North End Baptist Church

Annual Report 2021

When the pandemic hit in 2020, we had to quickly adjust how we were able to continue our mission of ‘making disciples’. And, church life did continue. Some activities had been placed on hold, but at the same time, we have embraced new ways of being church. Our main strategy was to keep people connected and help anyone with any needs that they had where possible.

We continued with online events and our Sunday services on zoom. This became a time of worship and connection that has been a vital point of contact and continuity for many people. Sermons were recorded and put on Youtube. This continued into 2021, and on the 19th September 2021 we safely opened our building again for Sunday morning worship. We had a wonderful welcome back for everyone, and every Sunday we have welcomed new people. Services also began to be livestreamed on that day and have continued.

Housegroups: these continued but now through the growing use of zoom, and enabled people to stay connected, spend time in bible study and prayer together. We remain grateful to the faithful leaders who helped us keep the fellowship together.

Previous to the pandemic we had decided it was the right time to transfer over to a CIO, even though the Charity Commission had extended the deadline. This was completed and as of 1st August 2021, we were registered as a CIO. There are many people on the Deaconate to thank for that happening,

Becki, our Children’s Youth and Families worker led a similar ‘keeping people connected’ during lockdown and it was great to open up the building and see young people coming back to groups again.

We also began gently opening up the building to other groups and new lettings also came forward. Fully utilising the building is essential if we are to meet the costs of keeping the building open.

One of many great achievements in 2021 was converting our Foodbank to a Pantry. It opened in April of 2021, and we had an official opening in August 2021 when covid levels decreased. This has been a great community service allowing people to access food that would otherwise have gone to landfill and removing the stigma of people needing to access cheaper food.

Copnor Coffee Club – Catherine did a great job in keeping the group together with a Whats App group and they were able to come back into the building in the later part of 2021 and have gone from strength to strength.

Children, Young People and Families – as mentioned earlier Becki did a great job in keeping the young people connected, and keeping some of the pre school groups running in the local College Park.

We now have a full range of groups on a Sunday morning, Little Gems on a Tuesday morning, and Fuel, a teenage Bible study group on a Tuesday evening. Thursday mornings has Music Makers and Friday nights a youth group which is for those in Year 5 and over.

We have good contacts with the local schools and are asked to come in regularly to do assemblies and RE lessons for them. Harvest festivals remain a great blessing for us as New Horizons, a local school comes in and celebrates with us as we give thanks.

Alpha: We received a grant of £500 to help try new things for Alpha, and we used it to pay a professional singer to entertain us and buy some nice big round tables. We had 28 people attending.

Hope Into Action: The one house that we have been supporting continued with no change in tenants and in October 2021 we took on a second house that had been supported by Langstone Church. They were merging with another church and felt they could not devote the time to this project. We quickly moved 2 new tenants in – one with a new baby and grew our friendship and support team.

Sparkle Lodge Nursery: We were made aware that there was a shortage of Special Education Needs nursery places in Portsmouth, and we began to talk to Kara Jewel, a local provider, to see if our space in Sanctuary was suitable. We came to an agreement and things were put in place for the nursery to begin in January 2022.

We were able to pull people in from around the world for our Sunday mornings, namely India and Majorca as the benefits of zoom, and recorded services meant that more people were able to participate in our services. We remain committed to supporting charities such as Harvest India, Tearfund and Compassion.

Christmas services were rethought out in 2021. We hired in a touring Pantomime and this was well received by the community. We had hoped to be live with our Christingle and Christmas Day services, but these in the end were transferred back to zoom to ensure peoples safety in the pandemic.

We are a church comprised of 54 members and growing. God has been so faithful to us and we are so very blessed to have a diverse range of people from different generations, nationalities and ethnic backgrounds. In this diversity I believe there is beauty and strength which reflects God's beauty and strength. By His Grace we can enrich and encourage each other and come out of this pandemic stronger than ever!

Rev Tracey Ansell

October 2021

"See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
North End Baptist Church	1192736

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2021		31/12/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and similar items - NEBC	40,815	7,384	-	48,199	50,521
Donations and similar items - Pantry		7,500	-	7,500	-
Operating Activities to further charities objects - NEBC	1,928	- 2,286	-	- 358	844
Operating Activities to further charities objects- Pantry	14,000	-	-	14,000	-
Operating Activities to generate funds - NEBC	1,628	-	-	1,628	18,266
Operating Activities to generate funds - Pantry	19,061	-	-	19,061	-
Investment Income receipts	-	-	-	-	91
Repayable Grants	-	-	-	-	1,000
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	77,432	12,598	-	90,030	70,722
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Transfer of funds held in trust	60,000	-	-	60,000	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	60,000	-	-	60,000	-
Total receipts	137,432	12,598	-	150,030	70,722
A3 Payments					
Grants Paid - NEBC	-	13,377	-	13,377	7,816
Grants Paid - Pantry	262	7,500	-	7,762	-
Charitable Activities - NEBC	70,950	-	-	70,950	72,327
Charitable Activities - Pantry	5,959	-	-	5,959	-
Management and Administration - NEBC	39,618	-	-	39,618	20,307
Management and Administration - Pantry	4,310	-	-	4,310	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	121,099	20,877	-	141,976	100,450
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	121,099	20,877	-	141,976	100,450
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,333	- 8,279	-	8,054	- 29,728
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	16,333	- 8,279	-	8,054	- 29,728

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Bank Account NEBC	32,946	-	-
	Bank Account Pantry	21,994	-	-
	Cash in Hand NEBC	65		
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	55,005	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Trust Fund as follows:	-	-	-
BU Trust Proceeds from sale of 84 Northern Parade	263,765	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Freehold Properties as follows:		-	-
195 Powerscourt Road, Portsmouth	BU Trust	-	-
119 Kensington Road, Portsmouth	BU Trust	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

We do not have an examiners report