

NEW STREET BAPTIST CHURCH



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Trustees' Report - 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Charity Name:	New Street Baptist Church ("the Church")
Charity Registration No:	1185274 registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO")
Address:	22 New Street, St. Neots, Cambridgeshire PE19 1AE
Website:	www.newstreetbaptist.co.uk
Charitable Purposes:	The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within St Neots, Cambridgeshire and the surrounding neighbourhood and the United Kingdom. The Basis of Faith is set out in the Church's constitution and describes the Church's Bible-based beliefs and doctrines. It can also be viewed on the Church's website, www.newstreetbaptist.co.uk/what-we-believe The Church may also engage in other charitable activities to put into practice the Christian faith including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
Structure & Governance:	The Church has adopted a constitution supplemented by a church handbook, both of which have been approved by members and the Charity Commission. The Church was registered as a CIO on the 12th September 2019. The trustees are aware of and have taken into account the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. The Church is served by three officers appointed or elected by the members, namely, the Pastor, the Church Treasurer and the Church Secretary. The officers, who are trustees, are assisted in various aspects of church life and administration by a number of focus groups, each of which has a group leader, who is also a trustee. The groups currently cover the following areas: • Ministry • Evangelism • Fellowship • Children and youth • Social and community action • Property • Finance and administration

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Trustees: The trustees, all of whom served throughout the year, except as stated, are as follows:

Resigned 24/04/2023	Ann Broughton	(Fellowship Group)
Appointed 16/01/2023	Simon Ashley Cooper	(Children & Youth Group)
	Daniel Mark Coulling	(Church Secretary) (Property Group)
Resigned 24/07/2022	Irene Mary Crawford	(Social & Community Action Group)
	Malcolm Crawford	(Church Treasurer)
Appointed 17/10/2022	Tracey Ann Howard	(Social & Community Action Group)
Resigned 16/01/2023	Judith Margaret Single	(Children & Youth Group)
	Steven Paul Todd	(Evangelism Group)
Appointed 09/10/2023	Naomi Barbara Williams	(Fellowship Group)
	Richard Samuel Williams	(Pastor)

The church building at 22 New Street, St Neots, Cambridgeshire and adjoining manse are owned by a separate trust, Grace Baptist Trust Corporation.

Aims and Objectives: The Church's aim is to serve as the body of Christ to extend the Kingdom of God and glorify His name. In pursuing this aim its objectives are to:

- Worship and pray
- Evangelise at home and abroad
- Nurture Christians
- Unify the membership
- Encourage and equip the congregation for Christian service
- Give pastoral care
- Support social action at home and abroad

During the last year the Church has carried out the following main activities to fulfil its charitable purposes for the public benefit:

- Weekly Sunday worship service.
- Weekly prayer and bible study groups.
- Sunday school.
- 8-week bible study course started in September 2022.
- Monthly prayer breakfast started in September 2022.
- Messy Church generally run once in each school holiday.
- Tuesday and Friday Noah's Ark (Toddler Group).
- Harvest Sunday service, food donations for the service display donated to St. Neots Foodbank and Pains Mill Foyer, St. Neots.
- Pastoral care for the congregation.
- Christmas light switch on outreach event.
- Fellowship coffee morning.
- Warm Space Project started in November 2022.

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**Achievements &
Performance:**

The year saw the Church return to full time ministry following the fading disruption of the coronavirus pandemic. Church congregation could continue to participate from home via Zoom if they were unable to attend the live Sunday worship service. The Sunday sermon and mid-week ministry messages are available to anyone to listen to through the Church's website. Below are brief reports from the 7 focus groups assisting in the day to day running of different aspects of Church life:

Ministry, Evangelism:

Our theme text for the year was Hebrews 12:1-3 – 'Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith'. This was a great encouragement to us as we sought to resume the various groups and activities of the church. Although we have had to say goodbye to several people as they moved away, there have also been many visitors attending the church each month and we have been encouraged as some have become regular worshippers at our Sunday Gatherings.

In terms of spiritual growth, we have continued to build on the emphasis laid down in previous years and we have seen many times in our gatherings where there has been a strong sense of the presence of God as people have encouraged one another, built one another up and prayed together. Last year we studied what Jesus said to the churches in the first few chapters of Revelation, we looked at how we can be a praying people and then we spent a significant amount of time looking at the practice of spiritual gifts in the Life in the Spirit series. We finally closed the year out in Matthew's Gospel before our Christmas celebrations began.

Last year also saw several new initiatives such as the Bible Course. It was wonderful to see young and old benefit from the opportunity to explore the big storyline of the Bible as a whole and I am sure this course will be a great resource for the future, especially for those who want to go a bit further in finding out what Christian faith is all about. We also started the Warm Space Project, which aims to provide a warm welcome with respect and dignity to those who may be struggling with the cost-of-living crisis at the moment. It has provided the opportunity to chat and connect with a few people from the community and make use of the upper room.

Looking ahead, there is still more to do especially in terms of a renewed focus on prayer ministry, hospitality and evangelism. We continue to be grateful for the provision, presence and care of God throughout every season and our prayer for the year ahead is that God will continue to grow the church numerically and spiritually, as we seek to be faithful and fruitful.

Finance:

The Church started 2022 with a bank balance of £77,152 and ended the year with a bank balance of £79,201. Receipts exceeded payments by £2,049 during the year. God has continued to bless the Church through the generosity and support of its members, so that the Church was able to meet its needs, despite its income being slightly lower than the previous year. Expenditure during the year included renovation of the adjoining manse, with further costs to be incurred in 2023 in readiness for occupation by the pastor.

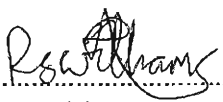
Fellowship:

The monthly coffee morning had continued through the year along with the return of our popular 10-pin bowling, fish and chip evening providing fellowship for families and friends.

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- Children & Youth:** The group has continued to run Sunday School during the second part of the services on a Sunday morning. We have held Noah's Ark Toddler Groups on Tuesday and Friday mornings throughout the school terms. At the end of the terms leading up to Easter and Christmas a book was given to each family explaining the real reason for the seasons. We have also run 3 Messy Church sessions in the school holiday breaks.
- Social & Community Action:** In November, a Warm Space initiative was set up running once a week in the upper room to help anyone who wanted to drop in and was struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. The space was advertised locally by the Council and ran until March 2023.
- The group is also involved with activities taking place within the local community. During 2022 they assisted with "Thursday Food", which has been set up at another local church using the support structure of Churches Together St. Neots. The initiative provides meals and company for the homeless and those struggling with their situation. The group is also involved with St. Neots Community Support who provide volunteers to help people with shopping and collecting prescriptions. The Friendly Caller service provides visitors to those who are lonely or isolated. The group also supports the work of St. Neots Foodbank.
- Property:** The group continued to assist other groups to facilitate their needs and requirements helping them carry out their work. Along with ensuring regular maintenance/inspections/cleaning is carried out. It had taken sometime to obtain various quotes for the Manse refurbishment works, but it was good to end 2022 with the decoration works starting. Last year also saw volunteers starting to get the church garden back in shape.
- Grant making policy:** The Church's aim is to set aside approximately 10% of its income by way of "tithe" to devote to good causes within the ambit of its charitable powers. The organisations benefitting are approved by the members on a quarterly basis and have strong Christian links.
- Reserves policy:** The Church's policy is to hold unrestricted funds equivalent to around three months' income in order to mitigate the impact of any unforeseen drop in income.
- The Church also aims to build up funds designated for future major building improvements and for periodic redecoration of the manse. The funds earmarked for the manse have been partly spent in 2022 and the balance will be spent in 2023.

Approved by the trustees of New Street Baptist Church and signed on their behalf by:


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Richard Williams
Pastor

29.10.2023
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Date

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of
New Street Baptist Church, St Neots, Cambridgeshire (charity registration number 1185274)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of New Street Baptist Church (CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

- accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

John Molyneux, FCA
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Date *29 October 2023*

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
Covenants and gifts		40,896	-		40,896	46,006
Offerings		20,175	200		20,375	26,433
Covenants, gifts and offerings		61,071	200	-	61,271	72,439
Manse lease (net of collection expenses)		20	-		20	4,113
Church activities - youth work		1,247	-		1,247	349
Total Receipts		62,338	200	-	62,538	76,901
Payments						
Pastor: salary and pension		32,816			32,816	31,904
Donations and gifts		10,510			10,510	6,710
Visiting speakers		50			50	50
Worship team/ music and sound system		825			825	870
Web hosting and wifi access		549			549	441
Expenses of church activities						
- youth work and coffee morning		1,434			1,434	745
Insurance		159			159	2,162
Lighting, heating, power and water		2,800			2,800	1,766
Cleaning and maintenance		987			987	776
Manse maintenance and refurbishment		10,289			10,289	632
Furniture and equipment		-			-	254
Charity registration fees		-			-	191
Miscellaneous		70			70	-
Total Payments		60,489	-	-	60,489	46,501
Net Receipts (Payments) for Year		1,849	200	-	2,049	30,400
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
		1,849	200	-	2,049	30,400
Bank and Cash Balances at beginning of Year		76,972	180	-	77,152	46,752
Bank and Cash Balances at end of Year		78,821	380	-	79,201	77,152

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Bank and Cash Balances at end of Period						
Bank accounts		78,821	380	-	79,201	77,152
Cash balances		-	-	-	-	-
	1, 2	<u>78,821</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,201</u>	<u>77,152</u>
Other Monetary Assets						
		-	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets						
		-	-	-	-	-
Assets retained for Church use	3	<u>152,296</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,296</u>	<u>152,296</u>
Liabilities	4	<u>330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>330</u>

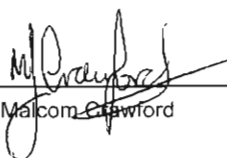
The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

The accounts on pages 7 to 9 were approved by the trustees on 29/10/2023



Richard Williams

Pastor



Malcolm Crawford

Church Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Designated Funds

Designated funds form part of the Church's unrestricted funds.

Movements on designated funds during period:

	Boiler replacement £	Building fund £	Manse redecorations £	Total £
At 31 December 2021	-	21,194	4,020	25,214
Allocation of general funds in year	7,000	-	16,700	23,700
Expenditure	-	-	(10,289)	(10,289)
At 31 December 2022	<u>7,000</u>	<u>21,194</u>	<u>10,431</u>	<u>38,625</u>

2. Restricted Funds

Restricted funds have been donated for future building work at the Church.

3. Assets retained for Church use

Movements on tangible fixed assets during period:

	Building improvements £	Furniture & equipment £	Total £
At cost - 31 December 2021	122,925	29,371	152,296
Additions	-	-	-
At cost - 31 December 2022	<u>122,925</u>	<u>29,371</u>	<u>152,296</u>

The building improvements relate to refurbishment of part of the church building.

The previous unregistered charity has acknowledged a grant from the Amey Community Fund (part of the Landfill Communities Fund) in 2020 which has contributed to the cost of the refurbishment project. The new CIO has taken over responsibility for ensuring that the grant conditions regarding availability of the facilities continue to be met.

The church building in New Street, St Neots, Cambridgeshire and the adjoining manse are owned by a separate trust of which the trustee is Grace Baptist Trust Corporation.

4. Liabilities

Liabilities at 31 December 2022 comprise:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Tax and pension	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	302	-	-	302	330
	<u>302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>330</u>