

NEW PARK STREET ENGLISH BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1203597

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2023-06-16

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. 3.2 [NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 OR SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.]

Activities: English Baptist Chapel based in Holyhead, Anglesey (North Wales). We have a wide age range of members and regular attendees and a Junior Church. We have weekly morning services and fortnightly evening services.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Isle Of Anglesey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£39,455	£38,622	-	-
2023-12-31	£18,139	£18,270	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Deborah Claire Stammers	Chair	2024-10-23
Carole Kearey		2024-10-23
Eve Anderson		2024-10-23
Joel Harding		2024-10-23
Jonathan Stammers		2024-10-23
Marguerite Wendy Owens		2024-10-23
Pamela Joan Hawksey		2024-10-23
William Moss		2024-10-23

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New Park Street Baptist Church - Minutes of AGM and QBM

Thursday 23rd January 2025

Present: 16 members and 1 friend. Deb (minister) chaired the meeting.

Apologies: Anwen, Ian Kennedy

Deb opened by reading Psalm 127: unless the Lord is involved and at the centre then our work and our church life is in vain. We had a time of open prayer.

Annual General Meeting

Minutes from 24 January 2024 AGM

These were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Safeguarding Statement

Deb read out our safeguarding policy statement and led us in a prayer emphasizing our commitment to it.

Treasurer's Report and Budget

The balance of the accounts is as per the end of year statement which reads as follows

<i>Current Account</i>	<i>£44094.35</i>
<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>£850.00</i>
<i>Lloyds 32 Day Acc</i>	<i>£12659.68</i>
<i>BU Dep Acc</i>	<i>£73548.28</i>

Interest gained on the Lloyds account amounted to £316.55

Interest gained on the BU account amounted to £3511.44

***The Baptist Union account** has now been transferred to a 3 month notice account, which was the best deal they had on offer. It will pay 3.75%, not quite as good as the previous 5%. The Building Fund; As you can see from your sheets, we have spent a total of £2758.68 which has depleted our account somewhat. Unfortunately, it has been brought to my notice that the garage roof has corroded away in several places and is leaking. I have asked Jake Anderson to do a temporary fix on the roof which hopefully will suffice until our funds are a bit healthier. If not, then we will probably have to raid the current account.*

***The Current Account:** Again from your sheets you can see that we have achieved a small surplus of £341.93 which is pleasing considering that we no longer have a grant. However since August we have been unable to pay our electricity bill because Br Gas Lite are unable to read our new smart meter. When I compare our billing for the same period last year, we owe them*

approximately £600 to the end of December which eats away at our small surplus.

SMS, the company who installed our meter, were supposed to attend the church on the 30th December but failed to come with no explanation. I have complained to both Br Gas Lite and SMS and they have accepted that their performance was below their own standards and will give us £30 off our next bill.

The method of giving in the church has changed over this last couple of years or so and particularly in this year. A lot of giving is done via bank transfer/standing order as opposed to the offering box. I would remind everyone that whichever way you wish to give towards the work of the church is ok; we can deal with everything. As always Gift Aiding and the Freewill offering are crucial to the life of the church and it is your generosity that has allowed us to dip our toes into projects like the Pathway Course and the NWBA Impact weekend for young people.

Among your papers, I have also included a budget statement for 2025. This is alongside the budget and actual figures for 2024. You can see that there is a difference, there always is, so please accept the budget figures as a guideline which offers some flexibility.

I ask you to take your time to study the financial report and if there are any queries, then I will be glad to answer if I can.

Lastly, I want to thank Mr Goronwy Williams (Gron) for being the Independent Examiner and wading through the numerous bits of paper that I have managed to generate in order to verify the accounts as a true and accurate statement.

We thanked Bill for his hard work.

Junior Church report

This year has proved to be challenging for Junior Church in many ways. We started using the new literature properly at the beginning of the year and found it worked well with the mixed age group, having a bible reading, a game, story and craft. We also did themed lessons for Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

At this point I would like to thank Eve Anderson and Naomi Billance for taking over most of the teaching of Junior Church this year due to myself being out of action from April to the end of November with needing and then having 2 major operations. Unfortunately, Mrs Brenda Taylor has not been in chapel and therefor not helping in Junior Church due to ill health and we continue to pray that she will recover and be able to return in the near future. We would like to thank Ann for helping out too when needed.

We enjoyed having Hannah, Noemie and Nathan with us at the beginning of the year and we were sad to see them go at the end of summer term but fully understood the reason why. We wished them well but are very happy to have them back with us again!

The numbers in Junior Church have fluctuated widely from 3 to 16/ That is why we have been grateful for the new resources we are using. Previously we would have found it verry difficult to cope with that variety of numbers and would probably have had to scrap what we had prepared and do something else on the day.

We haven't had any trips this year during the summer. I had my first of my operations and therefore we were a driver and leader down. Also Eve, Naomi and Dorcas were snowed under with work commitments and we couldn't seem to get a day when they were off together and the Junior Church children were not on holiday with their own families.

We also didn't do a Christmas trip again partly due to logistics and partly because the children were going on trips with school. We decided to spend a bit more on their Christmas presents as the cost of everything had gone up so much.

The children took part in the Easter, Harvest and Christmas services. Who can forget our 3 beautiful stars. Children also took part in the Mother's day service and gave out gifts to all the ladies in chapel and took gifts home to their own mums. The children were also bought Easter eggs as a gift after taking part in the Easter service.

Three of the children from Junior Church also went to the youth camp in October and really enjoyed themselves. All of them said they would go again.

All the leaders want to thank the people who have given donations to the work of Junior Church and special thanks to Mr Jack Taylor who every weeks comes over and puts the heating on for us and sets out table and chairs when needed. Also thanks to Pam who always helps out with costumes and props etc even though has stepped back from teaching at the moment.

We ask for everyone to please keep Junior Church in your prayers. Thank you from all the leaders Sarah Kennedy, Naomi Billance, Eve Anderson, Dorcas Cave and helper Ann Roberts.

We thanked Sarah and the junior church team for all they have done. They asked that we pray for more leaders, and also for encouragement for our teenagers.

BMS Report

£926.31 was sent in May after a really encouraging BMS Sunday service this included regular giving, £60 was also sent for the Christmas appeal and a further £120 sent in July giving a fantastic total of £1106.31 for the year.

Phil has still continued to travel to and from Afghanistan this year with the family staying in the UK.

Still a lot of problems working in Afghanistan lack of funding government not allowing a lot of things to happen particularly with women, devastating flash flooding in May washing away houses and crops and people.

He has now stepped down as executive director of partner organisation in Afghanistan and as a mission worker with BMS world mission, but will be continuing in a new role for the partner organisation as external relationship manager which I'm sure he will tell us more about when he visits us in March.

Peter and Louise, have also had a turbulent year with their own issues in Bangladesh in July they were under a curfew with no internet mobile phone signal or tv news for 6 days as violent protests erupted with gunshots being heard, they are also having problems with funding being removed or coming to an end for their work also problems with visas being given for them to stay

in Bangladesh we are really looking forward to hearing from them first hand when they visit our chapel on 29th.

Pastoral Report

This last year was a particularly eventful one for our family. As you all know, Jon was very poorly for the whole of the summer, including a spell in hospital, and then had another week in hospital in October after suffering a blood clot. It felt to me like a crash course in trusting God and prayer. I was so grateful for all of you as a church at that time, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your care, prayers and practical support during Jon's illness. It was such a blessing to have a supportive church community around us during those times, and I pray that as a church we can come alongside one another at our times of need. Many in the church have experienced health difficulties this year, either themselves or in their immediate families. I am grateful to the pastoral care team for all their help, particularly in visiting and keeping in contact with those who are housebound.

Our church has continued to grow numerically during 2024, and it is my prayer that we can all make a special effort to welcome anyone new, to offer hospitality, prayer and friendship to one another as we walk together and watch over one another in the love of Christ. One thing that seems to have happened is that God has brought several people into our church family or the fringes of our church who experience mental health problems. This presents particular challenges and we will need to be sensitive and understanding. I hope that the Renew Wellbeing drop in, which has been in planning for nearly a year now, will shortly be able to launch and enable us to provide a safe space for such people whilst inviting them into a rhythm of prayer and to encounter the love of Jesus.

One of the biggest privileges I have as a minister is taking funerals. About this time last year I took the funeral of Cyndy, whom I had got to know not long before her death from cancer, and it has been a great blessing that her husband, Terry, has continued to worship with us here in New Park Street. We then lost our dear friend Heulwen, for whom we held a very moving service which was standing room only, and a wonderful reflection of her Christian faith. Later in the year, we lost our longest serving church member, Grace Orange, who had been baptised in this church as a teenager and who lived opposite the church on Newry Street and attended twice a week for most of her life.

It has been such a joy to have more baptisms this year. Rachel was baptised in April which was absolutely wonderful, and then Becky Power and Brian in November. It was lovely to welcome their friends and family here and to celebrate them giving their lives to Jesus. I rejoice that some people are coming to faith in this church who were not churchgoers at all before. I pray for more baptisms in 2025, but also that the people who are baptised here continue to grow and mature in their faith, to develop their gifts and potential and grow more and more in the knowledge and love of God and more and more like Jesus. This should be true of all of us, and there is a challenge to those of us who have been Christians for a long time to help to nurture and encourage those who are new in their faith.

Our three weekly Bible study groups and prayer meeting are the beating heart of our church, and I would invite all of you to consider joining one if you haven't already. I am a passionate believer that we should not just do church in rows but also church in circles. It is in circles that we look one another in the eye, really get to know one another, and are able to grow together while studying God's word and praying for one another. I want to thank all those who have been willing to take the plunge over the past year and lead Bible study sessions, some people for the first time. I hope you have enjoyed it and it has helped you grow in your faith and go deeper in God's word as you share it with others. Another wonderful event was the World Day of Prayer Service which last year was held in our church, and Wendy and her team did a sterling job of coordinating it, reminding me that I don't need to do everything!

We are so so blessed as a church to have children and young people in our midst. Few churches on Ynys Môn do. You've already heard the Junior church report and I really want to thank Naomi, Eve, Sarah, Dorcas and their team for all their hard work and commitment, week after week, and their genuine concern for all the children. It is not an easy task. But actually, every single one of us is part of the children's work in this church. The way we talk to children and treat them and welcome them tells them something. We all have a part to play. In 2024 for the first time we took a group to the NWBA Impact Youth Weekend at the Quinta in Shropshire. I really want to thank Joel and Becky Harding for helping me out as co leaders there, and it was so great to have Christina, Cory, Cerys and Becky power there as young leaders, as well as Jessica, Elijah, Gwenna and Ioan. The Breakwater group has gone from strength to strength in the past year and we have 11 or 12 who now come along. Thanks to Ann, Steve and Becky for helping out. Please please please pray for our young people and young adults, most of all that they come to know Jesus and that they grow in their faith and are able to be witnesses for him, particularly in the very difficult cultural context that they find themselves in.

As a diaconate we are going through a bit of a time of change. Ian stepped down at the last church meeting and we are so thankful to him for his service as a deacon over the past few years. We welcomed Joel onto the diaconate and I hope he is not already regretting it, as Bill is hoping to pass over some of his treasurer duties before long. We will do this more thoroughly at a later date but I really want to say thank you so much to Bill for all that he has been doing for the past few years as treasurer and all-round general dogsbody. It has not been an easy year for you and Anwen, so we are so grateful to God for all your hard work and service. In fact, a huge thank you to Eve as church secretary and to all the deacons for all that you do. Some of it is really quiet, behind the scenes, it's not upfront and obvious like what I do and can be a thankless task at times. But they just get on with it. So thank you to all of you. And so many people serve this church in so many ways – tea and coffee – flowers, cleaning, washing up, making power points, getting rid of weeds, making beautiful gifts for the Bags of blessings, filling and emptying the baptistry, giving people lifts so that they can come to worship, the list goes on. Thank you so much too to our singers and musicians who bless us so much every Sunday. And all of you who pray and give so that the

work of the church can continue. God loves your service and I hope that it is a blessing to you to be a part of this church and to serve here.

We have not really had a big programme of outreach into our local community or done any big projects in 2024. But our calling is to be a faithful presence in this community, and I hope we continue to be that. And my prayer is that those of us who come here are equipped to be witnesses, that we are not embarrassed to stand up and be counted for our faith in Jesus, and that through our ordinary walking the walk and talking the talk amongst the people we live and work with, people will be drawn to the love and grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. My sense is that there are lots of people in Holyhead who are in darkness – struggling with addictions, poverty, spiritual oppression and the occult, mental and physical illness, and of course ordinary old sin, who long for the freedom and transformation that Jesus can bring. God wants to bring healing to Holyhead. And my sense is that perhaps he wants to bring deeper healing and transformation to some of us, too, first of all, so that we are then ready to help others. So in 2025 let's continue to lift up the name of Jesus, and be open to his Holy Spirit and whatever he might want to do among us.

There was a vote of thanks to Deb for all her work, followed by a time of open prayer, thanksgiving and reflection.

Dates of 2025 meetings and next AGM

Quarterly meetings: Thursday April 10th, Thursday July 10th, Thursday October 23rd

Next AGM: Thursday 22 January 2026.

DETAILS OF ACCOUNTS		NEW PARK ST. ENGLISH BAPTIST CHAPEL			
	For the Year ended 31st December		2024		
Note 1	Basis of Accounts				page 1
	These accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts and Payments" basis, and in accord with sections 144,145 Charities Act, 2011				
				2024	2023
				£s	£s
Note 2	Raised for Other Causes	(Income)			
	Home Mission			35.00	55.00
	B.M.S.			1,046.31	832.73
	Pathway Course	Tear Fund		100.00	481.60
	World Day of Prayer	Leprosy Mission		203.15	123.10
	NWBA Impact			730.00	0.00
		SubTotal		2,114.46	1,492.43
Note 3	Donations/Other Sources	(Income)			
	FPI & Gift Aid S/Os not Inc in Offerings)			12,170.00	8,440.00
	BUW Anglesey			3,774.36	3,550.56
	Gifts In Memoriam			470.00	
	Gifts God is Good	Anglesey Prayer Net		500.00	70.00
	DeHumidifier/Air purifiers	Wedding Blessing		1,197.00	200.00
		SubTotal		18,111.36	12,260.56
	Freewill Offering	(Income)		2,895.00	3,100.00
	Baptist Union Grant for This Year (Income)			0.00	3,000.01
	Income Tax Refund on Gift Aid	(Income)		5,851.37	5,697.69
	Weekly Offerings			10,008.70	14,346.68
		Total		38,980.89	39,897.37
Note 4	Ministry	(Outgoings)			
	Net Stipend (Gross - (Tax +NIC+Superann.)			10,144.68	9,509.24
	Superannuation Contributions			3,269.08	3,039.12
	Total Nat. Ins. Conts. + Income Tax			2,568.21	2,968.72
	Minister's Travel Expenses (Car Mileage Allowance)			2,560.05	2,582.55
	Pulpit Supply Fees			960.00	580.00
	Manse Yearly Council Tax			2,530.90	2,335.20
	Manse Yearly Water Rates			1,002.18	976.83
	Manse Rent			5,400.00	5,400.00
	NWBA Impact			920.00	
	Cardiff Pathway Course			300.00	
	Minister Disclosure			38.00	
	Minister's Conference Expenses			177.98	446.48
	Minister/Deacons Awayday			135.00	226.25
		Total		30,006.08	28,064.39
Note 5	Mission	(Outgoings)			
	Home Mission			1,200.00	1,200.00
	B.M.S.			1,046.31	932.73
	World Day Prayer	NWBA Gift		203.15	560.00
	Missionary Accom 2025	Tearfund Earthquake		83.98	500.00
		Barnabus Water			59.23
		Leprosy Mission			123.10
		Total		2,533.44	3,375.06
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Building/Fabric Fund Account

				2024	2023
Receipts				£	£
Total Building Fund Offerings				480.00	485.00
Transferred from C/A				0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward from 2023		2022		3,128.68	2,710.87
				Total	3,608.68
Payments	Total Payments for	2024	2023	2,758.68	67.19
(See Itemised List of Building/Fabric Fund Expenditure)					
				Remainder	850.00
					3,128.68
Balance of Account @ 31.12.24				31.12.23	850.00
Balance at Bank at end of 31.12.24				& 31.12.23	850.00
					3,128.68

Total Assets

Representing Balances on the following Accounts:-

				2024	2023
	General Account - Main Curr. Account			44,094.35	43,752.42
	Building/Fabric Fund Current Account			850.00	3,128.68
Note 8a	Lloyds 32 Day Account			12,659.68	12,343.13
Note 8a	BU Corporation Deposit Account			73,548.28	70,036.84
				Total	131,152.31
					129,261.07
Liabilities				Nil	Nil
Long Term Loans				Nil	Nil

JUNIOR CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2024 (Additional to Main Church Statement)

			Amount (£s)
	Amount carried forward from 31.12.23		
	Amount received in Offerings & donations during the Year		
	Donations from Main Church Fund		
			Total
Total Expenditure incurred during the Year			
Amount remaining in Bank at the end of the Year 2024			31.12.24
Cash in Hand at the end of the Year 2024			
Carried Forward to 2025			TOTAL

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AGM 24th January 2024

In attendance:- 13 members and 1 friend

Opened by singing "Be Still" together accompanied by Andrew on guitar.

Apologies:- Jon, Naomi, Joel, Becky, Sarah, Cerys

Deb then read from Matthew Ch.14 v 22-23. Deb led in a short reflection on this passage. This passage is after the feeding of the 5000. Peter walks on the water but then doubts when the seas become rough. Jesus invites us to have complete trust, even in uncertainty. Where are we? Are we daring enough to step on the water and walk towards Jesus? Have we got so far and lost our footing and doubting? Are we a mess and needing rescuing by Jesus? Are we still in the boat, observing?

Followed this with a time of open prayer reflecting again on this passage and praying for our meeting

AGM Section

Opened at around 7.20pm

Minutes of last meeting – Were circulated by email. Everyone happy that these are an accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising – None

Safeguarding

The safeguarding statement was read out as this is a legal requirement. Deb briefly explained the purpose of safeguarding before reading this statement. Following the statement Deb asked if any questions or comments. Ceri commented about the safety around serving teas and coffees after the service and children running around. Ceri didn't feel either of these things should stop but that maybe a reminder at the end of the service to be mindful and wat out for little ones. Maybe advise to not carry too many drinks and to try and get a drink and move away from the table to chat in more open areas.

Treasurers report and budget

The figures for the church accounts for December 31st 2023 are as follows:-

Current Account	£43752.42
Building Fund	£3128.68
Lloyds 32 day Account	£12343.13
BU Corp Dep Acc	£70036.84

Current Account

The current account has been very good this year; the giving in the church has been exemplary as you can see from the figures you have on your handout sheets. We can look at those in more detail in a few moments. The end of year balance is around £4000 more than the previous year but I will

just point out that there is no transfer of funds from the current account to the building fund this year.

Building Fund

The Building Fund has been very quiet this year. The regular contributors to the fund have continued to do so and I thank them for that. Expenditure in the fund has been minimal amounting to only £67.19 so this has given us a small launch pad back into greater solvency after the big spend of last year (toilet block).

Lloyds 32 Day Account

This account has been paying a little better in interest, the rate being 2.6% for most of this last year. Well, it is better than the 0.3% that it had dropped to.

BU Corporation Deposit Account

This account has done well for us paying a Fixed Interest of 3.00% for the year. This amounted to £2039.91 interest.

As you requested, we have re-invested the whole amount for this coming year, that is, to the 30th November 2024, and it will be at the fixed rate of 5.00%.

Ladies Fellowship Account

As you are aware, this account has now been closed completely. There will be no more collecting for water projects.

The overall amount raised for various water projects over the years was £13869.53.

Both the current account and the Building Fund are now accessible on line and I have cards for both accounts. Pam also has access to the accounts in order to maintain accountability.

If there are any questions regarding the accounts, please feel free to ask.

Lastly, I would like to record my thanks to Mr Goronwy Williams for, once again, giving his time and abilities as Independent Examiner for the church accounts

Budget

The budget statement for this coming year is attached to your bundle and is open for discussion

Thanks noted to Bill for all his continued work with the finances and the budgets.

BMS report

£972.73 was sent in April/May after a really encouraging BMS Sunday service this included the regular giving, a donation from the chapel, a direct cheque to BMS and an offering in the service. £60 was also sent to the BMS Christmas appeal in December.

Phil is still spending some time working remotely from the UK as well as being able to return to Afghanistan on a fairly regular basis although their work out there is still under increasing scrutiny.

October saw a series of earthquakes around the province of Herat. Thankfully all the staff were ok. Not so fortunate for the locals who live in mud huts in that area.

Peter and Louise have had a very busy year and seem to have travelled and stayed in many places and been involved in many exciting events including the wedding of their son Jonah to Abbie in August. In November they have to learn a new word in Bangla, "Oberod", which means blockade as

travel in Bangladesh has been disrupted because of blockade days, strike days and demonstrations as they headed to national elections.

Pam encouraged people that they are free to read any of the emails/prayer letters but please don't remove any of the Afghanistan ones from the chapel.

Thanks noted to Pam for her report and continued work with BMS.

Pastoral report

Around the time of our AGM last year, a small group of friends came to visit Jon and me here in Holyhead. The friends were not from here, they were actually mostly from Bala, but they are people with a heart for Wales and a heart for the people of Anglesey, and a desire to stand with us and pray with us here in this place. And they prayed with us – for us personally, for Holyhead, for our church, for God's Kingdom to come.

I don't know whether that afternoon of prayer was a turning point but, ever since that day, all I can say is that lots of people have 'rocked up' at our church. We'd already started to have a trickle of new people coming, but it is in the last year that we have really seen a change. And I just want to start by praising and thanking God for this. We have not done any advertising. We've not had a huge presence on Facebook. We haven't had some big recruitment campaign. Our noticeboard outside – and I can only apologise for this – is still a complete mess, although Ian now has it in hand! But despite all this, God has just brought people in our direction. A few have come from other churches, others have moved into the area, and most excitingly, some people are new to all this or are coming back after a long time away. It has been really exciting and such a blessing to welcome new people and we praise and thank God for his generosity to us.

My all-time highlight of the year was the baptism of Steve, Ann and Gareth in November – it has been such a joy to get to know them and see how God is working in their lives and their families. We also welcomed Joel and Becky into membership and it has been lovely to see them getting involved with the worship group and in other ways too, and we love that trumpet playing Joel! We had a wonderful dedication service on the beach for Georgie, Heddwen and Caleb back in September. Another lovely moment was the wedding blessing for Sue's son and daughter in law where we must have had a record number of nationalities present in the chapel.

But I really want to emphasise that growth is not primarily about numbers and bums on seats. God is interested in each one of us and longing for each one of us to grow: in our faith, in our relationship with him, in our fellowship with one another, and in developing our unique gifts. It has been wonderful this year to see people stepping up into new roles, preaching or leading a bible study for the first time, providing hospitality and pastoral care for one another. I am a passionate believer in the priesthood of all believers and the ministry of the whole body of Christ. I am not the only minister in this church. We are all ministers. My role as the one set aside as pastor is most certainly not to do everything, but to help and encourage all of you to grow in faith and discipleship, and to discern ways that God might be calling you to serve him. We grow together as we walk together and watch over one another, and I've really enjoyed our Sunday Special Services this year where we've had the chance to hear testimonies from one another, and last time lots from the children, as to how we are seeing God at work.

But growth can also bring growing pains. As any parent of teenagers knows, growth can be rather messy. We've suddenly gone from 1 midweek group to 3, 5 if you count the breakwater group and

the prayer meeting. Whereas in my first 3 years here we usually had 25-30 people attending on Sunday mornings, now we are getting between 40 and 50 most weeks. And people come with mess! We're all different, with different needs, at different stages in our faith journeys. In my role as pastor I'm finding I don't always know where to focus my time and energy. And I'm aware that, for those of you who are longstanding members, numerical growth can be difficult as suddenly we don't know who everyone is, and it can feel uncomfortable and maybe we are not quite so not sure of our place in the family. But I want to say to all of you that you are seen and you are valued. I want to thank each one of you for being so welcoming and hospitable, for being willing to try new things and cope with changes, for making the effort to get to know new people, and for your continued commitment and support for our church. I pray that all of us, no matter how long we have been worshipping here, can truly feel like part of the family and find a welcome.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all those in positions of leadership. To the deacons for all your hard work and support – there are plenty of ministers for whom every deacons' meeting is an ordeal to be got through – but I really enjoy spending time with all of you! To the Junior church leaders who give up so much of their time and are so committed to the children of this church – thank you for all that you do and I just want to say that Sarah this has been such a difficult year for you and we continue to pray for you. To the pastoral care team – I know it's taking us a while to get going but I thank you to all of you for your care and concern for everyone in the church – and the Christmas baskets made by Ceri and Beryl were greatly appreciated. And to all who serve in practical ways, with the cleaning, the flowers, the tea and coffee, the worship group, Wendy who sorts out all the communion stuff – thank you all so much. And there's so much that goes unseen – financial giving – thank you so much everyone for your generosity and love. And all the prayer that goes on in secret. God sees each one of you and it delights his heart. Once again, for some people here this has been an extremely difficult year because of illness or bereavement. We rejoice that Sue is so much better after her cancer and radiotherapy. But there are many more who are really struggling and we continue to hold one another before God, especially those who can't be with us week by week.

One of the things I have been concerned about as we grow as a church is that we do not forget our witness to this town and the surrounding area. We had a wonderful meeting the other day to start thinking about the possibility of a Renew Wellbeing space here in the town, and I'll be saying more about that later in the meeting. But I want to end this report by saying simply that our God is good, and we can trust him. Often I live as though I don't really trust him – I try and fix things, and do things in my own strength, or run around after all the wrong things and forget to follow him and end up getting stressed and anxious. But the simple truth is that he's good, he loves us, he's with us, and we can trust him. And if we are living in that truth, then we as a church will naturally be a witness here in Holyhead. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. People can't help be drawn to its brightness. So let's put our confidence in God and he will lead us step by step into 2024.

Thanks noted from Deb but also our thanks noted to Deb. Bill in particular wanted to note thanks to Deb for the honesty in her report and the verses from the opening of the meeting that highlight that in the uncertainty we need to focus on Jesus. Ceri also wanted to thank Deb for her support and discipleship.

Time of reflection and open prayer

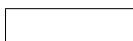
Suggested dates for the year – QBMs 24th April, 17th July, 23rd Oct, AGM + QBM 22nd January 2025.

AGM closed around 8.20pm and the QBM opened

DETAILS OF ACCOUNTS		NEW PARK ST. ENGLISH BAPTIST CHAPEL			
	For the Year ended 31st December		2023		
Note 1	Basis of Accounts			page 1	
	These accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts and Payments" basis, and in accord with sections 144,145 Charities Act, 2011				
				2023	2022
				£s	£s
Note 2	Raised for Other Causes	(Income)			
	Home Mission			55.00	90.00
	B.M.S.			832.73	290.10
	Tear Fund (Earthquake)			481.60	0.00
	Leprosy Mission			123.10	0.00
		Ukraine Appeal		0.00	282.29
		SubTotal		1,492.43	662.39
Note 3	Donations/Other Sources	(Income)			
	Other Gifts & Gift Aid S/Os not Inc in Offerings)			8,440.00	6,870.00
	BUW Anglesey			3,550.56	3,264.00
		Anon Gift			1,000.00
	Anglesey Prayer Net	Clayton Baptism		70.00	50.00
	Wedding Blessing	Lawrence Wedding		200.00	200.00
		Memory Rob Jones			201.55
		SubTotal		12,260.56	11,585.55
	Freewill Offering	(Income)		3,100.00	2,250.00
	Baptist Union Grant for This Year (Income)			3,000.01	3,692.28
	Income Tax Refund on Gift Aid		(Income)	5,697.69	4,868.18
	Weekly Offerings			14,346.68	14,547.06
		Total		39,897.37	37,605.46
Note 4	Ministry	(Outgoings)			
	Net Stipend (Gross - (Tax +NIC+Superann.)			9,509.24	8,880.10
	Superannuation Contributions			3,039.12	5,003.12
	Total Nat. Ins. Conts. + Income Tax			2,968.72	2,731.19
	Minister's Travel Expenses (Car Mileage Allowance)			2,582.55	1,047.15
	Pulpit Supply Fees			580.00	420.00
	Manse Yearly Council Tax			2,335.20	2,244.17
	Manse Yearly Water Rates			976.83	876.46
	Manse Rent			5,400.00	5,400.00
		Grant Repayment			461.54
	Minister's Conference Expenses			446.48	220.00
	Minister/Deacons Awayday			226.25	0.00
	Manse Repairs/ Renewals - See separate printed B/F Acc. Rep				
		Total		28,064.39	27,283.73
Note 5	Mission	(Outgoings)			
	Home Mission			1,200.00	1,200.00
	B.M.S.			932.73	290.10
	NWBA Gift			560.00	
	Tearfund Earthquake Appeal	Ukraine via BMS		500.00	150.00
	Barnabus Water Project	Ukraine via Bly'wood		59.23	150.00
	Leprosy Mission			123.10	50.00
		Total		3,375.06	1,840.10
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023
General Receipts and Payments Account (Main Current Account)

	Note No.	2023 £s	2022 £s
Receipts			
Weekly Offerings		14,346.68	14,547.06
Baptist Union Grant		3,000.01	3,692.28
Raised for other Causes	2	1,492.43	662.39
Freewill Offering		3,100.00	2,250.00
Donations/Other Income.	3	12,260.56	11,585.55
Gift Aid Income Tax Refund		5,697.69	4,868.18
Total		39,897.37	37,605.46
Payments			
Ministry	4	28,064.39	27,283.73
Mission	5	3,375.06	1,840.10
Upkeep of Chapel Premises.	6	3,082.63	2,933.83
Administration	7	1,458.45	1,451.27
Transfer of Funds.	See Note 8		5,000.00
Total		35,980.53	38,508.93
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year.		3,916.84	903.47
Balance from 2022	2021	39,795.58	40,668.85
Balance carried forward to 2024 & 2023		43,712.42	39,765.38
Current Acc balance 31.12.23	31.12.22	###	###
Unpresented cheques	2023 2022	40.00	30.00
Balance in Bank end of Year	31.12.23 31.12.22	###	###



FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Building/Fabric Fund Account

		2023	2022
		£	£
Receipts			
Total Building Fund Offerings		485.00	3,480.00
Transferred from C/A		0.00	4,000.00
Balance carried forward from 2022	2021	2,710.87	9,503.61
Total		3,195.87	16,983.61

Payments Total Payments for	2023	2022	67.19	14,272.74
(See Itemised List of Building/Fabric Fund Expenditure)				
Remainder			3,128.68	2,710.87

Balance of Account @ 31.12.23	31.12.22	3,128.68	2,710.87
Balance at Bank at end of 31.12.23	& 31.12.22	3,128.68	2,710.87

Total Assets

Representing Balances on the following Accounts:-

		2023	2022
General Account - Main Curr. Account		43,752.42	39,795.38
Building/Fabric Fund Current Account		3,128.68	2,710.87
Note 8a Lloyds 32 Day Account		12,343.13	12,082.78
Note 8a BU Corporation Deposit Account		70,036.84	67,996.93
Total		###	###

Liabilities	Nil	Nil
Long Term Loans	Nil	Nil

JUNIOR CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2021 (Additional to Main Church Statement)

	Amount (£s)
Amount carried forward from 31.12.22	769.84
Amount received in Offerings & donations during the Year	755.85

Donations from Main Church Fund		300.00
	Total	1,825.69
Total Expenditure incurred during the Year		873.23
Amount remaining in Bank at the end of the Year 2 31.12.23		537.80
Cash in Hand at the end of the Year 2023		414.16
Carried Forward to 2024	TOTAL	952.46

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