

## **New Park Street Baptist Church - Minutes of AGM and QBM**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>.*

## **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 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Next AGM: Thursday 22 January 2026.

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DETAILS OF ACCOUNTS			NEW PARK ST. ENGLISH BAPTIST CHAPEL			
	For the Year ended 31st December		2024			
<b>Note 1</b>	<b>Basis of Accounts</b>				<b>page 1</b>	
	These accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts and Payments" basis, and in accord with sections 144,145 Charities Act, 2011					
				<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	
				<b>£s</b>	<b>£s</b>	
<b>Note 2</b>	<b>Raised for Other Causes</b>	<b>(Income)</b>				
	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	
		<b>SubTotal</b>		<b>2,114.46</b>	<b>1,492.43</b>	
<b>Note 3</b>	<b>Donations/Other Sources</b>	<b>(Income)</b>				
	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	
		<b>SubTotal</b>		<b>18,111.36</b>	<b>12,260.56</b>	
	<b>Freewill Offering</b>	<b>(Income)</b>		<b>2,895.00</b>	<b>3,100.00</b>	
	<b>Baptist Union Grant for This Year (Income)</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,000.01</b>	
	<b>Income Tax Refund on Gift Aid</b>	<b>(Income)</b>		<b>5,851.37</b>	<b>5,697.69</b>	
	<b>Weekly Offerings</b>			<b>10,008.70</b>	<b>14,346.68</b>	
		<b>Total</b>		<b>38,980.89</b>	<b>39,897.37</b>	
<b>Note 4</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>(Outgoings)</b>				
	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	
		<b>Total</b>		<b>30,006.08</b>	<b>28,064.39</b>	
<b>Note 5</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>(Outgoings)</b>				
	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	
		<b>Total</b>		<b>2,533.44</b>	<b>3,375.06</b>	
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DETAILS OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)				Page 2	2024	2023
<b>Note 6</b>	<b>Upkeep of Chapel Premises (Outgoings)</b>					
	Electricity Bill			1,707.00	1,539.61	
	Building & Contents Insurance			1,439.97	1,407.46	
	Water Rates			182.92	135.56	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>3,329.89</b>	<b>3,082.63</b>	
<b>Note 7</b>	<b>Administration (Outgoings)</b>					
	Baptist Union Affiliation Registration			143.00	128.75	
	Donation J.Church workbooks/literature			300.00	300.00	
	CCLI Copyright and Performance Fee			189.00	181.00	
	Website Fee			198.72	195.27	
					0.00	
	Printer Inks + stamps			105.32	49.72	
	Communion Wine			77.95	0.00	
	Gift Card		Safeguarding training	30.00	80.00	
	Pastries /Biscuits etc			65.74	112.97	
	Youth Group Cash			100.00	34.80	
	Buffalo Airpot		Fairtrade Products	73.55	31.88	
	Microsoft/McAfee			69.98	69.98	
	Flowers			20.00	27.20	
	Harvest Table			60.00	99.15	
	Cytun			20.00	20.00	
	Dehumidifier/Air Purifiers		Whiteboard	927.95	79.19	
	Retreat Sat Cash		Paper Towels	60.00	48.54	
	Van Hire/Mileage/Fuel			328.34		
			<b>Total</b>	<b>2,769.55</b>	<b>1,458.45</b>	
<b>Note 8</b>	<b>Summary of Transfer of Funds</b>					
	CurrentAccount to Building Fund			0.00	0.00	
	CurrentAccount to Building Fund			0.00	0.00	
				<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Note 8a</b>	<b>Invested Funds</b>			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	
	Baptist Corp Deposit Account (1 year fixed rate)			70,036.84	67,996.93	
	Int 1st Dec 2024		Int 1st dec 2023	3,511.44	2,039.91	
	<b>End of Year 2024</b>		<b>End of Year 2023</b>	<b>73,548.28</b>	<b>70,036.84</b>	
<b>1/12/24</b>	<b>Account transferred to 3 monthsnotice account</b>					
	Lloyds 32 Day Account			12,343.13	12,082.78	
	Int 31st Dec 2024		Int 31stDec 2023	316.55	260.35	
	<b>End of Year 2024</b>		<b>End of Year 2023</b>	<b>12,659.68</b>	<b>12,343.13</b>	



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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	
					Total	
					3,608.68	3,195.87
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	
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	