

QUORN BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 JANUARY 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2024.

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
Mrs H Andrews
Mr D Bates, Treasurer
Mrs J Lister

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 2023/2024 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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Financial Review

Compared to the previous financial year, weekly 'plate' collections have increased by about £2,000 and offerings paid directly into our bank account have increased by more than £4,500, so regular church offerings overall have increased by more than £6,500.

We have increased support from unrestricted funds to some missionary and other Christian causes and discontinued support for others. Overall, unrestricted giving to these causes increased by about £900. Restricted giving in the previous financial year had been unusually high, mainly due to support for Ukraine and for two other specific collections: Compared to this, restricted giving for missionary and other causes decreased this year by about £1,700.

The most significant financial issue for the church this year was the proposed construction of a new building, planned to adjoin the current buildings. The church has given offerings of £132,536 restricted for use on this project in the financial year and tax reclaimed on these donations provided a further £21,591. £50,106 was spent on the project, mainly on design costs.

Construction of the new building would not begin until July 2024 at the earliest. To maximise investment income from the church's significant holding of new building funds, which would otherwise be unused until then, gift-aid was claimed in November 2023, on donations collected up to that time, rather than in the following April (2024) as normal. This £21,591 in gift-aid enabled the church to invest £101,000 into a high-interest (4.75%) Money Market account from November until July.

Unrestricted gift-aid tax recovery was £26,601 over the financial year, which is considerably more than usual. When tax on donations for the new building was reclaimed in November, it was necessary also to reclaim tax on regular donations for the church. This amounted to an income of £11,103 (not shown in the accounts as a separate item) which is combined in the accounts with the regular gift-aid claim made in April 2023 of £15,498 (also not shown separately) to give the unusually high total for the year.

The expenditure on Maintenance & Fabric (£22,907) includes £17,900 for re-roofing of the school hall. This was an expected capital cost for which an 'Extraordinary Repair Fund' has been built up over a number of years with M & G ChariFund. The market value of the fund stood at £36,702 at the end of the financial year. The fund has not performed well this year and the market value is about £1,800 below the nominal value: Accordingly, the cost of re-roofing has not yet been taken out of the M & G fund (but in due course it will be).

We continue to make regular savings in the Extraordinary Repair Fund which we intend to use for further repairs and replacements of the church roofs.

The unrestricted funds show a surplus of £4,383 following the surplus of £9,399 in the previous year. But this figure is misleading for two reasons. Firstly the £17,900 cost of the school hall repair would be expected to have been taken from the Extraordinary Repair Fund (rather than being temporarily paid from unrestricted funds), and the unrestricted funds shown would have been this much higher. Secondly, if the £11,103 gift-aid tax recovery on unrestricted donations between April and November were reclaimed in the next financial year as it would normally have been, unrestricted funds shown for this year would have been this much lower. A more realistic calculation of the surplus of unrestricted funds is, therefore, just over £11,000.

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. This year we ran 'workshops' for children from the local primary school. 150 children from Years 1 and 2 at Easter, and 150 from Years 3 and 4 at Christmas, were given entertaining and informative insight into these major Christmas events -to very positive feedback!

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 This year the young people raised £279.41 for the Soar Valley Foodbank.

A weekly 'craft and Chat' session has been increasing in numbers this year. Three successful sales (two at the local bowls club and one in church) were held of knitted items produced by the group and the proceeds were given to Rainbows, a local children's hospice.

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Public Benefit (continued)

We continue to provide a weekly 'Warm Welcome' for the local community, which includes a coffee morning and a simple lunch. 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 such as the earthquake in Turkey and Syria in February 2023.

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Miss G Clement

4 April 2024

**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 2024, 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.

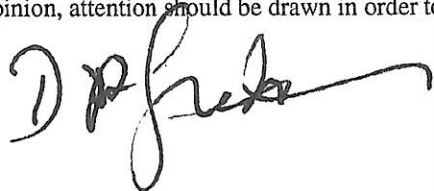
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.



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4 April 2024

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

<u>Income</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u>
Offertories – Plate	7401	-	7401	5369	-	5369
Offertories – Regular	71005	-	71005	66451	-	66451
Gifts & Donations	2457	-	2457	3182	-	3182
New Buildings	-	132536	132536	-	2500	2500
Warm Church	-	900	900	-	770	770
Missions & Other Causes						
BMS	-	185	185	-	316	316
Funeral Donation	100	-	100	3022	-	3022
Disaster Relief	-	324	324	-	-	-
Spurgeons	-	480	480	-	829	829
The Bridge & Carpenter's Arms	-	683	683	-	-	-
Soar Valley Food Bank	-	542	542	-	-	-
Tear Fund (General)	-	499	499	-	559	559
Tear Fund (Ukraine)	-	-	-	-	545	545
Rothley (Ukrainian Refugees)	-	-	-	-	227	227
Rothley (Ukraine)	-	-	-	-	454	454
Venezuelan Refugees	-	666	666	-	125	125
Toybox Charity	-	-	-	-	252	252
Love-gift for Missionaries	-	205	205	-	1300	1300
Unspecified 'mission'	-	25	25	-	-	-
DUF	-	100	100	-	-	-
Collection for Ruth Dolma	-	-	-	-	750	750
Fellowship Activities	524	-	524	50	-	50
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	26601	21591	48192	16228	-	16228
Interest Received	753	458	1211	443	-	443
ChariFund Dividends	1941	-	1941	1558	-	1558
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	£110782	£159194	£269976	£96303	£8627	£104930
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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024


<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u>
Minister's Employment	40446	-	40446	40910	-	40910
Cleaners' Employment	6173	-	6173	5553	-	5553
Manse Costs	3334	-	3334	3228	-	3228
Ministry Costs	318	-	318	150	-	150
Chapel Utility Bills	4342	-	4342	3327	-	3327
Maintenance and Fabric	22907	-	22907	5421	-	5421
Architect's Fees and Building Survey	-	-	-	1094	2500	3594
New Building Costs	-	50106	50106	-	-	-
"QBC 250" Celebrations	-	-	-	800	-	800
Running Costs and Consumables	544	-	544	470	-	470
Printing, Publicity & Stationery	945	-	945	976	-	976
I.T. & Sound	1958	-	1958	297	-	297
Legal and Insurance Costs	1589	-	1589	1522	-	1522
Bank Charges	239	-	239	245	-	245
Subscriptions	617	-	617	736	-	736
Fellowship Activities	1799	-	1799	2557	-	2557
Fellowship Fund	-	-	-	-	700	700
Youth and Children's Work	208	-	208	176	-	176
Independent Examination Fee	468	-	468	456	-	456
Licence	1497	-	1497	766	-	766
Safeguarding Course	-	-	-	60	-	60
Prison Awareness Course	-	-	-	60	-	60
Missions and Causes (see note 3)	19011	3684	22695	18100	5357	23457
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TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES	£106395	£53790	£160185	£86904	£8557	£95461
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NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)						
RESOURCES	4387	105404	109791	9399	70	9469
TRANSFERS	1670	(1670)	-	-	-	-
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TOTAL FUNDS						
BROUGHT FORWARD	92682	7413	100095	83283	7343	90626
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TOTAL FUNDS						
CARRIED FORWARD	£98739	£111147	£209886	92682	7413	£100095
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024

	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	4	48475	43534
HSBC Bank Accounts		148392	39874
Santander Bank Accounts		10115	14994
First Steps & Baby Steps Balance		2768	1574
Cash in Hand		137	119
Stewardship Account		-	-
Debtors		-	-
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		£209886	£100095
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	-
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		£-	£-
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		209886	100095
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TOTAL NET ASSETS		£209886	£100095
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CHARITABLE FUNDS			
Restricted	5	111147	7413
Designated	6	38475	33534
Unrestricted		60264	59148
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		£209886	£100095
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Approved by the Church Officers on 4 April 2024 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 2024

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

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.

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2 PENSION COSTS (Continued)

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 be reduced to just £1 per month from August 2022.

3 MISSIONS AND CAUSES

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
Venezuelan Refugees	3	641	644	-	125	125
EMBA Home Mission	3840	-	3840	3600	-	3600
Baptist Mission Society	4440	185	4625	4200	316	4516
Disaster Relief	-	324	324	-	-	-
DUF India	1800	125	1925	1600	-	1600
Spurgeons	20	480	500	-	828	828
The Bridge and Carpenter's Arms	17	683	700	500	-	500
New Life – Gambia	-	-	-	350	-	350
Soar Valley Food Bank	-	542	542	-	-	-
Tear Fund (General)	1	499	500	-	559	559
Tear Fund (Ukraine)	-	-	-	300	545	845
Rothley Church (Ukrainian refugees)	-	-	-	-	227	227
Rothley Church (Ukraine)	-	-	-	-	454	454
Manali Hospital	-	-	-	-	253	253
Japan Mission	1200	-	1200	1000	-	1000
SOAR	870	-	870	720	-	720
Bulgaria Appeal	-	-	-	350	-	350
BG & RE Kim	-	-	-	720	-	720
Castle Donington Church	-	-	-	1000	-	1000
Samaritan's Purse	50	-	50	-	-	-
Rainbows	50	-	50	-	-	-
Peru Children's Trust	270	-	270	-	-	-
Steps	50	-	50	-	-	-
Love-gift for Missionaries	-	205	205	-	1300	1300
Collection for Ruth Dolma	-	-	-	-	750	750
K Andrews	1800	-	1800	1200	-	1200
I Horne	1800	-	1800	1560	-	1560
S Gibb (Hope Church)	1800	-	1800	1000	-	1000
CAH/Hope Church	1000	-	1000	-	-	-
	<u>£19011</u>	<u>£3684</u>	<u>£22695</u>	<u>£18100</u>	<u>£5357</u>	<u>£23457</u>

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4	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	M & G ChariFund	38475	33534
	Green Pastures	10000	10000
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		£48475	£43534
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The market value of the M & G ChariFund at 31 January 2024 was £36702 (2023: £34312). Interest on the Green Pastures investment is received annually.

5 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	As at 31 January <u>2023</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	As at 31 January <u>2024</u>
Fellowship Fund	4865	-	-	-	4865
New Buildings	-	154585	(50106)	-	104479
Warm Church	770	900	-	(1670)	-
BMS Birthday Scheme	-	185	(185)	-	-
Children's Musical Instrument Fund	1778	-	-	-	1778
Spurgeons	-	480	(480)	-	-
The Bridge & Carpenter's Arms	-	683	(683)	-	-
Soar Valley Food Bank	-	542	(542)	-	-
Tear Fund (General)	-	499	(499)	-	-
Disaster Relief	-	324	(324)	-	-
Venezuelan Refugees	-	666	(641)	-	25
DUF	-	100	(100)	-	-
Love gifts for Alan and Megan Barker	-	155	(155)	-	-
Love gifts for Ian and Juliana Horne	-	50	(50)	-	-
Unspecified donation to 'mission'	-	25	(25)	-	-
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	£7413	£159194	(£53790)	(£1670)	£111147
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Grant for 'Warm Church' transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds to cover use for heating and food used for warm church opening between November 2022 and August 2023.

6 DESIGNATED FUNDS

	As at 31 January <u>2023</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	As at 31 January <u>2024</u>
Extraordinary Repair Fund	33534	1941	-	3000	38475
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	£33534	£1941	£-	£3000	£38475
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

6 DESIGNATED FUNDS (CONTINUED)

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.