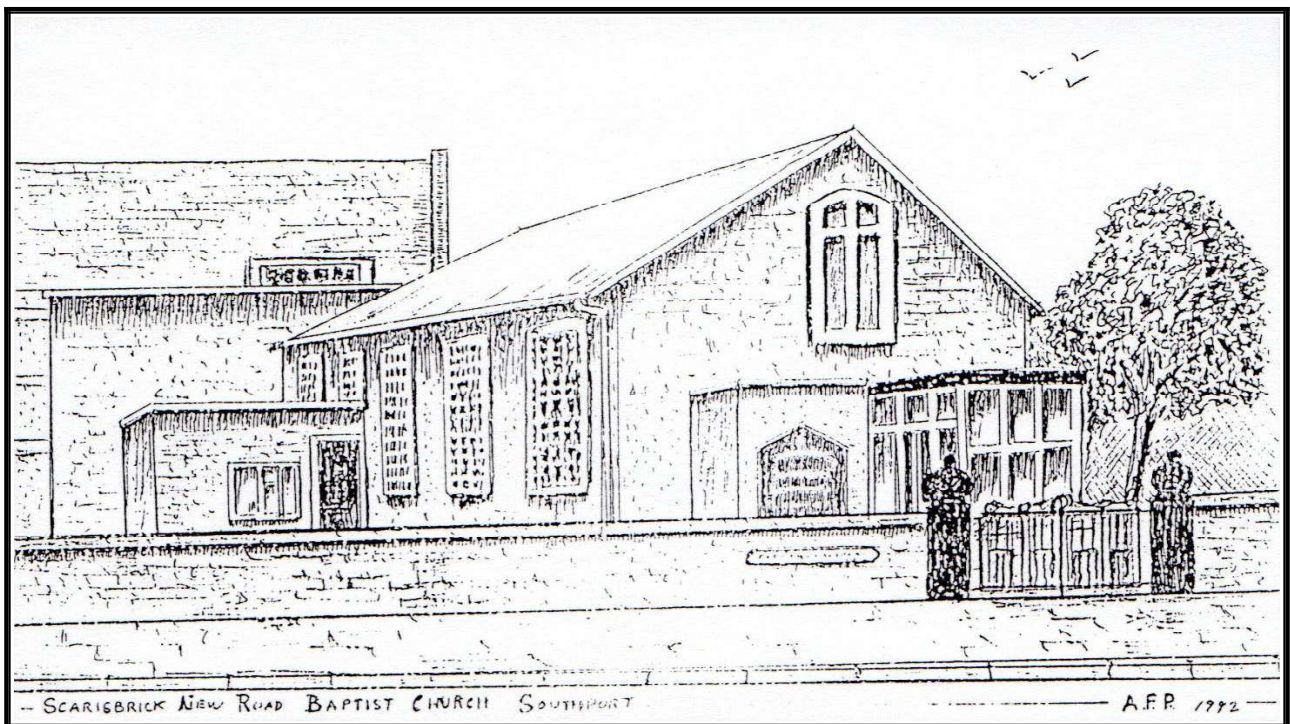




Scarisbrick New Road
Baptist Church



Annual Report
2024

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Legal And Administrative Information

Name Of Charity:	Scarisbrick New Road Baptist Church
Address:	Scarisbrick New Road Southport PR8 6PU
Phone Number:	01704 501673
Website:	www.southportbaptist.org.uk
Email Address:	info@southportbaptist.org.uk
Registered Charity Number:	1190214
Banking Services:	NatWest 130 London Street Southport PR9 0AE
Independent Examiner:	Lifestyles Accountancy Limited 39 Kirklees Road Southport PR9 4RB
Property Trustees:	The Baptist Union Corporation Baptist House PO Box 44 129 Broadway Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 8RT
Governing Document:	Constitution adopted 13 th 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 Together¹ at a national level, along with the North West Baptist Association² 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.



1 Baptists Together website: www.baptist.org.uk

2 North West Baptist Association website: www.nwba.org.uk

Secretary's Report

Kathryn Johnson

Throughout the year the Trustees have met regularly to continue to discuss the day-to-day business of the church. Alongside these there have been regular Church Meetings where we all come together to participate in further discussions and vote on various matters. These meetings happen after we have had our main worship service and socialised over lunch before the business part of our time together.

This year we have mainly been focussed on the state of our building and the repairs and improvements that need to be made to make things safer, warmer and more appealing. This is part of a longer term that will continue into 2025 and beyond.

We have managed to make some improvements this year, starting with a working group who cleared the back garden which had become quite overgrown. The brick benches had also become unstable with the bricks crumbling and the wooden seats becoming rotten, so these were knocked down. There are now various plans in place for future improvements. We also managed to remove various bits of rubbish to the tip at the same time. Alongside this there has also been a couple of working parties throughout the year to have a "Big Clean" throughout the building.



In the summer we were able to purchase 64 second hand chairs from another Baptist Church and these have replaced a number of the pews in the Sanctuary. These have been a big hit with the congregation as they are quite a bit more comfortable than the pews. It has also made it easier to set up Cafe Church each month!

The Ladies have got together this year to meet up on a regular basis to have lunch out at various places. The first was due to a generous bequest from an old member, Jean Buffet, who left some money to the ladies of the church. Ann and Linda arranged the first one at Scarisbrick Marina and this has continued, culminating in a lovely meal at the Mount Pleasant for Christmas Lunch.



Mission Impossible continues to run here in our building before the Easter break and various schools come along to experience the Easter story in an interactive, exciting way.

In September our Place Of Welcome hosted a Macmillian coffee morning along with a cake sale. A number of books were also donated and offered for sale as well. This was a great success and we were able to send a donation to Macmillian Cancer Support.

Christmas and Easter Services were held as usual. Easter breakfast of bacon barns, cereal pastries before the Worship Celebration was most appreciated. At our Christmas Eve Carols By Candlelight and Christmas Day Celebration we welcomed a number of visitors.

This year's sermon series have included: Fruits Of The Spirit, Romans, The Bible Series, Jesus The Source Of Life, Salvation & Truth. These have been well received both within our church fellowship and through YouTube, which has continued to grow. Our YouTube channel has all our services, some reflections for Easter and Christmas and over 90 or so songs.



Our usual Church activities have continued to run throughout the year, including; Compass Groups, Sparklers, Ignite, Radiate and Places Of Welcome. Our building has been used for various groups including; exercise classes, The Learning Rooms who play football, First Aid courses, Birthday parties, Linaker Primary school for Easter Services & Christmas Nativity performance.



Minister's Report

Daniel Parkes

When it comes to putting pen to paper, or rather fingers to keyboard, I find that I really need to be careful. And that's because it is easy to blow our own trumpet about all that we have done and achieved during the course of the last year. In some ways that is what this report is about, but in reality it is far more than that. It is about what God has been doing in the life of our church fellowship and celebrating his blessings. Therefore I don't make any apologies for repeating some of what others have also highlighted because I believe that God has been good and faithful, and that is worth shouting about.

I am excited that our young peoples work is not just doing well but is thriving. It is really very good that we have a mid-week group for toddlers (Sparklers), a new Sunday club (Ignite) and a pre-teen/teen group (Radiate). Having heard of so many other church congregations that are struggling to sustain young peoples groups, attract young people, or who simply dream of having such groups, we are indeed in a blessed and privileged position. As I observe the ministry to young people across Southport through my involvement with the Southport And Area Schools Workers Trust, I am mindful that there is still so much more that could be done and how much need there is out there.



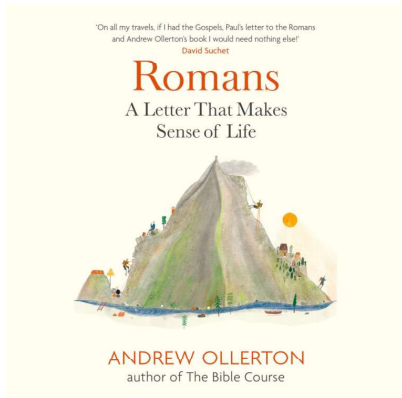
Sadly the tragic events of 29th July where Alice, Bebe and Elsie lost their lives and 11 others were critically injured had a profound impact on our community and beyond. It was encouraging to receive a number of cards and emails from Baptist colleagues and other Baptist churches from around the country offering their support and prayers at this difficult time. On the Sunday immediately following the attack our worship gathering was deliberately more reflective with our focus being on the assurance of hope. For a short time, our Facebook profile and welcome slide logo were changed to pink in solidarity. The events of that terrible day have continued to inform our thinking and given us cause to reflect at various times and will no doubt have a long lasting effect on our community.



It almost seems surreal that later in the summer we were blessed with new (second-hand) chairs for the Sanctuary. Having been the topic of many conversations at various times throughout the years, we agreed that, should the opportunity arise to acquire a set of chairs, we could take advantage of it. And indeed we did when a number of chairs were advertised on eBay. After making an enquiry an offer was made and we were surprised when it became apparent that more chairs were available than we initially thought. In fact, it was the perfect number to give us four full rows! Having hired a van to arrange

collection it seemed a shame to use it for just this one trip so we finally got around to undertaking a large tip run of garden waste, and items from the boiler room. Since then the chairs have made a huge difference to our cafe style worship celebrations and were also much appreciated when we hosted safeguarding training for ourselves and a number of other Baptist churches.

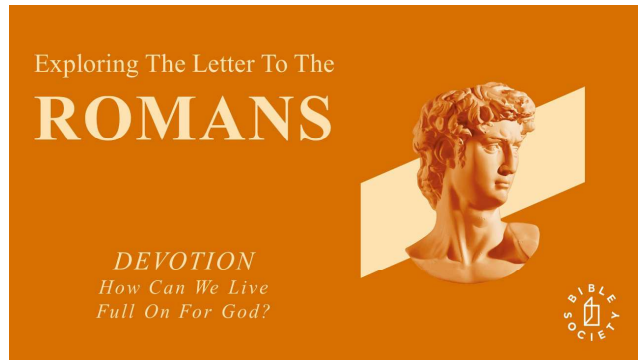
During the year we have made use of two resources from The Bible Society to support our Sunday ministry. The Bible Series gave us an overview of the Bible and it's different genres and sections. Following this we dived into the book of Romans, being both challenged and encouraged. Later in the year we explored the Fruit Of The Spirit, rediscovering these core qualities of the Christian faith. During the week our Compass Groups have met to explore and reflect on these topics in greater detail. I have been encouraged by how these two groups have developed and that those who are part of them have valued meeting together and supporting each other.



At the beginning of 2024 we re-launched our Star Seekers All-Age Celebrations on the first Sunday of each month. These space themed cafe style gatherings are intended to be welcoming and accessible for everyone as well as trying to be a bit more fun. Our resident alien Trinz, a sock puppet, helps provide a light hearted introduction to each topic. With his help we have thought about what it means

to follow Jesus in various ways. The Euro 2024 football tournament and the Paris Olympics provided opportunities to link our faith to sport, thinking about Jesus taking the penalty and running the race. These Star Seekers celebrations also linked in with Harvest where we focused on the work of Operation Agri in Sri Lanka.





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.

It has been a real blessing to welcome new people into our fellowship and to see them grow in their faith. Church membership is an important part of who we are as we covenant together and it has been encouraging that some of those who have joined us recently have chosen to become members. Wouldn't it be brilliant to see this trend continue as we not only grow in faith but also grow numerically and continue to attempt great things for God?

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. 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.³

In October we hosted Level 2 and Level 3 training to enable many of our church family to take part, as well as welcoming people from other Baptist churches in the area. Level 1 training was given through a video to all at the AGM in February 2024.

There have been no reported safeguarding incidents during 2024.

Alongside our minister, the safeguarding team comprises of:

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



Mrs. Kim Parkes



Mrs. Maureen Dow



Mr. Mark Hibell

³ Church policies: www.southportbaptist.org.uk/policies

Our Building

Our church building has existed since the late 1800's with the Sanctuary and offices being redeveloped in the mid-1960's. It was at this time that The Tabernacle and Hoghton Street Baptist Church, joined together to form a single church.



The original school part of The 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 during the week.

Our building is also the home of the Southport And Area Schools Workers Trust (SASWT) who have office, studio

and storage space. We continue to offer our whole building to them for the annual Mission Impossible event where local schools are invited to come and take part in a creative retelling of the Easter story. We have also supported other community groups, including choral group The Hoghton Players, exercise class Dolly's Bootcamp, new mum's keep fit group Sweaty Mama's and The Learning Rooms who all value using the large hall. The hall is also an asset for hosting children's Birthday parties and we have welcomed many young people and their families to celebrate, along with bouncy castles and local entertainer Mr Stix.

The Light Lounge continues to support our weekly Place Of Welcome and our Radiate youth group as well as hosting our Thursday morning Compass Group.

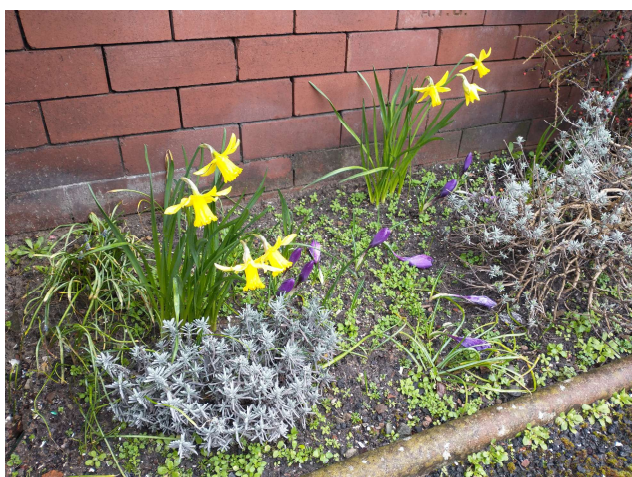


Gardens & Landscaping

Robert Shallcross

Work on the church garden continued throughout the year despite rather mixed weather. The main focus of work was on the Commemorative Garden where the ground cover membrane was removed together with a number of self sown shrubs and weeds. This enabled the soil to be thoroughly weeded, a task that is ongoing. It also enabled new species to be planted in memory of loved ones together with a drift of Minnow daffodil bulbs which were planted by the children as part of Ignite on Remembrance Sunday and which should be flowering in the spring. There is still a good amount of space for other memorial plantings if members of the congregation wish to do so, please have a word with me as to what you might like and think appropriate.

The main border at the front of the building was dramatically altered with the removal of the three trees that had become a danger due to their age and branches falling off. The resulting spaces are in the process of being re-planted. This border attracts the most favourable attention from passers by including the staff at Northwood's Estate Agency who use our car park.



The rest of the garden has been routinely maintained as time allows and thanks to Robert and Carole Carr for their valiant efforts to keep the weeds at bay from the rest of the car park.

The efforts of a good number of the congregation, and especially the brute force of Timmy, Samuel, Annabelle and Sophie, to clear the garden at the rear of the building means that this space is now ready for its redevelopment and in the meantime a goodly show of daffodils has brightened the space.

Compass Groups

Mark Hibell

As a church we meet every Sunday for worship, prayer and to hear the word of God. Our Compass Groups are a midweek extension of this, when small groups meet to consider and discuss the previous Sunday's scripture in more depth. As part of our spiritual journey and growth, we normally spend an hour or so in a guided conversation, seeking a clearer appreciation of what God would have us understand and how this might impact on our life as a fellowship and as individuals. Contributions from all are welcome and encouraged, but there is no pressure to say anything if you would prefer just to listen and to think. I should also mention that these times together are completely informal, fun and often include very good biscuits!



We currently have two groups which meet either on a Wednesday evening in someone's home or Thursday morning in the church lounge. There is no commitment to attend either one or the other. Some people choose to mix and match according to what else they have going on that week and, if the numbers and the demand exist, we would be delighted to start further groups to meet particular needs (such as a "Christian basics" group for those just starting to discover what faith is all about) or to provide further options regarding time or location.

I would encourage you to try and get to a Compass Group each week as this is where we learn, grow and flourish as we try to live our Christian lives. We also have the chance to get to know each other better socially.

And, of course, there's the biscuits!

Ladies Lunches

Linda Johnson & Ann Obayuwana

Ladies lunches started on the 11th of April, with a generous gift from a member of the church who had died and left it in her will with the church kindly paying the outstanding shortfall. The meal was held at Scarisbrick Marina, a wonderful canal side cafe.



Following a discussion it was decided to make the Ladies Lunches a regular event. Since that time we have been to lunch every 6 weeks or so, during school holidays if possible, so as many ladies can attend. We have between 5 and 11 ladies regularly attending, and it has been very successful in allowing us to get to know each other better.

We have had lunch at a number of recommended restaurants and have agreed to go to different place each time with venues including, The Imperial and The Bold. In December we were hosted by The Mount Pleasant on Manchester Road for a lovely Christmas Lunch where we also exchanged Christmas gifts. Following on from this we agreed to try places in Tarleton or around that area to make it easier for ladies living in this area to attend.

We are very privileged to have a renowned restaurant critic who has been to a number of restaurants to test the food and services. We would like to thank Carole for this! In 2025 we're looking forward to continuing to meet for lunch and trying new venues.

Places Of Welcome

Daniel Parkes

On Friday mornings we fling open the doors to the Light Lounge to provide respite from the world outside and invite folk in to our Place Of Welcome⁴. 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.

4 Places Of Welcome website: www.placesofwelcome.org.uk

Sparklers

Kathryn Johnson & Maureen Dow

The numbers of families coming each week to our toddler group have continued to grow which is greatly encouraging. There has been a lovely group of 15 or so children bringing along their Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers along on a Wednesday morning to play or relax a little in a safe environment and learn through play and make friends. There are lots of lovely toys to play with, others to chat to, as well as a chance for a cuppa and a biscuit or two for the grown ups and snacks and drinks for the children.



Our annual Christmas party took place as usual on the last Wednesday before the Christmas break. With a little Nativity for them to join in with songs and actions there was also a special visit from Father Christmas who handed out presents to the children. We finished with a bigger buffet snack break as we enjoyed the party.

Ignite

Susan & Robert Shallcross

Ignite is our Sunday morning group for younger children. We started in January 2024 meeting once a month until September when we began meeting twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays. We have had a total of 10 children, but our usual attendance tends to be between 4 and 6, ranging from age 5 to 12.

Our programme for the year has been as follows:

- Jesus calls His Disciples
- The Calming of the Storm
- Pentecost
- The Feeding of the Five Thousand
- Miriam looking after Moses
- Remembrance Sunday (including planting daffodils)
- The Lost Son
- Easter
- David and Goliath
- The Parable of the Sower
- Three sessions for Advent and Christmas

Each session tells the bible story usually using a video followed by a quiz, craft work and a game linked to the theme and a snack. We have produced a board with photos and examples of the various activities we have done over the year and this is on display in the vestibule.

We look forward to the work continuing and expanding, and for this we ask for the prayers of the fellowship.

Radiate

Kim & Dan Parkes, Kathryn & Alastair Johnson

Our weekly youth group for school years 6-11 has grown from strength to strength in 2024. We continue to meet on Friday evenings during term-time and numbers continue to swell as people who were invited by friends are now inviting their friends. We have welcomed 26 young people through the doors since we started, averaging between 15 and 20 young people each week.



The young people enjoy some free time with a choice of football, basketball, badminton, pool, Lego, board games or the Wii games console, while our tuck shop remains a popular feature of the evening. We end each session with a sofa time in which we catch up on how each other's weeks have gone, play a game and have a brief Bible slot. During 2024 we have been exploring the Bible Heroes cards produced by The Action Bible, finding out about characters such as Noah, Esther, Moses, Jonah and Miriam. We have also enjoyed one-off sessions including Nerf nights, baking, a basketball tournament and an opportunity to have our own Mission Impossible experience.

Mission

Barbara Cross

The BMS (Baptist Missionary Society) World Mission is the missionary arm of the Baptist Church worldwide, supported through the generous giving of its worldwide family. Working across 14 countries in Africa, Asia, South America, Europe, and the Middle East, its mission workers seek to bring the love of God. This is achieved through healthcare, education, outreach, church planting, recruiting and training local mission workers, and supporting and training church leaders, to name but a few of the areas in which BMS World Mission works. The BMS World Mission website⁵ has lots of information about the various projects and mission workers, as well as prayer points and other resources.

As a church BMS World Mission is one of the organisations we support through our tithe. Our mission link workers, Dave & Michele Mahon, who are based in Peru, keep us up-to-date through regular newsletter updates, prayer requests and short videos about their work and family life.

If you would like to be more involved, why not join the BMS birthday scheme? On your birthday you will receive a birthday card from BMS World Mission, and all we ask in return is that you give a donation towards this vital work. Barbara will be more than happy to add you to the list!

⁵ BMS World Mission Website: www.bmsworldmission.org

Digital Mission & Ministry

Daniel Parkes

Our online ministry via YouTube has remained an important way of connecting with people who are unable to attend our worship celebrations in person. Whether they are part of our fellowship here in Southport or from further afield, it has been a huge encouragement to hear how God has been using this aspect of who we are to shine his light. As such, our weekly livestream remains a significant part of our mission and ministry. Although we haven't had as much contact with Linaker Primary School as we have had in the past, it was wonderful to welcome the Reception children at Christmas to perform their "Wriggly Nativity" which we were able to record and make it available to the school.

The statistics of our YouTube channel continue to amaze me and this year has been no different, as the following numbers testify:

	2024 (January to December)	Total (To December 2024)
Number Of Views:	20,814	68,356
Number Of Subscribers:	64	288
Watch Time (Hours):	838.3	3600

The weekly email, sent via MailChimp, continues to reach out to our fellowship and those with an interest in who we are and what we do. Whether it is a short reflection, notice and news, links to online resources, prayer requests or jokes, these is something for everyone, helping to give a flavour of the church we are. As the link to this is also posted to our Facebook page, it also helps to reach a wider audience.

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
His love endures forever.*

Psalms 136:1 (New International Version)



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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TRUSTEES REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**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 2024

|                               |                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <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 2024**

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. 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 and upkeep of the building continues to be a major challenge. During the year we made a concerted effort to clear out surplus items and accumulated rubbish, as well as clearing the garden area which was becoming hazardous. In relation to our bank accounts, interest rates on our long term savings will be reducing from 2025 with lower than expected returns. While we are not wholly reliant on the interest it will have some impact on our long term project planning for building upkeep and improvements.

### **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 2024**

### **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 continued to meet regularly for worship and prayer as well as provided a range of associated activities as the more detailed annual report illustrates.

### **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 £62,164 (2023 - £57,996) and spent £74,795 (2023 - £71,878) and as a result produced a deficit of £12,631 (2023 - £13,882). This deficit is mostly attributable to the sustained large increase in the cost of gas and electricity in the prior 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 was held in a 1 year deposit account with the Baptist Union Corporation which matured on 30 November 2023. The interest was transferred to the current account while the remaining £50,034 was reinvested in a 3 month Baptist Union Corporate Deposit Account.

In the year to 31 December 2024 the amount available in free, unrestricted reserves was £58,249 (2023 - £69,155) 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 2024

### PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

#### General plans

The charity will continue to be a church where Jesus Christ is at the centre of all that we do as we strive to be a beacon of hope in our community by bringing the good news 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 6 April 2025 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 2024

We report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages VI to XIII.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

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

#### Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**Daniel Styles (Independent examiner)**

for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

**Dated: 10 April 2025**



# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

|                                       | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                         |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Income from generated funds:          |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Voluntary income:                     |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Donations and gifts                   | 2     | 42,101                             | 612                              | 42,713                      | 40,965                      |
| Activities for generating funds:      |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Rental income                         | 3     | 14,377                             | -                                | 14,377                      | 13,768                      |
| Investment income                     | 4     | 5,074                              | -                                | 5,074                       | 3,263                       |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                   |       | <b>61,552</b>                      | <b>612</b>                       | <b>62,164</b>               | <b>57,996</b>               |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                    |       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Charitable activities                 | 5     | 74,083                             | 612                              | 74,695                      | 71,778                      |
| Governance costs                      | 6     | 100                                | -                                | 100                         | 100                         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>              |       | <b>74,183</b>                      | <b>612</b>                       | <b>74,795</b>               | <b>71,878</b>               |
| <b>NET (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR</b> |       | <b>(12,631)</b>                    | <b>-</b>                         | <b>(12,631)</b>             | <b>(13,882)</b>             |
| Transfers                             | 10    | 1,725                              | (1,725)                          | -                           | -                           |
| Fund balances at 1 January 2024       |       | 734,155                            | 1,725                            | 735,880                     | 749,762                     |
| Fund balances at 31 December 2024     |       | <b>723,249</b>                     | <b>-</b>                         | <b>723,249</b>              | <b>735,880</b>              |

The notes on pages VIII - XIII form part of these financial statements.

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

|                            | Notes  | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>        |        |                             |                             |
| Property                   | 7      | 575,000                     | 575,000                     |
|                            |        | <hr/> 575,000               | <hr/> 575,000               |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>      |        |                             |                             |
| Cash at bank and in hand   |        | 148,334                     | 160,980                     |
| Letting income owed        |        | 15                          | -                           |
|                            |        | <hr/> 148,349               | <hr/> 160,980               |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |        |                             |                             |
| Accrued costs              |        | 100                         | 100                         |
|                            |        | <hr/> 100                   | <hr/> 100                   |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>  |        | <hr/> 148,249               | <hr/> 160,880               |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>    |        | <hr/> <b>723,249</b>        | <hr/> <b>735,880</b>        |
| <b>FUNDS</b>               |        |                             |                             |
| Restricted funds           |        | -                           | 1,725                       |
| Unrestricted funds         | 9 & 10 | 58,249                      | 69,155                      |
| Designated funds           |        | 665,000                     | 665,000                     |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>         |        | <hr/> <b>723,249</b>        | <hr/> <b>735,880</b>        |

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 6 April 2025 by:



Rev Daniel Parkes - trustee

The notes on pages VIII - XIII form part of these financial statements.

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 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 2024

### 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.

#### g Pension deficiency

Our Pension Deficiency Repayments have now stopped, as of 31 October 2024, due to the Defined Benefits section of the Baptist Union pension scheme having completed its transfer to a new provider.

### 2 VOLUNTARY INCOME

|                             | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Donations and gifts:</b> |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Loose offering              | 3,612                              | -                                | <b>3,612</b>                | 5,360                       |
| Standing orders and online  | 30,026                             | -                                | <b>30,026</b>               | 25,511                      |
| Envelopes                   | -                                  | -                                | -                           | 825                         |
| Gift aid recovered          | 4,892                              | -                                | <b>4,892</b>                | 5,639                       |
| Raised for good causes      | -                                  | 612                              | <b>612</b>                  | 810                         |
| Other income                | 3,571                              | -                                | <b>3,571</b>                | 2,820                       |
|                             | <b>42,101</b>                      | <b>612</b>                       | <b>42,713</b>               | <b>40,965</b>               |

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 3 ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

|                         | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Rental income:</b>   |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Rent of 60 Bedford Road | 7,039                              | -                                | <b>7,039</b>                | 6,483                       |
| Dollys Bootcamp         | 3,291                              | -                                | <b>3,291</b>                | 3,720                       |
| Southport and Area SWT  | 1,000                              | -                                | <b>1,000</b>                | 1,000                       |
| Hoghton Players Society | 1,000                              | -                                | <b>1,000</b>                | 1,000                       |
| Other lettings received | 2,047                              | -                                | <b>2,047</b>                | 1,565                       |
|                         | <u>14,377</u>                      | <u>-</u>                         | <u><b>14,377</b></u>        | <u><b>13,768</b></u>        |

### 4 INVESTMENT INCOME

|                        | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bank interest received | 5,074                              | -                                | <b>5,074</b>                | 3,263                       |
|                        | <u>5,074</u>                       | <u>-</u>                         | <u><b>5,074</b></u>         | <u><b>3,263</b></u>         |

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 5 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

|                                  | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Ministry costs:</b>           |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Ministers stipend                | 28,600                             | -                                | 28,600                      | 26,500                      |
| Housing allowance                | 7,612                              | -                                | 7,612                       | 7,134                       |
| Pension, NI and other on-costs   | 3,621                              | -                                | 3,621                       | 3,363                       |
| Pension deficiency payments      | 10                                 | -                                | 10                          | 12                          |
| Events                           | 270                                | -                                | 270                         | 1,254                       |
| Ministry expenses                | 5,057                              | -                                | 5,057                       | 1,897                       |
|                                  | 45,170                             | -                                | 45,170                      | 40,160                      |
| <b>Rental property costs:</b>    |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Buildings insurance              | 288                                | -                                | 288                         | 348                         |
|                                  | 288                                | -                                | 288                         | 348                         |
| <b>Church upkeep costs:</b>      |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| Maintenance                      | 912                                | -                                | 912                         | 3,737                       |
| Heat and light                   | 14,606                             | -                                | 14,606                      | 15,335                      |
| Water                            | 587                                | -                                | 587                         | 652                         |
| Insurance                        | 3,156                              | -                                | 3,156                       | 3,081                       |
| Telephone and internet           | 656                                | -                                | 656                         | 428                         |
| Printing, postage and stationery | 291                                | -                                | 291                         | 422                         |
| Subscriptions                    | 1,280                              | -                                | 1,280                       | 1,046                       |
| Other costs                      | 265                                | -                                | 265                         | 50                          |
|                                  | 21,753                             | -                                | 21,753                      | 24,751                      |
| <b>Mission and giving:</b>       |                                    |                                  |                             |                             |
| BUGB - Home mission              | 3,038                              | -                                | 3,038                       | 2,588                       |
| Baptist World mission            | 3,659                              | -                                | 3,659                       | 3,105                       |
| Gifts from church funds          | 175                                | 612                              | 787                         | 826                         |
|                                  | 6,872                              | 612                              | 7,484                       | 6,519                       |
|                                  | 74,083                             | 612                              | 74,695                      | 71,778                      |

### 6 GOVERNANCE COSTS

|                         | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Independent examination | 100                                | -                                | 100                         | 100                         |
|                         | 100                                | -                                | 100                         | 100                         |

# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 7 FIXED ASSETS (at valuation)

|                 | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2023<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Church property | 400,000                               | 400,000                               |
| 60 Bedford Road | 175,000                               | 175,000                               |
|                 | <b><u>575,000</u></b>                 | <b><u>575,000</u></b>                 |

### 8 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

Rev Daniel Parkes received a total of £36,212 (2023 - £33,634) 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      | 148,349                             | -                                 | <b>148,349</b>               |
| Current liabilities | (100)                               | -                                 | <b>(100)</b>                 |
|                     | <b><u>723,249</u></b>               | <b><u>-</u></b>                   | <b><u>723,249</u></b>        |



# SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 10 FUNDS

|                          | Balance at<br>1 Jan 24<br>£ | Incoming<br>Resources<br>£ | Resources<br>Expended<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 24<br>£ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Restricted funds:</b> |                             |                            |                            |                |                              |
| BMS birthday scheme      | -                           | 130                        | (130)                      | -              | -                            |
| Special collections      | -                           | 482                        | (482)                      | -              | -                            |
| Nathaniel Reynor Trust   | 1,725                       | -                          | -                          | (1,725)        | -                            |
|                          | <u>1,725</u>                | <u>612</u>                 | <u>(612)</u>               | <u>(1,725)</u> | <u>-</u>                     |

These restricted funds represent specific donations received by the charity to be set aside for specific purposes. The Nathaniel Reynor Trust represented 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 which was made in 2023.

|                            | Balance at<br>1 Jan 24<br>£ | Transfers In<br>and (Out)<br>£ | Incoming<br>Resources<br>£ | Resources<br>Expended<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 24<br>£ |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds:</b> |                             |                                |                            |                            |                              |
| <b>Designated funds:</b>   |                             |                                |                            |                            |                              |
| Building maintenance       | 50,000                      | -                              | -                          | -                          | 50,000                       |
| Emergency reserve          | 40,000                      | -                              | -                          | -                          | 40,000                       |
| Property assets            | 575,000                     | -                              | -                          | -                          | 575,000                      |
|                            | <u>665,000</u>              | <u>-</u>                       | <u>-</u>                   | <u>-</u>                   | <u>665,000</u>               |
| <b>General funds:</b>      | 69,155                      | 1,725                          | 61,552                     | (74,183)                   | 58,249                       |
|                            | <u>734,155</u>              | <u>1,725</u>                   | <u>61,552</u>              | <u>(74,183)</u>            | <u>723,249</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.