



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

01 April 2022

To

Period end date

31 March 2023

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

QE Park Baptist Church

Other names charity is known by

QEPBC

Registered charity number (if any) 1166680

Charity's principal address

QE Park Centre

Railton Road

Guildford, Surrey

Postcode

GU2 9LX

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Catherine Whiting	Minister		
2	Dr Mark Whiting			
3	Mrs Rheanne Mole	Secretary		
4	Mr Alexander Mole	Treasurer		
5	Rev Peter Clarke		April – August 2022	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B      Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution – 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2015
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected from the membership in accordance with our Constitution

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be, or to have been, publicly baptised by full immersion on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ; or, following other modes of baptism, to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

A members meeting ('Church Meeting') is held at least three times a year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. In accordance with our Constitution the members appoint a minimum of three Trustees who are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness, as well as the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

The Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the South Eastern Baptist Association and the Evangelical Alliance.

Our Property Trustees are:  
The Baptist Union Corporation Limited  
Baptist House  
129 Broadway  
Didcot  
Oxfordshire. OX11 8RT

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The principle 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.

In order to achieve the principal objective, 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 word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with him as living Lord.

One aspect of the work of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship, which take place on a Sunday morning at 10.30am, along with occasional services at other times which are advertised on the church and community centre notice boards and on our Facebook pages. All services are open to anyone. During the regular morning service, we aim to provide activities for children and young people.

The Church runs two mid-week groups which are open to all for the development of faith and discipleship. Some smaller groups meet fortnightly or monthly for mutual encouragement, accountability and prayer. There is also a monthly men's breakfast and discussion. We hold a monthly prayer meeting which is advertised on our church news sheet and in Sunday services. We also have a WhatsApp prayer group, where members can post personal and wider prayer requests.

There are regular social events for the church youth and their friends, and men's and women's socials are arranged from time to time. We also run monthly interest groups, such as a walking group, book club, craft night and cake club.

The Church owns and runs the Community Centre where it is based. Rooms are hired out for activities such as exercise classes, children's music and activity groups, counselling, teaching, choirs, training and parties.

The Church runs a Toddler group, called Little Lambs, which meets on Wednesdays with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ. It is preceded by a short session called Diddy Disciples, for toddlers and their carers, which consists of a short Bible story and a song.

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 Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

A number of new people started to attend our weekly Sunday services. Fortnightly mid-week meetings and monthly prayer meetings continued, with a small group of regulars attending. We held a Good Friday and Easter Sunday service, which were advertised in our Sunday morning notice sheet, around the Centre and on our Facebook page. On Easter Saturday, Open Hands, a group for adults with learning disability or mental health issues, held a service and tea in our ground floor space. A few of our church members joined them for this.

In April 2022, the church leadership team had an away day to review all of our church activities, looking at what was working well, where and how improvements might be made and what we hoped to do in the coming year. One of the team also met with the local residents' committee to begin planning an event for the Queen's Jubilee. Our minister wrote a piece for the local magazine. She also sent out pastoral letters to our congregation from time to time through the year, to keep everyone up to date with church plans and vision.

We continued to run monthly craft nights, book club and our Refresh space, all with a small, regular number attending. Our monthly men's Saturday morning breakfast discussion time continued to be popular, with 12-15 regularly coming along. The Muddy Boots walking group also continued with their weekly walks and monthly outings. This has continued to be very popular as an opportunity for people to get out in the fresh air and have a social connection. The monthly quiz nights continued for a time but in-person numbers stayed low so these were discontinued after September.

In May, our minister attended the annual Baptist Assembly conference which enabled her to connect with other Baptist ministers and hear from leaders of the Baptist Union on current issues facing the church. On 27<sup>th</sup> May, one of our members held a film evening – watching a film, followed by some discussion about the issues that it raised. This was well attended and enjoyed by church members and their friends.

In June, we held our annual general meeting, when the budget was presented and agreed upon. The leadership team put forward a proposal to offer one of our church members a 2-day per week appointment as a placement for a theology, mission and evangelism course, which she hoped to begin in September 2022. They explained that this appointment would also benefit the church, in terms of mission activities and pastoral care. It was agreed that the church could financially support this appointment for one year from September, with a second year to be considered if finances allowed. In December 2022, it was decided that the church was able to fund this appointment for a further year. Neat2Eat had made the decision to close The Haven café on our premises, due to consistent losses and staff difficulties. The church were informed at the AGM and encouraged to pray about how we could best use the café space going forward. One person was accepted into church membership this month.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June, a fair was held on the Green to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. A couple of members of the church had been on the planning committee, along with members of the local residents' committee. The church had a stall selling cream teas and giving out a booklet about the Queen's life and Christian faith, and leaflets giving information about the various activities hosted by the church. Hundreds of people came along

and we sold out of cream teas, gave away most of the 200 booklets about the Queen and were able to tell people a little about the church and what we're up to.

Two couples within the church began hosting members of a Ukrainian family, who had fled their country due to the war with Russia. One of them started coming along to Sunday services regularly. Her daughter and children attended more sporadically for a time.

It was felt that the Refresh space would work better if run for a shorter time on a weekly basis, rather than only twice a month. This made it easier for the public to know when it was happening.

A church picnic and meeting was planned for July to pray together and talk about the future mission and outreach strategy of the church, including how the café might be a part of this. The consensus at this meeting was that the café was integral to our mission and outreach so the church leaders should explore options for the church to employ a café manager or for us to work in partnership with another individual or group who could run the café for us. Therefore, over the summer, members of the leadership team met with interested parties to explore the possibilities. This led to the church appointing a café manager. Due to the lead-in time needed to organise supplies, etc. and her notice period, the appointment began in mid-March 2024.

Our minister undertook mentoring training with the Baptist Union and, in November, began to mentor a minister in training at Millmead.

In October, we enjoyed a roast dinner after a Sunday service, with many church members and friends of the church. This was a great chance to catch up with one another in a relaxed setting. Several ladies also went out for brunch one weekend, which gave opportunity to deepen friendships.

On 31<sup>st</sup> October, we opened up our café and ground floor space for a 'Light Event'. This was to coincide with a Halloween trail being run around the estate and was held with the intention of providing a warm, welcoming space and sharing the message of the light of Jesus Christ. We gave away sausages, cake and drinks and hundreds of children's gift bags which contained sweets, jokes and a Bible story.

In November, our minister wrote a piece for the housing estate newsletter. We had a visit from a couple who work for the Baptist Missionary Society who we support financially and in prayer. It was helpful and encouraging to hear more about their work in Paris. Through our links with Friends International Guildford, we invited international students for a walk and tea. At this event, we were also able to invite a number of the students to join us for Christmas day lunch.

A small team, including one of our church members, has been formed to lead regular Bible studies in the local care home.

It was felt that our mid-week meeting format wasn't working and so this was paused. The leadership team planned to review in the New Year how our various small groups are working and consider how best to encourage discipleship across the church.

In December, we again invited 90 Year 6 pupils to a Christmas Unwrapped presentation, informing them in a fun and engaging way about the birth of Jesus Christ and what this means. We also held a living

nativity service and carol service, both of which were extremely well attended and appreciated. Fliers for a New Year Christianity Explored course were given out at these events and at our mid-week activities. We had a ladies' Christmas social for church members and other ladies that we know through our various activities; and several men from the church went out for a Chinese meal. These were great opportunities to chat together. The Muddy Boots group had a Christmas meal out, with approximately 20 present. On Christmas Day, eight international students joined a number of our church members for lunch. It was a wonderful opportunity to extend hospitality to those who are far from home, to share some British Christmas traditions and to share something of the hope that we have in Jesus.

Since August 2023, our minister had been visiting a resident of a local hospice, at her request, and, in February 2024, she conducted her funeral.

Twelve people started the Christianity Explored course in January, with most continuing for the whole seven weeks. As a result of this, five of them began to regularly attend our Sunday services and two made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ and were interested in being baptised. A baptism service was therefore planned for April. Those attending the course were keen to go deeper in their understanding of the Christian life so it was decided that the group would continue to meet and they began the follow-up course, Discipleship Explored, to help them on their next steps in faith.

In March, our minister attended the area ministers' conference which gave another opportunity for networking and for mutual support and encouragement. The leadership team had another away day, this time to consider the discipleship culture of the church and ways in which this could be developed.

In the weeks leading up to Easter we invited the Year 6 pupils back for Easter Cracked which explains, in an engaging and interactive way, the true meaning and significance of Easter in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On 20<sup>th</sup> March, we re-opened Refresh Café, which was greeted with great enthusiasm by the local community. Initially, only drinks and cakes were served but gradually adding more produce over the first few weeks.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We have committed to keeping three months working capital in our bank account, as a contingency fund against unexpected costs.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our principle source of funds is from members' regular donations and lettings from the hire of the premises. This money has been put towards the Church's various activities and the upkeep of the community centre. The Church has also given regular financial support to local, national and international Christian organisations, whose Christian aims are compatible with our own charitable purpose.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>	Catherine M. Whiting	R. More
<b>Full name(s)</b>	CATHERINE M. WHITING	RHEANNE B. MORE
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Minister	ADMINISTRATOR

**Date** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.



**Q E PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st March 2023**

**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Sundry Gifts		1,370	303
SO Giving		46,788	45,627
Income Tax on Gift Aid		7,678	9,050
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme		-	6,047
Café income		4,949	-
Room Bookings		78,222	60,262
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>139,007</b>	<b>121,289</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Staff & Staff Housing	2	49,457	57,991
Mission	3	6,906	6,430
Activities/Sunday Services/Worship	4	1,726	289
Childrens Work	5	29	44
Church Buildings	6	36,102	32,975
Café expenditure	7	4,781	-
Admin Costs	8	2,834	2,609
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>101,836</b>	<b>100,338</b>
<b>Surplus/-Deficit for the Year</b>		<b>37,171</b>	<b>20,951</b>

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2023**

		<i>Note</i>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Fixed Assets				
	Freehold Property		511,853	511,853
Total Fixed Assets		<b>12</b>	<u>511,853</u>	<u>511,853</u>
Current Assets				
	Other Current Assets			
	Other Debtors	<b>9</b>	4,875	7,694
Total Other Current Assets			<u>4,875</u>	<u>7,694</u>
Cash at bank and in hand				
	Barclays Bank		90,713	60,308
	Petty Cash Box		511	416
Total Cash at bank and in hand			<u>91,224</u>	<u>60,724</u>
Total Current Assets			<u>96,099</u>	<u>68,418</u>
Current Liabilities				
	Other Current Liabilities			
	Other Creditors		25,934	12,193
	Deferred income		-	5,000
	Payroll Liabilities		1,223	1,103
Total Other Current Liabilities		<b>11</b>	<u>27,157</u>	<u>18,296</u>
Total Current Liabilities			<u>27,157</u>	<u>18,296</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>68,942</u>	<u>50,123</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>580,795</u>	<u>561,975</u>
Long Term Liabilities				
	Seba Loan for Comm Centre	<b>10</b>	10,000	14,000
	Pension Scheme Liability	<b>14</b>	-	14,351
Total Long Term Liabilities			<u>10,000</u>	<u>28,351</u>
NET ASSETS			<u><b>570,795</b></u>	<u><b>533,624</b></u>
General Fund and Other Reserves				
	Freehold Property Reserve	<b>13</b>	471,853	471,853
	General Fund		98,942	61,771
			<u><b>570,795</b></u>	<u><b>533,624</b></u>

**Notes to the Accounts**

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**1.1 Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) "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 Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015)", and the Charities Act 2011.

**1.2 Income**

**Donation income** is recognised in the SoFA when the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Tax reclaimable** in respect of gift aid is recognised when receivable.

**Investment income** represents interest received on surplus balances and is accounted for on an accruals basis.

**Room hire** is recognised when invoiced.

**1.3 Grants paid**

The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work. They are accounted for in the year in which they are paid.

**1.4 Depreciation**

Expenditure on fixtures, fittings and equipment is written off on a straight line basis over their estimated useful life of 4 years.

**Notes to the Accounts**

## Note

	2023	2022
2. <u>Staff &amp; Staff Housing</u>		
A · Staff:2100 · Pastor Salary	24,750	24,500
A · Staff:2101 · Administrator Salaries	12,307	13,468
A · Staff:2102 · Bookkeeper Salary	274	315
A · Staff:2103 · Minister in training Salary	5,824	-
A · Staff:2115 · Caretaker Salary	3,182	4,470
A · Staff:2108 · Pension - Staff	(9,847)	3,647
A · Staff:2109 · Payroll Admin	769	718
A · Staff:2110 · Travel Expenses	336	158
A · Staff:2111 · Training (Courses/Seminars)	1,003	883
A · Staff:2112 · Other Expenses	60	233
B · Staff Housing:2124 · Lease Back on Manse	10,800	9,600
Total Staff & Staff Housing	<u>49,457</u>	<u>57,991</u>

The average total number of full time equivalent employees in the year was 3 (2022: 3)

The average total number of full and part-time employees in the year was 4 (2022 : 3)

No employees were paid £60,000 or more.

3. <u>Mission</u>		
2201 · Friends International	1,000	1,000
2203 · Matrix Trust	1,000	1,000
2204 · BMS	2,225	2,000
2205 · SEBA (Home Mission)	2,225	2,000
2208 · Community Outreach-Fun Days;Tod	456	430
Total Mission	<u>6,906</u>	<u>6,430</u>

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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>4. <u>Activities/Sunday Services</u></b>		
D · Activities/Sunday Services:2400 · Gifts/Cards/Special Occasions	218	32
D · Activities/Sunday Services:2402 · Visiting Speakers	230	-
D · Activities/Sunday Services:2403 · Catering	567	168
E · Worship:2500 · Worship Equipment	551	-
E · Worship:2502 · Worship - Miscellaneous	160	89
<b>Total Activities/Sunday Services</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>289</b>
 <b>5. <u>Childrens/Youth Work</u></b>		
F · Childrens/Youth Work:2600 · Children's Work	29	44
<b>Total Childrens/Youth Work</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>44</b>
 <b>6. <u>Church Buildings</u></b>		
G · Church Buildings:2801 · Insurance-contents/employers liability	2,943	2,761
G · Church Buildings:2802 · Electricity (incl heating)	6,405	5,789
G · Church Buildings:2803 · Refuse collection	861	621
G · Church Buildings:2807 · Repairs & Maintenance	17,879	14,305
G · Church Buildings:2808 · Lift Maintenance Contract	506	565
G · Church Buildings:2809 · Cleaning materials	602	339
G · Church Buildings:2810 · Equipment QE Park	402	1,774
G · Church Buildings:2811 · Cleaning	6,503	6,820
<b>Total Church Buildings</b>	<b>36,102</b>	<b>32,975</b>
 <b>7. <u>Café Expenditure</u></b>		
H · Cafe:3000 · Staff Salaries	2,067	-
H · Cafe:3003 · Purchases for resale/Café Supplies	989	-
H · Cafe:3007 · Bank charges	80	-
H · Cafe:3009 · Repairs and renewals	1,645	-
	<b>4,781</b>	<b>-</b>

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		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
8. <u>Admin Costs</u>			
	I · Admin Costs:2900 · Stationery & Office Supplies	619	741
	I · Admin Costs:2901 · BU & Home Mission subs	293	433
	I · Admin Costs:2902 · Computer Consumables	256	343
	I · Admin Costs:2903 · Bank Charges	124	115
	I · Admin Costs:2905 · Postage	-	8
	I · Admin Costs:2907 · Telephone & Internet	287	166
	I · Admin Costs:2909 · Printing, Publicity, Marketing	782	321
	I · Admin Costs:2910 · Copyright	352	481
	I · Admin Costs:2910 · Training (H&S First Aid MS Pkgs)	120	-
		<u>2,834</u>	<u>2,609</u>
Total Admin Costs			
9. <u>Debtors</u>			
	Prepayments	3,195	2,943
	Income Tax on Gift Aid	1,680	4,751
		<u>4,875</u>	<u>7,694</u>
10. <u>Loans:</u>		£	
	Outstanding on loan from SEBU @ 1.4.22	14,000	
	Repayments	<u>-4,000</u>	
	Balance owing at 31.3.23	<u>10,000</u>	
	The loan is interest free and unsecured and repayable in equal bi-annual instalments until September 2025		
11. <u>Creditors</u>			
	Other creditors	25,934	12,193
	Rent received in advance	-	5,000
	Payroll liabilities	1,223	1,103
		<u>27,157</u>	<u>18,296</u>

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**Notes to the Accounts**

12. Fixed Assets

		<u>Property</u>	<u>Total</u>
		£	£
Cost			
	At 1.4.22	511,853	511,853
	Additions	-	-
	Disposals	-	-
	At 31.3.23	<u>511,853</u>	<u>511,853</u>
Depreciation			
	At 1.4.22	-	-
	Charge for the year	-	-
	Disposals	-	-
	At 31.3.23	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value			
	At 31.3.23	<u>511,853</u>	<u>511,853</u>
	At 31.3.22	<u>511,853</u>	<u>511,853</u>

The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of QEP Community Centre, Guildford, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee (The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd.)

13. General fund and other reserves

	<u>General</u>	<u>Freehold</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
Opening balance at 1.4.22	61,771	471,853	533,624
Profit for the year	37,171	-	37,171
At 31.3.23	<u>98,942</u>	<u>471,853</u>	<u>570,795</u>

**Notes to the Accounts****14. Pension Scheme Liabilities**

The Church is a participating employer in the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

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. Prior to this date the main benefit provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan was a 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. Since 1 January 2012, benefits have been provided through a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan.

A formal valuation of the DB Plan as at 31 December 2019 was made by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method. At the valuation date the market value of the DB Plan assets was £298 million, whilst the level of assets needed to pay benefits was £316 million, giving a deficit of £18 million (equivalent to a past service funding level of 94%). The Church and the other participating employers in the DB Plan are collectively responsible for funding this deficit.

On 30th June 2022 the Baptist Pension Scheme signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group ("Just") to secure the DB Plan members' pension benefits. Just are now providing financial backing for all pensions provided through the Scheme's DB Plan and following this transaction, the Scheme no longer has a shortfall. An updated Recovery plan was then signed in August 2022 under which recovery contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan reduced to £1 per month from August 2022.

**The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1-8 relating to the year ending 31 March 2023 are as approved by the leadership team.**

Signed: *Catherine M. Whiting*



Report of the Independent Examiner(s) to the Trustees of

Q E PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

On the accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 the 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

~~Since the Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of [insert named of applicable listed body], which is one of the listed bodies. (Delete if income is less than £250,000)~~

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- 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. (if accounts prepared on accruals basis\*)

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

*\*Delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply*

Signed by or on behalf of the Examiner

Anthony H Macleod

Date 23/11/2023

Name

ANTHONY H MACLEOD

Relevant Professional Qualification(s) or body (if any)

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