

2022/23
BRIDGE CHURCH UK
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Our Vision

“

A community that shares
the Good News.

Where the lost are found.

Where believers are equipped.

Where all people are served & valued.

The lonely are enfolded into a community.

All praise & credit go to God.

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A message from Sam



As I reflect on the past year, I can truly thank God for all His blessings and for the way that He has carried us as a body of believers through an incredible season of growth and change. We, as a church, are called to see lives changed and impacted by bringing the Good News of the Gospel; Christ's never ending and life changing love. Although sometimes our methods of doing this will change the heart and drive for us, as a body, to illuminate Gods goodness for all people will never.

This year has seen us trying to navigate the best way to engage and continue to build and encourage community among people. It has been a year where, as a church, we have stepped into strengthening our relationship and support within the community. A year where we have prioritised connection, building groups and drop-ins to facilitate relationship. A year where we experienced loss and the pain that accompanies that.

Out of this testing time we have seen new life. Babies being born, the revamp of our church space (although we know there is still a way to go here), the growth of our online streaming of services and childrens work, the growth of new teams and people stepping into new roles, the increase within Seed café that enables community to be built, and best of all, we have seen people come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.



250

On Average Attending
Seed Cafe & Shining
Stars per week

73

People
serving on
team

87

People
attending a
house group

85

People who
have attended
a course

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138

Average Sunday morning attendance

13

Have said yes to Jesus

15

Were baptised

75

Kids & Youth seen weekly



GOING INTO 2023

the **FINANCE** report

The below finance report indicates the income that was received which has come through your giving and the rental income for the space that Oriel ministries occupies. The outgoings are broken down into core headings that cover the majority of our budget lines. More detailed reports are compiled and discussed in length by the leadership team and church council. We are ambitious in our budget for 2023 and believe that God will continue to supply as we follow the leading on His church. We ask you to consider how you partner with us financially.

Running Costs of Bridge Church

Actual Spend 2022			
£119,596			
Giving & Income 2022			
£126,847.28			
	2022		
		Wages	£47,160
		Utilities Bills	£35,000
		Administrative Costs	£3,745
		Assessment	£18,799
		Ministry Support	£14,892
Projected Spend 2023			
£207,390			
Giving & Income 2023			
£186,000			
	2023		
		Wages	£105,000
		Utilities Bills	£36,000
		Administrative Costs	£7,884
		Assessment	£37,716
		Ministry Support	£20,790

As you can see from the figures above we are believing in faith that investing in people is a key part of us moving forward in our outreach and ministry. Staffing costs have increased due to taking on a full time youth pastor, splitting the role of children's pastor, increasing admin time and also increasing the hours for our cafe worker. Utilities have been budgeted to stay roughly the same as we were able to lock in a contracted tariff for a number of years. You will notice our assessment figure has doubled. This is the amount that we pay into the local Methodist circuit. Ministry support covers all the budgets for the ministries within our church, children's work, youth work, mens ministry, woman's ministry, to name a few. We believe we are budgeting within the means of our church family and the reserves we currently have in place. We are expectant to see what God will continue to do through the work of our church!



Why Give in 2023?

We genuinely believe that there is no better investment than to sow into your local church. There is no other organisation that has the potential to change the world the way the church can.

The church is where people find Christ, the lost are saved, the hopeless find hope, people are set free from brokenness and addiction and people are accepted for who they are. We as Christians believe that everything we have is a gift from God and therefore we believe it is important to put Him first in every area of our lives, including our finances.

It is a spiritual impossibility to be a totally devoted follower of Christ without being completely surrendered in our finances (Matthew 6:24). As you surrender this area of your life God also wants to pour out more blessings into your lives, this won't always be financial but His provision is constant for those that believe, follow and trust Him. a totally devoted follower of Christ without being completely surrendered in our finances (Matthew 6:24). As you surrender this area of your life God also wants to pour out more blessings into your lives, this won't always be financial but His provision is constant for those that believe, follow and trust Him.

LOOKING AHEAD

THE Focus FOR 2023

The church is at an exciting moment in its journey as it prepares to grow for the future.

Our vision for growth is centered around three key areas: outreach, discipleship, and community engagement. Through outreach, we seek to share the love and message of Jesus Christ with those who may not yet know Him. This involves reaching out to people where they are, building relationships, and sharing our faith in a way that is relatable and accessible. We have loved running Alpha and the Marriage Course this year and seeing people connect in various ways throughout the community. The Seed Cafe has enabled a number of these things to happen and we are excited to see how the cafe continues to inspire new communities to start.

Discipleship is another key area of focus, as we strive to help people deepen their relationship with Christ and grow in their faith. This involves providing opportunities for spiritual formation, and mentorship. We are so blessed that so much of this happens through housegroups. This year we also have the incredible privilege to be working within the Launceston College 3 days a week providing pastoral support. We believe and know that God has opened this door for us as a church to continue to serve the local community.

Finally, community engagement is critical to our vision for growth, as we seek to serve and engage with the needs of our local communities. We will be seeking to launch a Hygiene bank in the coming months which will run alongside our well attended Shining Stars group that meets 3 times a week.

In 2023 we will continue to run all of the incredible ministries and will remain prayerful about the new things God will call us into. We are excited to see how God will continue to work in and through our church to bring about growth and transformation for the future.



Our Team



Sam Beazley
LEAD PASTOR



Mande Beazley
LEADERSHIP TEAM



Tracey Venning
LEADERSHIP TEAM



Jordan Duke
YOUTH PASTOR & LEADERSHIP TEAM



Graham Duke
LEADERSHIP TEAM



Jill Duke
LEADERSHIP TEAM



Phil Parsons
LEADERSHIP TEAM



Jo Parsons
LEADERSHIP TEAM



Lucie Worth
HEAD OF ADMIN



Toby Lee
WORSHIP PASTOR



Leah Blacher
CHILDREN & FAMILIES PASTOR



Maddy Lee
SEED CAFÉ MANAGER



Tom Rutter
SCHOOLS WORKER

Alpha

I'm taking the plunge, literally, and I've decided to lean into God. I feel it makes sense and although I don't have all the answers I feel in my heart that I've been blessed with so much. My health, my children, my successes even though they might not have felt it at the time. So yeah, I've decided to lean into being a Christian and make an effort to uphold the values and try to make a difference in my little sphere.

I wanted to say we all have our struggles and burden but we can't always carry them alone and those times when you can't get earthly help why not ask the big man. Humility is a virtue and an open heart will receive.

Anthony

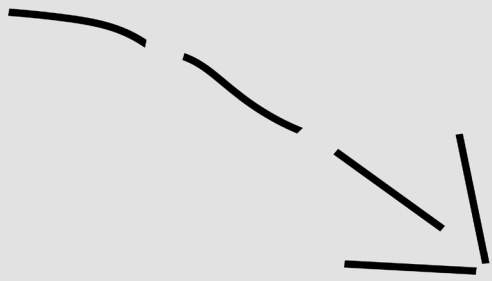
The Marriage Course

The course gave us an opportunity to re-connect as a couple, to remember what we saw in each other right at the start of our relationship, 40 years ago, and to talk about the things that we still appreciate about each other. Understanding each other's love language was a game-changer! We would urge any married couple to do the course, however long you have been together. Having a dedicated evening each week to focus on and really listen to one another was a real treat and the food was great too!

Martin & Rachael

Testimonies & Stories

from our courses



Peaced Together

Angie and Mandee do an amazing job at creating an inviting atmosphere that feels both safe and peaceful. I loved attending with my girls each week and seeing their confidence grow. We made new friends, caught up with existing ones and learnt more about our relationship with God. This was the perfect opportunity to relax and reflect in the middle of a busy week.

Rachel

The Bereavement Journey

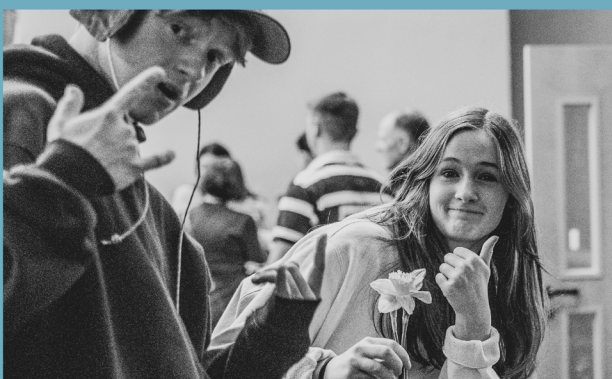
I am so grateful I attended the bereavement course at Bridge Church. The leaders were very welcoming and friendly and the course content was gentle. I felt completely safe to be vulnerable and share my experiences. The course teaches you to acknowledge the feelings you have/are experiencing, which is something I found really useful. The best thing about the course though, is the fellowship of spending time with others who have experienced loss and can relate to you through shared experience. Thank you so much for providing such a valuable course.

Lucy

KIDS & YOUTH

Bridge Youth

It has been great to see young people back and active in the church family. We have continued to follow the sermon series through our teaching in the Sunday morning sessions, with a key focus on studying God's word together. As well as this, we are running our Shift XL Bible Study & Wednesday Hangout club. Our hope with these groups is that we will see a real growth in the ownership of these sessions from the young people. Our main focus will be on discipleship, with an emphasis on gathering young people to grow in relationship with one another, serve one another, and learn new skills as a part of the bigger discipleship journey. We will hone in on the invitation mentality, breaking down the barriers that may stop the young people inviting friends to be a part of this ministry opportunity.



Bridge Kids

We have had such a great year in Bridge Kids, there are so many things we can share with you but here are just a few highlights. Shining stars toddler group is now open three mornings a week and we are seeing new families coming along each week. Many of these families are new to church and we are so happy to now welcome a few of them into our church family. In June we had a fantastic time taking some of the Bridge Kids children to Spree; a Christian youth camp run by SWYM. It was great to see many of them developing their faith in Jesus, especially as some had recently decided to dedicate their lives through baptism. It was also so great to relaunch our holiday clubs earlier last year, with family fun days over Easter and a four-day Epic Adventure in the summer, which saw over one hundred children through the doors.

Seed Cafe

Within the last 12 months we've seen incredible growth and breakthroughs through these means, seeing an average of 250 people coming into the cafe a week. We have also begun our weekly 'Grounded' bible study group for new christians which has been so rewarding to see unravel and has been seeing up to 12 people a week coming together to seek and delve more into the bible and what it means to walk with Jesus daily. We've also had individual men and women's groups begin fortnightly in the space, meeting to chat and do life together. Through originally coming to Seed cafe and the groups we've held in the space, we've seen around 15 people come into our church family and attend our church services consistently. In the next coming months we hope to begin offering hot food within the cafe and continue to increase our exposure and identity within the community.

Shining Stars

Shining Stars is our Baby and Toddler group that runs three mornings a week. Many families from our community come to stay and play and we see new faces almost every session with anywhere from 10-25 kids. Children are free to explore sensory play, craft, songs and snacks with different themes every week. It's such a lovely space to meet other parents and carers joining in activities with your little ones and developing friendships along the way.



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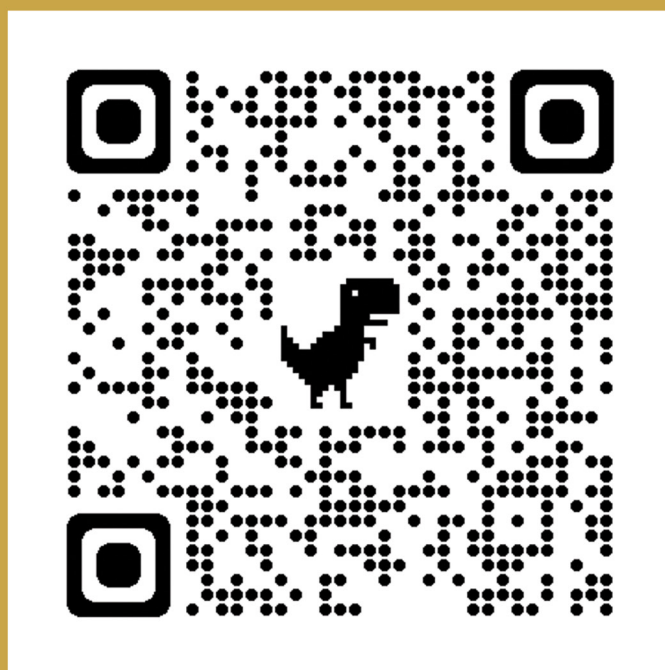


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