



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Newhaven Baptist Church General Fund

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	247232
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**Set out in the Receipts and Payments accounts attached.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

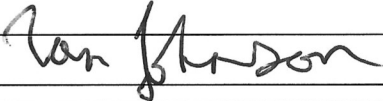
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 3/12/24

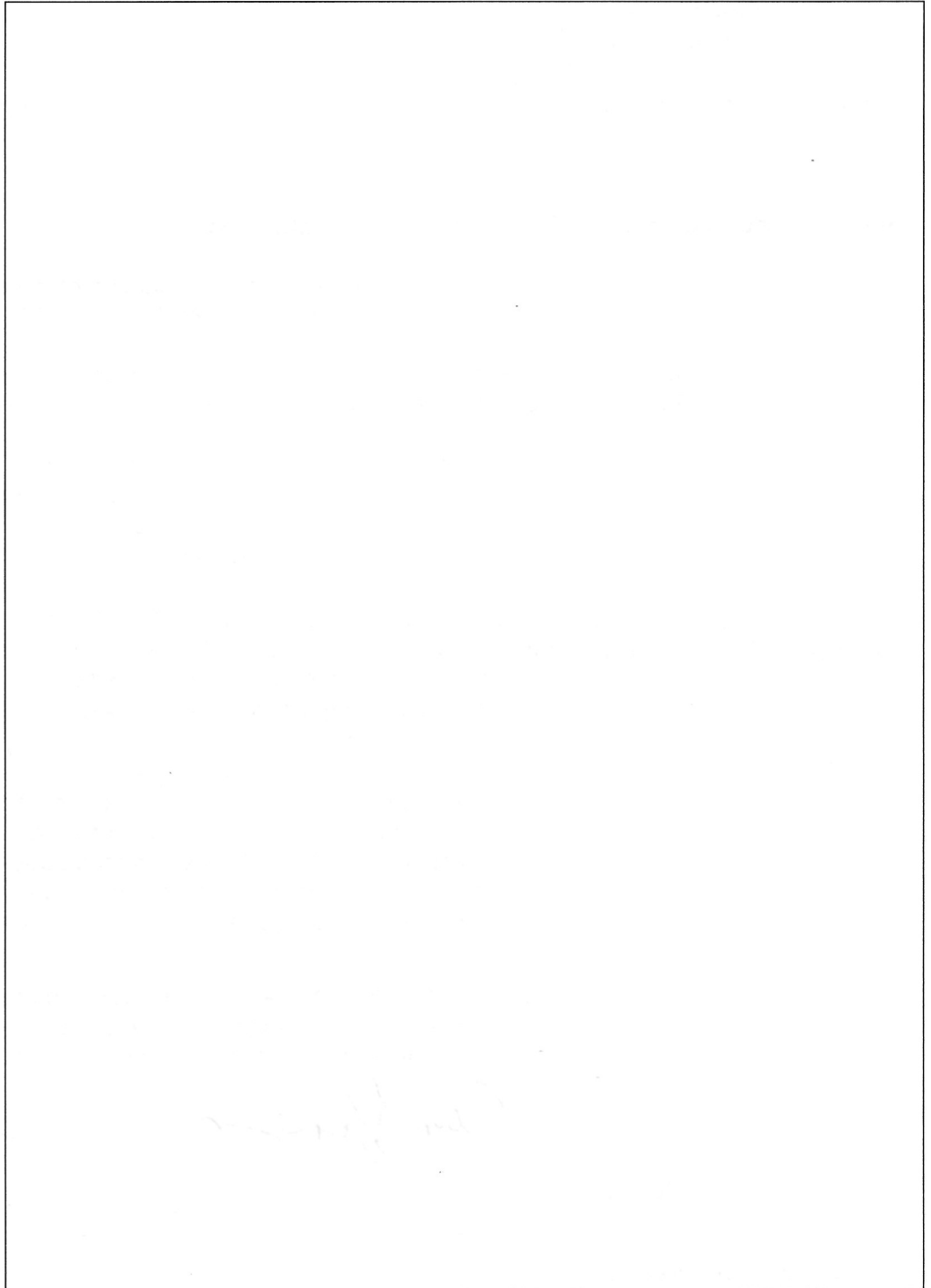
**Name:** Ian Johnson

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

**Address:** 97 Bevendean Avenue  
Saltdean  
Brighton BN2 8PE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Newhaven Baptist Church

No (if any)  
247232

CC16a

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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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>					
Donations	5,655	37,730	-	43,385	31,185
For other causes		395	-	395	313
Hall use	1,170	-	-	1,170	1,720
Other	543	-	-	543	106
Offering	19,469	-	-	19,469	18,823
Tax refunds	4,797	230	-	5,027	4,740
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>31,634</b>	<b>38,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,989</b>	<b>56,887</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>31,634</b>	<b>38,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,989</b>	<b>56,887</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Employers Pension Contribution	2,288	-	-	2,288	3,065
Expenses Contribution	55	-	-	55	-
Stipend	13,239	-	-	13,239	12,300
Telephone/internet	451	-	-	451	-
Home Mission Payments	1,651	109	-	1,760	1,300
Local Outreach	1,592	43,799	-	45,391	19,568
Other Causes	-	161	-	161	120
Council Tax	2,154	-	-	2,154	2,067
Electricity	5,950	-	-	5,950	4,325
Fire Equipment	252	-	-	252	252
Insurance	2,175	-	-	2,175	1,971
Maintenance - Church	4,059	2,690	-	6,749	3,751
Maintenance - Manse	-	-	-	-	166
Water/Sewage Rates	1,229	-	-	1,229	887
Affiliation fees	121	-	-	121	116
Other Items	1,441	-	-	1,441	252
Visitor's Expenses	321	-	-	321	434
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>36,978</b>	<b>46,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,737</b>	<b>50,574</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>36,978</b>	<b>46,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,737</b>	<b>50,574</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 5,343</b>	<b>- 8,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 13,747</b>	<b>6,313</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>18,590</b>	<b>21,217</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,807</b>	<b>33,493</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,247</b>	<b>12,813</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,060</b>	<b>39,806</b>





Trustees as of 31/12/2023:  
Mandy Ashenden  
Kate Carver  
Chris Roberts

**Newhaven Baptist Church General Fund  
Charity Registration Number: 247232  
Trustees' Annual Report Year Ending 31/12/2023**

Newhaven Baptist Church is a charitable unincorporated association. The Trustees, also known as Deacons, are chosen from Church Members by a Church Members' Meeting. They are appointed for an initial three year term with the opportunity to be nominated for reappointment at the end of each three year term.

During 2023 we continued to pursue our primary objective to spread the message of God's love and salvation through Jesus, by Christian witness, preaching of God's word and involvement with and support of members of the local community. Our church activities have now returned to normal, after the COVID restrictions. Additional activities were held at Easter and Christmas, including craft mornings and local deliveries of plants and greeting cards on both occasions. As usual we hosted a Light Stop on October 31<sup>st</sup>, with food and craft activities, as an alternative to Halloween.

The majority of our numerous volunteers received safeguarding training this year, provided by the South Eastern Baptist Association, for which we are grateful.

The church Food Bank has continued to expand, which was a blessing in that we could support the local community in this way, but unfortunate as it indicated ever-increasing need. We have received a number of generous grants from local organisations. Many individuals have also donated both food items and money.

The church's income in 2023 was £69,989, of which £27,968 was donated directly to the Food Bank, including grants, and £6,000 was granted by the District Council for our Uniform Bank. The latter was a new venture started towards the end of 2022 to make school uniform available for families who could not afford it. We continue to be grateful to the church members who continued and even increased their regular offerings during the year, and to the organisations and other individuals who donated to the work of the church.

We used about 58% of our General Fund outgoings of £36,978 to support the Minister and the Manse, and we were once again grateful to the South Eastern Baptist Association for awarding us a Growth Grant as a contribution to this. This year nearly 28% of our general outgoings was spent on church building maintenance and support, a significant increase from 2022, but there is still a great need for building maintenance and improvement, and we are planning this for the near future if we can obtain sufficient grants. Over 56% of our total outgoings was spent on local outreach and other missions, equivalent to nearly 68% of our income. A significant contribution to this achievement was the large amount of donations to the Food Bank.

Towards the end of the year we were sad to hear that Jac Parson, our Minister for the past six years, had decided to move to another church early in 2024, for family reasons. We are so grateful for her leadership during the time she has been with us: for her energy and persistence in reaching out to the local community, especially during the pandemic; for her friendly pastoral work within the congregation and beyond; and for her strong Christian witness through both words and actions. We wish her and her family well.

As ever, we very much look forward to continued expansion of our activities during 2024, enabling further Christian witness in the community.

**The trustees declare that they have approved the report above, which is signed on their behalf by**

Chris Roberts, Treasurer