

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1130344

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2009-06-25

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

**Activities:** Activities for both church members and the local community, showing the love of Jesus in word and deed. Sunday worship services with Sunday School and creche. During the week small groups meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship; 2Ts for pre-school children and their carers, and an over-50s' afternoon meeting.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Lambeth

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£95,192	£50,067	-	-
2023-12-31	£75,771	£56,753	-	-
2022-12-31	£96,112	£92,808	-	-
2021-12-31	£86,884	£105,198	-	-
2020-12-31	£89,800	£91,900	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rachel Swaby</b>	Chair	2025-11-16
Colin Baptiste		2025-11-16
Fiona Dangleben		2025-11-16
IVY THOMAS		2025-11-16
Rev Nathan McGuire		2025-01-01
Sandra Carol Hunter-Brady		2025-11-16

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# Accounts

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For The Year Ended**  
**31st December 2024**

**Charity Registration Number 1130344**

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2024**

### **Registered Address**

New Park Road, London, SW2 4LH

The Church, founded in 1840, is registered as a charity (number 1130344).

### **Trustees**

Five trustees served throughout the year:

Mrs Rachel Swaby (secretary)

Mrs Sandra Hunter-Brady (treasurer)

Mrs Ivy Thomas

Mr Tina Matina

Mrs Susan Saidu

### **Property Trustees**

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited, Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire.  
OX11 8RT

### **Bankers**

CAF Bank, West Malling, ME19 4JQ

### **Independent Examiner**

Michael Dobrin ACA FCCA

Alexander James & Co Ltd,

Upper Deck, Admirals Quarters, Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 OXA

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2024**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2024.

This report reflects on the life and witness of New Park Road Baptist Church during 2024. It has been a year of transition, with times of challenge and times of deep encouragement, and we give thanks to God for His guidance and provision throughout.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The church, founded in 1840, continues as a registered charity (1130344) and is governed by its Constitution. Members' Meetings, normally held quarterly, remain responsible for the overall direction of the church. Trustees serving during the year were Rachel Swaby as Secretary, Sandra Hunter-Brady as Treasurer, and deacons Ivy Thomas, Tina Matina, Susan Saidu. Property Trustees remain the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd.

### **Objectives and Activities**

Our purpose remains the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with Baptist principles. This is expressed in our weekly worship, prayer and Bible study, children's and youth work, and our fellowship groups and community engagement. The 2Ts toddler group continues to welcome families each week, and our partnerships with Igreja Baptista (Portuguese-speaking), Reborn (Spanish-speaking), and the South London Spanish SDA congregation, who began hiring the premises on Saturdays in 2024, demonstrate our commitment to serving a diverse community.

### **Achievements and Performance**

2024 was a year of both transition and encouragement. After an extended period of vacancy, the church extended a formal call to Rev Nathan McGuire on 6 October. Nathan formally began his ministry on 4 January 2025, serving on a part-time basis of 0.75 (equivalent to 4.5 days per week) and residing in the church manse. His induction service took place on 12 January 2025 and was a joyful celebration for the church family and wider Baptist community.

Another significant development was the process of updating our Trust Deeds. Discussions and preparatory work began prior to 2024, (led by Chris Nicholson), but in November the church agreed to adopt the Baptist Union's 2003 Model Trust, overlaid on our historic deed. Although the process was not finalised by the end of the year, this represents an important step in strengthening our governance and enabling a long-term agreement with the Seventh Day Adventist congregation.

Throughout the year worship and fellowship remained central. Ena Smith, Assistant administration coordinated the worship rota, with support from members of the worship team. Special highlights included the Church Anniversary in November, the Nativity Service and Children's Christmas Party, and the Carols by Candlelight service which was well attended by members and friends.

Children and young people have remained at the heart of our life together. The Light Party once again brought energy and joy, the summer trip to Danehill, provided a valuable time of growth

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and fellowship, and our young people continued to play an active part in services. Attendance overall held steady, with encouraging signs of growth among younger families and new attendees.

### **Church Fabric and Premises**

Caring for our buildings has continued to demand attention. Essential works included repairs to the upper classroom roof, ongoing challenges with the back door and hot water system, and plans for the refurbishment of the front doors, with support offered by our partner congregations. We are grateful to Justin Hayes and all those who give time and energy to ensure that our premises are welcoming and fit for purpose.

### **Safeguarding**

Our safeguarding policy and annual statement were reviewed and reapproved in January 2024, reaffirming our commitment to ensuring that the church remains a safe place for all. No safeguarding training took place during the year, and the next cycle of training is planned for autumn 2025. Safeguarding responsibilities remained unchanged, with Rachel Swaby as lead, supported by Audrey Hayes as deputy, Susan Saidu as trustee representative, and Gill Ashley-Smith as DBS administrator.

### **Finance**

The church's finances strengthened during 2024 thanks to faithful giving, income from hall hire, and careful stewardship. At year end, the CAF Cash account stood at £15,030.90 and the CAF Gold account at £82,336.59, giving a combined total of £97,367.49. Of this, £15,000 has been set aside as reserves to safeguard the church's ability to respond to unforeseen costs. We are confident that this level of reserves, together with appropriate insurance, provides sufficient protection against major risks. Looking ahead, discussions are under way to set the reserves at a level equivalent to six months of running costs, to give the church greater security and flexibility for the future.

The church maintained its practice of giving away ten percent of unrestricted income to mission and charitable causes, supporting BMS, Lifewords, Spinnaker Trust, Operation Agri, Clapham Park Foodbank and Wycliffe Support. Major expenditure included church and manse insurance, legal fees related to the Trust Deed process, and repair works on the roof.

### **Appreciation**

We give thanks to God for His provision and guidance through 2024. Special thanks are due to Sandra Hunter-Brady for her dedicated work as Treasurer, to the deacons and ministry leaders for their service, and to all members and volunteers who contribute so much in visible and unseen ways. We also record our thanks to the Pastoral Search Team for their commitment throughout the process of calling a new minister. As we continue to journey forward into 2025, with Nathan now in post, we look ahead with hope and expectation, praying that our life together will continue to grow in worship, discipleship and service to the community. To God be the glory.

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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2024**

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Rachel Swaby

*Church Secretary*

New Park Road Baptist Church

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For The Year Ended 31st December 2024

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of New Park Road Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 charity 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.

*Signed*

*Michael Dobrin ACA FCCA  
Alexander James & Co Ltd,  
Upper Deck, Admirals Quarters, Portsmouth road,  
Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 OXA  
Date: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For The Year Ended 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	2	36,229	3,298	39,527	39,591
Investment Income	3	55,650	–	55,650	37,409
Other	4	15	–	15	1,881
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>91,894</u>	<u>3,298</u>	<u>95,192</u>	<u>78,881</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	47,013	3,054	50,067	60,679
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>47,013</u>	<u>3,054</u>	<u>50,067</u>	<u>60,679</u>
<b>Net Income</b>		<u>44,881</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>45,125</u>	<u>18,202</u>
Transfers between funds		(50)	50	0	0
		<u>44,831</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>45,125</u>	<u>18,202</u>
Total Funds brought forward		<u>40,996</u>	<u>18,129</u>	<u>59,125</u>	<u>40,923</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>85,827</u>	<u>18,423</u>	<u>104,250</u>	<u>59,125</u>

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## BALANCE SHEET

As At 31st December 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	8		2,985		2,985
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	6,431		12,349	
Cash at bank	10	97,464		46,686	
		<u>103,895</u>		<u>59,035</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	2,630		2,895	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>101,265</u>		<u>56,140</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>104,250</u>		<u>59,125</u>
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>					
Restricted	12		18,423		18,129
Unrestricted			85,827		40,996
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u>104,250</u>		<u>59,125</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

Signed



Mrs S Brady  
Treasurer

Signed



Mrs R Swaby  
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2024

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of accounting**

The Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The Church has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Church and rounded to the nearest pound.

#### **Donations**

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

#### **Investment Income**

Investment income is included in the financial statements in the year which it is receivable.

#### **Fund raising**

The Church raises funds from within its own membership and congregations (inclusive of gift aid). It does not make formal appeals to raise funds from external sources.

#### **Grants payable**

The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work.

#### **Governance Costs**

These represent direct expenditure on the governance of the Church including the Independent Examination. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

#### **Fixed Assets**

The Church Premises (Church and Manse) are not included in the Balance Sheet because reliable cost information is not available, and valuation would incur significant costs which would be onerous compared with the additional benefit gained by the user of the financial statements.

Purchases of furniture and equipment above the de minimis of £2,500 are included at cost or net realisable value.

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation has not been charged on the Church premises or its equipment or on the Manse.

#### **Fund Structure**

Restricted funds are a response to donor wishes and can only be used for the purposes for which they are given.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2024

### 2. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Offerings:				
Loose	4,725	-	4,725	4,596
Systematic	2,270	-	2,270	2,416
Gift Aid donations	22,718	1,500	24,218	24,159
Gift Aid tax rebates	6,516	375	6,891	7,185
Brazilian Church	-	-	-	-
Building Fund	-	-	-	-
Other-Communion Fund	-	190	190	87
Other-2Ts	-	525	525	589
Other- Prime Time	-	388	388	352
Other- Operation Agri.	-	320	370	207
	<u>36,229</u>	<u>3,298</u>	<u>39,577</u>	<u>39,591</u>

### 3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Interest	1,280	-	1,280	356
Rental Income (Manse)	31,683	-	31,683	27,630
Premises Hire	22,687	-	22,687	9,423
	<u>55,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,650</u>	<u>37,409</u>

### 4. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
National Insurance Allowance	-	-	-	1,686
Other gifts	15	-	15	195
	<u>15</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1,881</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2024

### 5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Church Expenses				
Water Rates	218	-	218	213
Light & Heat	6,356	-	6,356	6,703
Insurance	3,495	-	3,495	3,266
Maintenance	4,439	-	4,439	2,001
Manse Expenses				
Insurance	1,029	-	1,029	982
Maintenance	5,849	-	5,849	927
Ministry & Mission Costs				
Salary and NIC		-		17,105
Pension	12	-	12	1,037
Preaching Fees	1,205	-	1,205	1,102
Charitable Gifts (Note 6)	6,500	2,275	8,775	10,422
2 T's & Prime Time	-	779	779	954
Training costs	11	-	11	
Subscriptions	2,462	-	2,462	2,504
Bank Charges	60	-	60	60
Sundry Costs	654	-	654	876
Support Costs				
Administration Salary	5,850	-	5,850	5,304
Telephone & Internet	1,013	-	1,013	788
Post, Stationery & Computer	480	-	480	483
Replacement Equipment	1,554	-	1,554	1,430
Photocopy, CCLI Licence	321	-	321	301
Legal fees	720	-	720	
Professional Fees	2,255	-	2,225	2,225
Independent Examination	495	-	495	495
Brazilian Church	-	-		150
Church Activities (Sunday School, Groups & Clubs)	2,035	-	2,035	1,351
	<b>47,013</b>	<b>3,054</b>	<b>50,067</b>	<b>60,679</b>

### 6. Charitable Gifts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Wycliffe Support	2,700	1,275	3,975	3,975
Spinnaker Trust	950	600	1,550	1,550
Operation Agri (see below)	950	370	1,320	1,157
SGM Lifewords	950	-	950	950
BMS	950	-	950	950
Communion Fund Gifts	-	30	30	890
Clapham Park Foodbank		-		950
	<b>6,500</b>	<b>2,275</b>	<b>8,775</b>	<b>10,422</b>

The restricted income for Operation Agri during the year was £50 less than the charitable gift, so a transfer from unrestricted funds to restricted funds has been made to cover that shortfall.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 7. Staff Costs, Trustees Remuneration and Related Party transactions

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries -gross	5,850	16,929
Social Security		1,686
Pension	12	1,037
Other Costs		3,794
	<u>5,862</u>	<u>23,446</u>

The average number of employees for the year was 1 1

The number of employees receiving emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year was - -

No minister or employee lived in a house wholly or partly owned by the Church.

Until his resignation in 2015 the Church paid pension contributions for its fully qualified Minister to the Baptist Ministers Pension Trust Limited, which is a final salary defined benefits scheme and is not contracted out of the State Second Pension. The scheme is a multi-employer scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the scheme which are attributable to the church. The scheme is therefore accounted for as a defined contributions scheme. The deficit on the defined benefits scheme is being remedied by additional contributions by churches.

Mrs Siao-Liane Mathurin Minister received a stipend and housing allowance. Pension contributions were made for Mrs Mathurin after she accepted the post of full-time minister in 2017 until her resignation in 2023. From July 2015 the church has continued to pay the agreed deficit contribution to the final salary pension scheme.

Trustees:

None of the Trustees received any remuneration for their work as Trustees.

On occasions Trustees paid expenses on behalf of the Church and were re-imbursed on submission of receipts and invoices. The following re-imburements were made in 2024:-

Mrs Sandra Hunter-Brady	- £ 581	(2023 - £ 973)
Mrs I Thomas	- £ 268	(2023 - £ none)
Mrs R Swaby	- £ 404	(2023 - £ 89)

There were no other transactions with any related party in the year.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2024

### 8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
Brought forward and carried forward	2,985	2,985
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Brought forward and carried forward	-	-
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
Brought forward	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,985</u>
Carried forward	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,985</u>

It is likely that there are material differences between the open market values of the charity's land and buildings and their book values. These arise from the specialised nature of some properties and the effects of inflation. The amount of such differences cannot be ascertained without incurring significant costs, which, in the opinion of trustees, are not justified in terms of the benefit to the users of the accounts.

### 9. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	1,792	1,707
Sundry Debtor	0	6,118
Prepayments	4,639	4,524
	<u>6,431</u>	<u>12,349</u>

### 10. Bank and Cash Balances

	2024	2023
	£	£
CAF Bank – Current Account	15,097	30,542
CAF Bank – Deposit Account	82,337	16,114
Petty Cash Float	30	30
	<u>97,464</u>	<u>46,686</u>

### 11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry Creditors	<u>2,630</u>	<u>2,895</u>
	<u>2,630</u>	<u>2,895</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 12. Restricted Funds

*Year ended 31st December 2024:*

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Carried Forward £
Communion Fund	3,948	190	30	4,108
2Ts	1,037	525	148	1,414
Prime Time	644	388	631	401
Building Fund	12,500	-	-	12,500
	<u>18,129</u>	<u>1,103</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>18,423</u>

*Year ended 31st December 2023:*

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Carried Forward £
<i>Communion Fund</i>	4,752	86	890	3,948
<i>2Ts</i>	587	589	139	1,037
<i>Prime Time</i>	1,107	352	815	644
<i>Building Fund</i>	12,500	-	-	12,500
	<u>18,946</u>	<u>1,027</u>	<u>1,844</u>	<u>18,129</u>

### 13. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

*Year ended 31st December 2024:*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,985	-	2,985
Net Current Assets	82,842	18,423	101,265
	<u>85,827</u>	<u>18,423</u>	<u>104,250</u>

*Year ended 31st December 2023:*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,985	-	2,985
Net Current Assets	38,011	18,129	56,140
	<u>40,996</u>	<u>18,129</u>	<u>59,125</u>

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# Accounts

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**31st December 2023**

**Charity Registration Number 1130344**

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## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2023**

### **Registered Address**

New Park Road, London, SW2 4LH

The Church, founded in 1840, is registered as a charity (number 1130344).

### **Trustees**

Six trustees served throughout the year:

Rev Siao-Liane Mathurin (Minister of the Church-resigned 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023)

Mrs Rachel Swaby (secretary)

Mrs Sandra Hunter-Brady (treasurer)

Mrs Ivy Thomas

Mr Tina Matina

Mrs Susan Saidu

### **Property Trustees**

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited, Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire.  
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### **Bankers**

CAF Bank, West Malling, ME19 4JQ

### **Independent Examiner**

Robert H L King FCA,

Kings Accounting House Ltd.,

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# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2023**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2023.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is governed by a Constitution. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members Meeting normally takes place quarterly or up to six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint 6 Trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. In everyday matters of Church leadership, the Trustees are referred to as Deacons. This in no way affects their responsibilities as Trustees of the Church. For simplicity, the term 'Trustee' is retained throughout this report. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

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For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

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At the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 the membership stood at approximately 57. Average attendance at worship services has continued during the year, although increases were shown in the children's work and work amongst young people.

Ingreja Batista (Portuguese speaking congregation), has continued to meet weekly on but now worship on a Sunday evening. They also began meet regularly at the church on a Wednesday evening. In September 2023 we welcomed Reborn Baptist Church (Spanish speaking congregation) who now worship on a Saturday morning.

The annual Community Fun Day held in July was an enormous success as ever. This year the two congregations worked in partnership. The community are invited to share food, music, and fun for 3-4 hours with our Church community.

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**For The Year Ended 31st December 2023**

Youth and children event this year included a well-attended holiday club in the summer and a Light party in October. This year we took some of our youth on a residential trip organised by CPAS Ventures to Danehill in Haywards Heath, Surrey in the summer holiday.

The Church's Communion Fund (an offering taken during communion services) is used to assist those in the Church and, occasionally those in the community, who for whatever reason are in difficulties.

The Trustees are in the process of reviewing the major risks facing the Church with the aim of ensuring that policies are in place to minimise these risks. Procedures exist to manage any emergency that might arise.

The Church records its gratitude to those who continued to tackle various smaller maintenance and improvement tasks around the premises during 2023.

The Church maintains computerised data-base records – this information is confidential and is retained for the sole use of the Church in pursuit of its aims. Names and addresses and other information on the databases are compliant with the GDPR rules.

The Trustees are not aware of any serious incidents which would have had to be reported to the Charity Commission. The Trustees have reviewed the Church's object and activities (as stated and summarised above) and are satisfied that they fully comply with the Charity Commission's Public Benefit requirements.

### **Financial Review**

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to continue its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year. The Church is grateful for the substantial benefit received as gift-aid.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

### **Pensions**

The Church is a participating employer within the Defined Benefit section of the Baptist Pension Scheme and has been making ongoing deficit payments to cover the costs of past service of its employees within the scheme under a recovery plan. The church has no plan to leave the scheme and expects to continue to make payments to the scheme in line with the recovery plan.

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### Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy to enable the church to function effectively and meet its obligations in the event of a decline in our income or a major cost. As at 31 December 2023, the accounting reserves were £40,996. The Church held cash on deposit in the sum of £16,114 and on current account of £30,542.

### Appreciation

The Trustees express their appreciation of the commitment to the Church of our Minister and wish her well in her new endeavours.

In turn the Church acknowledges the devotion and hard work of the Trustees and other leaders, without which the Church could not function. And many Members and friends contribute hugely to the life and work of the Church in a host of ways.

We give God the honour and praise!

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Swaby', written in a cursive style.

Rachel Swaby  
*Church Secretary*  
14<sup>th</sup> August 2024

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of New Park Road Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 charity 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.

*Signed*



*Robert H L King FCA*

*Kings Accounting House Ltd  
37 Gayfere Road  
Stoneleigh, Epsom  
Surrey. KT17 2JY*

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	2	36,481	3,110	39,591	55,808
Investment Income	3	37,409	–	37,409	35,794
Other	4	1,881	–	1,881	4,510
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>75,771</u>	<u>3,110</u>	<u>78,881</u>	<u>96,112</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	56,753	3,926	60,679	92,808
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>56,753</u>	<u>3,926</u>	<u>60,679</u>	<u>92,808</u>
<b>Net Income</b>		<u>19,018</u>	<u>(816)</u>	<u>18,202</u>	<u>3,304</u>
Total Funds brought forward		<u>21,978</u>	<u>18,945</u>	<u>40,923</u>	<u>37,621</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>40,996</u>	<u>18,129</u>	<u>59,125</u>	<u>40,925</u>

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## BALANCE SHEET

As At 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	8		2,985		2,985
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	12,349		8,951	
Cash at bank	10	46,686		31,349	
		<u>59,035</u>		<u>40,300</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	2,895		2,360	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>56,140</u>		<u>37,940</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>59,125</u>		<u>40,925</u>
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>					
Restricted	12	18,129		18,946	
Unrestricted		40,996		21,979	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u>59,125</u>		<u>40,925</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

Signed



Mrs S Brady  
Treasurer

Signed



Mrs R Swaby  
Trustee

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# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of accounting**

The Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The Church has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Church and rounded to the nearest pound.

#### **Donations**

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

#### **Investment Income**

Investment income is included in the financial statements in the year which it is receivable.

#### **Fund raising**

The Church raises funds from within its own membership and congregations (inclusive of gift aid). It does not make formal appeals to raise funds from external sources.

#### **Grants payable**

The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work.

#### **Governance Costs**

These represent direct expenditure on the governance of the Church including the Independent Examination. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

#### **Fixed Assets**

The Church Premises (Church and Manse) are not included in the Balance Sheet because reliable cost information is not available, and valuation would incur significant costs which would be onerous compared with the additional benefit gained by the user of the financial statements.

Purchases of furniture and equipment above the de minimis of £2,500 are included at cost or net realisable value.

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation has not been charged on the Church premises or its equipment or on the Manse.

#### **Fund Structure**

Restricted funds are a response to donor wishes and can only be used for the purposes for which they are given.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

### 2. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Offerings:				
Loose	4,596	-	4,596	3,575
Systematic	2,416	-	2,416	2,343
Gift Aid donations	22,659	1,500	24,159	27,657
Gift Aid tax rebates	6,810	375	7,185	7,694
Brazilian Church	-	-	-	792
Building Fund	-	-	-	12,500
Other-Communion Fund	-	87	87	238
Other-2Ts	-	589	589	395
Other- Prime Time	-	352	352	348
Other- Operation Agri.	-	207	207	266
	<u>36,481</u>	<u>3,110</u>	<u>39,591</u>	<u>55,808</u>

### 3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Interest	356	-	356	76
Rental Income (Manse)	27,630	-	27,630	26,934
Premises Hire	9,423	-	9,423	8,784
	<u>37,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,409</u>	<u>35,794</u>

### 4. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
National Insurance Allowance	1,686	-	1,686	4,362
Other gifts	195	-	195	148
	<u>1,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,881</u>	<u>4,510</u>

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

### 5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Church Expenses				
Water Rates	213	-	213	194
Light & Heat	6,703	-	6,703	5,152
Insurance	3,266	-	3,266	3,209
Maintenance	2,001	-	2,001	920
Manse Expenses				
Insurance	982	-	982	830
Maintenance	927	-	927	8,329
Ministry & Mission Costs				
Salary and NIC	17,105	-	17,105	44,114
Pension	1,037	-	1,037	6,893
Preaching Fees	1,102	-	1,102	151
Charitable Gifts (Note 6)	7,450	2,972	10,422	5,620
2 T's & Prime Time	-	954	954	905
Subscriptions	2,504	-	2,504	2,460
Training Costs	-	-	-	475
Bank Charges	60	-	60	81
Sundry Costs	876	-	876	361
Support Costs				
Administration Salary	5,304	-	5,304	5,304
Telephone & Internet	788	-	788	638
Post, Stationery & Computer	483	-	483	458
Replacement Equipment	1,430	-	1,430	11
Photocopy, CCLI Licence	301	-	301	410
Professional Fees	2,225	-	2,225	2,099
Independent Examination	495	-	495	460
Brazilian Church	150	-	150	2,482
Church Activities (Sunday School, Groups & Clubs)	1,351	-	1,351	1,252
	<u>56,753</u>	<u>3,926</u>	<u>60,679</u>	<u>92,808</u>

### 6. Charitable Gifts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Ruth Raharimanantsoa	2,700	1,275	3,975	3,975
Spinnaker Trust	950	600	1,550	600
Operation Agri	950	207	1,157	266
SGM Lifewords	950	-	950	-
BMS	950	-	950	-
Communion Fund Gifts	-	890	890	779
Clapham Park Foodbank	950	-	950	-
	<u>7,450</u>	<u>2,972</u>	<u>10,422</u>	<u>5,041</u>

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

### 7. Staff Costs, Trustees Remuneration and Related Party transactions

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries -gross	16,929	30,033
Social Security	1,686	4,362
Pension	1,037	6,893
Other Costs	3,794	15,023
	<u>23,446</u>	<u>56,311</u>

The average number of employees for the year was 1 2

The number of employees receiving emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year was - -

No minister or employee lived in a house wholly or partly owned by the Church.

Until his resignation in 2015 the Church paid pension contributions for its fully qualified Minister to the Baptist Ministers Pension Trust Limited, which is a final salary defined benefits scheme and is not contracted out of the State Second Pension. The scheme is a multi-employer scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the scheme which are attributable to the church. The scheme is therefore accounted for as a defined contributions scheme. The deficit on the defined benefits scheme is being remedied by additional contributions by churches.

Mrs Siao-Liane Mathurin Minister received a stipend and housing allowance. Pension contributions were made for Mrs Mathurin after she accepted the post of full-time minister in 2017 until her resignation in 2023. From July 2015 the church has continued to pay the agreed deficit contribution to the final salary pension scheme.

Trustees:

Mrs Siao-Liane Mathurin was appointed a Trustee in November 2018 and resigned in March 2023. She received a salary etc. as detailed in the notes above for her work as the church's minister but receives nothing extra for her work as a Trustee.

None of the other Trustees received any remuneration for their work as Trustees.

On occasions Trustees paid expenses on behalf of the Church and were re-imbursed on submission of receipts and invoices. The following re-imburements were made in 2023:-

Dr Justin Hayes	- £ none	(2022 - £ none)
Mrs Sandra Hunter-Brady	- £ 973	(2022 - £ 779)
Rev Siao-Liane Mathurin	- £ none	(2022 - £ 18)
Mrs R Swaby	- £ 89	(2022 - £ 112)

There were no other transactions with any related party in the year.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

### 8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
Brought forward and carried forward	2,985	2,985
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Brought forward and carried forward	-	-
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
Brought forward	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,985</u>
Carried forward	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,985</u>

It is likely that there are material differences between the open market values of the charity's land and buildings and their book values. These arise from the specialised nature of some properties and the effects of inflation. The amount of such differences cannot be ascertained without incurring significant costs, which, in the opinion of trustees, are not justified in terms of the benefit to the users of the accounts.

### 9. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	1,707	4,381
Sundry Debtor	6,118	226
Prepayments	4,524	4,344
	<u>12,349</u>	<u>8,951</u>

### 10. Bank and Cash Balances

	2023	2022
	£	£
CAF Bank – Current Account	30,542	15,502
CAF Bank – Deposit Account	16,114	15,817
Petty Cash Float	30	30
	<u>46,686</u>	<u>31,349</u>

### 11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sundry Creditors	2,895	2,360
	<u>2,895</u>	<u>2,360</u>

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

### 12. Restricted Funds

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023:*

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Carried Forward £
Communion Fund	4,752	86	890	3,948
2Ts	587	589	139	1,037
Prime Time	1,107	352	815	644
Building Fund	12,500	-	-	12,500
	<u>18,946</u>	<u>1,027</u>	<u>1,844</u>	<u>18,129</u>

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022:*

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Carried Forward £
<i>Communion Fund</i>	5,293	238	779	4,752
<i>2Ts</i>	390	395	198	587
<i>Prime Time</i>	1,466	348	707	1,107
<i>Building Fund</i>	-	12,500	-	12,500
	<u>7,149</u>	<u>13,481</u>	<u>1,684</u>	<u>18,946</u>

### 13. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023:*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,985	-	2,985
Net Current Assets	38,011	18,129	56,140
	<u>40,996</u>	<u>18,129</u>	<u>59,125</u>

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022:*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,985	-	2,985
Net Current Assets	18,994	18,946	37,940
	<u>21,979</u>	<u>18,946</u>	<u>40,925</u>

**NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1130344

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# Accounts

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**For The Year Ended**  
**31st December 2022**

**Charity Registration Number 1130344**

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2022**

### **Registered Address**

New Park Road, London, SW2 4LH

The Church, founded in 1840, is registered as a charity (number 1130344).

### **Trustees**

The following served as trustees during the year:

Revd. Siao-Liane Mathurin (Minister of the Church)

Mrs Rachel Swaby (Secretary)

Mrs Sandra Hunter-Brady (Treasurer)

Revd. Ricardo Floriano Valadao (Resigned February 2022)

Dr Justin Hayes (Retired March 2022)

Mrs Ivy Thomas

Mr Tina Matina

Mrs Susan Saidu

### **Property Trustees**

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited, Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire.  
OX11 8RT

### **Bankers**

CAF Bank, West Malling, ME19 4JQ

### **Independent Examiner**

Robert H L King FCA,

Kings Accounting House Ltd.,

37 Gayfere Road, Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey. KT17 2JY

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2022**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2022.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is governed by a Constitution. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members Meeting normally takes place quarterly or up to six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint 6 Trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. In everyday matters of Church leadership, the Trustees are referred to as Deacons. This in no way affects their responsibilities as Trustees of the Church. For simplicity, the term 'Trustee' is retained throughout this report. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

### **Objectives and Activities**

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At the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 the membership stood at approximately 60. Average attendance at worship services has continued during the year, although increases were shown in the children's work and work amongst young people.

The Portuguese speaking congregation has continued to meet weekly on a Saturday evening with a view to moving to Sunday evening worship in the future. They have also begun meeting regularly at the church on a Wednesday evening.

The annual Community Fun Day held in July was an enormous success as ever. This year the two congregations worked in partnership. The community are invited to share food, music, and fun for 3-4 hours with our Church community. Music was led by the then newly appointed worship leader.

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# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

### Appreciation

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We give God the honour and praise!

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Swaby', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Rachel Swaby  
*Church Secretary*

23rd October 2023

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of New Park Road Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 charity 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.

*Signed*



*Robert H L King FCA*

*Kings Accounting House Ltd  
37 Gayfere Road  
Stoneleigh, Epsom  
Surrey. KT17 2JY*

Date: 23rd October 2023

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	2	40,186	15,622	55,808	55,755
Investment Income	3	35,794	–	35,794	26,781
Other	4	4,510	–	4,510	4,308
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>80,490</b>	<b>15,622</b>	<b>96,112</b>	<b>86,844</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	88,983	3,825	92,808	105,198
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>88,983</b>	<b>3,825</b>	<b>92,808</b>	<b>105,198</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>(8,493)</b>	<b>11,797</b>	<b>3,304</b>	<b>(18,354)</b>
Total Funds brought forward		30,472	7,149	37,621	55,975
Total Funds carried forward		21,979	18,946	40,925	37,621

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## BALANCE SHEET

As At 31st December 2022

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	8		2,985		2,985
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	8,951		9,799	
Cash at bank	10	31,349		27,794	
		<u>40,300</u>		<u>37,593</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	2,360		2,957	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>37,940</u>		34,636
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>40,925</u>		<u>37,621</u>
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>					
Restricted	12		18,946		7,149
Unrestricted			21,979		30,472
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u>40,925</u>		<u>37,621</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 23rd October 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

Signed



Mrs S Brady  
Treasurer

Signed



Mrs R Swaby  
Trustee

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# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of accounting**

The Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The Church has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Church and rounded to the nearest pound.

#### **Donations**

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

#### **Investment Income**

Investment income is included in the financial statements in the year which it is receivable.

#### **Fund raising**

The Church raises funds from within its own membership and congregations (inclusive of gift aid). It does not make formal appeals to raise funds from external sources.

#### **Grants payable**

The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work.

#### **Governance Costs**

These represent direct expenditure on the governance of the Church including the Independent Examination. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

#### **Fixed Assets**

The Church Premises (Church and Manse) are not included in the Balance Sheet because reliable cost information is not available, and valuation would incur significant costs which would be onerous compared with the additional benefit gained by the user of the financial statements.

Purchases of furniture and equipment above the de minimis of £2,500 are included at cost or net realisable value.

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation has not been charged on the Church premises or its equipment or on the Manse.

#### **Fund Structure**

Restricted funds are a response to donor wishes and can only be used for the purposes for which they are given.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

### 2. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Offerings:				
Loose	3,575	-	3,575	2,105
Systematic	2,343	-	2,343	2,142
Gift Aid donations	26,157	1,500	27,657	35,993
Gift Aid tax rebates	7,319	375	7,694	10,434
Brazilian Church	792	-	792	4,803
Building Fund	-	12,500	12,500	-
Other-Communion Fund	-	238	238	60
Other-2Ts	-	395	395	-
Other- Prime Time	-	348	348	-
Other- Operation Agri.	-	266	266	218
	<u>40,186</u>	<u>15,622</u>	<u>55,808</u>	<u>55,755</u>

### 3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Interest	76	-	76	3
Rental Income (Manse)	26,934	-	26,934	24,728
Premises Hire	8,784	-	8,784	2,050
	<u>35,794</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,794</u>	<u>26,781</u>

### 4. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
National Insurance Allowance	4,362	-	4,362	3,808
Other gifts	148	-	148	500
	<u>4,510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,510</u>	<u>4,308</u>

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

### 5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Church Expenses				
Water Rates	194	-	194	94
Light & Heat	5,152	-	5,152	4,485
Insurance	3,209	-	3,209	3,002
Maintenance	920	-	920	715
Manse Expenses				
Insurance	830	-	830	876
Maintenance	8,329	-	8,329	25,860
Ministry & Mission Costs				
Salary and NIC	44,114	-	44,114	40,970
Pension	6,893	-	6,893	8,682
Preaching Fees	151	-	151	115
Charitable Gifts (Note 6)	2,700	2,920	5,620	5,041
2 T's & Prime Time	-	905	905	298
Subscriptions	2,460	-	2,460	2,666
Training Costs	475	-	475	488
Bank Charges	81	-	81	97
Sundry Costs	361	-	361	99
Support Costs				
Administration Salary	5,304	-	5,304	5,304
Telephone & Internet	638	-	638	894
Post, Printing & Stationery	458	-	458	385
Replacement Equipment	11	-	11	921
Photocopy, CCLI Licence	410	-	410	102
Professional Fees	2,099	-	2,099	2,043
Independent Examination	460	-	460	450
Brazilian Church	2,482	-	2,482	-
Church Activities (Sunday School, Groups & Clubs)	1,252	-	1,252	1,611
	<b>88,983</b>	<b>3,825</b>	<b>92,808</b>	<b>105,198</b>

### 6. Charitable Gifts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Ruth Raharimanantsoa	2,700	1,275	3,975	3,975
Spinnaker Trust	-	600	600	600
Operation Agri	-	266	266	218
Baptist Union	-	-	-	-
Communion Fund Gifts	-	779	779	248
Other gifts	-	-	-	-
	<b>2,700</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>5,620</b>	<b>5,041</b>

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

### 7. Staff Costs, Trustees Remuneration and Related Party transactions

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries -gross	30,033	29,679
Social Security	4,362	3,808
Pension	6,893	8,682
Other Costs	15,023	12,787
	<u>56,311</u>	<u>54,956</u>

The average number of employees for the year was 2 2

The number of employees receiving emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year was - -

No minister or employee lived in a house wholly or partly owned by the Church.

Until his resignation in 2015 the Church paid pension contributions for its fully qualified Minister to the Baptist Ministers Pension Trust Limited, which is a final salary defined benefits scheme and is not contracted out of the State Second Pension. The scheme is a multi-employer scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the scheme which are attributable to the church. The scheme is therefore accounted for as a defined contributions scheme. The deficit on the defined benefits scheme is being remedied by additional contributions by churches.

Mrs Siao-Liane Mathurin Minister receives a stipend and housing allowance. Pension contributions were made for Mrs Mathurin after she accepted the post of full-time minister in 2017. From July 2015 the church has continued to pay the agreed deficit contribution to the final salary pension scheme.

Trustees:

Mrs Siao-Liane Mathurin was appointed a Trustee in November 2018. She receives a salary etc. as detailed in the notes above for her work as the church's minister but receives nothing extra for her work as a Trustee.

None of the other Trustees received any remuneration for their work as Trustees.

On occasions Trustees paid expenses on behalf of the Church and were re-imbursed on submission of receipts and invoices. The following re-imbursments were made in 2022:-

Dr Justin Hayes	- £ none	(2021 - £5,575)
Mrs Sandra Hunter-Brady	- £ 779	(2021 - £ 455)
Rev Siao-Liane Mathurin	- £ 18	(2021 - £ none)
Mrs R Swaby	- £ 112	(2021 - £ 156)

In November 2021 a loan was made to Siao-Liane Mathurin who is both a minister and Trustee. The loan was for £2,800 and was repaid in February 2022. There were no other transactions with any related party in the year.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

### 8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
Brought forward and carried forward	2,985	2,985
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Brought forward and carried forward	-	-
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
Brought forward	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,985</u>
Carried forward	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,985</u>

It is likely that there are material differences between the open market values of the charity's land and buildings and their book values. These arise from the specialised nature of some properties and the effects of inflation. The amount of such differences cannot be ascertained without incurring significant costs, which, in the opinion of trustees, are not justified in terms of the benefit to the users of the accounts.

### 9. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	4,381	2,187
Loan	-	2,800
Sundry Debtor	226	773
Prepayments	<u>4,344</u>	<u>4,039</u>
	<u>8,951</u>	<u>9,799</u>

### 10. Bank and Cash Balances

	2022	2021
	£	£
CAF Bank – Current Account	15,502	12,008
CAF Bank – Deposit Account	15,817	15,756
Petty Cash Float	30	30
	<u>31,349</u>	<u>27,794</u>

### 11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Sundry Creditors	<u>2,360</u>	<u>2,957</u>
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# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

### 12. Restricted Funds

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022:*

	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Resources Expended</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
	£	£	£	£
Communion Fund	5,293	238	779	4,752
2Ts	390	395	198	587
Prime Time	1,466	348	707	1,107
Building Fund	-	12,500	-	12,500
	<u>7,149</u>	<u>13,481</u>	<u>1,684</u>	<u>18,946</u>

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021:*

	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Resources Expended</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
	£	£	£	£
<i>Communion Fund</i>	5,481	60	248	5,293
<i>2Ts</i>	390	-	-	390
<i>Prime Time</i>	1,764	-	298	1,466
	<u>7,635</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>7,149</u>

### 13. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022:*

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,985	-	2,985
Net Current Assets	18,994	18,946	37,940
	<u>21,979</u>	<u>18,946</u>	<u>40,925</u>

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021:*

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,985	-	2,985
Net Current Assets	27,487	7,149	34,636
	<u>30,472</u>	<u>7,149</u>	<u>37,621</u>

**NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1130344

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# Accounts

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**NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For The Year Ended**  
**31st December 2021**

**Charity Registration Number 1130344**

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2021**

### **Registered Address**

New Park Road, London, SW2 4LH

The Church, founded in 1840, is registered as a charity (number 1130344).

### **Trustees**

Seven trustees served throughout the year:

Rev Siao-Liane Mathurin (Minister of the Church)

Mrs Rachel Swaby (Secretary)

Mrs Sandra Hunter-Brady (Treasurer)

Revd. Ricardo Floriano Valadao (Elder)

Dr Justin Hayes

Mrs Ivy Thomas

Mr Tina Matina

Mrs Susan Saidu

### **Property Trustees**

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire.  
OX11 8RT

### **Bankers**

CAF Bank, West Malling, ME19 4JQ

### **Independent Examiner**

Robert H L King FCA,

Kings Accounting House Ltd.,

37 Gayfere Road, Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey. KT17 2JY

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2021**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2021.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is governed by a Constitution. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members Meeting normally takes place quarterly or up to six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint 6 Trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. In everyday matters of Church leadership, the Trustees are referred to as Deacons. This in no way affects their responsibilities as Trustees of the Church. (For simplicity, the term 'Trustee' is retained throughout this report). All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board and the website at [www.nprbaptist.org](http://www.nprbaptist.org). There is a full children's program during the morning services including 2 Sunday school classes. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community - anybody is free to attend any of these services.

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2021**

Weekly activities undertaken include:

- Weekly prayer meetings
- Prime time (Over 50's club)
- Weekly Bible study
- 2Ts Toddler group - The Church is responsible for a Toddler Group which meets in the Church premises on Tuesday mornings, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ.

The Church runs various events for Young People and liaises with youth groups from other local churches.

The Church part-time administrator continues to be active in managing the hall lettings and supporting the church in various administrative tasks to ensure the smooth running of the organisation.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2021 was a difficult year in the life of the church, and that it will be able to pursue its mission purposes in 2022 with renewed enthusiasm.

One church member died during the year, and one moved to another church in a different part of the country. At the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 the membership stood at 58.

Average attendance at worship services has continued during the year, although increases were shown in the children's work and work amongst young people.

The Portuguese speaking congregation has continued to meet weekly on a Saturday evening.

The annual Community Fun day held in June was an enormous success as ever. This year the two congregations worked in partnership. The community are invited to share food, music, and fun for 3-4 hours with our church community.

Youth and children event this year included a very well attended holiday club in the summer and a Light party in October. This year we took some of our youth on a residential trip to Haslemere, Surrey in the summer holiday.

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During the year, the leadership team worked to equip and develop the leadership team. This began in February 2021 and continued over a period of 7 months. The training focussed on

Church leadership and governance from a Biblical perspective, delivered by Regional Minister - Revd. Winston Bygrave. As a result, the Trustee's reduced the frequency of meetings to bimonthly.

The Church records its gratitude to those who continue to tackle various smaller maintenance and improvement tasks around the premises during 2021. Major works were conducted by the church to refurbish the manse to facilitate higher rental income. The refurbishment took place in the latter part of 2021 and the manse continues to be let commercially.

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For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

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We give God the honour and praise!

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Swaby', written in a cursive style.

Rachel Swaby  
*Church Secretary*

4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of New Park Road Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 charity 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.

*Signed*



*Robert H L King FCA*

*Kings Accounting House Ltd  
37 Gayfere Road  
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Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020 £</b>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	2	53,602	2,153	55,755	50,886
Investment Income	3	26,781	–	26,781	34,872
Other	4	4,308	–	4,308	4,051
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>84,691</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>86,844</b>	<b>89,809</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	102,559	2,639	105,198	91,907
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>102,559</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>105,198</b>	<b>91,907</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>(17,868)</b>	<b>(486)</b>	<b>(18,354)</b>	<b>(2,098)</b>
Total Funds brought forward		48,340	7,635	55,975	58,073
Total Funds carried forward		30,472	7,149	37,621	55,975

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## BALANCE SHEET

As At 31st December 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	8		2,985		2,985
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	9,799		7,638	
Cash at bank	10	27,794		53,189	
		<u>37,593</u>		<u>60,827</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	2,957		7,837	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>34,636</u>		<u>52,990</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>37,621</u>		<u>55,975</u>
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>					
Restricted	12		7,149		7,635
Unrestricted			30,472		48,340
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u>37,621</u>		<u>55,975</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

Signed



Mrs S Brady  
Treasurer

Signed



Mrs R Swaby  
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of accounting**

The Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The Church has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Church and rounded to the nearest pound.

#### **Donations**

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

#### **Investment Income**

Investment income is included in the financial statements in the year which it is receivable.

#### **Fund raising**

The Church raises funds from within its own membership and congregations (inclusive of gift aid). It does not make formal appeals to raise funds from external sources.

#### **Grants payable**

The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work.

#### **Governance Costs**

These represent direct expenditure on the governance of the Church including the Independent Examination. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

#### **Fixed Assets**

The Church Premises (Church and Manse) are not included in the Balance Sheet because reliable cost information is not available, and valuation would incur significant costs which would be onerous compared with the additional benefit gained by the user of the financial statements.

Purchases of furniture and equipment above the de minimis of £2,500 are included at cost or net realisable value.

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation has not been charged on the Church premises or its equipment or on the Manse.

#### **Fund Structure**

Restricted funds are a response to donor wishes and can only be used for the purposes for which they are given.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

### 2. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Offerings:				
Loose	2,105	-	2,105	1,610
Systematic	2,142	-	2,142	4,740
Gift Aid donations	34,493	1,500	35,993	23,954
Gift Aid tax rebates	10,059	375	10,434	6,755
Brazilian Church	4,803	-	4,803	2,127
Building Fund	-	-	-	10,600
Other-Communion Fund	-	60	60	565
Other-2Ts	-	-	-	170
Other- Prime Time	-	-	-	115
Other- Operation Agri.	-	218	218	250
	<u>53,602</u>	<u>2,153</u>	<u>55,755</u>	<u>50,886</u>

### 3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Interest	3	-	3	25
Rental Income (Manse)	24,728	-	24,728	32,340
Premises Hire	2,050	-	2,050	2,507
	<u>26,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,781</u>	<u>34,872</u>

### 4. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
National Insurance Allowance	3,808	-	3,808	3,021
Other gifts	500	-	500	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	1,030
	<u>4,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,308</u>	<u>4,051</u>

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

### 5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Church Expenses				
Water Rates	94	-	94	143
Light & Heat	4,485	-	4,485	3,126
Insurance	3,002	-	3,002	2,998
Maintenance	715	-	715	12,973
Manse Expenses				
Insurance	876	-	876	746
Maintenance	25,860	-	25,860	414
Ministry & Mission Costs				
Salary and NIC	40,970	-	40,970	39,194
Pension	8,682	-	8,682	7,235
Preaching Fees	115	-	115	303
Charitable Gifts (Note 6)	2,700	2,341	5,041	8,689
2 T's & Prime Time	-	298	298	256
Subscriptions	2,666	-	2,666	1,820
Training Costs	488	-	488	215
Bank Charges	97	-	97	110
Sundry Costs	99	-	99	361
Support Costs				
Administration Salary	5,304	-	5,304	5,304
Telephone & Internet	894	-	894	1,077
Post, Printing & Stationery	385	-	385	144
Replacement Equipment	921	-	921	974
Photocopy, CCLI Licence	102	-	102	208
Professional Fees	2,043	-	2,043	2,291
Independent Examination	450	-	450	520
Brazilian Church	-	-	-	923
Church Activities (Sunday School, Groups & Clubs)	1,611	-	1,611	1,883
	<b>102,559</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>105,198</b>	<b>91,907</b>

### 6. Charitable Gifts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Ruth Raharimanantsoa	2,700	1,275	3,975	3,975
Spinnaker Trust	-	600	600	1,000
Operation Agri	-	218	218	650
Baptist Union	-	-	-	1,900
Communion Fund Gifts	-	248	248	564
Other gifts	-	-	-	600
	<b>2,700</b>	<b>2,341</b>	<b>5,041</b>	<b>8,689</b>

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

### 7. Staff Costs, Trustees Remuneration and Related Party transactions

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries -gross	29,679	29,304
Social Security	3,808	3,651
Pension	8,682	7,235
Other Costs	12,787	11,543
	<u>54,956</u>	<u>51,733</u>

The average number of employees for the year was 2 2

The number of employees receiving emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year was - -

No minister or employee lived in a house wholly or partly owned by the Church.

Until his resignation in 2015 the Church paid pension contributions for its fully qualified Minister to the Baptist Ministers Pension Trust Limited, which is a final salary defined benefits scheme and is not contracted out of the State Second Pension. The scheme is a multi-employer scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the scheme which are attributable to the church. The scheme is therefore accounted for as a defined contributions scheme. The deficit on the defined benefits scheme is being remedied by additional contributions by churches.

Mrs Siaan-Liane Mathurin Minister receives a stipend and housing allowance. Pension contributions were made for Mrs Mathurin after she accepted the post of full-time minister in 2017. From July 2015 the church has continued to pay the agreed deficit contribution to the final salary pension scheme.

Trustees:

Mrs Siaan-Liane Mathurin was appointed a Trustee in November 2018. She receives a salary etc. as detailed in the notes above for her work as the church's minister but receives nothing extra for her work as a Trustee.

None of the other Trustees received any remuneration for their work as Trustees.

On occasions Trustees paid expenses on behalf of the Church and were re-imbursed on submission of receipts and invoices. The following re-imbursments were made in 2021:-

Dr Justin Hayes	- £5,575	(2020 - £1,189)
Mrs Sandra Hunter-Brady	- £ 455	(2020 - £907)
Rev Siaan-Liane Mathurin	- £ none	(2020 - £none)
Mrs R Swaby	- £ 156	(2020 - £54)

In November 2021 a loan was made to Siaan-Liane Mathurin who is both a minister and Trustee. The loan was for £2,800 and was repaid in February 2022. There were no other transactions with any related party in the year (2020 – none).

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

### 8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
Brought forward and carried forward	2,985	2,985
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Brought forward and carried forward	-	-
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
Brought forward	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,985</u>
Carried forward	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,985</u>

It is likely that there are material differences between the open market values of the charity's land and buildings and their book values. These arise from the specialised nature of some properties and the effects of inflation. The amount of such differences cannot be ascertained without incurring significant costs, which, in the opinion of trustees, are not justified in terms of the benefit to the users of the accounts.

### 9. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	2,187	3,349
Loan	2,800	-
Sundry Debtor	773	503
Prepayments	4,039	3,786
	<u>9,799</u>	<u>7,638</u>

### 10. Bank and Cash Balances

	2021	2020
	£	£
CAF Bank – Current Account	12,008	19,567
CAF Bank – Deposit Account	15,756	30,753
Petty Cash Float	30	30
Tenants' Deposit Protection Scheme	-	2,839
	<u>27,794</u>	<u>53,189</u>

### 11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Sundry Creditors	2,957	4,998
Tenants' Deposits Held	-	2,839
	<u>2,957</u>	<u>7,837</u>

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2021

### 12. Restricted Funds

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021:*

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Communion Fund	5,481	60	248	5,293
2Ts	390	-	-	390
Prime Time	1,764	-	298	1,466
	<u>7,635</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>7,149</u>

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020:*

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Communion Fund	5,480	565	564	5,481
2Ts	441	170	221	390
Prime Time	1,684	115	35	1,764
Building Fund	-	10,600	10,600	-
Other Gifts	-	2,125	2,125	-
	<u>7,605</u>	<u>13,575</u>	<u>13,545</u>	<u>7,635</u>

### 13. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021:*

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,985	-	2,985
Net Current Assets	27,487	7,149	34,636
	<u>30,472</u>	<u>7,149</u>	<u>37,621</u>

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020:*

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,985	-	2,985
Net Current Assets	45,355	7,635	52,990
	<u>48,340</u>	<u>7,635</u>	<u>55,975</u>

**NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1130344

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# Accounts

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**NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For The Year Ended  
31st December 2020**

**Charity Registration Number 1130344**

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2020**

### **Registered Address**

New Park Road, London, SW2 4LH

The Church, founded in 1840, is registered as a charity (number 1130344).

### **Trustees**

Seven trustees served throughout the year:

Rev Siao-Liane Mathurin (Minister of the Church)

Mrs Rachel Swaby (Secretary)

Mrs Sandra Hunter-Brady (Treasurer)

Dr Justin Hayes

Mrs Ivy Thomas

Mr Tina Matina

Mrs Susan Saidu

Pastor Ricardo Floriano Valadao

One trustee resigned during the year:

Mr Segun Abu-Kuti (resigned 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020)

### **Property Trustees**

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire.

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### **Bankers**

CAF Bank, West Malling, ME19 4JQ

### **Independent Examiner**

Robert H L King FCA,

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37 Gayfere Road, Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey. KT17 2JY

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2020**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2020.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is governed by a Constitution. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members Meeting normally takes place quarterly or up to six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint Trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. In everyday matters of Church leadership, the Trustees are referred to as Deacons. This in no way affects their responsibilities as Trustees of the Church. (For simplicity, the term 'Trustee' is retained throughout this report). All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am but during lockdown the services were done online via zoom to enable participation from the congregation and due to this we had a reduced online service starting at 11am and concluding at 12 noon. Zoom services enabled missionaries we support in Congo and in Brazil to join our services and also friends and loved ones who live abroad.

Weekly activities undertaken include:

- Twice weekly prayer meetings
- Prime time (Over 60's club)
- Weekly Bible study
- 2Ts Toddler group - The Church is responsible for a Toddler Group which meets in the Church premises on Tuesday mornings, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ.

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2020**

The Church runs various events for Young People and liaises with youth groups from other local churches.

The Church part-time administrator continues to be active in managing the hall lettings and supporting the church in various administrative tasks to ensure the smooth running of the organisation.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like engagement, fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2020 regardless of the unprecedented year due to Covid, lockdown and all its restrictions was a positive year in the life of the church, as the church grew in spiritual maturity, closer relationships and renewed concern for community and others putting us in a good position to pursue its mission purposes in 2021 with renewed enthusiasm.

Average attendance at worship services on Zoom during lockdown was around 25 each week, somewhat less than previously. During July to December when Covid precautions eased services continued on Zoom with 10 to 15 attending in person and similar numbers online.

### **Sunday Online Group for Young People in School Years 7 to 11**

It was difficult to engage well with young people through this medium alone, but a small number enjoyed this.

### **2Ts Toddler Group**

Closed from March onwards

### **Igreja Batista - our Portuguese speaking congregation**

During lockdown our Portuguese speaking Saturday congregation broadcasted their services via You Tube. They also met online vis Zoom for small groups

When lockdown ceased they returned to church and as people became more confident they started to return back to church much more quickly than the English speaking congregation. We continued to work closely with Pastor Ricardo and the leadership team to discuss ways forward and also we have met with London Baptists to discuss the details of a possible further integration of the two churches.

It is estimated that approximately 30-35,000 Portuguese speakers reside in the Borough of Lambeth. At NPR we feel strongly that it is paramount that there should be opportunities for our Portuguese speaking church family to worship, pray and praise God in their mother tongue. We see ourselves as one church with "two voices"; with a shared identity in Christ as well as a plethora of different cultural identities

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

### **Church & Lockdown**

This last year was an unprecedented year as Covid plummeted into our lives in ways we could never thought or imagined.

For the first time since the church was opened in 1840 all church activities, planned events and Sunday services were cancelled in the church and we were forced to close our doors in the second week of March as directed by the Government. The church remained closed until September 2020. But as a church we would not be defeated by what many felt was Satan's attack on the world and the church. We quickly resumed church services Zoom Church took a time to get going and we spent much time ensuring those in our church family who were not Tech savvy had mobile phones that would enable them to keep in touch and access services. We purchased phones for those few who did not have mobile handsets and internet. We also set up WhatsApp groups enabling our church family to stay in touch.

### **Shopping Support**

Despite the enormity of Covid and all the new restrictions it brought on our lives, we were committed as a church family in not only protecting our older and vulnerable people but ensuring that they did not have to venture out putting themselves at risk. We set up shopping support for people for those most in need.

### **Hope Outreach Mission - an ecumenical partnership**

When Covid reared its ugly head NPR in partnership with other local churches had recently set up Hope Outreach Mission a project aimed at reaching out to the people living and working in Clapham Park and meeting them where the people are with the love of Christ and working together to share and show that real hope is only found in Jesus. Hope outreach mission offered the local community real and tangible ways to encounter real hope. Each church would offer a local event for all the community plus there would be a combined big outreach event planned for 21st March, with marquee, mobile farm, entertainment, food from different cultures, prayer huts, christian comedian, worship, workshops and activities for all age groups etc.

One of the initiatives NPR BC took a lead on was the **Hope Community Choir** offering opportunities for anyone in the community who loved to sing to have free access to professional vocal coach and learn new skills, meet new people and become part of a new team. Unfortunately, due to the then newly imposed Covid restrictions we had no choice but to postpone the event until 2022.

**Bread Run Saturdays** - Covid brought new possibilities to journey with people. Members from our Saturday Portuguese congregation from one of their contacts offered us the opportunity to get free bread and cakes for the community on Saturday evening from a local artisan bakers, We worked together in partnership with our Saturday congregation who collected the bread each Saturday early evening and Sister Audrey, myself and others set up a table outside church to distribute free to all the community. This proved really popular and gave us a real opportunity to meet those in our community and engage in conversation at a time when people were trying to come to terms with this brand new world of face masks, social distancing, food shortages, changes in employment and forced restrictions on liberty.

# **NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**For The Year Ended 31st December 2020**

### **Improved Online Communications**

During the year, the leadership team worked to improve the online communications and social media presence of the church. This included using cameras and equipment to host Zoom services, Bible study developing, launching a new church website, upgrading the email systems and introducing a centralised cloud based secure storage area for where documents can be stored and accessed.

### **Refurbishment of the church**

We used lockdown to undertake some much-needed refurbishment of the church working closely with our Portuguese speaking brothers. In total four rooms were totally refurbished including the kitchen. A new cloakroom/toilet was put in and the hallways and passages were completely redecorated to a high standard.

Externally the outside area was much improved and new signage was erected.

The Trustees extend their heartfelt thanks for the team of church volunteers who worked tirelessly together giving their time and commitment to greatly improving the church and for tackling various smaller maintenance and improvement tasks around the premises.

### **GDPR requirements**

The Church maintains computerised data-base records – these are regarded as confidential and are retained for the sole use of the Church in pursuit of its aims. Names and addresses and other information on the databases are not revealed to third parties. This will be reviewed and updated in the second phase of communication upgrade works in line with the latest GDPR requirements.

The Trustees are not aware of any serious incidents which would have had to be reported to the Charity Commission. The Trustees have reviewed the Church's object and activities (as stated and summarised above) and are satisfied that they fully comply with the Charity Commission's Public Benefit requirements.

### **Financial Review**

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year. The church is grateful for the substantial benefit received as gift-aid.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on income generated from its major asset the church manse which is rented out on an Assured Short Hold Tenancy privately to tenants. As the church is a charity registered with the charity commission we ensure that we comply with sections 117 and 120 of the Charities Act 2011- these require the church/property charity trustees to be satisfied that they are obtaining the best terms they can reasonably obtain.

The Minister is paid housing allowances within her salary which are subject to tax. The housing allowance paid is offset against rent received which is very lucrative for the church.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

The church is largely dependent on the membership's regular giving and from donations received during lockdown and gift aid that is received. We had anticipated that due to church being closed for a significant time there would be a reduction in income received from giving.

Many of the church's activities run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

### **Pensions**

The church is a participating employer within the Defined Benefit section of the Baptist Pension Scheme and has been making ongoing deficit payments to cover the costs of past service of its employees within the scheme under a recovery plan. The church understands that if it had left the scheme at the year-end, it would have to have made a one-off payment estimated to be £48,500 to meet its statutory obligations to the scheme. The church has no plan to leave the scheme and expects to continue to make payments to the scheme in line with the recovery plan.

### **Reserves Policy**

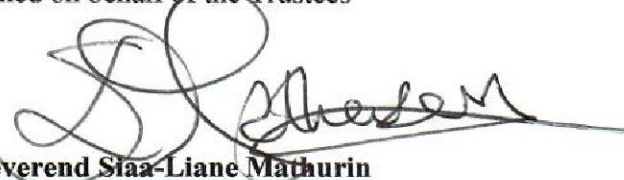
To ensure that the church always continues to function effectively and meet its obligations even in the event of a decline in our income or a major cost, a Reserves Policy is in place. Having considered the relevant risks of changes in income and expenditure, the Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves is in the range £18,000 to £20,000. As at 31 December 2020, the accounting reserves were £48,340 (2019 £50,468). The church held cash on deposit in the sum of £30,753 (2019 £30,729)

### **Heartfelt Thanks**

As the minister I would like to take this opportunity firstly to give thanks to God for bringing us through an unprecedented and challenging year. I especially want to thank the Deacons/ Trustees and other church leaders for their time, commitment and service to God's church at New Park Road and to the wider community without which the Church could not function; and many Members and friends who contribute hugely to the life and work of the Church in a host of ways.

We give God all the honour and praise!

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



**Reverend Siaz-Liane Mathurin**  
*Minister*

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of New Park Road Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 charity 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.

*Signed*



*Robert H L King FCA*

*Kings Accounting House Ltd  
37 Gayfere Road  
Stoneleigh, Epsom  
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Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	2	37,311	13,575	50,886	63,702
Investment Income	3	34,872	–	34,872	34,175
Other	4	4,051	–	4,051	3,114
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>76,234</u>	<u>13,575</u>	<u>89,809</u>	<u>100,991</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	78,362	13,545	91,907	99,241
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>78,362</u>	<u>13,545</u>	<u>91,907</u>	<u>99,241</u>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>(2,128)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>(2,098)</b>	<b>1,750</b>
Total Funds brought forward		<u>50,468</u>	<u>7,605</u>	<u>58,073</u>	<u>56,323</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>48,340</u>	<u>7,635</u>	<u>55,975</u>	<u>58,073</u>

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## BALANCE SHEET

As At 31st December 2020

	Note	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	8		2,985		2,985
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	7,638		12,377	
Cash at bank	10	53,189		50,403	
		<u>60,827</u>		<u>62,780</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	7,837		7,692	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>52,990</u>		<u>55,088</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>55,975</u>		<u>58,073</u>
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>					
Restricted	12		7,635		7,605
Unrestricted			48,340		50,468
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u>55,975</u>		<u>58,073</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

Signed



Mrs S Brady  
Treasurer

Signed



Mrs R Swaby  
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of accounting**

The Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The Church has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Church and rounded to the nearest pound.

#### **Donations**

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

#### **Investment Income**

Investment income is included in the financial statements in the year which it is receivable.

#### **Fund raising**

The Church raises funds from within its own membership and congregations (inclusive of gift aid). It does not make formal appeals to raise funds from external sources.

#### **Grants payable**

The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work.

#### **Governance Costs**

These represent direct expenditure on the governance of the Church including the Independent Examination. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

#### **Fixed Assets**

The Church Premises (Church and Manse) are not included in the Balance Sheet because reliable cost information is not available, and valuation would incur significant costs which would be onerous compared with the additional benefit gained by the user of the financial statements.

Purchases of furniture and equipment above the deminimis of £2,500 are included at cost or net realisable value.

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation has not been charged on the Church premises or its equipment or on the Manse.

#### **Fund Structure**

Restricted funds are a response to donor wishes and can only be used for the purposes for which they are given.

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

### 2. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Offerings:				
Loose	1,610	-	1,610	3,592
Systematic	4,740	-	4,740	8,522
Gift Aid donations	22,454	1,500	23,954	36,855
Gift Aid tax rebates	6,380	375	6,755	11,686
Brazilian Church	2,127	-	2,127	-
Building Fund	-	10,600	10,600	860
Other-Communion Fund	-	565	565	863
Other-2Ts	-	170	170	629
Other- Prime Time	-	115	115	565
Other- Operation Agri.	-	250	250	130
	<u>37,311</u>	<u>13,575</u>	<u>50,886</u>	<u>63,702</u>

### 3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Interest	25	-	25	52
Rental Income (Manse)	32,340	-	32,340	30,135
Premises Hire	2,507	-	2,507	3,988
	<u>34,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,872</u>	<u>34,175</u>

### 4. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
National Insurance Allowance	3,021	-	3,021	3,114
Insurance claim	1,030	-	1,030	-
	<u>4,051</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,051</u>	<u>3,114</u>

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

### 5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Church Expenses				
Water Rates	143	-	143	126
Light & Heat	3,126	-	3,126	3,764
Insurance	2,998	-	2,998	2,925
Maintenance	2,373	10,600	12,973	4,205
Manse Expenses				
Insurance	746	-	746	721
Maintenance	414	-	414	10,275
Ministry & Mission Costs				
Salary and NIC	39,194	-	39,194	39,304
Pension	7,235	-	7,235	13,166
Preaching Fees	303	-	303	375
Charitable Gifts (Note 6)	6,000	2,689	8,689	9,627
2 T's & Prime Time	-	256	256	1,633
Subscriptions	1,820	-	1,820	726
Training Costs	215	-	215	649
Bank Charges	110	-	110	60
Sundry Costs	361	-	361	523
Support Costs				
Administration Salary	5,304	-	5,304	5,304
Telephone & Internet	1,077	-	1,077	1,267
Post, Printing & Stationery	144	-	144	272
Replacement Equipment	974	-	974	-
Photocopy, CCLI Licence	208	-	208	493
Professional Fees	2,291	-	2,291	1,508
Independent Examination	520	-	520	510
Brazilian Church	923	-	923	-
Church Activities (Sunday School, Groups & Clubs)	1,883	-	1,883	1,808
	<u>78,362</u>	<u>13,545</u>	<u>91,907</u>	<u>99,241</u>

### 6. Charitable Gifts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Ruth Raharimanantsoa	2,700	1,275	3,975	3,975
Spinnaker Trust	400	600	1,000	1,050
Operation Agri	400	250	650	580
Baptist Union	1,900	-	1,900	1,950
Communion Fund Gifts	-	564	564	1,122
Other gifts	600	-	600	950
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>2,689</u>	<u>8,689</u>	<u>9,627</u>

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

### 7. Staff Costs, Trustees Remuneration and Related Party transactions

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salaries -gross	29,304	28,754
Social Security	3,651	3,624
Pension	7,235	13,166
Other Costs	11,543	12,230
	<u>51,733</u>	<u>57,774</u>

The average number of employees for the year was

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The number of employees receiving emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year was

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No minister or employee lived in a house wholly or partly owned by the Church.

Until his resignation in 2015 the Church paid pension contributions for its fully qualified Minister to the Baptist Ministers Pension Trust Limited, which is a final salary defined benefits scheme and is not contracted out of the State Second Pension. The scheme is a multi-employer scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the scheme which are attributable to the church. The scheme is therefore accounted for as a defined contributions scheme. The deficit on the defined benefits scheme is being remedied by additional contributions by churches.

Mrs Siaan-Liane Mathurin Minister receives a stipend and housing allowance. Pension contributions were made for Mrs Mathurin after she accepted the post of full-time minister in 2017. From July 2015 the church has continued to pay the agreed deficit contribution to the final salary pension scheme.

Trustees:

Mrs Siaan-Liane Mathurin was appointed a Trustee in November 2018. She receives a salary etc. as detailed in the notes above for her work as the church's minister but receives nothing extra for her work as a Trustee.

None of the other Trustees received any remuneration for their work as Trustees.

On occasions Trustees paid expenses on behalf of the Church and were re-imbursed on submission of receipts and invoices. The following re-imbursments were made in 2020:-

Dr Justin Hayes	- £1,189	(2019 - £630)
Mrs Sandra Hunter-Brady	- £ 907	(2019 - £366)
Mrs Siaan-Liane Mathurin	- £ none	(2019 - £802)
Mrs R Swaby	- £ 54	(2019 - £243)

There were no transactions with any related party in the year (2019 – none).

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

### 8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
Brought forward and carried forward	2,985	2,985
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Brought forward and carried forward	-	-
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
Brought forward	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,985</u>
Carried forward	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,985</u>

It is likely that there are material differences between the open market values of the charity's land and buildings and their book values. These arise from the specialised nature of some properties and the effects of inflation. The amount of such differences cannot be ascertained without incurring significant costs, which, in the opinion of trustees, are not justified in terms of the benefit to the users of the accounts.

### 9. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	3,349	8,127
Sundry Debtor	503	507
Prepayments	<u>3,786</u>	<u>3,743</u>
	<u>7,638</u>	<u>12,377</u>

### 10. Bank and Cash Balances

	2020	2019
	£	£
CAF Bank – Current Account	19,567	16,805
CAF Bank – Deposit Account	30,753	30,729
Petty Cash Float	30	30
Tenants' Deposit Protection Scheme	<u>2,839</u>	<u>2,839</u>
	<u>53,189</u>	<u>50,403</u>

### 11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Sundry Creditors	4,998	4,853
Tenants' Deposits Held	<u>2,839</u>	<u>2,839</u>
	<u>7,837</u>	<u>7,692</u>

# NEW PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

### 12. Restricted Funds

*Year ended 31st December 2020:*

	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Resources Expended</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
	£	£	£	£
Communion Fund	5,480	565	564	5,481
2Ts	441	170	221	390
Prime Time	1,684	115	35	1,764
Building Fund	-	10,600	10,600	-
Other Gifts	-	2,125	2,125	-
	<u>7,605</u>	<u>13,575</u>	<u>13,545</u>	<u>7,635</u>

*Year ended 31st December 2019:*

	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Resources Expended</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
	£	£	£	£
Communion Fund	5,739	863	1,122	5,480
2Ts	607	629	795	441
Prime Time	1,957	565	838	1,684
Other Gifts	-	2,865	2,865	-
	<u>8,303</u>	<u>4,922</u>	<u>5,620</u>	<u>7,605</u>

### 13. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

*Year ended 31st December 2020:*

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,985	-	2,985
Net Current Assets	45,355	7,635	52,990
	<u>48,340</u>	<u>7,635</u>	<u>55,975</u>

*Year ended 31st December 2019:*

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,985	-	2,985
Net Current Assets	47,483	7,605	55,088
	<u>50,468</u>	<u>7,605</u>	<u>58,073</u>