

**BRIDGE CHURCH UK**  
**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 August 2025**

**Charity Number: 1211800**

## **Bridge Church UK**

### **Legal and Administrative Information**

*Report of the trustees for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025*

Full Charity Name: Bridge Church UK

Working Name: Bridge Church

Charity Number: 1211800

Governing Instrument: Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Legal Status: Unincorporated Charity

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### **Board of Trustees for the period from 1 September 2024 to the date of this report:**

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Minister and Chair: | Reverend David Miller                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Minutes Secretary:  | Ann Hobden (from 19 December 2024)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Lay pastors:        | Philip Parsons<br>Jo Parsons (to 20 January 2025)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Other trustees:     | Christine Hordley (from 19 December 2024)<br>Nicola Hosking<br>John Murray (from 26 January 2025)<br>Andrew North (from 26 January 2025)<br>Thomas Rutter<br>Sandra Smale (from 19 December 2024)<br>Tracey Venning (to 31 October 2024)<br>Lucie Worth (to 31 January 2025) |

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### **Additional Legal and Administrative Information**

Bookkeeper: Budd's Bookkeeping

Independent Examiner:

Andrew Wing  
Wing's Accountants  
Pearl Assurance House  
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Solicitors: Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP  
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134 Edmund Street  
Birmingham  
B3 2ES

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### **Structures, governance and management**

Governing document: Deed of union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

The Minister of the church is the Reverend David Miller with two Lay Pastors overseeing the day to workings of the church. A small Leadership Team help to set vision and plan services, worship, prayer and outreach events. The Trustees (Church Council) oversee the work with regular meetings for decision making.

#### **Objectives and activities:**

Worship and prayer; learning about how and what the Bible means in today's culture. Growing mature and new Christians in their faith and encouraging the sharing of personal faith. Pastoral care takes place through the house groups as people grow and serve each other. Outreach work is part of the mission and this is conducted by members of the church both within the building and events outside.

#### **Bridge Church Vision Statement:**

Where the lost are found  
where believers are equipped  
where all people are served and valued  
the lonely enfolded into community  
all praise and credit go to God

## **Achievement and Performance**

### **Worship and Prayer**

Sunday mornings offer a contemporary style of worship and allow for open prayer and space for the God to speak. Services are themed around the set teaching series. The set Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Each week when the doors are open, we are surprised by new faces both from other local churches or people simply seeking to know more about what it is to follow God. Our setting in an industrial building offers a large space with a soft play for children to use before and after service and the various break-out rooms for Bridge Kids or Bridge Youth. While numbers have dropped since January 2025 we average around 25-30 congregation. And from January 2025 we have run Bridge Kids on the second and fourth Sundays. Thanks to the work of our Media Manager our website and Facebook promotion help to attract families on these set dates.

In addition to regular services we planned an outreach event, 'Summer Sunday Special'. Families from Seed Cafe and Shining Stars were invited to meet the church family after the service with food and bouncy castle. We welcomed several families and this proved a positive way to meet and share a little of what it means to be Bridge Church. Breaking down the barriers about what church on Sunday looks like.

As well as the regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life. A special thanksgiving service was held for a member of the church.

### **Pastoral Care**

The Seed Cafe kitchen space was refurbished with new cupboard spaces and worktop area extended in August. This change has enabled more efficient use of the space as well as an easier working area for the volunteers who run the cafe. Seed Cafe customers welcomed the changes. It is also a benefit for Sunday Mornings refreshments.

We are so grateful for the volunteers who run the two following courses which offer pastoral support.

**The Bereavement Journey** is a place to talk about the loss of a loved one. A member of the church runs this course and it is extended to all going through grief. Numbers are around four to six.

**Peaced Together** is a ten week creative art course run by a church member to allow people to think about their life and use creative ways to "peace" it together with craft, art or words. Numbers are around five to eight.

## **Mission and Evangelism**

Bridge Church runs a number of outreach projects including Seed Cafe, Shining Stars as well as hosting the charity Hygiene Bank. This is a popular hub which attracts young families primarily but it is open for all ages. It was so encouraging to see both Seed Cafe and Shining Stars continue to thrive with good numbers in attendance.

### **Seed Cafe**

Seed Cafe is a Cafe and Soft Play area set up within Bridge Church main auditorium which opens 4 mornings each week.

Alongside and complementing this is Shining Stars on two mornings each week. The cafe is run entirely by volunteers and serves hot and cold drinks, including barista style coffees, a selection of home-made cakes, and various confectionery. There is a range of play facilities aimed at the under fives, including a soft play area complete with slides, ball pit, padded obstacles and playing areas, together with a large number of push along and ride on toys.

The Cafe provides a safe and comfortable place for parents and grandparents to bring their toddlers, family and friends to relax, and allows the toddlers to play and run around. We see families (mums, dads, grandparents and child minders) returning regularly each week, a flow of newcomers. Our customers come from various walks and stages of life, and some travel quite a distance (e.g. Bude/Holsworthy). There is no discernible trend, some days are very busy, others quieter, but on average we register between 35 and 50 sales each day, with between 15 and 20 child entries.

Our team of volunteers have built up a good relationship with our regulars and visitors alike, and often people will share their concerns and worries and life events with us. There is no doubt that Seed Cafe is much appreciated by our customers, and we regularly receive positive and encouraging feedback. It is warm and inexpensive, with no time limits, and people feel comfortable and welcomed into the environment.

Our desire is to try to open up opportunities for sharing the Gospel and form stronger links. It is clear to anyone that the Cafe sits within and is run by Bridge Church, and there are posters and Christian reading matter freely available. There is an excellent slide show running continuously on the large screen in the background and this promotes details of church activities and other related events.

### **Shining Stars**

Shining Stars is an adult accompanied, pre school drop in group for children from birth to five years old. This year it has continued to grow, thrive and flourish with a secure base of regular families attending alongside new families on a sometimes daily basis. In an average week, we see between 40-60 children attending. The

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morning starts with free play for approx 1.5 hours, followed by a communal snack time and then finished with circle/singing time (which the children love) with a final goodbye song to give a very definitive ending to the session.

Each week we introduce a new theme such as rainbows, pets, ourselves, farming or bugs as well as covering seasonal and topical themes such as Autumn, Remembrance, Children in Need, Mother's and Father's Day etc. Topics are not explicitly Christian but the love of Jesus is shared through conversation, personal support and encouragement and having child centred Christian resources available such as Noah's Ark, Bible stories, puzzles, games and craft activities. Shining Stars is always spoken about in the context of being part of Church with many people wanting to talk about faith and Sunday services. Most recently a mum asked to take some Bible story books home to share with her child and a few families have over the years transitioned into Bridge on a Sunday morning.

Shining Stars and Seed Cafe work closely together with families free flowing between the two spaces. We meet first thing to pray for the day and during the holidays, we set up a craft day within the Cafe. In October we had a wonderful morning with at least 50 families attending. Feedback captured on Facebook included:

*"It really was a lovely morning. Thank you so much ladies for giving up your time My granddaughters had such a wonderful time doing all the fun crafts, especially the one's they could eat"*

*"Thank you so much for bringing days like this to our community, it was a perfect morning for us xx"*

As well as serving Launceston families, we know that individuals travel in from Okehampton, Bude, Tavistock, Callington, Saltash and Plymouth. Our demographic of families includes mums, dads, grandparents, foster carers, aunties, uncles, sisters and childminders. We have an active Facebook page with 417 followers and are known locally through word of mouth or recommendation. When asked why they choose to come, a sample replied:

*"It's really lovely here. It's safe and contained and I can get nice cake and coffee!"*

Mum from Tavistock (with 6 of her friends - also from Tavistock)

*"The areas of learning are all covered (you do my job for me!) The children are confident to get on and play. It's an important part of the community."*

Childminder from Callington (with 7 children attending)

*"It's a safe, clean, indoor, wonderful space where the children are happy and connected. It's an amazing learning environment. My grandson was so excited to come back for his 2nd visit and asked for Shining Stars. It's safe to explore here with a vibrant but peaceful environment."*

Grandparent from Launceston (attending for the 2nd time)

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Last year, the aim was to have a complete year's worth of planning and resources and this has been achieved. Focusing on the physical space and environment has been and will continue to be a priority as is creating an atmosphere of welcome and inclusivity.

With the Hygiene Bank running alongside and after Shining Stars, our families are able to be supported practically and emotionally with items which they otherwise might not be able to afford.

### **Hygiene Bank**

The Hygiene Bank is a national charity with a branch that serves out of Bridge Church. Set up three years ago, it works alongside four Community Partners: Launceston Food Bank, Launceston College, Launceston Hospital and Callington Foodbank. There are collection points for items around town including Boots the Chemist and Southwest Skin and Beauty Clinic based at Homeleigh Garden Centre. The Hygiene Bank relies solely on donations with key supporters including the community of Altarnun and Services Design Solution - a large corporate company based in Plymouth.

The Hygiene Bank is open on three times a week (after Shining Stars) and is managed and operated entirely by a volunteer. Individuals can drop in without the need for a referral to pick up much needed items, with some delivery of top up items requested by our Community Partners. When accessing the Hygiene Bank families are blessed with free drinks and cakes from the cafe - if they choose to accept.

Many individuals coming to the Hygiene Bank on their first visit are noticeably crushed by the shame of asking for free items. Over time and with love, acceptance and no judgment, many return and become more confident, sharing their story and better accepting of help. The kindness shown to these individuals is palpable and they offer thanks, hugs, tears and messages of what a difference these items truly make to their daily living.

So far this year, The Hygiene Bank at Bridge Church has donated to families on 38 occasions, which equates to supporting individuals on approximately 105 occasions. Those most in need are females and children under 5. The most requested items are larger pull ups, washing powder and toilet rolls.

### **Financial Review**

From January 2024 to January 2025 Bridge Church Trustees put in place an action plan to mitigate the risk of expenditure overriding income. At the same time the church leadership encouraged the church to consider prayerfully how the future leading of the church should be shaped. Following some reflection, after the final church service in December 2024 some chose to leave the church and some chose to stay. Part of the changes meant former trustees stepping down and new ones were elected as reflected in the list of trustees.

### **Bridge Church UK, Charity Number 1211800**

For the year ended 31 August 2025 there is net cash deficit of £16,613 (year ended to 31 August 2024: £65,802). At the year end the balance in unrestricted funds was £28,997 with a further £600 held within restricted funds.

The reserves policy for unrestricted funds is assessed annually by the trustees and is to retain four to six months running costs. This is equivalent to £40,000 to £60,000. The trustees are aware that reserves are lower than this and are meeting regularly to assess the situation. One reason for the level of reserves was an administrative delay in being able to claim gift aid. Gift aid registration has been completed in the year following these accounts.

### **Charity Registration**

On January 21 2025 Bridge Church UK was registered with the Charities Commission, with Charity Number 1211800.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Miller', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Signed: Reverend David Miller, Chair of Trustees

Approved by the Church Council on 4 June 2026

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## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2025

|                                                |      | 2024/25      |         | 2023/24         |            |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|---------|-----------------|------------|------------|
|                                                | Note | GENERAL<br>£ | £       | RESTRICTED<br>£ | TOTAL<br>£ | TOTAL<br>£ |
| RECEIPTS                                       |      |              |         |                 |            |            |
| Donations not including Gift Aid               |      | 43,114       |         | 0               | 43,114     | 70,159     |
| Tax recovered under Gift Aid                   |      | 0            |         | 0               | 0          | 0          |
|                                                |      |              | 43,114  | 0               | 43,114     | 70,159     |
| Event income                                   | 2    |              | 283     | 0               | 283        | 5,324      |
| Premises income                                | 3    |              | 42,994  | 0               | 42,994     | 44,157     |
| Other receipts                                 | 4    |              | 17,029  | 0               | 17,029     | 12,123     |
| Sub Total General Funds                        |      |              | 103,420 | 0               | 103,420    | 131,763    |
| Collections for external organisations         | 5    |              | 250     | 0               | 250        | 1,400      |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                                 |      |              | 103,670 | 0               | 103,670    | 133,163    |
| PAYMENTS                                       |      |              |         |                 |            |            |
| Circuit assessment/share                       |      |              | 33,633  | 0               | 33,633     | 41,250     |
| Loan repayments                                | 6    |              | 13,092  | 0               | 13,092     | 13,092     |
| Ministry expenses                              | 6    |              | 30,534  | 0               | 30,534     | 76,070     |
| Premises expenses                              | 7    |              | 21,236  | 0               | 21,236     | 18,787     |
| Café expenses                                  | 8    |              | 13,046  | 0               | 13,046     | 23,840     |
| Administration                                 | 9    |              | 8,492   | 0               | 8,492      | 19,856     |
|                                                |      |              | 120,033 | 0               | 120,033    | 192,895    |
| Capital Expenditure                            | 10   |              | 0       | 0               | 0          | 4,670      |
| Sub Total General Funds                        |      |              | 120,033 | 0               | 120,033    | 197,565    |
| Collections passed onto external organisations | 5    |              | 250     | 0               | 0          | 1,400      |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS                                 |      |              | 120,283 | 0               | 120,033    | 198,965    |
| Net income (expenditure) for the year          |      |              | -16,613 | 0               | -16,613    | -65,802    |
| Transfers between funds                        |      |              | 0       | 0               | 0          | 0          |
| Total funds in hand at 1st September 2024      |      |              | 45,610  | 600             | 46,210     | 112,012    |
| TOTAL FUNDS IN HAND AT 31 August 2025          |      |              | 28,997  | 600             | 29,597     | 46,210     |

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Balance Sheet at 31 August 2025

|                                    |      |         | 2025       | 2024       |
|------------------------------------|------|---------|------------|------------|
| Summary of Funds at 31 August 2025 |      |         |            |            |
|                                    | Note | General | Restricted |            |
|                                    |      |         |            | Total<br>£ |
| General fund                       |      | 28,997  |            | 28,997     |
| Restricted Funds                   |      |         | 600        | 600        |
| TOTAL FUNDS HELD                   |      | 28,997  | 600        | 29,597     |

Summary of how funds held

Balances at Bank and in Hand

|                        |        |     |        |        |
|------------------------|--------|-----|--------|--------|
| Current accounts       | 28,924 | 600 | 29,524 | 45,837 |
| Cash balances          | 73     |     | 73     | 125    |
| Card payment providers | 0      |     | 0      | 248    |
|                        | 28,997 | 600 | 29,597 | 46,210 |
| TOTAL FUNDS HELD       | 28,997 | 600 | 29,597 | 46,210 |



David Miller, Chair of Trustees

Approved by the Church Council on 4 June 2026

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### Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2025

#### 1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost receipts & payments basis of accounting. In accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP2005) and Charities Act 2011 and the accounting regulations of the Methodist Church.

#### Funds

The Funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted, Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. Details of restricted funds are set out in note 12.

In January 2022 a large donation was received which was to be used over a period of 3 years and 4 months. Within General Funds the following balances were being held:

|                                                 | 2025<br>£ | 2024<br>£     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Designated for use in year ended 31 August 2025 | 0         | 20,000        |
|                                                 | <u>0</u>  | <u>20,000</u> |

#### Accounting Policies

**Income** Income is included in these accounts when received.  
**Expenditure** Expenditure is recognised when paid.

**Reserves** The Church aims to keep reserves amounting to four to six months running costs, in addition to the Designated fund detailed above.

| 2 Event income       | General<br>£ | Restricted<br>£ | 2025<br>Total<br>£ | General<br>£ | Restricted<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>£ |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Chosen               | 53           |                 | 53                 | 501          |                 | 501                |
| Womens's conferences | 125          |                 | 125                | 4,095        |                 | 4,095              |
| Men's events         | 105          |                 | 105                | 145          |                 | 145                |
| Mission income       | 0            |                 | 0                  | 583          |                 | 583                |
|                      | <u>283</u>   | <u>0</u>        | <u>283</u>         | <u>5,324</u> | <u>0</u>        | <u>5,324</u>       |

| 3 Premises income | General<br>£  | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£    | General<br>£  | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£    |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Room hire         | 15,258        |                 | 15,258        | 15,210        |                 | 15,210        |
| Café sales        | 27,736        |                 | 27,736        | 28,947        |                 | 28,947        |
|                   | <u>42,994</u> | <u>0</u>        | <u>42,994</u> | <u>44,157</u> | <u>0</u>        | <u>44,157</u> |

| 4 Other receipts          | General<br>£  | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£    | General<br>£  | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£    |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Children's & Youth income | 3,849         |                 | 3,849         | 5,563         |                 | 5,563         |
| Schools income            | 13,180        |                 | 13,180        | 6,560         |                 | 6,560         |
|                           | <u>17,029</u> | <u>0</u>        | <u>17,029</u> | <u>12,123</u> | <u>0</u>        | <u>12,123</u> |

#### 5 Collections for External Organisations

|               | Opening<br>Balance | Received   | Paid       | Transfer<br>to Church | Closing<br>Balance |
|---------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Christian Aid | 0                  | 250        | 250        | 0                     | 0                  |
|               | <u>0</u>           | <u>250</u> | <u>250</u> | <u>0</u>              | <u>0</u>           |

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## Notes to Financial Statements to 31 August 2025

|                                                | 2025   | 2024   |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| <b>6 Loan repayments</b>                       |        |        |
| On behalf of Launceston Area Methodist Circuit | 13,092 | 13,092 |

The church is servicing loans which are included in the Launceston Area Methodist Circuit accounts.  
This is an annual commitment.

| <b>7 Ministry expenses</b> | General<br>£  | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£    | General<br>£  | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£    |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Children's and youth work  | 20,940        |                 | 20,940        | 50,879        |                 | 50,879        |
| Tech and Worship           | 9,431         |                 | 9,431         | 18,627        |                 | 18,627        |
| Missional giving           | 0             |                 | 0             | 693           |                 | 693           |
| Outreach expenses          | 125           |                 | 125           | 987           |                 | 987           |
| Women's Ministry           | 0             |                 | 0             | 478           |                 | 478           |
| Women's Conference         | 0             |                 | 0             | 4,164         |                 | 4,164         |
| Men's Ministry             | 38            |                 | 38            | 242           |                 | 242           |
|                            | <b>30,534</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>30,534</b> | <b>76,070</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>76,070</b> |

| <b>8 Premises expenses</b>     | General<br>£  | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£    | General<br>£  | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£    |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Church repairs and maintenance | 1,915         |                 | 1,915         | 1,478         |                 | 1,478         |
| Cleaning                       | 1,401         |                 | 1,401         | 1,531         |                 | 1,531         |
| Insurance                      | 2,030         |                 | 2,030         | 1,595         |                 | 1,595         |
| Rates                          | 1,776         |                 | 1,776         | 1,207         |                 | 1,207         |
| Water rates                    | 521           |                 | 521           | 1,500         |                 | 1,500         |
| Light, Power, Heating          | 13,593        |                 | 13,593        | 11,476        |                 | 11,476        |
|                                | <b>21,236</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>21,236</b> | <b>18,787</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>18,787</b> |

| <b>9 Café expenses</b> | General<br>£  | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£    | General<br>£  | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£    |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Café wages             | 7,830         |                 | 7,830         | 17,682        |                 | 17,682        |
| Cost of goods sold     | 4,766         |                 | 4,766         | 5,400         |                 | 5,400         |
| Other café expenses    | 450           |                 | 450           | 758           |                 | 758           |
|                        | <b>13,046</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>13,046</b> | <b>23,840</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>23,840</b> |

| <b>10 Administration</b>    | General<br>£ | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£   | General<br>£  | Restricted<br>£ | Total<br>£    |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Administrative salaries     | 3,424        |                 | 3,424        | 7,268         |                 | 7,268         |
| Accountancy and bookkeeping | 1,902        |                 | 1,902        | 1,421         |                 | 1,421         |
| Grant repayment             | 0            |                 | 0            | 4,453         |                 | 4,453         |
| Travel Expenses             | 0            |                 | 0            | 1,745         |                 | 1,745         |
| Professional Fees           | 0            |                 | 0            | 570           |                 | 570           |
| Website and admin software  | 1,114        |                 | 1,114        | 1,212         |                 | 1,212         |
| Stationery and Printing     | 76           |                 | 76           | 257           |                 | 257           |
| Telephone                   | 840          |                 | 840          | 764           |                 | 764           |
| Miscellaneous               | 302          |                 | 302          | 774           |                 | 774           |
| Bank Charges                | 634          |                 | 634          | 766           |                 | 766           |
| Training                    | 200          |                 | 200          | 626           |                 | 626           |
|                             | <b>8,492</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>8,492</b> | <b>19,856</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>19,856</b> |

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|                        | 2025    |            |       | 2024    |            |       |
|------------------------|---------|------------|-------|---------|------------|-------|
| 11 Capital Expenditure | General | Restricted | Total | General | Restricted | Total |
|                        | £       | £          | £     | £       | £          | £     |
| Commercial dishwasher  | 0       |            | 0     | 2,170   |            | 2,170 |
| Softplay equipment     | 0       |            | 0     | 2,500   |            | 2,500 |
|                        | 0       | 0          | 0     | 4,670   | 0          | 4,670 |

### 12 Employees

Emoluments are included as follows:

|                                                | 2025   |                       | 2024   |                       |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|
|                                                | £      | Average no. part time | £      | Average no. part time |
| Salaries (including Employer's NI and Pension) |        |                       |        |                       |
| Administrative                                 | 3,424  | 1                     | 7,268  | 1                     |
| Included in Children's and Youth work          | 20,304 | 3.5                   | 45,751 | 3.5                   |
| Included in Tech and Worship                   | 6,887  | 1                     | 17,832 | 1                     |
| Included in Café expenses                      | 7,830  | 2                     | 17,682 | 2.0                   |
|                                                | 38,445 | 7.0                   | 88,533 | 7.50                  |

At the beginning of the previous accounting year, all salaries were paid through BCC Ministries (Charity registration 1201577), with BCC Ministries as the employing body. With effect from 1 March 2024, employees were transferred to Bridge Church. The one remaining employee as at 31 August 2025 was made redundant in September 2025.

### 13 Related Parties

During the the year ended 31 August 2024, five of the trustees of Bridge Church were trustees of BCC Ministries (Charity registration 1201577). One ceased to be a trustee of BCC ministries during the year ended 31 August 2024. The remaining four individuals were trustees of both charities until BCC ministries was removed in October 2024.

### 14 Payments to trustees

During the year, three trustees provided services to the charity for which they received remuneration. For the period they were trustees, these amount to £7,268 included in Administration, and £31,444 included in Children's and youth work.

### 15 Restricted Funds

|                             | Balance at 1/9/24 | Income | Expenditure | Transfers | Balance at 31/8/25 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Bereavement Course donation | 500               |        |             |           | 500                |
| Bibles donation             | 100               |        |             |           | 100                |
| Total Restricted Funds      | 600               | 0      | 0           | 0         | 600                |

### 16 Capital Commitments

See Loan repayments note 6 above.

### 17 Other assets

2025

a Furniture, Technical & Other Equipment (at insured value) 72,672

b Property

The property occupied by the church is vested in Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bridge Church UK

I report on the accounts of Bridge Church UK for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees (directors) and examiner

The organisation's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

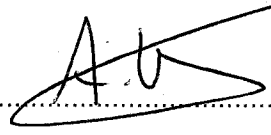
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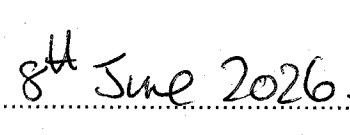
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
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Date

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