



Annual Report  
2023

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## Legal And Administrative Information

<b>Name Of Charity:</b>	Scarisbrick New Road Baptist Church
<b>Address:</b>	Scarisbrick New Road Southport PR8 6PU
<b>Phone Number:</b>	01704 501673
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.southportbaptist.org.uk">www.southportbaptist.org.uk</a>
<b>Email Address:</b>	<a href="mailto:info@southportbaptist.org.uk">info@southportbaptist.org.uk</a>
<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	1190214
<b>Banking Services:</b>	NatWest 130 London Street Southport PR9 0AE
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Lifestyles Accountancy Limited 39 Kirklees Road Southport PR9 4RB
<b>Property Trustees:</b>	The Baptist Union Corporation Baptist House PO Box 44 129 Broadway Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 8RT
<b>Governing Document:</b>	Constitution adopted 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Charity Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the church to serve the church in a leadership capacity to ensure good governance and stewardship of the charity's resources. The charity trustees are comprised of; the minister/s (where in place), elders (where in place), deacons, the secretary and the treasurer. Where there is no named secretary or treasurer, all of the trustees bear the responsibility for sharing these roles.

Name	Role	Status
Rev. Daniel Parkes	Minister/Chair	Active (Appointed September 2017)
Mrs. Kathryn Johnson	Secretary	Active (Appointed February 2020)
Mrs. Barbara Cross	Deacon	Active (Appointed May 2022)
Mr. Mark Hibell	Deacon	Active (Appointed November 2022)

### Our Current Trustees



Rev. Daniel Parkes  
*Minister*



Mrs. Kathryn Johnson  
*Secretary*



Mrs. Barbara Cross  
*Mission*



Mr. Mark Hibell  
*Safeguarding*

## Who We Are

Scarisbrick New Road Baptist Church (hereafter referred to as the church) is made up of people from all walks of life who choose to share our lives together as one big family, joined together through our faith in Jesus Christ. As a church and registered charity, our purpose is to advance the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist tradition. To help us achieve this we are associated with Baptists Together<sup>1</sup> at a national level, along with the North West Baptist Association<sup>2</sup> at a regional level. Across Southport and the wider Merseyside area we also work alongside other churches of different denominations, as well as other Christian charities, to further support and enhance our aims and objectives. Our church community meets regularly for worship as well as to support one another and our wider community through a range of activities and initiatives. We raise funds primarily through donations made by our church community, and occasionally through grant applications from organisations sympathetic to our aims, in order to financially support the work we undertake.

As a member of the Baptist Union the church subscribes to the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle:

- That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each church has liberty, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to interpret and administer His laws.
- That Christian Baptism is the immersion in water into the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who 'died for our sins according to the Scriptures; was buried, and rose again on the third day'.
- That it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to take part in the evangelisation of the world.



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1 Baptists Together website: [www.baptist.org.uk](http://www.baptist.org.uk)

2 North West Baptist Association website: [www.nwba.org.uk](http://www.nwba.org.uk)

# Secretary's Report

*Kathryn Johnson*

In reading through last year's report we have finished some jobs that had been started in the various rooms in the building and some have still to be finished, as always!

The Light Lounge in the old small hall has now been completed and has been used very effectively throughout the year. The Place Of Welcome cafe on a Friday morning has moved in there as there is a variety of comfortable seating to create a lively atmosphere and conversation has been varied (and apparently hilarious!). If you would like to join the merry band that meet there please do – there's plenty of proper coffee and hot chocolate to go around. As well as the board games, a Wii Console, Lego and a pool table that reside in there it is also a great space for the young people to use on a Friday night at "Radiate" which started this year. At this moment in time we have 13 children coming regularly and the lounge is a great addition to our church building to have a "quieter" space to connect with them during "sofa time".



The upstairs office is still a bit of a "work in progress" with filing and sorting needing to be done to get everything straight and organised. The balcony also still needs a little work doing to it to tidy it up. The shelves we were given some years ago have now been set up and all of the Christmas decoration boxes have now been moved onto these, meaning that there is a little more space for other things to be stored up there neatly.

We have arranged and re-arranged the back of the Sanctuary several times and after moving another pew have made it bigger than it has been before which should give more space for people to sit together and have conversations, as well as to queue for refreshments without bumping into one another. Annabelle has completed her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award but has decided to



continue to serve us our morning coffee with a smile and conversation. We are grateful to her for continuing in this important role and also for Robert & Carol who offer to do the washing up each week to save Annabelle having to do everything.



The trustees have continued to meet regularly throughout the year to discuss the business of the church and to make decisions that need to be made as well as bringing recommendations, proposals and ideas to the wider church fellowship in our quarterly Church Meetings. These meetings seem to have been more successfully held on a Sunday after the worship celebration and we will be continuing this pattern throughout 2024, with the addition of a lunch to extend the fellowship time together before discussing the business that we need to. These will mainly be bring and share lunches but I may have a go at catering one or two!

Speaking of eating and meals, we didn't do too badly in 2023. Easter Sunday breakfast went well (well I didn't burn down the kitchen!). Harvest lunch in September was a success with two curries and a casserole, so watch out for this again in 2024. There may even be a few others dotted around throughout the year, so any ideas welcome!

Although we didn't have a leadership team away day as such this year, we did go "away" to the home of Mrs Cross to have an extra meeting to discuss the thoughts and ideas relating to the Quinquennial report. Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas at October's church meeting and through the online form. There will be some big questions to answer over the next few years to decide what the next steps will be.

Despite the challenges of the report, we have been hugely blessed with all the groups that have asked to use our building over the last year. Groups have included Jess & Lucy's exercise classes, The Learning Rooms football, Amber Family, many birthday parties and the Sea Cadets who have used the big hall for extra space for practises and football training. Linaker Primary School have been in for Easter Assemblies, their Year 6 end of year celebration, three lots of nativity performances and The Pearl of Africa Children's Choir. This has all been very encouraging and that the local community recognises our existence and wants to use our space to help them either celebrate special occasions or to exercise and get fit.

As a church we have welcomed new people over the last year and this has been encouraging, leading us to seriously consider restarting all-age worship services and Sunday school in the New Year. Compass groups started in November and Star Seekers Cafe and Ignite children's group will be back in 2024. The New Fellowship Directory and Prayer Chain were completed during the year, enabling people to stay in touch and urgent prayer requests to be passed around when needed during the week.

# Minister's Report

*Daniel Parkes*

The past year has certainly been an interesting one, both in our shared life together as church, as well as personally. Our family's summer adventure won't easily be forgotten, a European road trip that saw us travel by plane, train and auto-mobile, as well as ferry, funicular and cable car. But despite having to cut the journey short due to car trouble, we were truly blessed and God was right there by our side. Within this was the lesson that God is always faithful, and even when there are detours, it is not the end of the world, but perhaps the beginning of something new.

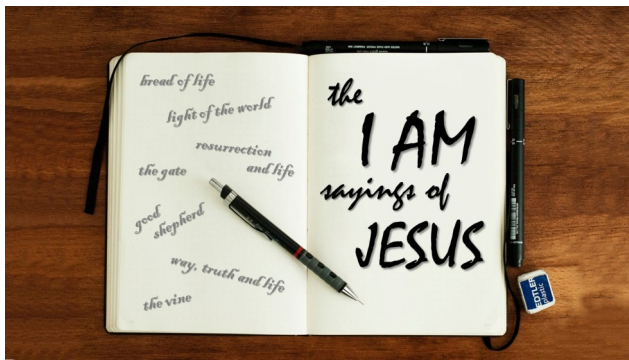
In our life together, 2023 has certainly been a year of new things, or things re-starting in a new way following a period of hiatus. One of the highlights for me personally has been starting our Radiate youth group and seeing it blossom, as well as welcoming local groups into our building to share our blessing with others. All of this of course has its challenges but it is an exciting time as we continue to make our mark, build relationship and share the love of Jesus with those around us.

On our journey of discipleship during our Sunday Celebrations we started the year reflecting on St Ignatius of Loyola's prayer of Examen before diving into the "I Am Sayings Of Jesus". Following this we reflected in the importance of good financial stewardship and tithing as part of a short series called "Faithful Finance". After our Easter reflections and celebrations our focus turned to "Timeless Tales" and the Biblical stories that we had perhaps grown up with but hadn't really delved any deeper into. From Old Testament heroes such as Samson, Jonah, Deborah and others, to New Testament encounters with Jesus, each of these episodes reminded us that God uses all sorts of people and that we are included in his all encompassing story. During the summer period we looked at what it means to be "Effective Followers", using Paul's first letter to Timothy as our guide. Another short series, this time on Faith Hope and Love helped us to relaunch our mid-week Compass Groups which followed the same theme throughout the autumn. After our harvest celebration we returned to the story of Esther, which we had touched on briefly as part of the Timeless Tales series. This time character and courage took centre stage and how we can live this out in our own lives as followers of Jesus. With events unfolding in the Middle East at this time, this was a very timely and pertinent reminder that even though the stories of the Bible are several thousand years old, they still resonate with us and hold true today. As we watched the news on our television screens and read about Esther, Mordecai and Haman, it was clear that God's timing was once again perfect.

The season of Advent and Christmas was all about being "Ready and Waiting", culminating in our annual Carols By Candlelight service that once again reminded us that the creator of the universe came into the world as a humble baby.

Throughout the year we have enjoyed having a number of different people share with us during our Sunday Celebrations, including; Maureen Dow, Mark Hibell, Linda Hopkins, Peter Hopkins, Tom McVicar, Kim Parkes, Robert Shallcross and Brian Trudgian. It has been a real blessing to hear other voices encourage us and guide us.





During the autumn we re-started our mid-week small groups, which we call Compass Groups. The idea is that these times help us to navigate life and faith together. We have two groups, one meeting on a Wednesday evening and the other on a Thursday morning comprising of up to 12 people. Our focus was "Faith Hope Love And Everything in Between", a DVD based study published by Waverley Abbey.

The run up to Easter once again saw our building transformed into a secret spy base for the annual "Mission Impossible" Easter presentation organised by the Southport And Area Schools Workers Trust (SASWT). It is a huge privilege to be involved with this, not just as a church hosting it, but also personally for those of us who volunteer on the team.

Other highlights of the year included inviting Jonathan Veira to perform in concert as part of his “Unlockdown Sessions” tour. As an all round entertainer we enjoyed a wonderful June evening of music, funnies stories and some of his own faith journey. During the summer we also had our community defibrillator (defib) installed. Located in an external cabinet, this vital piece of lifesaving equipment is available to those who live or work nearby to get first aid assistance should the need arise. There was a slight irony in the process of getting the defib installed in that Mark succumbed to his own heart “issue” and was temporarily hospitalised which delayed things slightly. It just goes to highlight how valuable such equipment is and the good news is that Mark recovered and we can share something of that blessing with our neighbourhood.



It has been a delight to welcome people into our fellowship and for Pentecost we hung an assortment of flags around the Sanctuary to showcase the nations that are represented or that we have links with. Sadly though we have had to say goodbye to some beloved members, including Jean Spinks and Jean Buffet, whose funerals were in February and April respectively.

Outside of our fellowship I continued to support the Southport And Area Schools

Workers Trust (SASWT) as the chair of trustees. It is really encouraging to hear about the links we have with schools across Southport and the work that Tabz and Hettie do on behalf of the churches in this challenging context. In a similar way I have also supported Sefton’s SACRE (Standing Advisory Council For Religious Education). Comprised of RE teachers and religious leaders from across the spectrum, the group seeks to support the teaching of RE in local schools.



# Safeguarding

**Kim Parkes**

We continue to take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults seriously, ensuring that our safeguarding policy is implemented and reviewed annually. Our policy is based on the model policy produced by Baptists Together and edited to reflect our own circumstances. The shortened policy statement is displayed around the church building and each person working with children and/or vulnerable adults has a copy of the full safeguarding policy. Copies of the policy are available on request from the church office and freely available on the church website.<sup>3</sup>

Alongside our minister, the safeguarding team comprises of:

<b>Designated Person For Safeguarding:</b>	Mrs. Kim Parkes
<b>Deputy Designated Person For Safeguarding:</b>	Mrs. Maureen Dow
<b>Safeguarding Trustee:</b>	Mr. Mark Hibell



Mrs. Kim Parkes



Mrs. Maureen Dow



Mr. Mark Hibell

No safeguarding incidents were reported for 2023 and no significant changes needed to be made to the safeguarding policy other than changing the name of the safeguarding trustee. All new trustees have received DBS (Disclosure And Barring Service) checks and existing DBS records of trustees and workers are up-to-date.

Our list of document checkers for the DBS application process include the designated person for safeguarding, the deputy designated person for safeguarding, the safeguarding trustee and the minister.

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<sup>3</sup> Church policies: [www.southportbaptist.org.uk/policies](http://www.southportbaptist.org.uk/policies)

## Our Building

Our church building has existed since April 1966 and came about through the amalgamation of two other Baptist churches, these being The Tabernacle and Hoghton Street Baptist Church, both of which were themselves established in the late 1800's.



Part of the original Tabernacle remains, comprising of a kitchen, toilets, sports hall, lounge and assorted smaller rooms over two floors. The more modern part of the building comprises of our main auditorium along with toilets, a meeting room and office. Our rooms are used by the church for our weekly Sunday celebrations as well as being used by community groups including the Southport And Area Schools Workers Trust, The Hoghton Players and The Learning Rooms.

During the summer we commissioned a quinquennial building survey to assess the overall condition of the building. These 5 yearly inspections are part of managing our premises effectively and to help implement an effective work plan of repair and maintenance. The inspection was undertaken by Ralph Hilton, a chartered surveyor, who then produced a comprehensive report. Along with previous reports from 2013, 2008 and 2003 it has become clear that there are outstanding issues that need to be addressed and that a significant amount of work needs to be undertaken to both the old and new parts of the building. Given the work required and the costs involved we now need to discern the best course of action to remedy the issues raised.

Our large hall continues to be well used by members of our community for whom it is a blessing. We continue to support the Southport And Area Schools Workers Trust, choral group The Hoghton Players, exercise class Dolly's Bootcamp and local band Rhyming With Orange. During the year we welcomed Amber Family who work with vulnerable families who offered a drop in play time for their service users. The Learning Rooms who support adults with learning difficulties and youth organisation Southport Sea Cadet Corps both made use of the space and the football nets for matches. Sadly, earlier in the year, Compassion Acts made the decision to make alternative arrangements for hosting the foodbank due to inadequate heating and challenges regarding food storage. Although we are disappointed, we do continue to support this valuable mission in other ways.

The Light Lounge continues to support our weekly Place Of Welcome and our Radiate youth group. During the Autumn term we restarted our Compass Group Bible study group using the lounge as our meeting place.

## A Snapshot Of Those Who Used Our Building In 2023



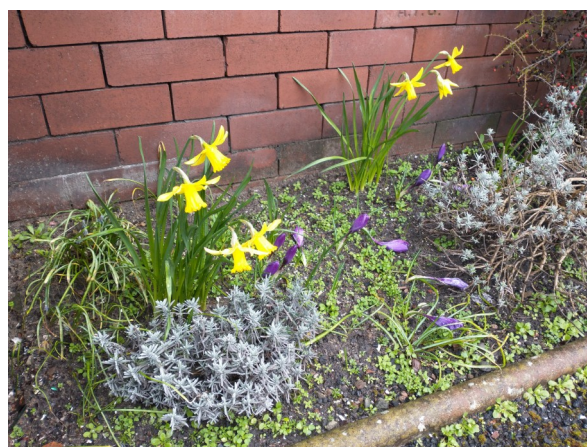
**T H E  
Hoghton Players**



## Landscaping

**Robert Shallcross**

Gardening at the church has taken place most Friday mornings through the year. The major work was tidying the Memorial Garden in order to add new plants given in memory of loved ones. This included removing the membrane from the soil and digging out self seeded shrubs. Thanks to Robert and Carol Carr the weeds have



been removed from all the boundary walls though this, like all aspects of the work, is an ongoing task. Bulbs planted at the back end of 2022 added colour to the larger beds together with some new perennial planting. It is good to receive encouraging comments from passers by and hopefully be a positive influence on the area.

## Places Of Welcome

**Daniel Parkes**

Friday mornings continue to provide respite from the world outside as we open the doors of the lounge and invite folk in to our Place Of Welcome<sup>4</sup>. This is a valuable opportunity to share with one another and hear each others stories over free refreshments. Although there is a wide selection of other activities available, including jigsaw puzzles and board games, talking is the favourite pastime. It's been joked that there is enough material to compile several memoirs which would certainly make for an enlightening read!

The Place Of Welcome is open to all and is a safe space for people to be themselves and to know that they are valued.



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4 Places Of Welcome website: [www.placesofwelcome.org.uk](http://www.placesofwelcome.org.uk)



## Tiny Tots

***Kathryn Johnson & Maureen Dow***

Our numbers fluctuated quite a bit this year although we did gain a few new families but we also lost a number going on to Nursery and School. Our end of term party in July was very quiet numbers wise. We started up again in September to reasonable numbers and they continued to grow up to Christmas when we had a bumper party. As usual we gathered in the Sanctuary where Kathryn told the Christmas story with a PowerPoint presentation and we had a visit from Father Christmas, and of course party food afterwards! We look forward to welcoming new families and getting to know them and old families to get to know them better.

## Radiate

***Daniel & Kim Parkes, Alastair & Kathryn Johnson***

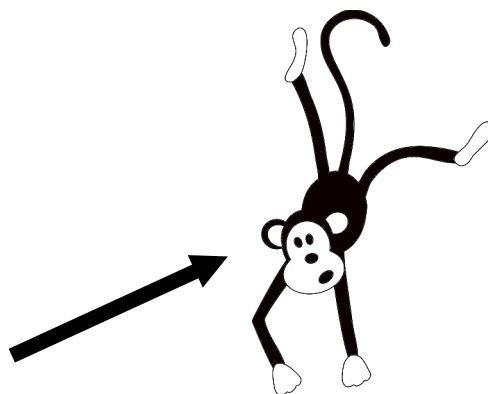
In January 2023 we launched our brand new youth group, called "Radiate", for young people in school years 6 to 10 (ages 11-14). Since then, we have had the pleasure of welcoming 17 young people through our doors, averaging around ten each week. A typical evening begins of some free choice, in which basketball, football and Wii console are popular choices. We also offer a pick and mix style tuck shop which has proved to be a hit.



Throughout the year we have enjoyed specially organised events including Nerf battles, a basketball shoot-out, making pancakes, a paper plane competition, scavenger hunt and an opportunity to explore SASWT's Mission Impossible alongside the youth group from Christ Church. Most evenings finish with some sofa time, in which we chat with the young people about their

weeks and explore different aspects of life and faith. It has been a joy to build relationships with the young people and watch them build relationships with each other.

Maverick the Monkey, our mascot



# Mission

## Barbara Cross

Having said goodbye to Tim and Linda Darby we welcomed Michele and Dave Mahon as our link mission workers. Their calling has led them to Peru where they are now involved as lecturers at Trujillo Baptist Seminary. Unfortunately we were unable to meet them when they were last in the UK, but Michele is very good at keeping us updated through the prayer letters and videos which she regularly posts. If you have missed any just visit the BMS World Mission<sup>5</sup> website where you can catch up and rejoice at what God is doing.



Thank you to all those who support the Birthday Scheme<sup>6</sup>. This is where we celebrate the work of BMS World Mission as we celebrate the years that God has given to us. Each card contains a birthday message and an update on some of the projects, as well as an envelope for making a donation. All donations go to helping those in need, including providing sustainable crops in Uganda, education in Nepal, safety for refugees landing in Greece,

enabling people in Thailand to hear the Gospel, and much more. If you would like to take part then please see me and I will happily add your name to the list.

In September our harvest focus was the work of Operation Agri<sup>7</sup> and their “Transforming Farms” project in Tanzania. Following our worship celebration we enjoyed a fellowship meal which included Mchicha, a Tanzanian spinach and peanut curry. From this we were able to make a gift of £200. We also continued to support the Compassion Acts foodbank, collecting 41.8kg of tinned and dry food as well as making a gift of £50.

Throughout December we continued to support the work of Spurgeons Children’s Charity<sup>8</sup>. This year we printed our own “stamps” which we invited people to buy to put on Christmas cards sent within the fellowship. The proceeds from these, along with our Christmas Day offering, meant we were able to make a gift of £200. In the run up to Christmas we also collected donations of gifts to support the Mayor of Sefton’s charity toy appeal. It was wonderful to see all of the presents under the tree before they were taken to the collection point at Asda.

During the year we hosted two coffee mornings, one for BMS World Mission and one for MacMillan Cancer Support<sup>9</sup>. These were both well supported and the home made cakes

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5 BMS World Mission website: [www.bmsworldmission.org](http://www.bmsworldmission.org)

6 Birthday Scheme: [www.bmsworldmission.org/get-involved/fundraising/birthday-scheme](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/get-involved/fundraising/birthday-scheme)

7 Operation Agri website: [www.operationagri.org.uk](http://www.operationagri.org.uk)

8 Spurgeons Children’s Charity website: [www.spurgeons.org](http://www.spurgeons.org)

9 MacMillan Cancer Support website: [coffee.macmillan.org.uk](http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk)

on offer were delicious. We were able to donate £134 and £101 respectively to these causes.

Please remember each of these areas of mission in your prayers.

## Digital Mission & Ministry

**Daniel Parkes**

We started our YouTube channel in March 2020 and it continues to be a significant part of our mission and ministry, reaching people locally, nationally and even globally. As well as being a “shop window” to those beyond our walls it forms a vital link with those who are housebound and unable to attend worship in person. Having been blessed with the resources to livestream we also share this blessing with Linaker Primary School by recording and broadcasting their special events including the year 6 leavers assembly and their Christmas performances.

So, whether it is our own members who are housebound or working shifts, or those looking for a church to join, our livestreams offer a safe and accessible way of joining our fellowship or for simply catching up. If you are interested in the numbers, our YouTube statistics are:

	<b>2023</b> <i>(January to December)</i>	<b>Total</b> <i>(To December 2023)</i>
<b>Number Of Views:</b>	18,067	47,542
<b>Number Of Subscribers:</b>	68	224
<b>Watch Time (Hours):</b>	768.4	2,740.8

We also make use of Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter) and MailChimp as ways of communicating with others. Each week we produce an email bulletin with reflections, links to the livestream and other resources, updates, prayer points and even jokes. This is distributed by MailChimp to those who freely subscribe to this service. These posts are also made to Facebook and X to enable those who don't yet subscribe to know who we are as church and the things that we are doing.

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*Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!*

*Psalms 34:8 (New Living Translation)*



Scarisbrick New Road  
Baptist Church  
~~~~~ Southport ~~~~~

## **SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TRUSTEES REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

# **SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO**

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# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Trustees:</b>              | Rev Daniel Parkes (Chair)<br>Barbara Cross<br>Mark Hibell<br>Kathryn Johnson        |
| <b>Secretary:</b>             | Kathryn Johnson                                                                     |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>             | ** position currently vacant **                                                     |
| <b>Charity number:</b>        | 1190214                                                                             |
| <b>Charity Address:</b>       | Scarisbrick New Road Baptist Church<br>Scarisbrick New Road<br>Southport<br>PR8 6PU |
| <b>Independent Examiners:</b> | Lifestyles Accountancy Limited<br>39 Kirklees Road<br>Southport<br>PR8 4RB          |
| <b>Bankers:</b>               | NatWest<br>130 Lord Street<br>Southport<br>PR9 0AE                                  |



# **SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements follow the requirements of the revised Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) – 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which was registered on 2 July 2020. It is governed by its Constitution which was last amended on 13 February 2020.

### **Recruitment and appointment of the trustees**

The board seeks to achieve a balance of skills and experience amongst the trustees. In order to maintain this, the board reviews its skill and experience mix each year and seeks to recruit new trustees when necessary, subject to the conditions set out in the governing document. Nominations are further sought from church members.

Appointment is made by voting on those nominated at an ordinary church meeting. Candidates who receive votes from at least 50% of members voting are appointed as trustees.

Each calendar year one third (or if not a multiple of three, the number nearest to one third) of the current trustees shall retire from office.

### **Trustee induction and training**

The current board of trustees will provide any new trustee with an overview of the timetable of board meetings, copies of the recent minutes of meetings, the recent reports and accounts and explain their general and specific responsibilities.

Ongoing training is provided by the board of trustees as and when the need arises.

### **Risk management**

The condition of the building following the latest quinquennial building inspection is a major priority for the foreseeable future.

### **Organisational structure**

Scarisbrick New Road Baptist Church is governed by its board of trustees that are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

# **SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objects of the charity**

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The purpose of the charity is to advance the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The charity may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Review and summary of the year**

Throughout the year the charity has maintained the provision of public worship and prayer on a weekly basis.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Principal funding sources**

The principal sources of funding for the charity continue to be donations from the church congregation in addition to some giving from other Christian groups.

During the year the charity received income of £57,996 (2022 - £49,128) and spent £71,878 (2022 - £54,900) and as a result produced a deficit of £13,882 (2022 - £5,772). This deficit was mostly attributable to the large increase in the cost of gas and electricity in the year of a little over £12,900. Without this additional cost the ongoing deficit position had reduced well.

### **Reserves policy**

In order to maintain the day to day running of the charity the trustees have agreed that an amount of no less than 6 months running costs should be available in reserves at any one point in time. They have also considered the need to set aside funding to cover potential property repairs and redevelopment following the most recent quinquennial building inspection, dated May 2023.

The trustees have designated £40,000 as the emergency reserve which will cover a period of 6 months expenditure. This is held in a 95 day notice account with NatWest.

The trustees have also designated £50,000 as the seed fund for building maintenance and redevelopment. This is held in a 1 year deposit account with the Baptist Union Corporation.

In the year to 31 December 2023 the amount available in free, unrestricted reserves was £69,155 (2022 - £143,037) which is expected to cover expected annual deficits and unexpected expenditure in the short term.

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

#### General plans

The charity will continue its operations throughout the year and look to expand on its operations to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to more people.

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 12 February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
**Rev Daniel Parkes - trustee**

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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**Daniel Styles (Independent examiner)**

for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

**Dated:** 16 February 2024

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

|                                       | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                         |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Income from generated funds:          |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Voluntary income:                     |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Donations and gifts                   | 2     | 38,901                             | 2,064                            | 40,965                      | 38,977                      |
| Activities for generating funds:      |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Rental income                         | 3     | 13,768                             | -                                | 13,768                      | 9,881                       |
| Investment income                     | 4     | 3,263                              | -                                | 3,263                       | 270                         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                   |       | <b>55,932</b>                      | <b>2,064</b>                     | <b>57,996</b>               | <b>49,128</b>               |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                    |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Charitable activities                 | 5     | 69,714                             | 2,064                            | 71,778                      | 54,800                      |
| Governance costs                      | 6     | 100                                | -                                | 100                         | 100                         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>              |       | <b>69,814</b>                      | <b>2,064</b>                     | <b>71,878</b>               | <b>54,900</b>               |
| <b>NET (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR</b> |       | <b>(13,882)</b>                    | <b>-</b>                         | <b>(13,882)</b>             | <b>(5,772)</b>              |
| Fund balances at 1 January 2023       |       | 748,037                            | 1,725                            | 749,762                     | 755,534                     |
| Fund balances at 31 December 2023     |       | <b>734,155</b>                     | <b>1,725</b>                     | <b>735,880</b>              | <b>749,762</b>              |

The notes on pages 8 - 13 form part of these financial statements.


# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

|                            | Notes  | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>        |        |                             |                             |
| Property                   | 7      | 575,000                     | 575,000                     |
|                            |        | <u>575,000</u>              | <u>575,000</u>              |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>      |        |                             |                             |
| Cash at bank and in hand   |        | 160,980                     | 174,862                     |
|                            |        | <u>160,980</u>              | <u>174,862</u>              |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |        |                             |                             |
| Accrued costs              |        | 100                         | 100                         |
|                            |        | <u>100</u>                  | <u>100</u>                  |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>  |        | <u>160,880</u>              | <u>174,762</u>              |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>    |        | <u><b>735,880</b></u>       | <u><b>749,762</b></u>       |
| <b>FUNDS</b>               |        |                             |                             |
| Restricted funds           |        | 1,725                       | 1,725                       |
| Unrestricted funds         | 9 & 10 | 69,155                      | 143,037                     |
| Designated funds           |        | 665,000                     | 605,000                     |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>         |        | <u><b>735,880</b></u>       | <u><b>749,762</b></u>       |

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 12 February 2024 by:



Rev Daniel Parkes - trustee

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# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### b Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

##### c Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements where relevant.

##### d Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### e Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management costs. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### f Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including and incidental expenses of acquisition.

Tangible fixed assets represent the valuation of properties owned by the charity when it transferred from a trust to a CIO. The valuation has been undertaken by the trustees at open market value.

### 2 VOLUNTARY INCOME

|                             | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Donations and gifts:</b> |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Loose collection            | 5,360                              | -                                | <b>5,360</b>                | 5,098                       |
| Standing orders and online  | 25,511                             | -                                | <b>25,511</b>               | 22,747                      |
| Envelopes                   | 825                                | -                                | <b>825</b>                  | 1,510                       |
| Gift aid recovered          | 5,639                              | -                                | <b>5,639</b>                | 4,704                       |
| Raised for good causes      | -                                  | 810                              | <b>810</b>                  | 550                         |
| Grants received             | -                                  | -                                | -                           | 2,225                       |
| Other income                | 1,566                              | 1,254                            | <b>2,820</b>                | 2,143                       |
|                             | <b>38,901</b>                      | <b>2,064</b>                     | <b>40,965</b>               | <b>38,977</b>               |

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 3 ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

|                         | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Rental income:</b>   |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Rent of 60 Bedford Road | 6,483                              | -                                | <b>6,483</b>                | 5,086                       |
| Dollys Bootcamp         | 3,720                              | -                                | <b>3,720</b>                | 2,130                       |
| Southport and Area SWT  | 1,000                              | -                                | <b>1,000</b>                | 1,000                       |
| Hoghton Players Society | 1,000                              | -                                | <b>1,000</b>                | 1,280                       |
| Other lettings received | 1,565                              | -                                | <b>1,565</b>                | 385                         |
|                         | <b>13,768</b>                      | <b>-</b>                         | <b>13,768</b>               | <b>9,881</b>                |

### 4 INVESTMENT INCOME

|                        | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bank interest received | 3,263                              | -                                | <b>3,263</b>                | 270                         |
|                        | <b>3,263</b>                       | <b>-</b>                         | <b>3,263</b>                | <b>270</b>                  |

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 5 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

|                                  | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Ministry costs:</b>           |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Ministers stipend                | 26,500                             | -                                | <b>26,500</b>               | 24,750                      |
| Housing allowance                | 7,134                              | -                                | <b>7,134</b>                | 6,480                       |
| Pension, NI and other on-costs   | 3,363                              | -                                | <b>3,363</b>                | 4,582                       |
| Pension deficiency payments      | 12                                 | -                                | <b>12</b>                   | 2,192                       |
| Events                           | -                                  | 1,254                            | <b>1,254</b>                | -                           |
| Ministry expenses                | 1,897                              | -                                | <b>1,897</b>                | 1,783                       |
|                                  | <b>38,906</b>                      | <b>1,254</b>                     | <b>40,160</b>               | <b>39,787</b>               |
| <b>Rental property costs:</b>    |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Insurance                        | 348                                | -                                | <b>348</b>                  | 293                         |
|                                  | <b>348</b>                         | <b>-</b>                         | <b>348</b>                  | <b>293</b>                  |
| <b>Church upkeep costs:</b>      |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Maintenance                      | 3,737                              | -                                | <b>3,737</b>                | 1,922                       |
| Heat and light                   | 15,335                             | -                                | <b>15,335</b>               | 2,391                       |
| Water                            | 652                                | -                                | <b>652</b>                  | 361                         |
| Insurance                        | 3,081                              | -                                | <b>3,081</b>                | 2,996                       |
| Telephone and internet           | 428                                | -                                | <b>428</b>                  | 385                         |
| Printing, postage and stationery | 422                                | -                                | <b>422</b>                  | 417                         |
| Subscriptions                    | 1,046                              | -                                | <b>1,046</b>                | 903                         |
| Cleaning                         | -                                  | -                                | <b>-</b>                    | 50                          |
| Other costs                      | 50                                 | -                                | <b>50</b>                   | -                           |
|                                  | <b>24,751</b>                      | <b>-</b>                         | <b>24,751</b>               | <b>9,425</b>                |
| <b>Mission and giving:</b>       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| BUGB - Home mission              | 2,588                              | -                                | <b>2,588</b>                | 1,790                       |
| Baptist World mission            | 3,105                              | -                                | <b>3,105</b>                | 2,175                       |
| Gifts from church funds          | 16                                 | 810                              | <b>826</b>                  | 1,330                       |
|                                  | <b>5,709</b>                       | <b>810</b>                       | <b>6,519</b>                | <b>5,295</b>                |
|                                  | <b>69,714</b>                      | <b>2,064</b>                     | <b>71,778</b>               | <b>54,800</b>               |

### 6 GOVERNANCE COSTS

|                         | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Independent examination | 100                                | -                                | <b>100</b>                  | 100                         |
|                         | <b>100</b>                         | <b>-</b>                         | <b>100</b>                  | <b>100</b>                  |

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 7 FIXED ASSETS (at valuation)

|                 | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2023<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2022<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Church property | 400,000                               | 400,000                               |
| 60 Bedford Road | 175,000                               | 175,000                               |
|                 | <b>575,000</b>                        | <b>575,000</b>                        |

### 8 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

Rev Daniel Parkes received a total of £33,634 (2022 - £31,230) in wage costs for his work in the day to day operation of the charity but not in any respect in connection with his role as trustee. No other trustee received any remuneration or expenses.

### 9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

|                     | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>£</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Fixed assets        | 575,000                             | -                                 | <b>575,000</b>               |
| Current assets      | 160,980                             | 1,725                             | <b>162,705</b>               |
| Current liabilities | (100)                               | -                                 | <b>(100)</b>                 |
|                     | <b>735,880</b>                      | <b>1,725</b>                      | <b>737,605</b>               |

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 10 FUNDS

|                          | Balance at<br>1 Jan 23<br>£ | Incoming<br>Resources<br>£ | Resources<br>Expended<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 23<br>£ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Restricted funds:</b> |                             |                            |                            |                              |
| BMS birthday scheme      | -                           | 280                        | (280)                      | -                            |
| Special collections      | -                           | 530                        | (530)                      | -                            |
| Event tickets            | -                           | 1,254                      | (1,254)                    | -                            |
| Nathaniel Reynor Trust   | 1,725                       | -                          | -                          | <b>1,725</b>                 |
|                          | <u>1,725</u>                | <u>2,064</u>               | <u>(2,064)</u>             | <u><b>1,725</b></u>          |

These restricted funds represent specific donations received by the charity to be set aside for specific purposes and the Nathaniel Reynor Trust was monies received to fund the Sanctuary re-decoration in the year although has subsequently been granted permission to convert this into funds for the purchase of a defibrillator machine.

|                            | Balance at<br>1 Jan 23<br>£ | Transfers In<br>and (Out)<br>£ | Incoming<br>Resources<br>£ | Resources<br>Expended<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 23<br>£ |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds:</b> |                             |                                |                            |                            |                              |
| <b>Designated funds:</b>   |                             |                                |                            |                            |                              |
| Audio visual equipment     | 10,000                      | (10,000)                       | -                          | -                          | -                            |
| Building maintenance       | -                           | 50,000                         | -                          | -                          | <b>50,000</b>                |
| Emergency reserve          | -                           | 40,000                         | -                          | -                          | <b>40,000</b>                |
| Property assets            | 575,000                     | -                              | -                          | -                          | <b>575,000</b>               |
| Sanctuary redecoration     | 20,000                      | (20,000)                       | -                          | -                          | -                            |
|                            | <u>605,000</u>              | <u>60,000</u>                  | <u>-</u>                   | <u>-</u>                   | <u><b>665,000</b></u>        |
| <b>General funds:</b>      | 143,037                     | (60,000)                       | 55,932                     | (69,814)                   | <b>69,155</b>                |
|                            | <u>748,037</u>              | <u>-</u>                       | <u>55,932</u>              | <u>(69,814)</u>            | <u><b>734,155</b></u>        |

The designated funds represent unrestricted funds that have been designated by the trustees to be set toward the expected costs as described but not used by the year end. The property asset designated fund represents the value of the properties held on the balance sheet.



# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

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for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

**Dated:** 16 February 2024