

# BRIDGE CHURCH GORNAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1205484

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-10-30

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AS AN INDEPENDENT EVANGELICAL CHURCH AND A MEMBER OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

**Activities:** In the fulfilling its purpose the Church will engage in a range of activities on its own and with others that will vary from time to time: regular public worship, prayer, Bible Study, baptism, Holy Communion, serving its local community through sharing the good news of Jesus and social action and pastoral care; nurture new Christians and work together with other churches.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Dudley

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£15,319	£24,019	-	-
2024-09-30	£12,886	£23,675	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Steven Ernest Carpenter</b>	Chair	2023-04-12
Janet Ferris		2024-02-06
Richard Morley Flewellen		2023-04-12

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# Accounts

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Bridge Church Gornal

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period

from 01/10/2024

To

30/09/2025

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	10,254	-	-	10,254	10,062
Refund	1,166	-	-	1,166	124
Misc donations	233	-	-	233	-
Interest	3,666	-	-	3,666	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-	2,700
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>15,319</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,319</b>	<b>12,886</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>15,319</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,319</b>	<b>12,886</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Pastor	17,491	-	-	17,491	17,833
Building hire	2,910	-	-	2,910	1,680
Safeguarding	231	-	-	231	157
Church mission	1,555	-	-	1,555	1,415
Gifts to missions	375	-	-	375	539
Visiting speakers	730	-	-	730	850
Insurance	256	-	-	256	243
Sundries	471	-	-	471	958
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24,019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,019</b>	<b>23,675</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>24,019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,019</b>	<b>23,675</b>





## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

Charity name: Bridge Church Gornal

Charity registration number: 1205484

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith as an independent evangelical church and a member of the Evangelical Alliance for the benefit of the public. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>In fulfilling its Purpose, the Church will engage in a range of Activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with Activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate. The Activities may include but are not restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching</li> <li>• Baptism of believers by immersion in water</li> <li>• The Communion of the Lord's Supper on a regular basis</li> <li>• Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally</li> <li>• The teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people</li> <li>• Nurture and growth of Christian disciples</li> <li>• Education and training for Christian and community service</li> <li>• Giving and encouraging pastoral care</li> <li>• Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad</li> <li>• Encouraging relationships with other Christians</li> </ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Charity

		<p>appreciated to help people develop in their faith.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our monthly Charity Coffee Morning continues to provide a comfortable, friendly, safe space for mainly mature adults. £785 was donated to charity.</li> <li>• The monthly Saturday Community Café continues to prove popular with regular and new attendees centred around easy crafts and opportunity to chat.</li> <li>• Two successful and popular quiz nights took place throughout the year with hot and cold food available as part of our outreach into the community.</li> <li>• Community Carol Service with the TG Singers from Sedgley performing and leading the carols.</li> <li>• We partnered with St Paul's Vineyard Church with their toy appeal with local residents and the local primary school donating toys for needy families at Christmas. In conjunction with this local residents donated redundant small tools to donate to Tools with a Mission.</li> <li>• There is a strong relationship with local churches with their pastors meeting fairly regularly for fellowship and prayer.</li> <li>• The pastor continues taking assemblies in the local primary school and the church helped provide refreshments for the Sport's Day and Dance Festival, which was much appreciated by the school and parents with money raised supporting the school.</li> <li>• Chaplaincy at Ellowes Hall Secondary School also continues a weekly by the pastor giving continuity with the children going up to secondary school.</li> <li>• Chaplaincy began with the local scouts group and their various sections with the pastor serving as chair of trustees.</li> <li>• Lego Church started on a monthly basis, but has proved challenging to attract children and their parents with their other commitments.</li> </ul>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At year end, the charity had £93,566
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Historically, reserves are such for building construction or purchase.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Rev Steven Carpenter	Pastor		Annual General Meeting of congregational members
2	Richard Flewelling			Ditto
3	Robert Ferris	Church Secretary		Ditto
4	Janet Ferris			Ditto
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

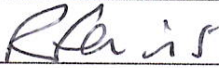
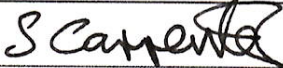
**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Robert Ferris	Rev Steven Carpenter
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Church Secretary	Pastor
Date	27 November 2024	27 November 2024

**BRIDGE CHURCH GORNAL**

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**Period start date:** 1 October 2022    **Period end date:** 30 September 2023

**Charity name:** Bridge Church Gornal

**Charity registration number:** 1205484

### Objectives and Activities

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In fulfilling its Purpose, the Church will engage in a range of Activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with Activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate. The Activities may include but are not restricted to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching</li> <li>• Baptism of believers by immersion in water</li> <li>• The Communion of the Lord's Supper on a regular basis</li> <li>• Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally</li> <li>• The teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people</li> <li>• Nurture and growth of Christian disciples</li> <li>• Education and training for Christian and community service</li> <li>• Giving and encouraging pastoral care</li> <li>• Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad</li> <li>• Encouraging relationships with other Christians</li> </ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Bridge Church Gornal fulfils the requirement for public benefit contained in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' published by the Charity Commission through its activities.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Appointment of new Pastor, Rev Steven Carpenter in January 2023 who has introduced new vision, organisation and brought the church to a secure footing.</p> <p>We have seen new people join us on a Sunday for worship and a new band member playing guitar. The band has significantly enhanced the worship music and the congregation have engaged confidently.</p> <p>Teaching series' has been similarly with a Lent theme 'Why the Cross of Jesus is Good News', 'When God breaks through' for Pentecost and 'Encounters with Jesus' from the Gospels.</p> <p>The monthly Charity Coffee Morning continues to be very popular with regular participants who benefit from friendship and great hospitality.</p> <p>Life Group have been uplifting and beneficial with themes like 'The Questions God asks' (of us).</p>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set		
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Church reserves policy is for 6 months of future expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Engagement of a new pastor is seen as an investment of current funds with the goal of increasing voluntary giving through new members.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution for an association
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause [15] (Retirement and removal of charity trustees), or as an additional charity trustee.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

**Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name	Bridge Church Gornal
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1205484
Charity's principal address	A private home address as the Church does not own a building.

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Rev Steven Carpenter	Pastor	12 April 2023	Trustees or Church Members
2	Richard Flewellen		12 April 2023	Trustees or Church Members
3	Robert Ferris	Secretary	12 April 2023	Trustees or Church Members
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

### Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Charity's principal address - private home address. Contact details for the charity can be found via its website.

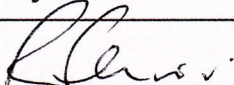
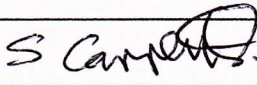
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Robert Ferris	Rev Steven Carpenter
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Church Secretary	Pastor
Date	28 October 2024	28 October 2024



**Receipts and payments accounts**

Bridge Church Gornal

For the period		To	
from	01/10/2023		30/09/2024

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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	10,062	-	-	10,062	-
Legacy	2,700	-	-	2,700	-
Refund	124	-	-	124	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross Income for AR)</b>	<b>12,886</b>	-	-	<b>12,886</b>	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	-	-	<b>-</b>	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>12,886</b>	-	-	<b>12,886</b>	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Pastor	17,833	-	-	17,833	-
Building hire	1,680	-	-	1,680	-
Safeguarding	157	-	-	157	-
Church mission	1,415	-	-	1,415	-
Gifts to missions	539	-	-	539	-
Visiting speakers	850	-	-	850	-
Insurance	243	-	-	243	-
Sundries	958	-	-	958	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,675</b>	-	-	<b>23,675</b>	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	-	-	<b>-</b>	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>23,675</b>	-	-	<b>23,675</b>	-



Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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**Section C Summary of Church internal organisations reporting to the Trustees**

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments in year	Opening balances	Closing balances
Monthly Coffee Morning	1400	1,126	274	340	66
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1400	1126	274	340	66
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH					102,333

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature: 

Print Name: S Carpenter

Date of approval: 29/10/2024

Print Name: R Flewellen

Date of approval: 29/10/2024

Note: No independent examination required as charity's gross income is under £25,000