

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

	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"> • Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching • Baptism of believers by immersion in water • The Communion of the Lord's Supper on a regular basis • Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally • The teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people • Nurture and growth of Christian disciples • Education and training for Christian and community service • Giving and encouraging pastoral care • Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad • Encouraging relationships with other Christians
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:

	Para 1.41	
--	-----------	--

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

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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)

--

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.

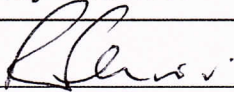
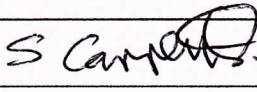
Other optional information

--

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

CC16a
adapted

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

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	10,062	-	-	10,062	-
Legacy	2,700	-	-	2,700	-
Refund	124	-	-	124	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,886	-	-	12,886	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,886	-	-	12,886	-
A3 Payments					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,675	-	-	23,675	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,675	-	-	23,675	-

Net of receipts/(payments)		-	10,789	-	10,789	-
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		113,056	-	-	113,056	-
Cash funds this year end		102,267	-	-	102,267	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £	
	Current account	11,922	-	-	-	-	-
	Deposit account	90,345	-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	102,267	-	-	-	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £	
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £	
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £	
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-

	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

B5 Liabilities

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
Date of approval

S Carpenter

R Flewellen

29/10/2024

29/10/2024

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