



Trustees as of 31/12/2024:  
Mandy Ashenden  
Kate Carver  
Owen Goodey  
Chris Roberts

**Newhaven Baptist Church General Fund**  
**Charity Registration Number: 247232**  
**Trustees' Annual Report Year Ending 31/12/2024**

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 2024 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. 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 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.

We sadly said goodbye to Jac, our Minister, in February this year and started the process of seeking a new minister. We trust God to provide us with the right minister, at the right time, and with sufficient resources to support them adequately.

The church's total income in 2024 was £103,162.88, of which £64,466.73 was donated directly to the Food Bank. 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 were able to let our Manse almost immediately after Jac left, which provided a useful source of income, and we spent 33% of our general outgoings on improving the property. A further 12% was spent on improvement of the church building itself, notably badly-needed new main doors which were financed by a gift from the SEBA Make A Difference (MAD) project when it was wound up a few years ago. 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 46% of our total outgoings was spent on local outreach and other missions, equivalent to 26% of our income. A significant contribution to this achievement was the large amount of donations to the Food Bank.

As ever, we very much look forward to continued expansion of our activities during 2025, enabling further Christian witness in the community.

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

6/4/2026

Chris Roberts, Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Newhaven Baptist Church**

No (if any)  
247232

**CC16a**

**Receipts and payments accounts**

<b>For the period from</b>	Period start date 01/01/2024	<b>To</b>	Period end date 31/12/2024
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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>					
Donations	1,690	65,087		66,777	43,385
For other causes		360		360	395
Hall use	1,810			1,810	1,170
Other	833			833	543
Offering	15,537			15,537	19,469
Tax refunds	-			-	5,027
Manse rent	17,847	-	-	17,847	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>37,716</b>	<b>65,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103,163</b>	<b>69,989</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>37,716</b>	<b>65,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103,163</b>	<b>69,989</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Employers Pension Contribution	505			505	2,288
Expenses Contribution	-			-	55
Stipend	1,984			1,984	13,239
Telephone/internet	512			512	451
Home Mission Payments	-			-	1,760
Local Outreach	984	25,903		26,887	45,391
Other Causes					161
Council Tax	262			262	2,154
Electricity	4,618			4,618	5,950
Fire Equipment	252			252	252
Insurance	2,286			2,286	2,175
Maintenance - Church	4,566	2,624		7,191	6,749
Maintenance - Manse	9,695			9,695	-
Water/Sewage Rates	618			618	1,229
Affiliation fees	155			155	121
Other Items	1,076	127		1,203	1,441
Visitor's Expenses	1,810			1,810	321
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>29,324</b>	<b>28,654</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,978</b>	<b>83,737</b>
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>29,324</b>	<b>28,654</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,978</b>	<b>83,737</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,392</b>	<b>36,793</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,185</b>	<b>- 13,748</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>13,247</b>	<b>12,814</b>		<b>26,060</b>	<b>39,807</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>21,638</b>	<b>49,606</b>		<b>71,245</b>	<b>26,059</b>





**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 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

247232

**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 31/12/2024

**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:** 6.4.26

**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.**

