

Brixworth Community Church

Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2023

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

We continue to meet at Brixworth Primary School on Sundays. The attendance has moved back to being around sixty to seventy. We have seen new visitors and 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 of differing personalities and spiritual and practical needs.

Outreach into the Community

- The Pensioners lunch continues weekly at the Olive Branch. 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 continues to meet in person and is well supported and attended by mums, carers and their children from the community.
- Dynamites children's group continues on Friday evenings. This is well attended by the community and supported by volunteers.

Young people

On Sundays we continue to run a full programme for young people. Junior Church can still have up to 10 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 continue to being in person again and continue to be an important part of Church life.

Residential services

Mark Palmer now regularly goes into Pytchley Court Care Home to hold a short Church style service for residents.

Home groups

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

These groups continue to meet and are vital to spiritually building 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 give financially to the work of the Messengers, Missionaries in Albania, Burkina Faso and Kenya, The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), Sports Reach and the Manna House counselling.

Food share

Food share started during Covid and is a food gathering and distribution ministry for those in need. This is mainly done over School term breaks and is now starting to grow.

Olive Branch

The Olive branch Coffee Shop remains a busy hub for the community. That is, a space for folk 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

The finances continue to enable us to provide opportunities for the community and for the ministries described above. 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

06/01/2024

For and on behalf of the Elders.

Brixworth Community Church Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023

| Description | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowments | 2022-23 | 2021-22 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | |
| RECEIPTS:- | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations etc | | | | | |
| General Fund Donations | 60,375.11 | | | 60,375.11 | 63,843.74 |
| Collection | 8,681.64 | | | 8,681.64 | 5,843.29 |
| Income from Government Grants | | | | | 6,771.78 |
| Other Donations | | 4,026.28 | | 4,026.28 | 4,399.77 |
| Gift Aid | 15,180.21 | | | 15,180.21 | 15,687.75 |
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| Earned from Assets | | | | | |
| Bank Interest | 37.92 | | | 37.92 | 1.99 |
| Other interest received | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Sub Total | 84,274.88 | 4,026.28 | 0.00 | 88,301.16 | 96,548.32 |
| Other | | | | | 0.00 |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 84,274.88 | 4,026.28 | 0.00 | 88,301.16 | 96,548.32 |
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| PAYMENTS:- | | | | | |
| Charitable Purposes | | | | | |
| Salaries & Pension Contributions | 68,685.12 | | | 68,685.12 | 65,697.54 |
| Employees Expenses | 1,456.46 | | | 1,456.46 | 994.82 |
| Donations | 7,760.27 | 299.61 | | 8,059.88 | 11,016.93 |
| Premises Rental - Church | 2,263.75 | | | 2,263.75 | 1,265.70 |
| Other support | 1,280.00 | 1,335.00 | | 2,615.00 | 448.51 |
| | | | | | |
| Admin etc | | | | | |
| Overheads | 1,717.38 | 3,147.19 | | 4,864.57 | 2,936.14 |
| Bank Charges | 84.00 | | | 84.00 | 95.10 |
| Olive Shoots | | | | | 0.00 |
| Printing & Stationery | 323.08 | | | 323.08 | 524.01 |
| Training Courses & Conferences | | | | | 256.00 |
| | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | |
| Equipment | 1,419.74 | | | 1,419.74 | 792.46 |
| Literature & resources | 927.49 | | | 927.49 | 559.83 |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 85,917.29 | 4,781.80 | 0.00 | 90,699.09 | 84,587.04 |
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| OPERATING DEFICIT / SURPLUS | | | | -2,397.93 | 11,961.28 |
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| Transfers between funds | | | | | |
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| NET DEFICIT / SURPLUS | | | | -2,397.93 | 11,961.28 |
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| | | | | 2022-2023 | 2021-2022 |
| Cash Funds b/fwd:- | | | | | |
| General Bank & Cash | 23,321.94 | | | 23,321.94 | 22,724.78 |
| Mission Funds | | 5,022.73 | | | |
| Fellowship Fund | | 2,259.03 | | | |
| Messengers | | 30.00 | | | |
| Sports Reach | | 927.26 | | | |
| Holiday Club | | 628.98 | | | |
| Youth Work | | 1,414.00 | | | |
| TNT | | 451.52 | | | |
| Cash funds b/fwd | | 10,733.52 | | 23,321.94 | 22,724.78 |

| Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st March 2023 | | | | 2022-23 | | 2021-22 |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| Description | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowments | Total | | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | | £ |
| Cash Funds | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Currant Accounts | 20,038.15 | 11,565.40 | | 31,603.55 | | 34,055.46 |
| Sub total | 40,038.15 | 11,565.40 | 0.00 | 51,603.55 | | 54,055.46 |
| Other Monetary assets: | | | | | | |
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| Tax claim qtr 4 2021-22 | | | | | | 3,332.45 |
| Tax claim qtr 4 2022-23 | 3,386.43 | | | 3,386.43 | | |
| Prepayments | | | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDED ASSETS | 43,424.58 | 11,565.40 | 0.00 | 54,989.98 | | 57,387.91 |
| Investment assets | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | Fund to which it belongs | | | |
| Assets retained for Charity's own use | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | |
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| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Analysis of Designated fund c/fwd | | 2022-23 | | 2022-23 | | 2021-22 |
| Missions Funds | | 6,120.80 | | 6,120.80 | | 5,022.73 |
| Fellowship Fund | | 1,474.03 | | 1,474.03 | | 2,259.03 |
| Messengers | | 42.00 | | 42.00 | | 30.00 |
| Sportsreach | | 162.21 | | 162.21 | | 927.26 |
| Holiday Club | | 1,400.84 | | 1,400.84 | | 628.98 |
| Youth Work | | 1,865.52 | | 1,865.52 | | 1,414.00 |
| Paster Sabbatical | | 500.00 | | 500.00 | | 451.52 |
| | | 11,565.40 | 0.00 | 11,565.40 | | 10,733.52 |
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**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 2023 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 Fry', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Alexander J A Fry FCCA
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24th January 2024