

## **Brixworth Community Church**

### **Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Brixworth Community Church**, c/o 18 Stonehill Way, NN6 9LW is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No 1188559). We are a CIO and constituted by Deed of Trust.

Minister: Rev Andrew Lloyd-Williams

Elder: Allan Pope

Treasurer during the above period: Sue McAspern

## **General**

Brixworth Community Church is a small but growing Church that gather on Sunday mornings in the local primary school in Brixworth. The Church also serves the community with many other ministries and activities whether it be at the Community Centre or around the village.

## **Sundays**

Over the year reported on, we have successfully made the transition back from Zoom services to meeting live and in person at Brixworth Primary School.

On many occasions on Sundays, attendance has moved back to being above seventy and along with that, we have seen new families join us. We have seen people being baptised, new members come in and folk growing in their relationship with God.

The challenges remain, as in previous years, to spiritually lead and care for the church and the community with its variety differing personalities and spiritual and practical needs.

## **Outreach into the Community**

- We have returned to running the Pensioners lunch weekly meal at the Olive Branch. This is now full again and those attending come and listen to a thought for the day before eating and sharing fellowship together.
- The Minister and Community Worker continue back at the school to aid them in their religious education curriculum.
- The community centre which we run in hand with the Parish Council continues as a central point for the Samaritans Purse Shoe Box appeal.
- Olive shoots, on Thursday mornings which is our parent and toddlers play-group, also has begun to meet again in person and is well supported and attended by mums, carers and their children from the community.

## **Young people**

On Sundays we continue to run a full programme for young people. Junior Church can still have up to 12 young people attending at one time. Although, there continues the challenge to make sure classes have adequate volunteers. It has been positive to see some individuals step up and share the responsibility to lead. In the future, we may need more leaders.

The teenager group known as TNT (Truth and Teenagers) have transitioned back and now meet most weeks again, with numbers attending remaining between 8-10. They continue to be supported by a faithful team of 4 leaders that take the group through a variety of activities and short bible talks over the course of the year.

## **Prayer Meeting**

The power of God received through prayer is the life and strength of the Church. Prayer enables the Church members to care for the community in God's strength and it is the primary way an individual maintains their relationship with God. As such, prayer meetings on Monday evenings

have made the transition back from being on-line to being in person again and continue to be an important part of Church life.

### **Home groups**

We have 4 Home groups running at the moment. One meets on a Wednesday afternoon and the others meet on a Thursday evening to study the bible and encourage one-another.

These groups continued to meet during lockdown over Zoom and now have made the successful transition back to being live and in person. Like the prayer meeting and the Sunday service, Home Groups encourage and spiritually build up the congregation as they look at the bible together, discuss it, prayer together and share fellowship with one another.

### **Links with other churches.**

Andy (Pastor) continues to build a relationship with the Vicar, Rev David Reith at All-Saints Church the Anglican Church in the village. We have worked well together in the Remembrance service, Good Friday service and joint school services.

Andy remains part of the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches).

On behalf of the Church Andy and Mark maintain good relationships with Reynard Way Evangelical Church, Wappenham and Slapton Church in Towcester and Pollard in Kettering.

### **Giving**

We also continue to give financially to the work of the Messengers, Friendship International Students and Hosts (FISH), Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), Sports Reach and the Manna House counselling in Northampton).

### **Olive Branch**

During lock-down the majority of the time the Olive Branch Café was closed. However, after lockdown, the Olive branch reopened and is becoming the space it is designed to be once again. That is, a space for the community to meet with one-another over a coffee or a snack, and be encouraged as they do. Many Church members also serve as a volunteer there.

### **Vision**

It is our vision and aim to provide spiritual support and care for the Church and the community. This can be achieved by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and teaching the bible and its truth's. We seek to show God's love in practical ways too. Also, it is to serve God by serving the community. To increase our knowledge and understanding of God and his plans for our lives as individuals and as a Church. To be able to welcome and relate our Christian faith better to young families venturing into Church.

To put it in language previously used: *"to so apply truth, love and direction of Jesus Christ that the church becomes a Spirit filled community within which the members grow in faith, hope and love in the likeness of Christ. Being prepared for everlasting glory and reaching out with the gospel locally, in the county and throughout the world. In all this the desire and determination of the Church will be for the glory of God."*

### **Finance**

This finances continue to enable us to provide opportunities for the community and for the ministries described above. While services were ran online, and then transitioned back to meeting live and in-person, Church Members continued to give whether through standing orders or other means.

This report along with the financial accounts suitably reflect the financial activities of Brixworth Community Church for the accounting period and the Elders approval is acknowledged.

**Rev. Andy Lloyd-Williams      Minister**

**06/01/2023**

**For and on behalf of the Elders.**

# Brixworth Community Church Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022

Description	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowments	2021-22	2020-21
<b>RECEIPTS:-</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations etc</b>					
General Fund Donations	63,843.74			63,843.74	49,484.48
Collection	5,843.29			5,843.29	9,400.53
Income from Government Grants	6,771.78			6,771.78	19,798.97
Other Donations		4,399.77		4,399.77	1,718.46
Gift Aid	15,687.75			15,687.75	13,235.76
<b>Earned from Assets</b>					
Bank Interest	1.99			1.99	336.81
Other interest received					
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>92,148.55</b>	<b>4,399.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>96,548.32</b>	<b>93,975.01</b>
<b>Other</b>					0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>92,148.55</b>	<b>4,399.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>96,548.32</b>	<b>93,975.01</b>
<b>PAYMENTS:-</b>					
<b>Charitable Purposes</b>					
Salaries & Pension Contributions	65,697.54			65,697.54	64,306.64
Employees Expenses	994.82			994.82	665.88
Donations	8,016.68	3,000.25		11,016.93	6,496.35
Premises Rental - Church	1,265.70			1,265.70	0.00
Other support	448.51			448.51	0.00
<b>Admin etc</b>					
Overheads	2,936.14			2,936.14	1,908.37
Bank Charges	95.10			95.10	170.55
Olive Shoots				0.00	31.50
Printing & Stationery	489.21	34.80		524.01	458.50
Training Courses & Conferences	256.00			256.00	0.00
<b>Other</b>					
Equipment	792.46			792.46	3,113.54
Literature & resources	559.83			559.83	0.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>81,551.99</b>	<b>3,035.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>84,587.04</b>	<b>77,151.33</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>				<b>11,961.28</b>	<b>16,823.68</b>
Transfers between funds					
<b>NET SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>				<b>11,961.28</b>	<b>16,823.68</b>
				<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
<b>Cash Funds b/fwd:-</b>					
General Bank & Cash	22,724.78			22,724.78	25,542.95
Mission Funds		4,468.00			
Fellowship Fund		2,259.03			
Messengers		30.00			
Sports Reach		624.06			
Holiday Club		628.98			
<b>Cash funds b/fwd</b>		<b>8,010.07</b>		<b>25,542.95</b>	<b>29,727.68</b>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st March 2022				2021-22	2020-21
Description	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowments	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
Fixed Term Deposit 1	10,000.00			10,000.00	10,000.00
Fixed Term Deposit 2	10,000.00			10,000.00	10,000.00
Deposit					0.00
Bank	23,321.94	10,733.52		34,055.46	22,724.78
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>43,321.94</b>	<b>10,733.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>54,055.46</b>	<b>42,724.78</b>
<b>Other Monetary assets:</b>					
Tax claim qtr 4 2020-21					2,701.85
Tax claim qtr 4 2021-22	3,332.45			3,332.45	
Prepayments					
<b>TOTAL FUNDED ASSETS</b>	<b>46,654.39</b>	<b>10,733.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>57,387.91</b>	<b>45,426.63</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>				<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
			<b>Fund to which it belongs</b>		
<b>Assets retained for Charity's own use</b>					
Yamaha P2500s amplifier			Unrestricted		
Allen & Heath Zed 24 mixer			Unrestricted		
Kramer VP-728			Unrestricted		
Asus Custom X-series laptop			Unrestricted		
Tascam CDRw900SL			Unrestricted		
Church Banner & Stands			Unrestricted		
Laptop - Pastor Andy			Unrestricted		
Laptop - Mark Palmer			Unrestricted		
Keyboard - S&A audio			Unrestricted		
Laptop Dell-G3 15			Unrestricted		
Mac Book Pro-Mark Palmer			Unrestricted		
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Analysis of Designated fund c/fwd</b>		2021-22		2021-22	2020-21
<b>Missions Funds</b>		5,022.73		5,022.73	4,468.00
<b>Fellowship Fund</b>		2,259.03		2,259.03	2,259.03
<b>Messengers</b>		30.00		30.00	30.00
<b>Sportsreach</b>		927.26		927.26	624.06
<b>Holiday Club</b>		628.98		628.98	628.98
<b>Youth Work</b>		1,414.00		1,414.00	
<b>TNT</b>		451.52		451.52	
		10,733.52	0.00	<b>10,733.52</b>	<b>8,010.07</b>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRIXWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH  
(Registered charity number 1188559)**

I report on the charity accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022 of Brixworth Community Church.

**Respective responsibilities of Treasurer and examiner**

The Treasurer of Brixworth Community Church is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity/church and a comparison of the accounts prepared from those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking of explanations from the Treasurer, concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiners Statement**

These accounts are in agreement with the accounting records of Brixworth Community Church and with information and explanations provided to me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex J A Fry', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Alexander J A Fry FCCA**

*Independent Accountant*

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*5th January 2023*