3,620		1,219	
Room Expenditure	0		212	
		<b>48,752</b>		<b>58,439</b>
<b>Administration</b>				
Cost of Sales	63		56	
Advertising	2,270		3,083	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,281		551	
Church Management Software	136		0	
Media / Tech	75		1,195	
Dona, Digital Collection Plate Charges	0		120	
Safeguarding	187		163	
Legal & Professional Fees	232		120	
Accountancy	425		450	
Subscriptions	1,199		1,563	
Telephone & Internet	758		830	
Bank Charges	0		153	
Sundry	675		2,074	
		<b>7,301</b>		<b>10,358</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>79,919</b>		<b>95,076</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As At 31st December 2024

	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Furniture & Fixtures	33,182
Computer Equipment	3,328
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>36,510</b>
Loan to Individuals	0
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<u>Bank Balances:</u>	
Account 63895378	(3)
Benevolent Fund (Women)	1,695
Building Fund Restricted	11,402
Barclays	5,582
Account 93251403	2,184
Women's Ministry	(81)
Stock - Apostle Arome Osayi	667
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>21,446</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>57,956</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Creditors	(2,487)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>60,443</b>

# The Bridge Church Birmingham

**Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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## **Administrative Information**

The Bridge Church Birmingham is situated at **86 Watery Lane, Middleway, Birmingham, B9 HN**.

It is part of the **Assemblies of God** and a registered charity with the Charity Commission (No. **1186458**).

**Trustees who served during the period (January – December 2024):**

- **Prof. Errol Lawson (Chair)**
- **Kehinde Lawson**
- **Yvonne Brooks**
- **Tobi Labeodan**
- **Michelle Lynch**

**Officer roles:** No Treasurer and no Secretary were appointed during this period.

**Safeguarding Co-ordinator:** Jackie Lawrence

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## **Public Benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when planning and carrying out the church's activities.

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## **Aims and Purposes**

The Bridge Church is an Assemblies of God fellowship in Birmingham. The trustees and church leadership work together to advance the mission of the church: **to win souls and make disciples**, providing worship, discipleship, pastoral care, and community outreach in alignment with the Great Commission.

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## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Worship and Prayer**

- The church maintained **daily prayer for one hour**, providing a consistent space for members to pray, worship, and intercede.
- Regular Sunday services continued throughout the year, with an increase in participation across all age groups.
- **Children's work ran weekly**, offering teaching, worship, and pastoral support to our younger members.
- Baptism and thanksgiving services took place regularly, celebrating lives transformed through faith.

### **Discipleship and Pastoral Care**

- **Prayer cells** continued to serve as the primary space for fellowship, discipleship, and pastoral connection.
- Ministers-in-Training and departmental leaders received support and mentoring to strengthen leadership capacity within the church.
- Pastoral care and follow-up remain a priority through one-to-one ministry, home visits, and prayer support.

### **Facilities and Venue**

- The church celebrated its **6th anniversary** in 2024.
- A **Building Fund Team** has been established to support our objective of **acquiring a permanent church building**.
- The trustees continue to explore suitable venues that can facilitate growth and accommodate ministry activities more effectively.

### **Mission, Outreach and Community**

- The church continues to emphasise evangelism and mission as central to its vision.
- We provide **monthly financial support to a local missionary serving in the Small Heath area**, helping to extend the gospel and meet practical needs within the community.

### **Ecumenical Relationships**

- The Bridge Church remains an active member of the **Assemblies of God UK** and collaborates with other local churches for prayer, youth, and community engagement initiatives.

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### **Financial Review**

Income in 2024 was generated through regular tithes, offerings, designated gifts, and Gift Aid. Expenditure reflected our priorities in venue hire, outreach, worship resourcing, and children's ministry.

The trustees continue to manage finances prudently, balancing ministry needs with long-term sustainability.

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## **Reserves Policy**

The trustees are working towards a **reserves policy** to maintain funds equivalent to six months of general running costs. This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure the church remains financially secure.

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## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is governed by its trustees under its constitution and the oversight of the **Assemblies of God UK**. Trustees meet regularly to review governance, finances, and safeguarding.

Day-to-day ministry operations are overseen by the pastor and departmental leaders, supported by volunteers and ministry teams.

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## **Responsibilities of the Trustees**

The trustees are responsible under the **Charities Act 2011** for preparing financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the church's activities and financial position. In preparing these statements, trustees must:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained.
- Prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless inappropriate to assume the charity will continue.

Trustees are responsible for maintaining accurate accounting records, safeguarding the assets of the church, and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud or irregularities.

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**By order of the Trustees,**  
**Prof. Errol Lawson**  
Chair of Trustees

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**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186458

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# Accounts

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**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**

**Registered Charity: 1186458**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
AND  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

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**Signed *L A Silver***

**Date: 23 October 2024**

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**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

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Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Summary Receipts and Payments For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

	2022 £	2023 £		2022 £	2023 £
Giving (see note 1)	47,709	46,281	Pastoral & Ministry Costs (see note 4)	5,762	7,270
Other Income (see note 2)	41,684	45,112	Church Family (see note 5)	15,348	16,596
Investment A/C (see note 3)	0	77	Establishment Costs (see note 6)	48,276	48,752
			Administration (see note 7)	12,965	7,301
	<b>89,393</b>	<b>91,470</b>		<b>82,351</b>	<b>79,919</b>

**Opening Balance 01.01.23**

**Closing Balance @ 31.12.23**

		Benevolent Fund (Women)	1,477
		Building Fund Restricted	5,135
Barclays	3,186	Barclays	1,357
		Women's Ministry	139
Account 93251403	4,447	Account 93251403	4,000
Tangible Assets	31,985	Tangible Assets	32,917
Other Assets	1,206	Other Assets	667
		Creditors	9,606
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,824</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>55,298</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2023

	2022		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Giving (Note 1)</b>				
Donations Received	47,709		46,281	
Gift Aid	0		0	
		<b>47,709</b>		<b>46,281</b>
<b>Other Income (Note 2)</b>				
Gift Aid Tax Refund	10,744		15,036	
Conference	7,456		9,803	
Program Activities	912		0	
Trading Income	834		0	
Groups	457		0	
Building Fund	1,508		5,285	
Fundraising	40		0	
Junior Church	500		1,600	
Worship	0		270	
Young Adults	0		295	
Tuck Shop Sales	0		12	
Sales & Services	6,789		9,931	
Rent Income	9,000		1,460	
Funding	2,260		0	
Book Sales	17		0	
Sundry Income	1,167		1,420	
		<b>41,684</b>		<b>45,112</b>
<b>Investment Income (Note 3)</b>				
Interest	0		77	
		<b>0</b>		<b>77</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>89,393</b>		<b>91,470</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Payments for the year ended 31st December 2023

	2022		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Pastoral &amp; Ministry Costs</b>				
Pastor Ministry Expenses	868		2,395	
Social Media Co-Ordinator	2,200		1,600	
Worship Leader	300		0	
Guest Speakers	1,175		1,032	
Staff Supports	1,000		400	
Follow Up Role	0		1,500	
Travelling Expenses	219		343	
		<b>5,762</b>		<b>7,270</b>
<b>Church Family</b>				
Leadership Development	30		42	
Outreach / Missions / Evangelism	150		550	
Business Group Expenses	82		0	
Worship Ministry	4,060		4,407	
Text Giving Fees	191		197	
Conference & Crusade Cost	8,927		8,952	
AOG Contribution	109		300	
Benevolent Fund	0		0	
Communion	134		0	
Catering / Hospitality	1,665		950	
Junior Church	0		953	
Women's Ministry	0		45	
Missions Giving	0		200	
		<b>15,348</b>		<b>16,596</b>
<b>Establishment Costs</b>				
Establishment / Admin	246			
Sound / PA	654			
Equioment Hire	0		532	
Cleaning	2,382		3,861	
Insurance	1,877		3,942	
Light & Heat	3,687		797	
Rent	36,000		36,000	
Repairs & Maintenance	3,430		3,620	
		<b>48,276</b>		<b>48,752</b>
<b>Administration</b>				
Cost of Sales	3,868		63	
Advertising	1,153		2,270	
Marketing	1,380		0	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	0		1,281	
Church Management Software	0		136	
Media / Tech	0		75	
Safeguarding	251		187	
Legal & Professional Fees	2,710		232	
Accountancy	700		425	
Subscriptions	1,215		1,199	
Telephone & Internet	924		758	
Sundry	764		675	
		<b>12,965</b>		<b>7,301</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>82,351</b>		<b>79,919</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As At 31st December 2023

	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Furniture & Fixtures	32,917
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>32,917</b>
Loan to Individuals	0
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<u>Bank Balances:</u>	
Benevolent Fund (Women)	1,477
Building Fund Restricted	5,135
Barclays	1,357
Account 93251403	4,000
Women's Ministry	139
Stock - Apostle Arome Osayi	667
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>12,775</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>45,692</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Creditors	(9,606)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>55,298</b>

The Bridge Church Birmingham

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

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#### Administrative Information

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Trustees during the year 2023:

Pastor Errol Lawson

Yvonne Brooks

Tobi Labeodan

Kehinde Lawson

Michelle Lynch

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#### Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the church.

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#### Aim and Purposes

The Bridge Church Birmingham is dedicated to advancing the Christian faith in Birmingham and beyond. The trustees and church leadership work in harmony to promote the mission and vision of the church, with the aim of fostering spiritual growth, community outreach, and service to others.

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## Achievements and Performance

### Worship and Prayer

In 2023, The Bridge Church continued to provide a variety of services throughout the week, offering spaces for worship, prayer, and fellowship. Our nightly prayers remain a cornerstone of spiritual life in the church, creating an intimate environment for reflection and worship. We also held baptisms and wedding blessings, and our children and young adults programmes continued to thrive.

Our weekly attendance has remained consistent, with 40 to 60 adults and children participating regularly. These numbers increase significantly during baptisms, special events, and outreach efforts.

### Church Building

Several maintenance projects were undertaken in 2023. Routine maintenance was conducted on the church building, with key improvements including the development of the kitchen space and external refurbishments. The environmental health team also carried out inspections to ensure the building remains a safe environment for all activities.

### Service to the Community and Pastoral Care

Pastoral care within the church is primarily delivered through our small groups, where individuals and families meet for fellowship and community support. These groups are a vital part of the church's ministry, offering a space for personal care, discipleship, and mutual encouragement.

### Mission and Outreach

Our outreach and evangelism initiatives continued to expand in 2023, with regular bi-monthly outreach events. Additionally, we have continued to support local missionary work on a monthly basis, demonstrating our commitment to spreading the Gospel and serving those in need.

### Ecumenical Relationships

The Bridge Church is a member of the Assemblies of God in the UK and maintains good relationships with other churches in the local area. We collaborate with neighbouring churches on various initiatives and events.

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## Financial Review

For the year ended 31st December 2023, the church recorded a surplus of £7,042, reflecting an improvement compared to the previous year.

Total Income: £91,470

Total Expenditure: £79,919

A notable portion of our income came from donations, which contributed 53% of our total income. Additionally, we received £15,036 from Gift Aid and £1,460 from rental income.

Expenditure highlights include:

Pastoral and Ministry Costs: £7,270

Church Family Activities: £16,596, which includes conference expenses, worship ministry, and hospitality

Establishment Costs: £48,752, which included rent (£36,000) and maintenance

Administration Costs: £7,301

The year concluded with a total bank balance of £7,772.

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## Reserves Policy

We are working towards having a reserves policy that ensures we hold in reserve the equivalent of six months' general running costs. This policy will be reviewed annually once fully established.

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## Structure, Governance, and Management

The Board of Trustees met regularly throughout the year, as is customary, to oversee the church's governance and ensure the smooth running of its operations.

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### Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are required by the Charities Act 1993 to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the church's financial activities and position. The trustees are responsible for ensuring that accounting records are kept accurately and that the financial statements comply with applicable laws and regulations.

By order,  
Errol Lawson  
Trustee

**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186458

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# Accounts

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**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**

**Registered Charity: 1186458**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
AND  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

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# **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**

## **Receipts and Payment Accounts**

**Report to the trustees/members of The Bridge Church Birmingham**

**Registered Charity Number 1186458**

**On the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Set out on the following pages**

### **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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;  
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and  
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 Commissioners. 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:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- Have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed *L A Silver***

**Date: 10 May 2023**

Luke Silver HNC Business & Finance  
Accountancy Practitioner

25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 6DQ

# **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees and Church Council**

## **Introduction**

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. I will therefore keep my comments to a minimum.

## **Charity Law and Financial Regulations**

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

## **Signing of Accounts**

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

## **Conclusion**

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

**Luke Silver**

**Date: 10 May 2023**

**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**ACTIVITIES REVIEW**

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The object of the charitable incorporated organisation is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith and in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time, think fit.

**TRUSTEES**

The trustees during the year were as follows:

Errol Lawson

Lee Button

Yvonne Brooks

Tobi Labeodan

**STATEMENT**

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

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Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Summary Receipts and Payments For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

	2021 £	2022 £		2021 £	2022 £
Giving (see note 1)	31,418	47,709	Pastoral & Ministry Costs (see note 4)	5,620	5,762
Other Income (see note 2)	28,410	41,684	Church Family (see note 5)	13,726	15,348
Investment A/C (see note 3)	0	0	Establishment Costs (see note 6)	28,915	48,276
			Administration (see note 7)	6,224	12,965
	<b>59,828</b>	<b>89,393</b>		<b>54,485</b>	<b>82,351</b>

**Opening Balance 01.01.22**

Barclays  
Account 93251403  
Tangible Assets

**Closing Balance @ 31.12.22**

5,597 Barclays  
1,397 Account 93251403  
26,788 Tangible Assets  
Other Assets

3,186  
4,447  
31,985  
1,206

**Total**

**123,175 Total**

**123,175**

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2022

	2021		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Giving (Note 1)</b>				
Donations Received	31,418		47,709	
Gift Aid	0		0	
		<b>31,418</b>		<b>47,709</b>
<b>Other Income (Note 2)</b>				
Gift Aid Tax Refund	0		10,744	
Conference	6,245		7,456	
Program Activities	0		912	
Trading Income	0		834	
Groups	0		457	
Benevolent Fund	98		0	
Building Fund	19,635		1,508	
Fundraising	422		40	
Junior Church	10		500	
Sales & Services	0		6,789	
Rent Income	2,000		9,000	
Funding	0		2,260	
Book Sales	0		17	
Sundry Income	0		1,167	
		<b>28,410</b>		<b>41,684</b>
<b>Investment Income (Note 3)</b>				
Interest	0		0	
		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>59,828</b>		<b>89,393</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Payments for the year ended 31st December 2022

	2021		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Pastoral &amp; Ministry Costs</b>				
Pastor Ministry Expenses	856		868	
Small Groups Co-Ordinator	1,360		0	
Social Media Co-Ordinator	2,175		2,200	
Worship Leader	1,000		300	
Guest Speakers	160		1,175	
Staff Supports	0		1,000	
Travelling Expenses	69		219	
		<b>5,620</b>		<b>5,762</b>
<b>Church Family</b>				
Church Activities	0		0	
Leadership Development	50		30	
Outreach / Missions / Evangelism	1,491		150	
Business Group Expenses	170		82	
Worship Ministry	1,363		4,060	
Text Giving Fees	171		191	
Conference & Crusade Cost	10,068		8,927	
AOG Contribution	250		109	
Benevolent Fund	163		0	
Communion	0		134	
Catering / Hospitality	0		1,665	
		<b>13,726</b>		<b>15,348</b>
<b>Establishment Costs</b>				
Establishment / Admin	0		246	
Sound / PA	670		654	
Venue Hire	2,952		0	
Cleaning	2,368		2,382	
Insurance	262		1,877	
Light & Heat	189		3,687	
Rent	17,850		36,000	
Repairs & Maintenance	4,624		3,430	
		<b>28,915</b>		<b>48,276</b>
<b>Administration</b>				
Cost of Sales	0		3,868	
Advertising	134		1,153	
Marketing	750		1,380	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	598		0	
Church Management Software	300		0	
Media / Tech	910		0	
Safeguarding	141		251	
Computer Running Costs	12		0	
Legal & Professional Fees	1,541		2,710	
Accountancy	300		700	
Subscriptions	738		1,215	
Telephone	600		924	
Sundry	200		764	
		<b>6,224</b>		<b>12,965</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>54,485</b>		<b>82,351</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As At 31st December 2022

	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Furniture & Fixtures	31,985
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>31,985</b>
Loan to Individuals	400
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<u>Bank Balances:</u>	
Barclays	3,186
Account 93251403	4,447
Women's Ministry	139
Stock - Apostle Arome Osayi	667
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>8,439</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>40,824</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
NIL	0
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>40,824</b>

## **The Bridge Church Birmingham**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The trustees present their annual report and the financial accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Administrative information**

The Bridge Church Birmingham is situated on 86 Watery Lane, Middleway, Birmingham, B9 HN. It is part of the Assembly of God and a charity registered with the Charity Commission no 1186458.

This is the list of Trustees who have served during the year for which the accounts are being reported, January to December 2021.

#### **PASTOR**

Mr. Errol Lawson

#### **CHURCH LEADERS**

#### **TREASURER**

#### **SECRETARY**

#### **ELECTED TRUSTEES MEMEBERS**

Errol Lawson  
Kehinde Lawson  
Yvonne Brooks  
Tobi Labeodan  
Michelle Lynch

#### **SAFEGUARDING CO-OPRDINATOR**

**Jackie Lawrence**

#### **Public Benefit**

The Church confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charities' Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the church.

#### **Aim and purposes**

The Bridge Church is an Assemblies of God church in Birmingham UK. The trustees and the church leadership work together to promote the mission and vision of the church.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### **Worship and Prayer**

The Bridge church are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, nightly prayers provide a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship whilst opportunities are provided for people to engage in programmes for the children and young adults.

This year we are three years into the lease on our new building. We have held baptisms and are hosting wedding blessings. In addition a great deal of time and thought was spent during the year on making best use of the new services. Many have said how much easier it is to access information about the church.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present between 40 and 60 adults and children attend the church each week. This number increases when there are baptism services or other special events.

### **The Church building**

The state of the roof has been causing concern for sometime as has the air quality inside the building. Routine maintenance has been carried out and the environmental health team have conducted an inspection. The kitchen has been developed with new cupboards and works station. The exterior of the building has had a paint refresh.

### **Service to the Community and the Provision of Pastoral Care**

Pastoral care mostly takes place in our small groups. This are where individuals or families meet for fellowship and community connection.

### **Mission and Outreach**

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. The mission and Evangelism is now up and running. Outreach is happening on a bi mot hky basis. We are also sponsoring a local misionionary every month.

### **Ecumenical Relationships**

The church is a member of the Assemblies of God in the UK. From time to time we work alongside other churches in the local area

### **Financial Review**

The Church reports a surplus of £7,042.00 for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 compared to a surplus of £5,343.00 for the previous year.

In the year under review our total income was £89,393.00 a 49.4% increase compared to 2021. 53% of our income comes from Donations, in the year we had £10,744 of Gift aid which relates to 2019 to 2021, we also had a rental income of £9,000.00 for the year.

We spent a total of £82,351.00 during the year under review compared to £54,485.00 the previous year. £5,762 was spent on Pastoral and Ministry Cost, £15,348 was spent on Church family which include conference, worship ministry and hospitality. £48,276.00 was spent on establishment Cost which included rent of £36,000. And then our administration Cost total of £12,965 for the year.

We close the year with a total bank balance of £7,772.00.

## **Reserves Policy**

We are working towards having a reserves policy at the Bridge Church Birmingham to hold in reserves the equivalent of six months' general running costs. Once establish this policy will be reviewed annually.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Board met as usual every 3 months

## **Responsibilities of the Trustees**

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- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Church and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order Errol Lawson – Trustees

**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186458

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# Accounts

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### **Service to the Community and the Provision of Pastoral Care**

Pastoral care mostly takes place in our small groups. This are where individuals or families meet for fellowship and community connection.

### **Mission and Outreach**

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. The mission and Evangelism is still being developed. In the next 12 months a clear strategy will be developed for mission and outreach

### **Ecumenical Relationships**

The church is a member of the Assemblies of God in the UK. From time to time we work alongside other churches in the

### **Financial Review**

The year 2021 has been good financially for the Bridge Church Birmingham. Stewardship giving around 82% higher than the previous year. This was a result of Money that we received specifically for Building Funds, Rent Income and Gift Aid Tax refund that amounted to £27,880.

In addition, we have run successful conference which will allow more foot flow to come into our new building

There were, however exceptional costs relating to the repair and restoration of the lease buildings that we acquired during the year.

### **Reserves Policy**

We are working towards having a reserves policy at the Bridge Church Birmingham to hold in reserves the equivalent of six months' general running costs. Once establish this policy will be reviewed annually.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Board met as usual every

### **Responsibilities of the Trustees**

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By order Errol Lawson – Trustees

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Summary Receipts and Payments For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

	2020 £	2021 £		2020 £	2021 £
Giving (see note 1)	32,734	31,418	Pastoral & Ministry Costs (see note 4)	0	5,620
Other Income (see note 2)	0	28,410	Church Family (see note 5)	2,468	13,726
Investment A/C (see note 3)	0	0	Establishment Costs (see note 6)	8,439	28,915
			Administration (see note 7)	0	6,224
	<b>32,734</b>	<b>59,828</b>		<b>10,907</b>	<b>54,485</b>

**Opening Balance 01.01.21**

Barclays  
Account 93251403

**Closing Balance @ 31.12.21**

27,042 Barclays  
1,397 Account 93251403  
Tangible Assets 26,788

**Total**

**88,267 Total**

**88,267**

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2021

	2020		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Giving (Note 1)</b>				
Donations Received	32,734		31,418	
Gift Aid	0			
		<b>32,734</b>		<b>31,418</b>
<b>Other Income (Note 2)</b>				
Gift Aid Tax Refund	0		0	
Conference	0		6,245	
Benevolent Fund	0		98	
Building Fund	0		19,635	
Fundraising	0		422	
Junior Church	0		10	
Rent Income	0		2,000	
		<b>0</b>		<b>28,410</b>
<b>Investment Income (Note 3)</b>				
Interest	0			
		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>32,734</b>		<b>59,828</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Payments for the year ended 31st December 2021

	2020		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Pastoral &amp; Ministry Costs</b>				
Pastor Ministry Expenses	0		856	
Small Groups Co-Ordinator	0		1,360	
Social Media Co-Ordinator	0		2,175	
Worship Leader	0		1,000	
Guest Speakers	0		160	
Motor Expenses	0		69	
		<b>0</b>		<b>5,620</b>
<b>Church Family</b>				
Church Activities	2,468		0	
Leadership Development	0		50	
Outreach / Missions / Evangelism	0		1,491	
Business Group Expenses	0		170	
Worship Ministry	0		1,363	
Text Giving Fees	0		171	
Conference & Crusade Cost	0		10,068	
AOG Contribution	0		250	
Benevolent Fund	0		163	
		<b>2,468</b>		<b>13,726</b>
<b>Establishment Costs</b>				
Establishment / Admin	8,439		0	
Sound / PA	0		670	
Venue Hire	0		2,952	
Cleaning	0		2,368	
Insurance	0		262	
Light & Heat	0		189	
Rent	0		17,850	
Repairs & Maintenance	0		4,624	
		<b>8,439</b>		<b>28,915</b>
<b>Administration</b>				
Advertising	0		134	
Marketing	0		750	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	0		598	
Church Management Software	0		300	
Media / Tech	0		910	
Safeguarding	0		141	
Computer Running Costs	0		12	
Legal & Professional Fees	0		1,541	
Accountancy	0		300	
Subscriptions	0		738	
Telephone	0		600	
Sundry	0		200	
		<b>0</b>		<b>6,224</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,907</b>		<b>54,485</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As At 31st December 2021

	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Furniture & Fixtures	26,788
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>26,788</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<u>Bank Balances:</u>	
Barclays	5,597
Account 93251403	1,397
Cash in Hand	0
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>6,994</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>33,782</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
NIL	0
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>33,782</b>

**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**

**Registered Charity: 1186458**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
AND  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

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# **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**

## **Receipts and Payment Accounts**

**Report to the trustees/members of The Bridge Church Birmingham**

**Registered Charity Number 1186458**

**On the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

**Set out on the following pages**

### **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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;  
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and  
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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- Have not been met; or

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**Signed *L A Silver***

**Date: 18 October 2022**

Luke Silver HNC Business & Finance  
Accountancy Practitioner

25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead. TA24 6DQ

# **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees and Church Council**

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There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

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**Luke Silver**

**Date: 18 October 2022**

**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**ACTIVITIES REVIEW**

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Kehinde Lawson

Yvonne Brooks

Tobi Labeodan

**STATEMENT**

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

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Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Summary Receipts and Payments For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

	2020 £	2021 £		2020 £	2021 £
Giving (see note 1)	32,734	31,418	Pastoral & Ministry Costs (see note 4)	0	5,620
Other Income (see note 2)	0	28,410	Church Family (see note 5)	2,468	13,726
Investment A/C (see note 3)	0	0	Establishment Costs (see note 6)	8,439	28,915
			Administration (see note 7)	0	6,224
	<b>32,734</b>	<b>59,828</b>		<b>10,907</b>	<b>54,485</b>

**Opening Balance 01.01.21**

Barclays  
Account 93251403

**Closing Balance @ 31.12.21**

27,042 Barclays  
1,397 Account 93251403  
Tangible Assets 26,788

**Total**

**88,267 Total**

**88,267**

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2021

	2020		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Giving (Note 1)</b>				
Donations Received	32,734		31,418	
Gift Aid	0			
		<b>32,734</b>		<b>31,418</b>
<b>Other Income (Note 2)</b>				
Gift Aid Tax Refund	0		0	
Conference	0		6,245	
Benevolent Fund	0		98	
Building Fund	0		19,635	
Fundraising	0		422	
Junior Church	0		10	
Rent Income	0		2,000	
		<b>0</b>		<b>28,410</b>
<b>Investment Income (Note 3)</b>				
Interest	0			
		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>32,734</b>		<b>59,828</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
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Payments for the year ended 31st December 2021

	2020		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Pastoral &amp; Ministry Costs</b>				
Pastor Ministry Expenses	0		856	
Small Groups Co-Ordinator	0		1,360	
Social Media Co-Ordinator	0		2,175	
Worship Leader	0		1,000	
Guest Speakers	0		160	
Motor Expenses	0		69	
		<b>0</b>		<b>5,620</b>
<b>Church Family</b>				
Church Activities	2,468		0	
Leadership Development	0		50	
Outreach / Missions / Evangelism	0		1,491	
Business Group Expenses	0		170	
Worship Ministry	0		1,363	
Text Giving Fees	0		171	
Conference & Crusade Cost	0		10,068	
AOG Contribution	0		250	
Benevolent Fund	0		163	
		<b>2,468</b>		<b>13,726</b>
<b>Establishment Costs</b>				
Establishment / Admin	8,439		0	
Sound / PA	0		670	
Venue Hire	0		2,952	
Cleaning	0		2,368	
Insurance	0		262	
Light & Heat	0		189	
Rent	0		17,850	
Repairs & Maintenance	0		4,624	
		<b>8,439</b>		<b>28,915</b>
<b>Administration</b>				
Advertising	0		134	
Marketing	0		750	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	0		598	
Church Management Software	0		300	
Media / Tech	0		910	
Safeguarding	0		141	
Computer Running Costs	0		12	
Legal & Professional Fees	0		1,541	
Accountancy	0		300	
Subscriptions	0		738	
Telephone	0		600	
Sundry	0		200	
		<b>0</b>		<b>6,224</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,907</b>		<b>54,485</b>

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As At 31st December 2021

	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Furniture & Fixtures	26,788
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>26,788</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<u>Bank Balances:</u>	
Barclays	5,597
Account 93251403	1,397
Cash in Hand	0
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>6,994</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>33,782</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
NIL	0
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>33,782</b>

**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186458

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# Accounts

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**THE BRIDGE CHURCH BIRMINGHAM**

**Registered Charity: 1186458**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
AND  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

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# **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**

## **Receipts and Payment Accounts**

**Report to the trustees/members of The Bridge Church Birmingham**

**Registered Charity Number 1186458**

**On the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**Set out on the following pages**

### **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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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Tithes & Offerings	32,734	Church Ministries	2,468
Gifts	0	Missions	0
		Establishment / Admin	8,439
	<b>32,734</b>		<b>10,907</b>

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Account 93251403

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**Total**

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**28,439**

**The Bridge Church Birmingham**  
**Registered Charity No: 1186458**

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As At 31st December 2020

	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Church Premises (Insurance Value)	NIL	
Equipment (Insurance Value)	NIL	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<u>Bank Balances:</u>		
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Bank Account 93251403	1,397	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>28,439</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>28,439</b>
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<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>28,439</b>