

**QUORN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 JANUARY 2023**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1148704**

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## **QUORN BAPTIST CHURCH**

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## QUORN BAPTIST CHURCH

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2023.

#### Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number:	1148704
Principal Office:	Quorn Baptist Church, Meeting Street, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8AQ
Bankers:	Santander Bank, 63 Market St, Loughborough LE11 3ER HSBC, 41 Market Place, Loughborough, LE11 3EJ
Independent Examiner:	Cound & Co LLP, 1 Princes Court, Royal Way, Loughborough LE11 5XR
Custodian Trustees:	East Midlands Baptist Trust Corporation, 129 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8RT
Trustees:	

The trustees during the year were:

Rev I Smith, Minister  
Miss G Clement, Secretary  
Mr A Gibb  
Mr P Vanlint  
Mr J Stow  
Mrs H Andrews  
Mr D Bates, Treasurer  
Mrs J Lister  
Mrs R Thomson

#### Objectives, Activities and Achievements

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.

Details of activities and achievements during 2022/2023 can be found in the Annual Report.

#### Structure, Governance and Management

The activities of the Church are governed by a trust deed, and a constitution adopted on 3 February 2012.

The Church is managed on a day to day basis by its Minister, Treasurer, Secretary and a number of Deacons. Apart from the Minister, the trustees and officers are elected as Deacons to be in office for three years. Elections take place at a Church members' meeting, normally the AGM. Members may be nominated for election as trustees by a fellow member and seconded by two other members. Trustees are elected from among the nominations by means of a secret ballot of members.

There are four members' meetings per annum at which the activities of the trustees may be scrutinised and where decisions may be taken which are beyond the trustees' expenditure authorisation limits.

The trustees have a staggered year for retirement or re-election, so that not all are replaced at the same time, allowing overlap and transfer of information to any newly elected trustees.

The Secretary and Treasurer have the resources of the Baptist Union to keep them abreast of any changes made to charity-related as well as Church related laws.

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

#### Financial Review

Activities have restarted and most of the congregation attend in person again following the almost-complete relaxation of covid restrictions. We have also been delighted to welcome new attenders and new members this year.

Compared to the previous financial year, weekly 'plate' collections have increased by about £2,000 while offerings paid directly into our bank account have decreased by a similar amount, so offerings overall have remained static.

We have increased support to some missionary and other Christian causes and, over the year, discontinued support for others. Giving for the people of Ukraine and for locally based Ukrainian refugees has been significant and mostly supplied by the congregation through special collections. A generous gift was collected from the congregation for two missionary couples, whom we support, who visited us this year.

The unrestricted funds show a surplus of £9,399 following the surplus of £15,136 in the previous year.

The funding of the Defined Benefit part of the Baptist Pension Scheme has markedly improved and, due to a buy-in with an insurance company, only a nominal sum has been paid since August 2022. The reduction in our contributions has saved over £2000 this year.

We continue to make regular savings in our Extraordinary Repair Fund which we intend to use for the replacement of the church roof. Further building projects are under discussion by the Church membership.

The Trustees are satisfied with the current financial position.

#### Public Benefit

The Church provides Christian education at its weekly public meetings for worship, and public courses covering the basics of the Christian faith. The Minister and members of the congregation are also involved in the local primary school's assemblies and religious education as well as providing spiritual comfort to the elderly in residential care.

The Church provides the local community with a 'First Steps' group for toddlers and 'Baby Steps' group for pre-toddlers and activities for children and young people on Sundays and during the week. This year we have been providing a weekly 'Warm Welcome' for the local community, which includes a coffee morning, a simple lunch and an afternoon 'cuppa'. We collect food and donations for a local food-bank and distribute food parcels from the food-bank to people in the village. We also run an annual holiday club. The Minister is made available by the Church to the public, at his discretion and availability, to assist with funerals, weddings, and to visit the bereaved, the sick, and others in need. He also has access to specific funds to assist those in dire financial need. The Church supports local events designed to bring cohesion to the village by providing, for example, refreshments at village events, and, where applicable, by making the facilities of our buildings available to the public or public groups, such as Ranger Guides and the Royal British Legion.

The Church also provides funds for charitable relief and development work in developing countries via the medium of Christian aid agencies. We also support individuals engaged in providing medical care and Christian mission world-wide via charitable agencies. On top of this the Church provides its members with opportunities to take part in nationwide collections for disasters and, this year, for the victims and refugees of the war in Ukraine.

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Miss G Clement

21 March 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF QUORN BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 January 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
  - have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

D R Gradon MA FCA  
Cound & Co LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
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21 March 2023

**QUORN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

<u>Income</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u>
Offertories – Plate	5369	-	5369	3505	-	3505
Offertories – Regular	66451	-	66451	68649	-	68649
Gifts & Donations	3182	-	3182	1397	-	1397
New Buildings	-	2500	2500	-	-	-
Warm Church	-	770	770	-	-	-
Missions & Other Causes						
BMS	-	316	316	-	209	209
Funeral Donation	3022	-	3022	1100	-	1100
Spurgeons	-	829	829	-	372	372
The Bridge & Carpenter's Arms	-	-	-	-	250	250
Tear Fund (General)	-	559	559	-	376	376
Tear Fund (Ukraine)	-	545	545	-	-	-
Rothley (Ukrainian Refugees)	-	227	227	-	-	-
Rothley (Ukraine)	-	454	454	-	-	-
Venezuelan Refugees	-	125	125	-	150	150
Peru Children's Trust	-	-	-	-	5	5
The Bible Society	-	-	-	-	267	267
Toybox Charity	-	252	252	-	-	-
Manali Hospital	-	-	-	-	400	400
Love-gift for Missionaries	-	1300	1300	-	-	-
Collection for Ruth Dolma	-	750	750	-	-	-
Fellowship Activities	50	-	50	60	-	60
Fellowship Fund	-	-	-	-	200	200
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	16228	-	16228	15338	-	15338
Interest Received	443	-	443	403	-	403
ChariFund Dividends	1558	-	1558	1195	-	1195
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	96303	8627	£104930	91647	2229	£93876
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**QUORN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

<u>Expenditure</u>	Unrestricted <u>2023</u>	Restricted <u>2023</u>	Total <u>2023</u>	Unrestricted <u>2022</u>	Restricted <u>2022</u>	Total <u>2022</u>
Minister's Employment	40910	-	40910	38732	-	38732
Cleaners' Employment	5553	-	5553	4668	-	4668
Manse Costs	3228	-	3228	3712	-	3712
Ministry Costs	150	-	150	213	-	213
Chapel Utility Bills	3327	-	3327	2703	-	2703
Maintenance and Fabric	5421	-	5421	2238	-	2238
Architect's Fees and Building Survey	1094	2500	3594	-	-	-
"QBC 250" Celebrations	800	-	800	-	-	-
Running Costs and Consumables	470	-	470	464	-	464
Printing, Publicity & Stationery	976	-	976	474	-	474
I.T. & Sound	297	-	297	562	-	562
Legal and Insurance Costs	1522	-	1522	353	-	353
Bank Charges	245	-	246	45	-	45
Subscriptions	736	-	736	603	-	603
Fellowship Activities	2557	-	2557	961	-	961
Fellowship Fund	-	700	700	-	-	-
Youth and Children's Work	176	-	176	435	-	435
Independent Examination Fee	456	-	456	456	-	456
Licence	766	-	766	738	-	738
Safeguarding Course	60	-	60	20	-	20
Treasurer's Course	-	-	-	60	-	60
Prison Awareness Course	60	-	60	-	-	-
Missions and Causes (see note 3)	18100	5357	23457	19062	2041	21103
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<b>TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES</b>	86904	8557	£95462	76499	2041	£78540
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NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)						
RESOURCES	9399	70	9469	15148	188	15336
TRANSFERS	-	-	-	(12)	12	-
TOTAL FUNDS						
BROUGHT FORWARD	83283	7343	90626	68147	7143	75290
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TOTAL FUNDS						
CARRIED FORWARD	92682	7413	£100095	83283	7343	£90626
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023

	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Investments	4	43534	38975
HSBC Bank Accounts		39874	35587
Santander Bank Accounts		14994	14975
First Steps Balance		1574	710
Cash in Hand		119	329
Stewardship Account		-	50
Debtors		-	-
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<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		£100095	£90626
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<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
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<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		£-	£-
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		100095	90626
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<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		£100095	£90626
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<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>			
Restricted	5	7413	7343
Designated	6	33534	28975
Unrestricted		59148	54308
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		£100095	£90626
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Approved by the Church Officers on 21 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by;

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Dr D Bates  
Treasurer



## QUORN BAPTIST CHURCH

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a) These accounts have been prepared on a cash basis and include income and expenditure as cash is received or paid.
- b) The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:
  - i) The Charities Act 2011.
  - ii) The historic cost basis of accounting.

#### 2 PENSION COSTS

The church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme (“the Scheme”). The Scheme is a separate legal entity which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited).

From January 2012, pension provision is being made through the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan within the Scheme. In general Members pay 8% of their Pensionable Income and employers pay 6% of members’ Pensionable Income into individual pension accounts which are operated and managed on behalf of the Pension Trustee by Legal and General Life Assurance Society Limited. In addition, the employer pays a further 4% of Pensionable Income to cover Death in Service Benefits, administration costs and an associated insurance policy which provides income protection for Scheme members in the event that they are unable to work due to long-term incapacity. The income protection policy has been insured by the Baptist Union of Great Britain with Unum Limited. Members of the Basic Section pay reduced contributions of 5% of Pensionable Income, and their employers also pay a total of 5%.

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The main benefits for pre 2012 service were a defined benefit pension of one eightieth of Final Minimum Pensionable Income for each year of Pensionable Service, together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable Income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income. The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers’ Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011.

A formal valuation of the Ministers’ Fund was performed at 31 December 2013 by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method. The market value of the DB Plan assets at the valuation date was £162 million.

The valuation of the DB Plan revealed a deficit of assets compared with the value of liabilities of £84 million (equivalent to a past service funding level of 66%). As a result of the valuation, in addition to the contributions to the DC Plan set out above, it has been agreed to increase the standard rate of deficiency contributions from churches and other employers involved in the DB Plan from 11% of Pensionable Income/Minimum Pensionable income to 12% from 1 January 2017. The contributions will be based on each church’s or other employer’s position at March 2017. Some churches and other employers that were only involved in the DB Plan for a short period will pay less than 12%. As at 31 December 2018 the estimated deficit on a technical provision basis has reduced to around £50m.

The key financial assumptions underlying the valuations were as follows:

Type of assumption	% pa
RPI price inflation assumption	3.60
CPI price inflation assumption	2.85
Minimum Pensionable Income Increases (CPI plus 1.0% pa)	3.85
Assumed investment returns	
- Pre retirement	5.10
- Post retirement	3.95
Deferred pension increases	
- Pre April 2009	3.60
- Post April 2009	2.50
Pension increases	
- Main Scheme pension Pre April 2006	3.40
- Main Scheme pension Post April 2006	2.30

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

2 PENSION COSTS (Continued)

As there is a large number of contributing employers participating in the Scheme, the Church is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the Scheme. Accordingly, due to the nature of the Scheme, the profit and loss charge for the period represents the employer contributions payable.

Under the current Recovery Plan signed in September 2020, deficiency contributions are payable until June 2026. These contributions are broadly based on the employer's membership at 31 December 2014 and increase annually in line with increases to Minimum Pensionable Income as defined in the Rules.

At the end of June 2022, the Baptist Pension Scheme signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group ('Just') to secure members' pension benefits under the DB Plan. This agreement is referred to as a 'buy-in policy'. It follows a similar agreement with Just in 2019 that covered most pensions in payment at that time. The combined agreements mean that Just are now providing financial backing for all DB pensions provided through the Scheme's DB Plan.

The cost of such policies is largely driven by financial markets and these have moved substantially in the Scheme's favour, particularly over the course of the last few months. As a result, this transaction takes the Scheme out of a shortfall position for the first time in two decades. Although risks remain, the Baptist Union and the Trustee of the Scheme have agreed that deficit contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan will reduce to just £1 per month from August 2022.

3 MISSIONS AND CAUSES

	Unrestricted Funds <u>2023</u>	Restricted Funds <u>2023</u>	Total Funds <u>2023</u>	Unrestricted Funds <u>2022</u>	Restricted Funds <u>2022</u>	Total Funds <u>2022</u>
Venezuelan Refugees	-	125	125	-	150	150
EMBA Home Mission	3600	-	3600	3000	-	3000
Baptist Mission Society	4200	316	4516	3960	209	4169
DUF India	1600	-	1600	1400	-	1400
Spurgeons	-	829	829	-	371	371
The Bridge and Carpenter's Arms	500	-	500	500	250	750
New Life - Gambia	350	-	350	700	-	700
Tear Fund (General)	-	559	559	-	376	376
Tear Fund (Ukraine)	300	545	845	-	-	-
Rothley Church (Ukrainian refugees)	-	227	227	-	-	-
Rothley Church (Ukraine)	-	454	454	-	-	-
Peru Children's Trust	-	-	-	422	18	440
Japan Mission	1000	-	1000	700	-	700
SOAR	720	-	720	600	-	600
Bulgaria Appeal	350	-	350	700	-	700
BG & RE Kim	720	-	720	1440	-	1440
Castle Donington Church	1000	-	1000	2000	-	2000
The Bible Society	-	-	-	-	267	267
Manali Hospital	-	-	-	-	400	400
Love-gift for Missionaries	-	1300	1300	-	-	-
Collection for Ruth Dolma	-	750	750	-	-	-
K Andrews	1200	-	1200	1200	-	1200
I Horne	1560	-	1560	1440	-	1440
S Gibb (Hope Church)	1000	-	1000	1000	-	1000
	<u>18100</u>	<u>5104</u>	<u>23204</u>	<u>19062</u>	<u>2041</u>	<u>£21103</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

4	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	M & G ChariFund	33534	28975
	Green Pastures	10000	10000
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		£43534	£38975
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The market value of the M & G ChariFund at 31 January 2023 was £34312 (2022: £30559). Interest on the Green Pastures investment is received annually.

5 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	As at 31 January <u>2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	As at 31 January <u>2023</u>
Fellowship Fund	5565	-	(700)	-	4865
New Buildings	-	2500	(2500)	-	-
Warm Church	-	770	-	-	770
BMS Birthday Scheme	-	316	(316)	-	-
Children's Musical Instrument Fund	1778	-	-	-	1778
Spurgeons	-	829	(829)	-	-
Tear Fund (General)	-	559	(559)	-	-
Tear Fund (Ukraine)	-	545	(545)	-	-
Rothley Church (Ukrainian Refugees)	-	227	(227)	-	-
Rothley Church (Ukraine)	-	454	(454)	-	-
Venezuelan Refugees	-	125	(125)	-	-
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	£7343	6325	(6255)	-	£7413
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6 DESIGNATED FUNDS

	As at 31 January <u>2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	As at 31 January <u>2023</u>
Extraordinary Repair Fund	28975	1558	-	3000	33534
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	£28975	1558	-	3000	33534
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The Trustees have agreed that £3000 per annum should be transferred from Unrestricted Funds into a Designated Fund for 10 years to build up a fund to cover expected repair costs to the Chapel Roof.

7 FREEHOLD PROPERTIES

The chapel building (Meeting Street, Quorn, LE12 8AQ) and the manse (23 Cradock Drive, Quorn, LE12 8ER) are owned by the East Midland Baptist Trust Company Ltd as custodian trustees for the church.