

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CS005978 (Scotland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC052088

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025
FOR
BRIDGE OF DON BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO

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BRIDGE OF DON BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st 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).

Bridge of Don Baptist Church was incorporated under charity number SC052088 as a SCIO with a written constitution on 25th October 2022. The SCIO was set up to replace Bridge of Don Baptist Church, Charity Number SC04490 with its assets and liabilities being transferred to Bridge of Don Baptist Church SCIO, and therefore a merged set of accounts have been prepared for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Annual elections are held to appoint Vision Leaders (Trustees) from the membership. They are responsible for the strategic direction and wellbeing of the church and may be involved on an individual basis on operational aspects of the church's life. Vision Leaders serve a 3-year term.

The church is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Scotland. The Union is made up of completely autonomous churches that are free to manage their own affairs. The Union represents Baptist nationally, gives guidance on practical matters such as the assessment of pastor's stipends and provides spiritual support when necessary.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal objectives and activities of the church are the public worship of God and the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ accordance with the Church's written statement of faith. These are principally achieved through meetings for worship, the pastoral care of members and attendees, serving the wider local community, alongside ongoing support of local and worldwide Christian ministries.

Over the course of the year, we have continued to provide two children's classes during our Sunday worship gatherings: Mini JAM for pre-school children (ages 3-6) and JAM for older children (ages 7-13). On average, around 15 children attend across both groups.

We are grateful for the number of children regularly attending, including a small group of older primary and early secondary-aged children. The sessions include a mix of Bible stories, crafts, singing, games, and multimedia, allowing the children to explore their faith and creativity in a fun and engaging environment.

Mainly Play has now been running for four years and continues to be a key midweek outreach for the church. It takes place every Tuesday morning during term time, from 10:00am to 11:15am, and is consistently well attended.

We currently welcome 15 families with children aged 0-5 years, which is the maximum number recommended by Mainly Play to help foster meaningful relationships. There is usually a waiting list. The group is supported by four regular and dedicated volunteers.

The focus for the children is on learning and developing in a safe, welcoming, and imaginative environment. Through group activities and play, they are encouraged to express themselves, explore, and grow. For parents and caregivers, Mainly Play offers a space to find friendship, encouragement, and emotional and spiritual support, as the team seeks to reflect God's love and welcome in practical ways. It was especially encouraging to see several Mainly Play families attend the church's VE Day celebrations earlier in the year, showing how relationships built during the group extend into the wider life of the church.

The Crafternoon group continues to meet every Thursday afternoon from 1:30pm to 4:00pm at the church. Originally started following the COVID-19 lockdown, it has become a valued space for creativity, community, and care.

We currently have 11 regular attendees-six from within the church and five from the local community. One of our newest members had no prior connection with the church but found out about the group through a casual conversation in a local bank, highlighting how naturally and organically the group continues to grow and reach new people. Each participant brings their own craft project-ranging from sewing and knitting to crocheting, colouring, patchwork, and cross-stitch. More than just a craft group, Crafternoon provides a warm environment of friendship, shared learning, and mutual support-practically, emotionally, and spiritually.

From January to April 2025, the church hosted an Alpha course exploring the Christian faith. Following this, we ran the Be Still course which provided space to explore different approaches to prayer and to share practical tips for developing a consistent and meaningful prayer rhythm.

At Easter, we hosted a special ladies' event: Easter wreath making, filled with creativity, fellowship, and fun. It was a joyful time of crafting and laughter, and we also shared some lovely Easter treats together.

On May 4th, 2025, as a church we celebrated VE Day, remembering with gratitude those who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom today. We gathered together as a church family and enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship with good food, family fun, and activities for all ages.

The men's prayer breakfast continues, alternating between meeting in the Church Centre and a local restaurant. The breakfast is open to all men, not just those who regularly attend the church, and it remains a valuable time of fellowship and prayer.

Our pastor continues to be involved in regular school chaplaincy with two local primary schools, supporting pupils and staff and strengthening links between the church and the wider community. The congregation continued to collect weekly donations of food and supplies, now supporting Somebody Cares, helping vulnerable people and families across the city. Various community groups from outside the congregation also used the church facilities throughout the year, including Rainbows and Brownie groups, and a children's drama club.

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The church also continued to give funds in support of several mission partners working in both the UK and around the world, including the Baptist Missionary Society, The Evangelical Alliance Relief (TEAR) Fund, New Life Church Middlesborough, World Venture, and Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ (WEC).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding to the church are from freewill offerings and Gift Aid donations.

The trustees have given consideration to the various areas of financial risk to which the church is exposed in carrying out its functions and consider that there are adequate systems in place to minimise financial risk and preserve the assets of the church.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

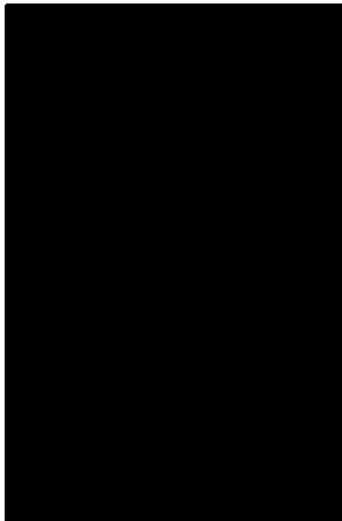
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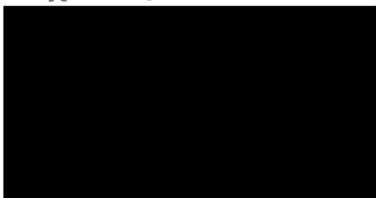
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BRIDGE OF DON BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages five to twelve.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 view given by 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 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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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29th September 2025

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BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	319,000	319,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	3,643	3,220
Cash at bank		172,020	211,124
		<u>175,663</u>	<u>214,344</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(9,538)	(6,328)
		<u>166,125</u>	<u>208,016</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>485,125</u>	<u>527,016</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>485,125</u>	<u>527,016</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>485,125</u>	<u>527,016</u>
FUNDS	12		
Unrestricted funds		485,125	527,016
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>485,125</u>	<u>527,016</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2025.

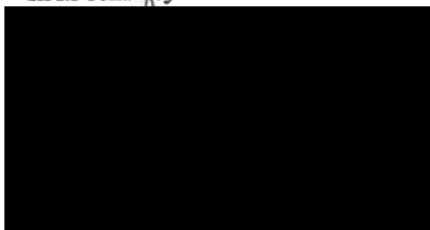
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29th September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

		2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	107,738	122,187
Other trading activities	3	1,483	1,260
Investment income	4	14,815	10,201
Total		124,036	133,648
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	5		
Missions		1,300	1,855
BMS		3,990	4,020
Tearfund		233	-
Support for Nathan Young		2,600	2,400
Support for DeNeui's @ World Venture		2,580	2,580
Tuwi		-	400
Baptist Union of Scotland		2,400	2,400
Evangelical Alliance		100	100
Pastoral costs		23,498	16,903
Personnel		76,885	78,933
Projects		23,713	-
Other		28,628	24,843
Total		165,927	134,434
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(41,891)	(786)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		527,016	527,802
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		485,125	527,016

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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.

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation 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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company did operate a Defined Benefit Pension Scheme which is now closed to new members. The charity now contributes to a Defined Contribution Pension Scheme. Contributions payable to the scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Offerings	89,200	93,696
Gift aid	18,538	28,491
	<u>107,738</u>	<u>122,187</u>

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Messy play fees	<u>1,483</u>	<u>1,260</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rents received	11,198	10,193
Deposit account interest	<u>3,617</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>14,815</u>	<u>10,201</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Missions	-	1,300	-	1,300
BMS	-	3,990	-	3,990
Tearfund	-	233	-	233
Support for Nathan Young	-	2,600	-	2,600
Support for DeNeui's @ World Venture	-	2,580	-	2,580
Baptist Union of Scotland	-	2,400	-	2,400
Evangelical Alliance	-	100	-	100
Pastoral costs	12,752	-	10,746	23,498
Personnel	75,714	-	1,171	76,885
Projects	-	26,121	(2,408)	23,713
	<u>88,466</u>	<u>39,324</u>	<u>9,509</u>	<u>137,299</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Pastoral costs	4,746	6,000	10,746
Personnel	(3,526)	4,697	1,171
Projects	-	(2,408)	(2,408)
	<u>1,220</u>	<u>8,289</u>	<u>9,509</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025	309,000	10,000	319,000
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st March 2025	309,000	10,000	319,000
At 31st March 2024	309,000	10,000	319,000

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	117	10
Prepayments and accrued income	3,526	3,210
	3,643	3,220

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Social security and other taxes	2,570	1,517
Accrued expenses	6,968	4,811
	9,538	6,328

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	527,016	(41,891)	485,125
TOTAL FUNDS	527,016	(41,891)	485,125

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	124,036	(165,927)	(41,891)
TOTAL FUNDS	124,036	(165,927)	(41,891)

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7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	45,105	41,444
Trustees' pension contributions to defined benefit schemes	2,500	2,500
	<u>47,605</u>	<u>43,944</u>

Trustees' expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	3,210	3,146

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	122,187
Other trading activities	1,260
Investment income	<u>10,201</u>
Total	<u>133,648</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Missions	1,855
BMS	4,020
Support for Nathan Young	2,400
Support for DeNeui's @ World Venture	2,580
Turwi	400
Baptist Union of Scotland	2,400
Evangelical Alliance	100
Pastoral costs	16,903
Personnel	78,933
Other	<u>24,843</u>
Total	<u>134,434</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(786)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	527,802
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>527,016</u></u>

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13. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Pension Scheme Liabilities

The church is a participating employer in the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the scheme"), which is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011. Prior to this date the main benefit provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan was a pension of one eightieth of final minimum pensionable income for each year of pensionable service together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable Income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income. Since 1 January 2012, benefits have been provided through Defined Contribution (DC) Plan.

A formal valuation of the DB Plan was performed as at 30 June 2022 by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method. The Church and the other participating employers in the DB Plan are collectively responsible for funding a deficit of £10m of which The Church has been allocated an estimated employer debt of £19,500. Since then the most recent correspondence from the scheme indicates there is no shortfall debt at the present time.

The contributions to the scheme during the year were £3,165 (2023 - £2,892)

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charity paid £4,800 (2024 - £5,095) to Brig Bookkeeping Ltd for book keeping services. This company is owned by the trustee Mrs F Morgan. The services provided and the related fees are all provided on an arms length basis.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	527,802	(786)	527,016
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>527,802</u>	<u>(786)</u>	<u>527,016</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,648	(134,434)	(786)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>133,648</u>	<u>(134,434)</u>	<u>(786)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	527,802	(42,677)	485,125
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>527,802</u>	<u>(42,677)</u>	<u>485,125</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	257,684	(300,361)	(42,677)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>257,684</u>	<u>(300,361)</u>	<u>(42,677)</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Offerings	89,200	93,696
Gift aid	18,538	28,491
	<hr/> 107,738	<hr/> 122,187
Other trading activities		
Messy play fees	1,483	1,260
Investment income		
Rents received	11,198	10,193
Deposit account interest	3,617	8
	<hr/> 14,815	<hr/> 10,201
Total incoming resources	124,036	133,648
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	45,105	41,444
Trustees' pension contributions	2,500	2,500
Trustees' expenses	3,210	3,146
Wages	22,257	27,250
Outreach costs	265	380
Church groups	7,122	8,144
Pulpit supplies	703	1,590
Training costs	1,831	1,991
Office costs	4,328	4,574
No description	1,145	-
No description	-	941
Grants to institutions	39,324	13,755
	<hr/> 127,790	<hr/> 105,715
Other		
IT software & consumables	1,763	1,744
Property maintenance	7,600	1,561
Heat & light	5,796	4,539
Cleaning & gardening	9,299	5,972
Insurance	2,556	2,538
Kitchen/catering costs	1,614	1,974
	<hr/> 28,628	<hr/> 18,328
Support costs		
Management		
Rates and water	-	220
Carried forward	-	220

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
Management		
Brought forward	-	220
Subscriptions	1,220	1,274
	<u>1,220</u>	<u>1,494</u>
Governance costs		
Pensions	2,289	2,602
Accountancy and legal fees	6,000	6,295
	<u>8,289</u>	<u>8,897</u>
Total resources expended	<u>165,927</u>	<u>134,434</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(41,891)</u>	<u>(786)</u>

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