

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period 3 October 2024 to 31 March 2025
for
The Bridge Christian Fellowship
Trading as The Bridge Christian Fellowship
Hull and East Yorkshire**

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**Report of the Trustees
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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 3 October 2024 to 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

The Bridge Christian Fellowship Trustees aim to advance the Christian faith, primarily - but not exclusively - for people residing in East Yorkshire and the city of Hull, for the benefit of the public.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Bridge Christian Fellowship seeks to promote the Christian faith by providing a place of worship, regular services, study groups, and prayer meetings; by offering pastoral care; and by undertaking outreach or other missional activities as appropriate.

All activities are carried out in accordance with the Statement of Faith of the Evangelical Alliance of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Fellowship may also pursue additional charitable purposes that express and apply the Christian faith in practical ways. These include, but are not limited to, the prevention and relief of poverty, sickness, or hardship in the United Kingdom and beyond through the provision of funds, goods, or services.

The Trustees have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance when deciding what activities to undertake.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Worship Service

Services are held at 6:30pm each Sunday in Swanland Village Hall, consisting of times of worship, preaching, communion, prayer etc. Chris was supported by Dave & Veronica who shared preaching responsibilities and Dave and Shirley who shared leading sung worship responsibilities. We were also supported by guest speakers and guest musicians on some services.

Attendance remained steady, with some members moving on and others joining. The Fellowship has existed for under two years and has grown from nine initial attendees.

Study Group

The Thursday evening Bible study continues to grow in attendance and engagement. Meetings, hosted in various homes, provide fellowship, pastoral support, and teaching.

Ecumenical

Chris is meeting with two other church leaders in the village of Swanland where the fellowship meets. This increase in ecumenical working has led to a joint carol service between all three churches and supporting a well-known Christian author Adrian Plass event held at Christ Church in Swanland during World Book Week.

Outreach

Fellowship musicians partnered with a local pub to lead nearly twenty carols for the community, followed by a well-attended Christmas concert inviting a local choir the Sunday before Christmas.

We have also held special events in a more relaxed atmosphere with food and interviews. These events were well-attended with new people engaging with the Fellowship.

Mission Giving

The Fellowship donated money to Swanland Educational Africa Trust and Open Doors.

Local Connections

Chris attends Swanland Village Association meetings alongside representatives from the parish council, Swanland Primary School, Women's Institute and others, to strengthen links and support community wellbeing initiatives.

The Trustees would like to express their gratitude for the continued commitment, generosity and support of all who work so hard to make our church a vibrant and loving community. Over the last two years we have seen a steady growth of worship, community engagement and partnership with local organisations.

The Trustees will continue to faithfully and responsibly steward resources and prioritise activities that promote the Christian faith and benefit the public. They express sincere thanks to volunteers, partner churches, prayer partners, donors, and all who have supported the Fellowship's mission.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Trustees, under the governing documents, aim to maintain an unrestricted reserves balance of at least 3 months of expenditure. Which, using the figures within these financial reports, is £4,000. The current balance exceeds this requirement due to the free reserves held of £20,595.

Total reserves held within the Charity are all unreserved at this time, there are no funds held under restricted, designated or endowment covenants.

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FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship with the Fellowship and to strengthening worship services. This includes developing the worship service, links with the local community and other ecumenical bodies in the area. Some of our plans include:

VE Day

Joining with other churches and village organisations in an act of remembrance.

Swanland Festival

Participating in the festival weekend with a Gospel concert.

Family Fun Day

Providing activities for families in the local area and promoting the charity's aims.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Bridge Christian Fellowship, Hull and East Yorkshire is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) whose only voting members are its charity trustees. Full details of that charity's structure can be found in its constitution.

The charity trustees shall manage the affairs of the charity and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the charity. The Trustees met three times during the six month period with full attendance.

Trustees who have served from 3 Oct 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex-officio	Christopher Fleetcroft (appointed 3 Oct 2024)
First Charity Trustees	Peter Podbury (appointed 3 Oct 2024, resigned 27 Mar 2025) Mark Wallis (appointed 3 Oct 2024)
Appointed Trustees	Dumbor Ngaage (joined 20 Jan 2025) Paul Copley (joined 20 Jan 2025) Shirley Waters (joined 20 Jan 2025) David John Waters (joined 20 Jan 2025)

The senior pastor shall automatically ("ex-officio") be a charity trustee for as long as he hold that office. If unwilling to act as a charity trustee the office holder may:

a) before accepting appointment as a charity trustee, give notice in writing to the trustees of his or her unwillingness to act in that capacity: or

b) after accepting appointment as a charity trustee resign under the provisions contained in clause [12] (Retirement and removal of charity trustees). The office of ex officio charity trustee will then remain vacant until the office holder ceases to hold office.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for two years, by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her appointment a copy of the current version of the constitution, a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts. As part of their induction the Trustee will also receive the Charity Commission's guidance on trusteeship in any media now known or developed in the future and be offered professional safe guarding training appropriate to their role. The appointment of any new Trustee is conditional upon completing the relevant DBS checks.

Related parties

The charity is registered as a church with Churches in Communities International and has applied for membership of the Evangelical Alliance.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1210323

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Principal address

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Trustees

Mr D J Waters (appointed 20.1.25)
Mrs S J Waters (appointed 20.1.25)
Dr D L Ngaage (appointed 20.1.25)
Rev P Copley (appointed 20.1.25)
Mr C A Fleetcroft (appointed 3.10.24)
Mr M R Wallis (appointed 3.10.24)
Mr P Podbury (appointed 3.10.24) (resigned 27.3.25)

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 04/01/2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr M R Wallis - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Bridge Christian Fellowship**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Bridge Christian Fellowship

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Bridge Christian Fellowship (the Trust) for the period 3 October 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Laura J Drew
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 06/01/2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Period 3 October 2024 to 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM		
Donations and legacies		<u>35,577</u>
EXPENDITURE ON		
Raising funds		4,637
Charitable activities		
General		<u>10,345</u>
Total		<u>14,982</u>
NET INCOME		20,595
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>20,595</u></u>

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**Balance Sheet
31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	4	440
Cash at bank		22,675
		<u>23,115</u>
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(2,520)
		<u>20,595</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		
		<u>20,595</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
		<u>20,595</u>
NET ASSETS		
		<u>20,595</u>
FUNDS	6	
Unrestricted funds		20,595
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>20,595</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 04/01/2026 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr M R Wallis - Trustee

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Period 3 October 2024 to 31 March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the functional and presentation currency is the pound sterling.

The current reporting period is shorter than one year due to this being the first year of operation. For this reason, there are not comparative figures to disclose.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Gifts in kind:

i) Assets given for distribution by the funds are included in the Statement of Financial Activities only when distributed.

ii) Assets given for use by the funds (e.g. property for its own occupation) are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as income when receivable.

In all cases the amount at which gifts in kind are brought into account is either a reasonable estimate of their value to the funds or the amount actually realised. The basis of the valuation is disclosed in the annual report.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Although these estimates are based on the Directors' best knowledge of the amount, events or actions, actual results ultimately differ from these estimates. The Directors do not consider there to be any material estimates and judgements.

Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments, including trade and other debtors and creditors, are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

During the year £3,600 was paid to trustee C Fleetcroft for services provided to the church.

3. AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees during the year was NIL.

4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Prepayments	440
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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Other creditors	2,520
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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	20,595	20,595
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,595</u>	<u>20,595</u>

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	35,577	(14,982)	20,595
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>35,577</u>	<u>(14,982)</u>	<u>20,595</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 March 2025.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	
Donations and legacies	
Donations	30,233
Church services	5,344
	35,577
Total incoming resources	35,577
EXPENDITURE	
Other trading activities	
Freewill contributions	1,250
Church rent	3,138
Insurances	249
	4,637
Charitable activities	
Computer and IT costs	540
Telephone	112
Postage and stationery	731
Sundries	210
Safeguarding	229
Upkeep of services	2,403
	4,225
Support costs	
Governance costs	
Professional fees	3,600
Accountancy and legal fees	2,520
	6,120
Total resources expended	14,982
Net income	20,595

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements