



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.01.2023 Period start date To 31.12.2023 Period end date

Charity name: North Swindon Baptist Church

Charity registration number: 1170918

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the Church are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Swindon and the surrounding neighbourhood; and2. such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity Trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During the year a wide range of activities were undertaken including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular public worship services on Sunday mornings and infrequently on Sunday evenings.• Children and Youth clubs for 5 –18 year olds that are open to the local community free of charge.• A Half-term Holiday club for primary aged children.• Mid-week Bible study and prayer groups providing support and community.• Pastoral care and support.• Some Financial support for special cases of hardship.• Active support of other charities that align with the charity's objects, including local groups that are addressing the needs of the homeless and vulnerable. <p>These activities are aligned with our primary objective of the advancement of the Christian faith and are meeting spiritual and emotional needs, providing practical support,</p>

		<p>and enhancing community and family life.</p> <p>Key changes:</p> <p>We continued to meet regularly on Sunday Mornings and in small groups midweek. We also continued to live stream the Sunday morning weekly service during 2023. We have seen in person attendance at this service increase steadily over 2023 with around 200 different persons in regular attendance although not all at the same time and an average of 20 connections on live stream at the time of the service and an average of 125 views of each service overall.</p> <p>In 2023, according to YouTube analytics, there were 9807 views of the various videos on our site, a 10% increase on the previous year. In addition, we saw 60 new subscriptions to the channel in 2023, making a total of 247 subscribers. This has broadened the reach of NSBC, and we estimate that over 250 people continue to connect weekly with the Sunday Service ministry we provide. We have seen around 25% growth of new attendees joining us in person (nearly 40 individuals), including several who became members in 2023. Ministries continued to expand including our new Youth 247 initiative (11-18yr olds) which enlarged the work to include Sunday evening weekly meeting, as well as broader plans to engage the youth throughout the year (days out and mission trips). They now have over 20 secondary aged children regularly attending this ministry. Our primary aged club, Zoom, also continued to grow with over 30 children now regularly attending.</p> <p>Growth Groups (weekly small groups) were also re-launched with monthly training provided for those leading these groups. Several new growth group leaders were appointed, and the groups expanded to 8 groups in total. This has meant about 35 new members to Growth Groups in 2023. Members and employees of the church continued to support the Swindon Night Shelter charity as a means of providing practical support to the Swindon community as well as several other organisations nationally and globally as part of our mission's strategy.</p> <p>We welcomed 14 people into membership in 2023.</p> <p>At the end of 2023 we had 71 members of the charity. Ten individuals were baptised during the year.</p> <p>Over the next few months we expect to see</p>
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		<p>a number of additions to the membership of the charity and new trustees appointed during 2024.</p> <p>Towards the end of 2022 we began advertising for a full-time position of Associate Pastor. On the 17th of September 2023 we employed Tim Burnham as an associate pastor, and at the end of 2023, being halfway through his 6-month probation period we are confident he will continue in a permanent position. Currently, we have 3 paid members of staff (2 full time, and 1 part time).</p> <p>During 2023 two of our members received training in money management, through a national charity, CAP (Christians against poverty). Subsequently we have been able towards the end of 2023 to offer a money-management course to the community.</p> <p>During 2022 the opportunity arose to explore the purchase of a new building. The overwhelming majority of the church indicated interest in purchasing this property however in the summer of 2023 we discovered we were not successful in our bid for the building.</p> <p>In 2022 we also explored the possibilities of church planting in a new area of Swindon, where an existing church is not present. In March 2023 we outlined plans for identifying this location and developing a team, including 1-2 days a week of one of the full-time pastor's hours. In October 2023 we welcomed back Cliff and Ali Reynolds to the church, a couple who had helped us successfully plant Cornerstone Church in 2015. Fraser Kay and Cliff Reynolds have taken up the joint leadership of the new church plant and a local village has been identified and made known to the church. A group of 12 members of the charity have formed a launch community to begin meeting in 2024.</p> <p>Operation</p> <p>The Trust continued to employ its previous two people. One in full-time pastoral ministry and one part-time as an administrator. The administrator's hours increased from 15 hours per week to 20 hours per week in 2023. The Trust also took on one new employee – a full time associate pastor. Additional practical support has been provided by individuals and employees to the community and to the church members as needed.</p> <p>A small number of attendees have opted to remain watching online since the Covid-restrictions were lifted. We have a support</p>
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		<p>network, within our Growth Groups, which seeks to offer support to those who wish to remain connected with the charity.</p> <p>We have been aware that the building we currently meet in has limitations, due to size. To mitigate risk, we have, towards the end of the year, incited more frequent announcements regarding fire exits and safeguarding. We have also ensured that there are clear aisles available for quick exit in an emergency.</p> <p>SAFEGUARDING</p> <p>One Safeguarding episode was raised in 2023. This was addressed in accordance with the latest government and safeguarding guidance; subsequently the episode were closed. It was due to a simple misunderstanding.</p> <p>The Safeguarding Policy was updated in October 2023, and made available to members and freely available to all who use our services upon request.</p> <p>The Safeguarding Officer and Safeguarding Lead undertook a two-day refresher course in February 2023 with further training for the Youth and Sunday School leaders and helpers offered. Ten people have thus far completed the provided "Gateway to Safeguarding" course.</p> <p>GDPR policies are in place and are considered adequate for the scale and nature of the Trust.</p> <p>The Trustees continue to monitor all risks at the quarterly Trustee meeting.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Constitution of the charity, approved by the Charity Commission, outlines the objects of North Swindon Baptist Church (as noted above) and in pursuing these goals the Trustees have regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>There is a fundamental principle in the Christian faith that everything we possess belongs to God, the creator of Heaven and Earth and everything in between. Therefore nothing that we possess can be considered our own. God calls on us to defend the unfortunate and the oppressed. In light of this we make grants to such elements in society and additionally we make grants to further the Christian faith in line with our purpose and objects. Until now we have not had a written policy as the Bible is our</p>

		teaching on this matter. In 2024 we will produce a written policy on grant making so that activity in this area can be measured against our policy.
Policy on social investment including program related investment.	Para 1.38	The charity currently has no such policy and make no such investments. In the event that investments are made then a policy will be formulated.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The activities of North Swindon Baptist Church are made possible through the support of volunteers and commitment of church members which the Trustees wish to acknowledge and express our thanks for.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Through the activities of North Swindon Baptist Church during the last year the Trust has impacted hundreds of people in our local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Sunday an estimated 200-250 have connected with NSBC through in-person meetings that have also been live-streamed. • 10 Individuals were baptised in 2023 • Members of the church have practically and financially supported a wide range of local needs including significant volunteering commitment to the Swindon Night Shelter which is impacting more and more people in the wider Swindon community. • We continue to review our safeguarding arrangements and keep a healthy emphasis on the importance of this. • Regular Trustees meetings continued and there was good reporting financial control and transparency. <p>In addition to the regular weekly services outlined above, other initiatives in 2023 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's and women's breakfasts • Men's Bible discussion groups • Ladies' evening social events • A summer fun day open to the community with over 150 in attendance • A holiday club in October at which around 80 children attended over 3 days. • Three '321' courses held over the

		<p>year, open to all. These were attended by 10 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In November a community-event (Christmas Wreath Making) was run and over 20 guests from the community attended. • In Dec 2023 a carol-service was also held with over 15 guests attending from the community.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set.	Para 1.41	Having agreed our desire to plant another church in the Swindon area, in November we asked our membership to consider donating towards achieving that objective. In Total £15,023.75 was pledged and by year end £7213.75 had been collected. By the AGM a total of £14,763.75 has been collected. This will be set against a 1 st year budget of £20,429.25 which leaves a deficit of £5,455.70 which is included in the main budget. There was no external fundraising for any reason.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	During 2023 the charity did not hold any investments.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At Year end the charity had a total of £46,576.27 deposited in their business current account and with no funds held anywhere else. Of this total £9,642.50 were designated for use in memory of the late trustee Phillip Davison, and £7,213.75 were designated for a church plant. It is anticipated that both funds will be spent by year end 2024.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Until now the charity has not adopted a formal written Reserves Policy but reported its policy year on year here which represented one month's expenditure. In 2023 the charity stated that its baseline would be £10,000, below which consideration would need to be given concerning viability. With increased employment and the subsequent costs, at the first quarterly meeting of 2024 the trustees will discuss formal reserve policies for Running Costs, Extraordinary impact costs and Project costs with a view to determining the level of any agreed reserves. The trustees look forward to formalising their reserves policies alongside other policies maintained by the charity.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The reserve for the event of liquidation was set at £10,000.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>All funds are raised internally by donation from the membership and regular attenders of the church. This is done by direct credit to the charity's bank, by forwarding via Stewardship a charity that facilitates giving to charities, and via an offering box.</p> <p>The charity does not seek to raise funds outside of the membership or regular attenders (the congregation). The vast majority of our income is by way of regular charitable donations on a monthly basis against which, where permitted, we enhance the gift by claiming Gift Aid.</p> <p>On occasion we might make an internal appeal towards our goals and objectives but always in line with our purpose. For example the Church Plant</p>
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		<p>mentioned above.</p> <p>During 2023 the charity supported Cornerstone Church (a plant from NSBC), to a total of £6000. That church is now financially self-sufficient and so the amount of £6000 will be directed to Penhill Community Church, one with whom we have ministry links, and which operates in a financially starved area.</p> <p>The largest expenditure of the charity is ministry by way of three employees. In order to meet our obligations as employers it is likely that the running reserves policy will need to increase substantially.</p> <p>The charity currently has no form of investment but when the reserves are agreed then it will likely open short term or immediate access savings accounts.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The charity has no investments or investment policy this year. This will be considered next year as we establish Reserves Policies.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principle risk the charity faces is a sudden and unexpected drop in income to the extent that creditors and employees cannot be paid. It is for this reason we established a reserve of £10,000 which would meet statutory redundancy obligations. However, in view of our employees' contracts and notice periods this reserve is likely to be enhanced next year as we have employed another full-time member of staff.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	A Constitution and Handbook. NSBC is governed by a constitution that was ratified by members on 1st December 2016
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled	Para 1.25	The charity has two leadership roles namely Elder and Deacon. The membership vote on the appointment of both positions on the recommendation of the Elders. Deacons are only appointed to the role by invitation and

to appoint one or more trustees		their agreement to serve in that capacity.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>All trustees have read and understand the responsibilities of trustees as detailed in the charity commission guidance. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-Trustee-whats-involved (CC3a)</p> <p>Further work is planned in this area to fully equip trustees in this role.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The trustees met formally on four occasions during 2023 to review the operation of the charity, review the financial position and consider risks and strategic priorities. All meetings were documented.</p> <p>During the year the Charity sadly lost one of our Trustees, Phil Davison, who passed away in May. As a result, two former trustees, Ben Pike, and Steve Hook, willingly stepped back into their former roles with an initial commitment for one year, from May 2023-May 2024.</p> <p>The trustees are satisfied that all financial transactions were appropriately approved by designated trustees. There was regular and transparent financial reporting, and the trustees are also satisfied that appropriate controls and reporting is in place.</p> <p>Trustees who are also employees of the charity were excluded from all discussion relating to remuneration and where it was considered that there may be a conflict of interest in any discussions of the trustees. An Annual General Meeting of members took place on the 27th of January 2024 at which this TAR was shared. However, it was later established that there was not a quorum and so the AGM will be rescheduled in April/May when other voting business is needed.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>North Swindon Baptist Church continued to benefit from association with the Fellowship of Independent Churches (FIEC) from whom legal advice and guidance is received. Our full-time workers benefit from regular meetings with the leaders of FIEC churches. North Swindon Baptist Church continued to provide support to other charities through grants that support the objectives of the Trust and provided wider public benefit. In 2023 it was agreed that we help to support a local church in a social-deprived area of Swindon. To this end two people from our church left our fellowship to join with the church in this area. We also agreed in 2023 to assign £6,000 grant of support to this</p>

		church, to be donated in 2024.
Other	Para. 1.52	The charity banks with the Co-operative Bank

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	North Swindon Baptist Church
Other name the charity uses	NSBC
Registered charity number	1170918
Charity's principal address	5 Church End, Purton, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 4EB

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	Fraser Kay	Minister		Membership
2	Phillip Davison	Elder	1 st January – 9 th May	Membership
3	Rebecca Davison	Deacon		Membership
4	Robert Seals	Deacon		Membership
5	Ben Pike	Elder	11 th June -31 st December	Membership
6	Steve Hook	Deacon	11 th June -31 st December	Membership
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

F Kay

R Seals

Full name(s)

Fraser KAY

Robert SEALS

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Pastor

Deacon

Date



North Swindon Baptist Church			Charity No (if any)	1170918	CC17a
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	01/01/2023	To	Period end date	31/12/2023	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £
			Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £		
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)							
Incoming resources from generated funds			-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income		S01	117,502	10,811	-	128,313	106,748
Activities for generating funds		S02	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income		S03	8	-	-	8	19
Incoming resources from charitable activities		S04	-	-	-	-	-
Other incoming resources		S05	-	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		S06	117,510	10,811	-	128,321	106,767
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)							
Costs of Generating Funds			-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		S08	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs		S09	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		S10	109,075	5,663	-	114,738	90,415
Governance costs		S11	1,270	-	-	1,270	1,150
Other resources expended		S12	-	-	-	-	2,155
Total resources expended		S13	110,345	5,663	-	116,008	93,720
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		S14	7,165	5,148	-	12,313	13,047
Gross transfers between funds		S15	5	-	5	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		S16	7,170	5,143	-	12,313	13,047
Other recognised gains/(losses)							
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		S19	7,170	5,143	-	12,313	13,047
Total funds brought forward		S20	27,308	2,071	-	29,379	16,332
Total funds carried forward		S21	34,478	7,214	-	41,692	29,379

Section B Balance sheet

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Note 9)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 10)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 11)	B06	1,772	-	-	1,772	1,123
(Short term) investments	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	39,363	7,214	-	46,577	31,019
Total current assets	B09	41,135	7,214	-	48,349	32,142
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 12)	B10	6,657	-	-	6,657	2,762
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B11	34,478	7,214	-	41,692	29,380
Total assets less current liabilities	B12	34,478	7,214	-	41,692	29,380
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 12)	B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets	B15	34,478	7,214	-	41,692	29,380
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds	B16	34,478			34,478	29,380
	B17				-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 13)	B18		7,214		7,214	-
Endowment funds (Note 13)	B19			-	-	-
Total funds	B20	34,478	7,214	-	41,692	29,380
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval		
		F Kay	Fraser KAY			
		R Seals	Robert SEALS			

Section C**Notes to the accounts****Note 1 Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with*

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 Accounting Standards;
- or

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 Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

[** except for the following].

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards";
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year (§ except for the following).

§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years (§§ except for the following).

§§ if no changes have been made to accounts for previous periods then delete these words.

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
ABOVE**

None

Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Donations & Gifts	88,844	89,143
	Gift Aid	15,781	17,605
	Designated Fund	12,878	-
	Restricted Fund	10,811	-
		-	-
	Total	128,313	106,748
Activities for generating funds		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment income	Interest Income	8	19
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	8	19
Incoming resources from charitable activities		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 4 Analysis of resources expended**

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Charitable activities	Unrestricted:		-
	Staff costs	61,361	-
	Missions & Support	21,936	-
	Administration	8,646	-
	Outreach & Services	13,896	
	Designated	3,235	
	Restricted:		
	Gifts & support	5,663	
		-	-
	Total	114,738	-
Governance costs	Independent Examiner	700	450
	Insurance	470	442
	Accountancy support	100	700
	Total	1,270	1,592

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 5 Support Costs

Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.

Support cost type	Fundraising activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
	-	-		-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure

6.1 Trustee expenses

Please provide details of the amount of any payment or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees. If no expenses were paid, please enter 'None' in the appropriate box(es).

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

This year	Last year
1	1
Pastoral Expenses including travel, meetings and entertainment, craft supplies.	Pastoral Expenses including travel, meetings and entertainment, craft supplies.
1,764	1,713

6.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner or auditor. If nothing was paid please enter NONE in the appropriate box(es).

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

This year £	Last year £
700	450
100	700

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 7 **Paid employees**
Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

7.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	59,998	41,104
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Pension costs	1,363	951
Total staff costs	61,361	42,055

7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	This year Number	Last year Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work		
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	1	1
Governance	1	1
Other	-	-
Total	2	2

7.3 Defined contribution pension scheme

Please complete if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.

Brief details of the scheme	The auto enrolment stakeholder pension scheme used by the Church is the Government Scheme NEST
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	This year £	Last year £
The costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	1363	951
The amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end	291	-
The amount of any contributions prepaid at the year end	-	-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 8****Grantmaking**

Please complete this note if the charity made any grants or donations which in aggregate form a material part of the charitable activities undertaken.

8.1 Total value of grants

Purpose for which grants made	Grants to institutions Total amount £	Grants to individuals Total amount £
In furtherance of this charities purpose, and to promote the purposes of the granted charities	11,865	
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Total	11,865	-

8.1 Grantmaking costs

If the charity's accounts are prepared on the "activity basis" please give details of any support cost associated with grantmaking. Please enter "Nil" if the charity does not identify and/or allocate support costs.

Support costs of grantmaking

Nil

8.3 Grants made to institutions

If the charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grantmaking please give details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution listed. Sufficient information should be given to provide a reasonable understanding of the range of institutions supported.

Names of institutions	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
Cornerstone Church	The activities are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in Swindon and surrounding areas.	6,000
THE FELLOWSHIP OF INDEPENDENT EVANGELICAL CHURCHES	SUPPORT, ADVICE, AND RESOURCES TO AFFILIATED INDEPENDENT EVANGELICAL CHURCHES.	1,200
Casa MEA UK	The charity works to advance the Christian gospel and to support and aid people with disabilities, primarily in the Republic of Moldova where we run four small community homes for up to six disabled people.	900
Penhill Community Church	The purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith within the Penhill, Swindon area. This is done through public worship, community outreach, bible teaching and pastoral care.	1,200
Swindon Night Shelter	The prevention or relief of homelessness in Swindon and the surrounding area by providing support, items and work to individuals in need. In addition to partner with other organisations that work with the vulnerable.	2,300

Swindon Youth for Christ	SYFC predominately work in schools taking lessons, assemblies, mentoring, lunch clubs and after school clubs. We cover a variety of issues -self esteem/self worth, respect, relationships, etc. We run social action projects across the area and also a couple of monthly events where young people can explore the Christian faith.	250
Christians Against Poverty	Christians Against Poverty provides free professional debt help, money education and support groups to members of the public. Services are delivered face-to-face in partnership with local churches, allowing us to provide both practical and emotional support to our clients.	15
		-
		-
		-
Total grants to institutions		11,865

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 9 Tangible fixed assets***Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets***9.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
** Rate					

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

9.3 Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

9.4 Revaluation*If any fixed assets have been revalued please give details of the valuer and method of valuation*

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* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

Note 10 Investment assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any investment assets.

10.1 Fixed assets investments

	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	-
Add: additions to investments at cost	-
Less: disposals at carrying value	-
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-
Carrying (market) value at end of year	-

Please provide below:

10.2 A breakdown of the market values of investments shown above agreeing with the balance sheet row B03.

10.3 A breakdown of the income from investments agreeing with SOFA row S03.

Analysis of investments

	10.2 Market value at year end £	10.3 Income from investments for the year £
Investment properties	-	-
Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes	-	-
Investments in subsidiary or connected undertakings and companies	-	-
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	-	-
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Total	-	-

10.4 Material investment holdings

If any single investment is material in terms of its value (for example represents more than 5 per cent of the value of the charity's total investments) please provide details.

Investment held

Market Value

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 11 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors

Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings

Other debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Total

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
1,772	1,123	-	-
-	-	-	-
1,772	1,123	-	-

Note 12 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

12.1 Analysis of creditors

Loans and overdrafts

Trade creditors

Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings

Other creditors

Accruals and deferred income

Total

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
-	-	-	-
1,730	636	-	-
-	-	-	-
3,953	976	-	-
974	1,150	-	-
6,657	2,762	-	-

12.2 Security over assets

If any loan, overdraft or other creditor holds a charge or other security over any assets of the charity please provide details.

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Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 13 **Endowment and restricted income funds**

Please complete this section if the charity has any endowment or restricted income funds.

13.1 Funds held

Please give a brief description of any of the following type of funds held by the charity:

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

Fund Name	Type PE, EE or R	Purpose and Restrictions
Ukraine Fund	R	To aid victims of the war in Ukraine
Pastor's degree course	R	To supplement the cost of individual's development.
Swindon Night Shelter	R	Individuals donations to that charity through this charity.
Church Plant	R	To support the launch of a new church in Purton

13.2 Movements of major funds

Please give details of the movements of the major funds summarised in the restricted and endowment columns of the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Gifts & Support	10	2,088	- 2,098	-	-	-
Pastor's degree course	-	1,200	- 1,200		-	-
Swindon Night Shelter	150	310	- 460	-	-	-
Bible Socitey	80	-	80	-	-	-
Ukraine Fund	1,831	-	1,826	5	-	0
Church Plant		7,214	-	-	-	7,214
Total Funds	2,071	10,812	- 5,664	5	-	7,214

13.3 Transfers between funds

Please give details of any transfers between funds.

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount
Ukraine Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Small surplus paid to Barnabas	5

Note 14 Transactions with related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in note 6) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "None" in the relevant boxes.

14.1 Remuneration and benefits

Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee or other related parties by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value	
		This year £	Last year £

14.2 Loans

Please give details of and amounts owing to or from the charity's trustees or other related parties by the charity at the year end.

	Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
			This year £	Last year £
Due to trustees and related parties				
Due from trustees and related parties				

14.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a trustee or related party has a material interest.

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	This year £	Last year £

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
Note 15	Additional Disclosures	
The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts. If there is insufficient room here, please add a separate sheet.		

The designated funds mention in note 3 & 4 were unrestricted gifts towards the potential purchase of church premises. The purchase failed and during the bidding process our trustee Philip Davison suddenly and unexpectedly died. The known donors (a small amount was anonymously given) were contacted and assured us of not restriction of the expenditure. The trustees decided to designate these funds on purchases or investment in the memory of Philip Davison. So far an expensive camera has been purchased from this fund and other opportunities will be sought that might have a lasting memorial to the service and life of Philip.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

North Swindon Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1170918

Set out on pages

1 - 16

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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:

Jenny Frost

Date:

4 April 2024

Name:

Mrs Jennifer D Frost

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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