

BRISTOL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR END
31 MARCH 2025**

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BRISTOL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH UK

UK Charity Number: 1198548

ANNUAL WORK REPORT

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This document contains the Bristol Pentecostal Church's (BPC) annual work report, extended by three months and organized under relevant headings.

2024

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Bristol Pentecostal Church was held under the leadership of the esteemed Church Minister, Pastor Saji Samuel. The meeting commenced with expressions of gratitude to God for His faithfulness and the blessings bestowed upon the church.

Following the opening, former Church Secretary Brother Thomas Manamel presented and submitted the Annual Report covering the period from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023. Subsequently, an amendment concerning the resignation of Trustee Brother Thomas John was proposed by Brother Nixon Sam. This amendment was added to the report and passed by Brother Nixon Sam and seconded by Brother Anub Samuel.

Thereafter, Church Treasurer Brother Bibin Varghese presented and submitted the Financial Report for the same period. The Financial Report was passed by Brother Johnley James and seconded by Brother Jiju John.

Following the presentation of the reports, the previous Church Council was officially dissolved, and new members were elected during the AGM.

For the position of Church Secretary, Evangelist Ajay Koshy John was suggested by Brother Thomas Manamel and seconded by Brother Nixon Sam. Brother Lijo Reji was suggested as Church Treasurer by Evangelist Ajay Koshy John, with Brother Thomas Manamel seconding the nomination. On September 1st, 2024, as Brother Lijo Reji left for Cornwall, Brother Siju Kurian was appointed as Church Treasurer.

For the role of Sisters' Coordinator, Sister Sheba Ajay was suggested by Sister Sibi Bipin and seconded by Sister Lalu Nibu. Subsequently, Sister Sibi Bipin was suggested as Assistant Sisters' Coordinator by Sister Mercy Saji and seconded by Sister Feba Jiju.

Regarding the Youth Ministry, Sister Feba Jiju was suggested as Youth Coordinator by Brother Thomas Manamel and seconded by Brother Albert Thomas. Brother Aaron Thomas was suggested as Assistant Youth Coordinator by Brother Bipin Varghese and seconded by Brother Anub Samuel. Sister Mercy Saji was appointed as the Sunday School in-charge, suggested by Sister Lalu Nibu and seconded by Sister Linta Thomas. Finally, Brother Anub Samuel was nominated as Auditor by Brother Bipin Varghese, and Brother Johnley James was nominated as Joint Secretary by Brother Thomas Manamel.

The church offered prayers for the newly elected members, seeking God's guidance and strength as they undertake their responsibilities in advancing His Kingdom.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Over the past 15 months, the Church Council has convened seven meetings. As per church governance practices, all decisions made during these meetings were communicated to the congregation for approval, ensuring transparency and collective agreement. The specific decisions and programs implemented by the council are detailed below.

01. A two-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) was scheduled on May 31st and June 1st, 2024.
02. The Church agreed to host the COG UK & EU 17th National Conference at Trinity Academy, Bristol, from July 26th to 28th, 2024.
03. A one-day church trip to Weymouth Beach was planned for August 17, 2024.
04. The Annual Fasting Prayer was scheduled over three days - 31st October 1st and 2nd November 2024.
05. The Sunday School examination date was fixed for December 17, 2024.
06. Sunday School, Youth and Sister's Anniversary was scheduled on 21st December 2024
07. The church's financial year was changed to end on March 31, 2025, replacing the previous year-end date of December 31, 2024, as per Charity Commission guidelines.
08. Farewell services were held for departing families: Brother Lijo and family, Brother Robin and family, and Brother Joel Saji.
09. A contribution of £500 was made to Kingsholm Church as a gift for lavatory and washroom maintenance.
10. The fund transferred for Mission support- Bihar in 2024.
11. Indian charitable support was extended to two families at £500 each, totalling £1,000.
12. Five local charities were supported with donations of £200 each, totalling £1,000.
13. Utility bills for Kingsholm Church will now be paid based on actual usage.
14. A donation of £100 was made to support the COG Kerala 102nd General Convention 2025.
15. A donation of £80 was made to support the EMPC One-Day Family Conference 2024.

WORSHIP

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Psalms 95:6
Bristol Pentecostal Church holds its Sunday worship services at Kingsholm Church from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. On the first Sunday of each month, the congregation partakes in the Lord's Table, commemorating the suffering and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Malayalam services are led by Pastor Saji Samuel; in his absence,

Associate Pastor Evangelist Ajay Koshy John presides over the meetings. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Pastor Saji Samuel for his unwavering dedication and faithful service to our church.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS & CHAIN PRAYERS

BPC conducts online prayer meetings via Zoom every Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Also, every Tuesday, members of Bristol Pentecostal Church participate in a chain prayer- a coordinated initiative where individuals unite in continuous intercession. This collective effort fosters spiritual unity and underscores the power of prayer within our congregation. These gatherings focus on interceding for our nation, global events, the sick and unwell, the repentance and edification of believers, and the well-being of families. The meetings are led by Pastor Saji Samuel and Evangelist Ajay Koshy John. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all families who participate, lead, and intercede during these prayer sessions.

FASTING PRAYER

On the first Saturday of each month, Bristol Pentecostal Church conducts fasting prayer sessions in two parts: a morning session from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM and an evening session from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. These gatherings are led by Pastor Saji Samuel and Evangelist Ajay Koshy John. We have also been blessed by visiting pastors who have supported us by sharing the Word of God. The church extends heartfelt gratitude to all guest ministers who have enriched our fellowship through their ministry.

Pastors who ministered to us were:

Pr. Roy George	Pr. Habel
Pr. C. K Johnson	Pr. Reji Antony
Pr. J. John	Pr. David Joseph
Pr. Stephen Benjamin	Pr. Ajeesh C K
Pr. James Mathew	Pr. Blesson Abraham
Pr. Alex	Pr. George Daniel
Pr. James John	Br. Urie, Ukraine (Charity Worker)
Pr. Sibin Kurian	

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs: 22:6)
Sunday School sessions are held every Sunday, excluding the first Sunday of each month. Currently, 22 children are enrolled, organised into six classes. We extend our sincere gratitude to Sister Mercy Saji for her leadership of the BPC Sunday School and to the dedicated teachers: Brother Blesson Varghese, Brother Jiju John, Sister Sibi Bipin, Sister Anjala Anub, Sister Feba Jiju, and Sister Sharon Blesson. Their commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth of our children is deeply appreciated.

SISTERS MEETING

The sisters' meetings at Bristol Pentecostal Church are held based on the availability of members and coordinators. During these gatherings, participants engage in prayer for various topics and for the blessing and growth of the church. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Sister Sheba Ajay and Sister Sibi Bipin for their initiative in coordinating these meetings and organising meals on special occasions, particularly following fasting prayers. We also express our gratitude to all the sisters who actively participate in these sessions.

YOUTH MEETING

The youth meeting at BPC is held on the last Sunday of each month. During these sessions, participants of all ages engage in various activities, including singing, sharing messages, reciting Bible chapters, and participating in Bible quizzes. We extend our sincere appreciation to Sister Feba Jiju and Brother Aaron Manamel for their dedicated leadership in organising and conducting these meetings. Additionally, we express our gratitude to the Bible quizmaster Sister Sheba Ajay for her diligent efforts and support. May God abundantly bless each of you.

ENGLISH MEETING

Bristol Pentecostal Church has been holding monthly English services on Saturdays, based on the availability of Evangelist Ajay Koshy John. These gatherings have provided a platform for our youth to actively participate in worship, share the Word of God. and foster spiritual growth. We extend our sincere gratitude to Brother Joel Saji for his dedicated efforts in encouraging the youth and leading worship sessions. Additionally, we appreciate Brother Jiju John for stepping in to share the Word and lead the meetings during Evangelist Ajay Koshy John's absence. Their contributions have been instrumental in nurturing the spiritual development of our congregation.

NEW MEMBERS

Over the past 15 months, Bristol Pentecostal Church has been blessed with the addition of several new members to our congregation. We warmly welcome Brother Blesson Varghese and his family, Brother Godly Thomas and his family, Sister Sherin Mathew, Sister Merin and her family, Sr. Tessy, Sr. Angel Albert, Sr. Sneha, and Sr. Chelsea into our church family. We are grateful for their presence and look forward to growing together in faith and fellowship.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.' Psalms 116:15
Bristol Pentecostal Church experienced a profound loss with the unexpected passing of Brother T. S. Punnoose, the beloved father of Sister Tissymol Punnoose. During this time of grief, the congregation united in prayer and support, offering comfort and strength to the family. We continue to uphold them in our prayers, trusting in God's peace to sustain them.

LOCAL CHARITY

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. (Proverbs 19:17)

By God's grace, we have been able to support local charities in Bristol and the surrounding areas.

In Hope Bristol Charity	£ 200/-
St. Peter's Hospice	£ 200/-
One 25 Charity	£ 200/-
Bible Society	£ 200/-
Barnabas Aid	£ 200/-

CHURCH OUTING

Bristol Pentecostal Church organized a one-day trip to Weymouth Beach, providing a coach for transportation. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all members and their families who participated in this outing. Special thanks to Manna Cater for arranging the meals for the church during this event. The expenses for the trip were shared among each family and individual involved.

VBS

By God's grace, Bristol Pentecostal Church organised a two-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Kingsholm Church on 31st May and 1st June 2024. The event featured various activities for children and was attended by over 70 participants. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Sibin Kurian and Sister Aksa Sibin for leading the sessions with dedication and enthusiasm. Special thanks also to Sister Mercy Saji for her invaluable support in coordinating the event, contributing significantly to its success.

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH AND SISTER'S ANNIVERSARY

On 21/12/2024, Bristol Pentecostal Church celebrated its anniversary with a joyful gathering attended by guests from various churches across the UK. The event featured active participation from members of all ages, who contributed through songs, Bible skits, dances, action songs, Bible quizzes, and imaginative presentations. We sincerely thank Brother Blesson Varghese for delivering an inspiring message and sharing the Word of God. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the youth programs, and we also recognised the dedication of our Sunday School teachers and the youth and sister coordinators, whose hard work made the day truly special.

COG UK & EU 17TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Bristol Pentecostal Church had the honor of hosting the 17th Church of God UK & EU National Conference from 26th to 28th July 2024 at Trinity Academy, Bristol. The event was attended by over 2,000 believers from across the UK and Europe, making it a significant gathering for our community. Through God's grace and meticulous planning, every member of BPC contributed to the success of the conference. Responsibilities such as venue coordination, safeguarding, essential safety measures, parking management, cleaning, catering support, and waste disposal were diligently managed by our dedicated congregation. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Brother Bipin Varghese, Sister Lalu Nibu for their leadership and to all church members for their unwavering commitment and hard work, which were instrumental in making the conference a resounding success.

CASH IN HAND

Church Council has decided to keep £ 250.00 cash in hand, instead of the previous decision made, which was £ 200.00. This will be active from the current financial year onwards.

CONCLUSION

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11).

Over the past fifteen months, by God's abundant grace, Bristol Pentecostal Church has reached several meaningful milestones. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of our congregation for your steadfast support through prayer, service, and financial contributions. Your unity and dedication have been instrumental in all that we have accomplished.

We also offer special thanks to the leaders of Kingsholm Church for graciously providing us with a place of worship. Your generosity has greatly enriched our spiritual journey.

I sincerely acknowledge the Church Council members for their faithful leadership and commitment in guiding the church. Your efforts have been vital in shaping our church community, and we continue to pray for God's blessings on your service.

As we look ahead, let us remain united in spirit and purpose. Our unity will strengthen the fellowship and love among us and serve as a testimony to the Kingdom of God. We give all glory, honor, and praise to the Lord for His unfailing guidance and the blessings we have witnessed.

With great joy and gratitude, I, Ajay Koshy John, Secretary, on behalf of the Bristol Pentecostal Church Council, humbly submit this report to the church on April 27th, 2025. We look forward to continued growth and prosperity in the days ahead.

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act), to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and to state whether matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report:

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement:

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which record with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting records of the 1993 Act have not been met; or to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jaison Varghese Zachariah



Vectra Management Consultancy

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Categories	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Last year
Receipts			
Donation and gifts	-	-	50.00
Offering	8,995.56	8,995.56	11,084.19
Other	2,420.61	2,420.61	4,799.00
Tithe	14,350.00	14,350.00	9,978.00
Sub total	25,766.17	25,766.17	25,911.19
Total receipts	25,766.17	25,766.17	25,911.19
Payments			
Rent	4,040.00	4,040.00	2,347.00
Refreshments	275.00	275.00	2,904.26
Software & IT	150.00	150.00	324.69
Honorarium to Guest Pastors	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,873.15
Events	1,540.94	1,540.94	700.00
Donations	6,613.04	6,613.04	4,910.65
Printing and stationery	1,361.17	1,361.17	300.22
Other Expenditure	2,240.26	2,240.26	2,804.64
Accountants fees	250.00	250.00	250.00
Travelling Expenses	1,194.51	1,194.51	-
Sub total	19,764.92	19,764.92	17,414.61
Total Payments	19,764.92	19,764.92	17,414.61
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,001.25	6,001.25	8,496.58
Cash funds last year end	35,423.02	35,423.02	
Cash funds this year end	41,424.31	41,424.31	8,496.58

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds
Cash funds		
	Cash in hand	250.00
	Bristol Pentecostal Church Community Account	41,174.31
	Total Cash Funds	41,424.31

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 15-Nov-2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Saji Samuel
Chair



Thomas Varghese Manamel
Trustee

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2. Income from Donations and Legacies

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£
Donation and gifts	-	-
Offering	8,995.56	8,995.56
Other	2,420.61	2,420.61
Tithe	14,350.00	14,350.00
Total	25,766.17	25,766.17

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Total funds 2025
	£
Honorarium to Guest Pastors	2,100.00
Events	1,540.94
Donations	6,613.04
Printing and stationery	1,361.17
Travelling Expenses	1,194.51
Total	12,809.66

4. Support Costs

Analysis	Total funds 2025 £
Rent	4,040.00
Accountancy fees	250.00
	4,290.00

5. Other Expenditure

Analysis	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £
Refreshments	275.00	275.00
Software & IT	150.00	150.00
Other Expenditure	2,240.26	2,240.26
Total	2,665.26	2,665.26

6. Cash at bank and in hand

	Total funds 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	250.00
Bristol Pentecostal Church Community Account	41,174.31
Total	41,424.31

7. Charity funds**7.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period**

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds						
General Fund	35,423.02	25,766.17	19,764.92	-	-	41,424.27
Total	35,423.02	25,766.17	19,764.92	-	-	41,424.27