

PROCLAIMING JESUS

NORTHCHURCHBAPTIST+

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS  
31 DECEMBER 2022

**Our vision is to bring the largest number  
of people into the deepest place of love with God.**

# **NORTHCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **Northchurch Baptist Church Administrative Information Period from the 1 March 2022 to 31 December 2022**

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## **NORTHCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **Northchurch Baptist Church Charity Information Period from the 1 March 2022 to 31 December 2022**

#### **Trustees**

D Russell (Chairman)  
M Eckert (Treasurer)  
V Watson (Secretary)  
B Newton  
T Skeggs  
P Moyo  
K Ling  
R Thompson

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# **NORTHCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **Northchurch Baptist Church Trustees' Report Period from the 1 March 2022 to 31 December 2022**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2022.

### **HISTORY, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY**

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed according to the Constitution dated 1 March 2022. It was established on the same date to take forward the work of the unincorporated registered charity number 1132727.

The stated objectives of the charity are; the advancement of the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination; the church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

### **MISSION**

To bring the largest number of people into the deepest place of love with God.

### **SPECIFIC GOALS**

#### **To develop disciples of Jesus Christ by**

##### *At an individual level:*

- encouraging personal growth in relationship with Christ through the Holy Spirit.
- helping individuals grow in their understanding of scripture and its application to their daily lives.
- providing an environment in which individuals are encouraged to recognise and develop their God-given gifts and talents.
- encouraging individuals to witness to their faith in Christ; supporting individuals in their work and family life.

##### *At church community level:*

- engaging in relevant and life-changing worship.
- sharing in honest, caring, inclusive relationships.
- developing prayer as an integral part of all our activities.

#### **To engage actively in mission to make Christ known by**

##### *Demonstrating his love in:*

- offering a range of activities to meet needs in the local community.
- being a positive influence in the local community.
- working together with other Christian churches in united witness and service to the town.
- welcoming and integrating new people into the Church community, irrespective of background or ability.

##### *Proclaiming his truth in:*

- providing regular opportunities for those who are not yet Christian to engage with the gospel.
- supporting Christian Mission to build God's kingdom on earth.
- campaigning for justice and ethical standards consistent with a Christian perspective.

## **NORTHCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **Northchurch Baptist Church Trustees' Report - continued Period from the 1 March 2022 to 31 December 2022**

#### **MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The affairs of the CIO are managed by the Charity Trustees.

The Trustees shall, with the possible exception of any newly appointed Minister, be chosen from among the Church Members. In this church the Trustees consist of those in Ministerial positions, the Church Leaders, the Church Secretary and the Church Treasurer. The Trustees (except for those in ministerial office) are nominated by the membership and, so long as they have the support of the Church Members' Meeting, are appointed for a term of three years with the opportunity to be nominated for one further three year term only.

Members serving since the incorporation of the charity.

D Russell (Chairman)  
M Eckert (Treasurer)  
V Watson (Secretary)  
B Newton  
T Skeggs  
P Moyo  
K Ling  
R Thompson

No Trustees have been appointed/resigned post year end.

The running of the Church is overseen by the Church Trustees who have specific responsibilities for various areas of Church life (e.g. Mission, Enabling, Discipleship, Community and Leadership). Special Church Meetings are held as necessary to which all members are invited and important financial and other decisions are made.

The Trustees have reviewed and updated their policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the requirements of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

## **NORTHCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **Northchurch Baptist Church Trustees' Report - continued Period from the 1 March 2022 to 31 December 2022**

#### **TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRSSE);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES**

The CIO had been dormant during the period since incorporation through to 31 December 2022. The CIO had no assets or liabilities at that date.

The assets and liabilities of the unincorporated charity are planned to be transferred during 2023.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The trustees confirm that they 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.

Approved by the Management committee on 11th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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D Russell (Chairman)

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V Watson: Secretary