



## Annual Gathering and AGM

10:30am till 1pm at Whitley Bay Baptist Church

### 10:30am: Welcome and Worship

We will gather together as all ages, churches, ministers, missional communities and pioneers across the NBA for worship and inspiration.

We will hear a message from Rev Lynn Green (General Secretary of Baptist Together); Rev Hayley and the NBA team will also be sharing about the exciting future God has for the NBA as well as celebrating all that God has done over in and through us as a whole community in 2022.

### 11:30am Refreshments

### 12noon NBA AGM (Children & Youth to go to their group)

Welcome from the Regional Minister: TSL (including new ministers/leaders formal welcome)

Moderator to lead through the AGM:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM
3. Annual Report 2022
4. Finance Report
5. Council (Trustee) Updates and Appointments (*please see attached sheet for information*)
  - a. Jess Steel
  - b. Mairi McBain
  - c. Paul Knight
  - d. Caroline Friend (for re-election to a second term)
  - e. Rachel Holland (for re-election to a second term)
6. Annual Appointments recommended by Council: (*please see attached sheet for information*)
  - a. Treasurer: Gavin Monument
  - b. Independent Examiner: John Watson
  - c. Home Mission Rep: Roy Searle
  - d. BMS Rep: Penny Hyde
7. Election of Regional Minister: Team Leader

Following the recruitment process and interview on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, the NBA Council will bring a resolution to appoint a named person for the role of Regional Minister: Team Leader. Information about the person and why the search committee believe they are the person called to the role will be shared.

This election will take place inline with our association bye-laws:

*9.2 The appointment of Regional Ministers shall be made by resolution of a General Meeting supported by three- fourths of those present and voting.*

The vote will be by ballot

## 8. Prayer

This event is open to all in our NBA church, those voting delegates are required to book in at <https://www.thenba.org.uk/bookings> for free so we can arrange the vote for roles.

### Notice about Voting:

Each member church shall have the right to appoint one representative to General Meetings of the Association and additional representatives in accordance with the following schedule:

- 51 to 100 members -1
- 101 to 150 members -2
- 151 to 200 members -3
- 201 to 250 members -4
- 251 to 300 members -5 and so on

Each minister/pastor in post at a member church shall also be a representative.

Each representative shall have one vote.

The representative or representatives of a member church shall be entitled together to exercise the same powers on behalf of the member church as the member church could exercise.

### Information on the proposed new council members:

Council Members (trustees) are nominated by a member church and have gone through our safer recruitment process. Member church vote on each person according to the above. These council members (trustees) first term will be May 2023-AGM 2026



**Home Mission Representative:** Jess Steel

**Member Church:** Stockton Baptist Church

**Bio:** Hi I'm Jess I'm a youth pastor at Stockton Baptist church. I moved up north 5 years ago after meeting my Teesside husband who introduced me to the North East and I love it here! Jess has been serving the NBA Council as Home Mission Rep for the past year.



**Trustee:** Paul Knight [Rev]

**Member Church:** Heaton Baptist Church, Newcastle.

**Bio:** Originally from Lancashire, I have been married to Alison since 1978, which is the same year that I entered Spurgeon's College. I left with a BA in theology in 1982. I have been in Pastoral Ministry since then, retiring in 2020. I have served Baptist Churches in Ipswich, Erith, Swindon and Towcester. Since 2020, I have been a member of Heaton Baptist Church. We have 3 adult children and 7 grandchildren.

I was converted at 17 years of age in a local Baptist Church, and began being involved with youth, World Evangelisation Crusade, and the Good News Crusade. I have always had a heart for creative ways of doing mission in a local context, which has included working with Costa Coffee, Renewal Wellbeing Cafe, Jesus Saves Formula Ford motor racing, Trussell Trust

Foodbank and new housing developments. I have served as a Senior Minister in a dual-site Church with other

accredited ministers, community, and youth workers. I believe Ministry is best served in a plural, egalitarian, collaborative team, which is accountable, humble, accessible, open to the average person, recognised and co-ordinated properly. In the past, I have been a BU Mentor and since moving to the North East, I have served as a Moderator, become a volunteer in a local foodbank, and had the privilege of preaching in some North East Churches.

I think I will bring to the NBA: A wealth of diverse experience from different Associations. How Church interacts with Culture. Seeing whole-life discipleship as a key ingredient in lasting change in our Churches. I'm intrigued as to how we do pastoral and missional discipleship amongst those who are becoming Christians from a Muslim background.

Hobbies: I enjoy skiing, fell walking, reading and I am a lifelong supporter of Manchester City.



**Trustee:** Mairi McBain (Rev)

**Member Church:** Headland Baptist Church.

**Bio:** I have recently moved to Hartlepool to serve as a Community Pastor and have found people warm, friendly and welcoming. Myself and my husband, Graham, very much enjoy living in this beautiful part of the country, exploring the cycle paths and walking on the nearby beaches. I was asked to consider applying for a trustee role and after prayer and reflection I have put myself forward for consideration. I see this is an opportunity to 'give back', having been part of Baptist Association life, and benefitted from it, for many years. I was a Trustee of an International School, I have served on the leadership of two Baptist Churches and contributed reports to Trustee meetings through my position on the senior

team of a charity. I have over 25 years of third-sector HR experience which means that I appreciate the importance of people – our main asset! My gifting means I bring a calm, considered approach and an ability to think and discern strategically - I'm not as strong on detail but good at asking constructive questions to aid understanding and I love working collaboratively as part of a team.

#### Council members (trustees) for re-election:

The following two council members have served their first term (2020-2023) and therefore are eligible for re-election under clause 6.2 to serve another three years term (2023-2026).

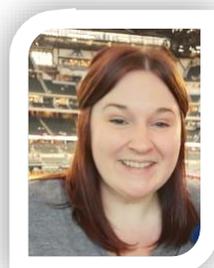


**Name:** Rev Caroline Friend (left)

**Member Church:** Alnwick Baptist Church

**Name:** Rev Rachel Holland (right)

**Member Church:** Portrack Baptist Church



#### Information on annual appointments recommend by council



**Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) Representative:** Penny Hyde

**Member Church:** Stockton Baptist Church

**Bio:** I am married to Tim, who is a Baptist minister, so that makes me a minister's spouse. We have three grown up children. I am also a full time GP in Hartlepool. I am actually a local girl, having grown up in Stockton, having moved away to study and then work. We returned to the area 11years ago, when Tim was called to be the minister at West View Baptist Church, Hartlepool. At present we are in between churches, while we wait to see what is next for us, and we are worshipping at Stockton Baptist Church.

I have supported BMS World Mission for many years. A few years ago, our daughter went on action teams to Africa, and from that came the idea I could possibly volunteer myself. I was asked to work in Guinebor Hospital in Chad for 3months, and arrived at the same time

as a number of new team members. I saw first-hand how difficult it is to practice medicine in a resource poor country. While there Covid started to emerge and it was clear I would have to get home and keep my commitment to my own patients in the UK.

After returning from Chad, I was asked to consider serving as the NBA BMS rep, to represent the NBA on the BMS Council and also serve in the NBA region as the BMS mission rep on council. I have attended BMS Council and I hope to continue to serve our region and represent our churches as we play our part in global mission.



**Treasurer:** Gavin Monument

**Member Church:** Billingham Baptist Church

**Bio:** I have attended Billingham Baptist Church since the age of 7, growing up through the Sunday School and coming to faith at the age of 17. I was baptized at the age of 20 and became a church member.

I was elected as a deacon in 2001, and then as church treasurer in 2003. I served on the Leadership Team until 2015 when I stood down from both roles due to work commitments. Despite this I continued to support the church by producing the gift aid claims and the annual accounts for the church due to the absence of a treasurer. In 2021 I was elected back into the role of treasurer.

In 2004, and completely by accident, I was nominated by the church to stand to serve on NBA Council. I decided to use the mistake as a fleece to see if I could serve God in this way. I was elected to Council in 2004 and served until 2010 when my work commitments became too much (I was at the heart of a major waste management contract negotiation at the time). In addition to serving on Council I also served on the Resources Group, and chaired that meeting for my final two years. I also served on the Home Mission grants committee and staffing group.

At various points I have acted as a Home Mission visitor and have enjoyed my time getting to know Blackhill, Durham City and Wallsend Baptist churches.

In 2020 I was asked by NBA Council to step in following the resignation of the previous treasurer, and I was elected to the role at the AGM in 2021. In my work life I qualified as an accountant in 2002 and have predominantly served in the public sector, holding a number of roles, including Assistant Head of Finance at South Tyneside Council. In 2016 I was asked to join the Department for Education as a contractor in their Operational Finance division where we are responsible for the collection of financial data from academy trusts and use that to produce the Department's annual report and accounts. With 3,000 separate accounts to consolidate, it is believed to be the largest accounts consolidation exercise in the world. I joined the team permanently in Sept 2017. And interestingly, academy trusts are charitable companies, as is the NBA, meaning I have extensive transferable skills and knowledge from work to support the NBA.



**Home Mission Representative:** Roy Searle (Rev)

**Member Church:** Alnwick Baptist Church

**Bio:** Roy is our longest serving minister within the NBA. Born in the North East, he has served in the region throughout the whole of this ministry. Pioneering as Portrack's first minister, he then served as Senior Pastor at Enon, Sunderland, where he oversaw the Oasis Frontline teams base for the North East. He is one of the founders of the now global, Northumbria Community. Roy has served the NBA as its Moderator and is a former President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. He helped to establish the Free Church Missional Leadership course and

the opportunity for people to train for Baptist ministry at Cranmer Hall, Durham, where he was the colleges first Baptist Hub tutor. He is also an associate tutor of Spurgeons College London.. His ministry now sees him writing, mentoring younger pioneers and missional leaders, advising churches, charities and leadership teams in navigating the challenges and opportunities of a changing world. He is one of the Baptist Union's Pioneer Ambassadors, working with individuals, missional initiatives, churches, associations and the wider Baptists Together movement. Still a Companion in the Northumbria Community, he recently set up with three Baptist friends, the Northumbrian Collective, which encourages people to Listen Well, Think Deeply and Live Authentically. He is a keen culture watcher and commentator / blogger on contemporary issues.

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Roy possesses a deep faith, is passionate about the North East and is well known throughout the NBA and the wider denomination and beyond. Innovative and creative, with a passion for the North East, Roy is a natural ambassador for the NBA and for Home Mission as he envisions and enables people and ministries to think wider and realise their potential. He is a bridge builder and great connector of people. A leader, who likes to see people and organisations flourish and be a means of a blessing to the communities in which they live and serve. Roy lives with his wife Shirley in Alwick and enjoys spending time with his family and friends, playing tennis, curling, golf, walking and where opportunity allows, sailing. A Geordie by birth, he has somehow ended up as a devoted Middlesbrough football supporter!