

## NEEDINGWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH – REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION

**Period of Report:** 01 November 2023 to 31 October 2024

**Name of Charity:** Needingworth Baptist Church CIO

**Registration Number:** 1200761

**Address:** High Street, Needingworth, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 4SB

**Trustees:** David Mann (Elder), Robert Keith Craigen (Deacon), Paul Michael Burton (Deacon). These trustees were in place for the whole period of the report.

**Purpose of the charity as set out in our Constitution:** The advancement of the Christian faith as a Grace Baptist Church in accordance with our Basis of Faith, primarily in Needingworth and the surrounding neighbourhood.

**Structure and details of how it is managed, including how it recruits trustees:** Needingworth Baptist Church was formed in 1767. It has a membership. Christians in regular attendance at the church, who would like to become members, apply by completing and signing the application form and writing out their testimony of conversion and Christian life. This will be seen by the church members who will approve the admission of the new member in their Church Meeting. Elders and Deacons are the “Officers” of the church and the Trustees of the charity. These are chosen by the church members and appointed in a church meeting which has considered their suitability, calling and gifts. The Pastor is an elder who is appointed by the church and usually supported financially by the church. When someone is appointed as a Church Officer or Pastor, they automatically become a trustee.

**Activities and objectives in the year and public benefit of the charity:** The Trustees have taken into account the Charity Commission’s guidance on Public Benefit in preparing this report. Our meetings are open to all, and, as the only church in Needingworth, provide a community for all who seek to worship God according to the Christian faith, and provide pastoral care for all who seek it, according to their particular needs.

Our main meeting is the Sunday morning worship service. In the absence of a Pastor, this has been led over the period of this report by visiting preachers or by our elder. We seek to worship and praise our great God and Father by singing hymns of praise, praying, reading the Bible and listening to a sermon which expounds a passage of the Bible. We do this for the glory of God and for the strengthening of the faith of all who attend. Services are recorded and placed on our website so that those who are unwell, or unable to attend for any reason, can still participate and benefit from the services.

Once a month in the summer months we also meet for an evening service. Our midweek meeting is held each Tuesday evening in the Chapel or on Zoom, consisting of a Bible study followed by a time of open prayer.

Once a month on a Thursday afternoon, an outreach meeting, called “Tea and Time to Think” is held in the home of one of our members. The purpose of this is to reach out to neighbours and to provide a forum for discussion and Bible study.

The church is actively involved in supporting the worldwide mission of the church by prayer and financial giving. Support is focussed on missionaries and mission organisations involved in spreading the Gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ as given to us in the Bible. We are particularly focussed on supporting the missionaries of Grace Baptist Mission, but take an interest in many other mission agencies.

**Members.** During the course of the year, two of our long-term faithful members died. We thank God for their service in the church, and rejoice that they are now “with the Lord,” which is “far better.” At the end of the period covered by this report, we had 8 members.

**Property.** Our land and buildings were previously held in trust by the East Midlands Association of Strict Baptist Churches. This has now been taken over by the Association of Grace Baptist Churches, South-East (AGBCSE), of which Needingworth Baptist Church has become a member, so AGBCSE are now our Holding Trustees.

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**Financial review.** The assets of the church (charity), income and expenditure are as per our Financial Statement of Accounts. Because our income was less than £25,000, the accounts were not examined by an Independent Examiner.

All our income came from the freewill offering of our members and attendees. No fund-raising activities were held. Funds were used for the upkeep of the chapel and grounds including our cemetery, running costs, expenses of visiting speakers and donations to mission organisations. No grants were made. Funds are kept in our bank accounts and we do not hold any investments. Cash in hand is particularly being held with a view to the support of a future pastor. We do not hold any funds as a custodian trustee.

Income exceeded expenditure during the period of the report and the financial position of the charity at the end of the period of the report was healthy with a cash balance of £68,117

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.**

**Signed:** *David Mann*

**Full name:** David Mann

**Position:** Elder/Chair of Trustees

**Date:** 10 May 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
NEEDINGWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH

No (if any)  
1200761

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/11/2023	To	Period end date 31/10/2024
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	17,817	-	-	17,817	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	17,817	-	-	17,817	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	17,817	-	-	17,817	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
	6,441	-	-	6,441	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	6,441	-	-	6,441	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	6,441	-	-	6,441	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	11,376	-	-	11,376	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	56,741	-	-	56,741	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	68,117	-	-	68,117	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank accounts	68,117	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>68,117</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church furniture	General funds	-	-
	Electronic organ	General funds	-	-
	Lawn mower/garden equipment	General funds	-	-
	Church kitchen equipment	General funds	-	-
	Computer	General funds	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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
			DAVID MANN	10/05/2025