

**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**

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# **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>

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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**  
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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**

The Trustees are required under the Charities Act 1993 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Church's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- 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