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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Governing Document	Constitution
Charity Registration Number	1134391
Registered Office	Queensberry Baptist Church Queensberry Street Nottingham NG6 0DG
Operating Name	QBC
Trustees	Rev Claire Roberts Jonathan Kearney Nsipa Siwale (Appointed 05 June 2023) Sally Lees Jane Graham Russell Lees Kirsty Gledhill
Bankers	Yorkshire Bank
Solicitors	Ellis-Fermor & Negus 2 Devonshire Avenue Beeston Nottingham NG9 1BS
Independent Examiner	Mr Brian Jones – Chartered Accountant

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Trustees Annual Report 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the Charity for the year ending 28 February 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a Board of Trustees. New Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and approved by the members of the Church.

The Board of Trustees meet regularly to discuss and plan the activities of the Church.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law in England & Wales.

Queensberry Baptist Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and holds to their Declaration of Principle

Objectives and Activities

Queensberry Baptist Church has a Vision & Values Statement which highlights 3 main objectives:-

Following God

Loving each other

Offering hope to all

QBC achieves its objectives by providing a range of service at Queensberry Baptist Church, Old Basford, Nottingham NG6 0DG.

Membership Review

Last year at the AGM we had 78 members, this year we have 77 members.

On a Sunday, we have around 80 people with us regularly.

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Sundays

We continue to meet together each Sunday and have looked a range of topics together including Acts part 1, 'I am' Statements, Exodus, (Christmas), Sermon on the Mount and Listening to God.

We do this in different ways including all-age services, discussion groups, sermons etc. Worship – spending time worshipping God through song is a key part of our time together.

We to say thank you to our worship and tech team who put in a lot of work behind the scenes.

We really appreciate all they do.

We also offered thanks to everyone who serves on a Sunday in some way – stewards, refreshments team, communion team, Ignite etc. Community Church has got busier!

We love to welcome new people to QBC and hope that those who have joined us in the last year feel really welcome here. We want to make sure this isn't just a service to attend but a community to belong to. We've tried different things to help us get to know each other better and build community.

In November 2023, we ran 'KNOWvember'. Our services included opportunities to learn names and there were centrally organised social events, as well as lots of independently organised social time together. The feedback was positive about Knowvember and we may run it again in 2024.

We've held other social events including shared lunches, QBC Community BBQ, walks, a Quiz etc. More socials are planned for this summer – picnics on 7th July and 4th August, QBC community BBQ on 30th August.

Discipleship

We have 5 homegroups that meet throughout the week. These groups spend time reading the Bible, praying, encouraging each other and just being friends.

Thursday fellowship continues to run weekly at 1.30pm in the lower hall. This is a great place to deepen friendships, find encouragement and support. They have welcomed new people to this group and are looking forward to their annual trip to Trentham Gardens this coming Thursday 13th June.

Community Meal

Community Meal began on 24th January 2023 with 2 visitors, the numbers have continued to grow and we now regularly have 40-50 visitors. We had a record week in June 2024 with just under 60 guests attending (not from QBC) so including team we fed around 75 people!

We collect food from FareShare every fortnight. On a Tuesday, the kitchen team arrive around 2.30pm to start prepping the food. The rest of the team arrive around 3.15pm to set up and pray.

Guests arrive from 4pm with time for drinks, chats, jigsaws and puzzles. Cindy (our Children and Families worker) provides a mix of activities and crafts for the children which they really enjoy.

Food is served from 5pm, a free two course meal for all. Then it's time to wash up and pack away. We also provide emergency food packages to those in need.

Thank you to all those who have donated tinned/dried items to our food store.

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A highlight of the year was the Christmas special – we served Christmas dinner for 85, gave out gifts, sang carols and even sang our own Community Meal themed version of ‘the 12 days of Christmas’ When asked what they enjoy about community meal, our guests repeatedly say the warm welcome, family atmosphere, the great food and the jigsaws! Many said that they are often lonely at home and really enjoy eating a meal with other people and having people to talk to. Our guests feel cared for and many have started to open up more about their lives and ask for prayer.

We are very thankful for our wonderful team who work really hard each week. Some of those who attend are asking more questions about faith and Jesus.

Prayer

We continue to meet to pray and worship together once a month at our prayer and worship gathering on a Sunday evening. It’s more informal than a Sunday morning and there’s plenty of space to engage with God in whatever way you need to each time. Plus, we pray for and encourage each other, as well as pray for the wider work of the church and the community.

We also had a focussed time of prayer during lent, each week there was a different prayer focus of things happening at QBC and we had a zoom prayer meeting at 7am and 7pm every Wednesday.

And each month we gather with other Christians from across the city to pray together on a Thursday morning at Nottingham City prayer.

We hosted this in May and many of attended the larger Thy Kingdom Come prayer event organised by Nottingham City Prayer too.

Finances

Our financial year runs from February to February. We’ve tried to update some of our financial practices and one thing we’re now doing is setting a budget. This helps give us a clearer idea of where we expect to spend our money here at QBC.

As we came towards the end of the financial year, we were concerned that we would end the year with a deficit of around £9k... but in the end, through your generosity and God’s provision, we ended up receiving about £3.6k over what we spent.

Income Outgoings

Total Income £109,258. Total Outgoing £105,617. Surplus £3, 641.

We thank everyone who gives financially towards the work of the church. It is very much appreciated. For the current financial year, our income through tithes and offerings is around 15-20% more than we’d predicted. This is again greatly appreciated, and really helps us to plan ahead as the church continues to grow.

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Mission Giving

We give away 15% of our income to other charities, for the current financial year these charities are: Baptist Union Home Mission, BMS World Mission – Pastor J in Cambodia Tek Ura – Albania Jericho Road Project - Nottingham Friends International/Sue Caddy.

Ignite

Cindy Raymond started to work for QBC in September 2023 as our new Children's and Families worker. Cindy works for QBC for 2 days a week, currently Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She leads the children's work at Community Meal and is working alongside a brilliant team of volunteers in Ignite, our Sunday morning children's group.

Update on Ignite: 11 new/returning children this year (since September) – some are regular attenders 8 visitors have joined us just for a session or 2. The team is consistent and developing. We send a weekly summary email home to parents/carers each week to let them know what we have been doing, it's not necessarily for them to repeat but more to maybe just have a conversation with their child/children and just so that parents are aware. Some families are learning the songs, watching the videos and continuing the conversation. We introduced prayer bear last year as part of our plan to encourage prayer at home – he's having a bit of a rest at the moment!

Topics covered include: • Acts • Exodus • Sermon on the mount • More recently sharing stories of people from the bible who heard from God e.g. Noah, Jacob, Joseph, Abraham Activities include – craft, singing, prayer, dancing, stories, told using puppets, videos, we've also introduced bible study to some of the older children.

Youth

Claire shared that for various reasons, we've stopped running our Sunday morning 'Rock Group' for those aged 11-18. The Rock Group team have been experimenting with some Sunday evening sessions instead.

Safeguarding

As we welcome more children, more families and just generally more people into QBC, it's really important that we have strong safeguarding practices in place. Jane Graham is one of our Designated Persons for Safeguarding alongside Mel Thwaites. Thanks to those who work as part of our Safeguarding team for the work they do.

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Buildings/facilities

In August 2023 we had some work done on the front of the church building. This included the removal of defective pointing at gable end, and the reseating and repointing of several of the coping stones. Some of the stone work was also cleaned and some additional pointing work was carried out. Scaffolding was required to complete the work. The total cost was £4,471.50 and we received a grant from Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust for £1,000 towards this work. We've also recently had a Quinquennial Inspection done. That is a really thorough inspection of the building by conservation accredited architects and surveyors. We used Allan Joyce Architects. They've just sent the report back and it's around 70 pages so it's going to take us some time to read through it all and assess their recommendations. We are starting to think more about making some changes and improvements to our building, specifically the community hall. We'd like to make the building more welcoming and accessible. Plus, we need some more toilets in this space and we'd like to improve the insulation and acoustics too.

Legal

Trust Deeds for the Manse and Church are kept at Ellis-Fermor & Negus Solicitors, 2 Devonshire Avenue, Beeston Nottingham, NG9 1BS.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The minimum reserve for operational matters should be £30,000 in line with the reserves policy, Fund levels are reviewed monthly and a report is submitted to the Trustees.

At 28th February 2024 the total unrestricted reserves were £104,339.00.

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees Signature(s)

		
Full Name(s)	Claire Roberts	Jonathan Kearney
Position	Minister	Financial Secretary
Date	20/11/2024	

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
QUEENSBERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

29 FEBRUARY 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1134391

Set out on pages

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(If number is 1, delete the page numbers in additional section)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 29 FEBRUARY 2024.

**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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date: 30.4.24

Name:

B. W. JONES

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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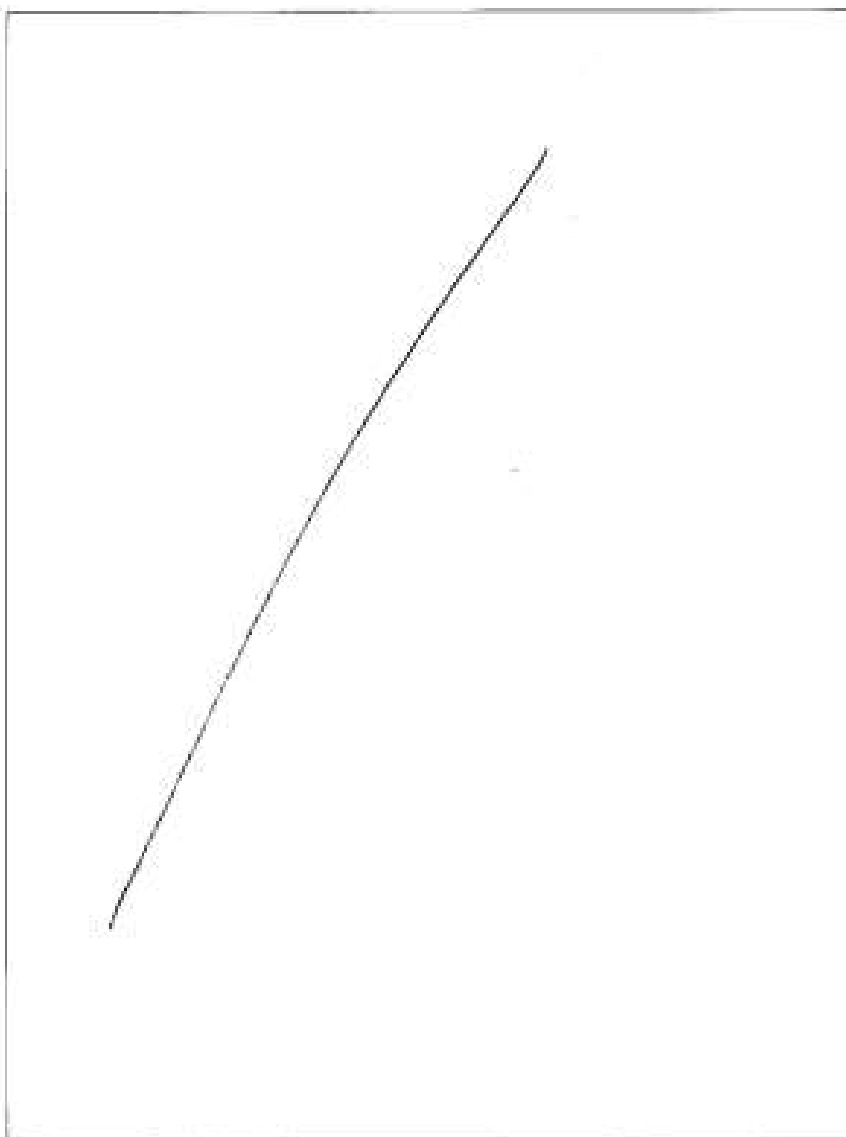
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern
(see CC32: Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and
guidance for examiners)

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose



Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Income						
Donations & Legacies	81,031	3,584	0	0	84,615	84,902
Investments	980	0	0		980	0
Other Income	23,663	0	0	0	23,663	6,156
Total Income	105,674	3,584	0	0	109,258	91,058
Expenditure						
Charitable Activities	102,271	3,346	0	0	105,617	93,561
Other Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	694
Total Expenditure	102,271	3,346	0	0	105,617	94,255
Net income / (expenditure) resources	3,403	238	0	0	3,641	-3,197
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	100	0	0	0	100	188
Gross transfers between funds - out	-100	0	0	0	-100	-188
Net movement in funds	3,403	238	0	0	3,641	-3,197
Total funds brought forward	115,191	0	0	0	115,191	118,388
Total funds carried forward	118,594	238	0	0	118,594	115,191

Balance Sheet

		Total Funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Assets			
Cash funds	Current Account	57,882	95,021
	Deposit Account	60,953	20,070
	Cash float	0	100
	Total Cash Funds	118,835	115,191

Assets retained for Charity's own use

Land and Buildings
Fixtures Fittings and equipment

Land and buildings comprise of a church building and a manse. These have been stated at their recent insurance value as the Trustees are unable to reliable estimate their current value. This insurance value may differ materially from current value

Liabilites

Accounts payable	0	0
Total Liabilities	0	0

Net Asset surplus (deficit)	118,835	115,191
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Reserves

Excess / (deficit) to date	3643	-3,197
Starting balances	115191	118,388
Total Reserves	118834	115,191

Represented by funds

Unrestricted	104442	100,936
Designated	14393	14,255
Restricted	0	0
Endowment	0	0
Total	118835	115,191

Fund Movement by Type

	Opening	In	Out	Closing
Unrestricted				
General Fund	100,936	105,674	-102,271	104,339
Total	100,936	105,674	-102,271	104,339
Designated				
Books	0			0
Allan Float	0			0
Catering	100		-100	0
Manse Electricity	-380			-380
TKSG 2020	1,781			1,781
Thanks Giving 2017	0			0
Thanks Giving 2018	5,734			5,734
Thanks Giving 2019	6,841			6,841
Youth Works Rock Group	0		-42	6,841
Total	14,076	0	-142	20,817
Endowment				
Total	0			0
Restricted				
Community Meal	181	3,584	-3,305	7,070
Total	181	3,584	-3,305	7,070
Total Funds	115,193	109,258	-105,718	132,226

Analysis of Income and Expenditure

Income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
Donations & Legacies						
Offering	69,479				69,479	70,872
Legacies	4,300				4,300	
Community Meal Donations		3,584			3,584	340
Baptist insurance						56
Appeals						1,236
Thank Offering 2024	5,252				5,252	
Gift Aid						12,398
Gift Aid 2	2,000				2,000	
Bank Deposit						
Total	81,031	3,584			84,615	84,902
Investments						
Bank Interest						
Yorkshire Bank	27				27	
Baptist Deposit Account	953				953	
Total	980				980	
Other Income						
Gift Aid Return	14,427				14,427	
Rental Income	6,172				6,172	2,060
Grants	2,500				2,500	
Cashback	5				5	
Refunds	559				559	4,096
Total	23,663	0	0	0	23,663	6,156
Total	105,674	3,584			109,258	91,058

Expenditure

Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
Minister						
Student Loan	442				442	522
Wages	19,137				19,137	17,756
Tax	2,854				2,854	2,492
NI	1,659				1,659	1,861
Pension	5,830				5,830	5,376
Caretaker						
Wages	4,826				4,826	4,504
Tax	1,206				1,206	1,124
Childrens & Family Worker						
Wages	4,409				4,409	
Tax	1,110				1,110	
Pension	21				21	
Stewardship & HR	629				629	767
Sundry Expenses	805				805	1,379
Pulpit Fees					0	250
Catering	554				554	812
Christmas	347				347	129
Travel Expenses	36				36	418
Literature					0	490
Children	422				422	
Youth	146	42			188	
Community Meal		3,302			3,302	159
Donations						
Missions					0	1,291
Homegroups/Discipleship	20	2			22	
Jericho Road	1,212				1,212	780
International China Concern	1,627				1,627	1,932
Gifts	110				110	
BMS	4,056				4,056	3,120
BUGB Home Mission	4,500				4,500	4,171
Friends International	2,022				2,022	2,388
Evangelical Alliance					0	120
Postage					0	6
Cleaning costs	692				692	397
Office Supplies	75				75	204
Stationery	192				192	144
CCL Licence					0	861

Church

Gas	15,304	15,304	8,478
Gas Service	465	465	583
Electricity	6,109	6,109	3,887
Water			
Insurance	5,175	5,175	4,437
Phone	85	85	55
Internet	580	580	676
Maintenance	1,752	1,752	14,135
Maintenance Projects	4,471	4,471	

Manse

Water	244	244	231
Broadband	316	316	316
Council Tax	1,265	1,265	2088
Insurance	428	428	360
Maintenance	816	816	728
Electricity	485	485	194
Sunday Services	717	717	
Ministers Expenses	444	444	
Social Events	421	421	
Ministers Training/Conferences	469	469	
Technical Dept	628	628	1,422
Health and Safety		0	18
Training and Conferences	142	142	1,176
Church Suite	273	273	455
Licences/Subscriptions/website	2,386	2,386	854
Safeguarding inc Training	335	335	
Misc	22	22	15

Total	102,271	3,346	0	0	105,617	93,561
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Other Expenditure

Catering equipment	0		694
NI Allowance			

Total	0		694
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Total Expenditure	102,271	3,346	0	0	105,617	94,255
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