

NEW LIFE CHURCH WINCHESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1050438

Details

Other names	CITY CHURCH WINCHESTER, CITY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, LEVEL 10 CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-11-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:-TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE MANAGEMENT TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; AND TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE MANAGEMENT TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; AND TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE MANAGEMENT TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs; to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support; and to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the UK or world as the trustees see fit.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE WINCHESTER
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£192,012	£174,585	-	-
2024-03-31	£168,476	£159,334	-	-
2023-03-31	£164,353	£159,833	-	-
2022-03-31	£103,060	£120,320	-	-
2021-03-31	£64,130	£82,032	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Sanjaykumar Poovappa Sanil	Chair	2022-06-08
Benjamin Leslie Chainey		2011-01-31
Dr Helena Maria Angell		2025-09-24
Gemma Louise Reeves		2021-07-21
Pamela May Maton		2021-07-21
Silas David Casimir Brown		2019-02-04
TERENCE LESLIE CHAINEY		2018-03-12

NEW LIFE CHURCH WINCHESTER

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Accounts

New Life Church Winchester
Registered Number: 1050438
Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Principal Activities:

The charity's primary activity during the year continues to be the running of a Christian church in the area of Stanmore Winchester.

Small Charity Provisions:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Charity Acts relating to small entities.

Address and Contact Details:

Address: New Life Church Winchester, Stanmore Lane, Winchester, SO22 4BT.
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Independent Examiner:

Ken Stratton FMAAT of Kimball Smith Limited, Brewery House, High Street, Twyford, Winchester, SO21 1RG

Bankers:

Barclays Bank, 50 Jewry St, Winchester, SO23 8RG
Kingdom Bank, Ruddington Fields Business Park, Mere Way, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6JS

Solicitors:

Warner & Richardson LLP, 29 Jewry St., Winchester, SO23 8RR Geldards
LLP, 4 Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ

Leadership (Eldership) Team

The following persons served on the leadership team for the year ended 31 March 2025.

- Rev. Sanjaykumar & Mary Sanil (Lead Pastors)
- Andrew & Claire Finn (Stepped down November 2024)
- Silas Brown
- Rev. Paul & Janice Finn (Stepped down June 2024)
- Terence & Judith Chainey

Trustees

The following persons served as trustees in the following roles for the year ended 31 March 2025.

- Benjamin Chainey
- Terence Chainey
- Pamela Maton
- Gemma Reeves
- Silas Brown (Treasurer)
- Rev. Sanjaykumar Sanil (Chair of Trustees)

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is constituted as a trust and is governed by a trust deed constitution, adopted on the 10th July 2023. Trustees are typically appointed by the Senior Minister / Lead Pastor, with the acceptance of existing trustees. When there is no incumbent Pastor, the existing trustees of the Church Council will appoint new trustees by vote with a two-thirds majority acceptance.

Following provisional selection and appointment, trustees are given a 'Trustees' declaration pack' that contains mandatory forms to be completed:

- Trustee information form
- Fit and proper persons' declaration form

In addition to this, trustees must also complete a Disclosure and Barring Service Check and additional ID checks conducted by the church's independent financial examiner to ensure charity compliance with anti-money laundering regulations. Individuals are notified that their selection and appointment are subject to the satisfactory completion of all these checks.

Trustees are then offered different training induction opportunities with organisations such as, but not limited to, the Charity Commission, Stewardship, or as such organisations recommended and advertised by our church denomination movement. Trustees are also directed to the Charity Commission information guide documents.

New Life Church Winchester has an organisational structure of a Church Council that consists of:

- Spiritual Leadership – This is made up of the Lead Pastor and Elders who have responsibility and authority for the overall direction, day-to-day running, and spiritual life of the church.
- Management Trustees – Individuals who have the overall responsibility for the management and administration of the church assets and resources, including properties and funds, having due regard to the spiritual direction of the church and complying with the policy requirements of the constitution and law.

For the year ended 31 March 2025, the church trustees met 4 times and held an AGM relating to this financial year on the 1st July 2025.

Outside of the church council, there are staff and ministry leaders appointed by the church council to lead various activities to further the objects and activities of the church charity.

New Life Church Winchester is a part of the Assemblies of God Great Britain (AoG GB). This is a Pentecostal fellowship movement of locally autonomous churches that are relationally connected but operate as independent charities, with each one governed by its own governing document. Today, at the time of this report, there are over 600 churches that operate in well over 500 locations throughout Great Britain. For more information on AoG GB, please visit www.aoggb.com.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs,
- To relieve sickness, distress or financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods and services of any kind, including the provision of counselling and support; and
- To advance education.

These objectives are achieved and provide a benefit to the public by:

- Providing regular in-person and online resources and facilities for prayer and public worship for people of all ages.
- Providing pastoral care and support, as well as spiritual and moral counsel through church leaders and in meetings for church members and the community.
- Promoting, teaching, and sharing of Christian values and service by members of the church and the community, to the benefit of individuals and the wider society.

New Life Church Winchester is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "*The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit*". We have made regard to it in the administration and daily operation of the church charity, particularly when deciding which activities would be the most appropriate to undertake to serve the needs of the church and the wider community in a way that is compliant with the laws and regulations of the land.

Review of Activities and Achievements

It is the held belief of the church and its leadership that its key responsibility is to encourage people to work together to fulfil the vision of New Life Church Winchester. This is to 'encounter God's presence, equip the saints, and evangelise the lost'.

To that end, the charity's primary activity during the year continues to be the running of a Christian church in the area of Stanmore, Winchester.

Church meetings

We run one main Sunday morning service every week from 10.30am. We thank God for an increase in our weekly attendances from the previous year which average between 80 – 100+ adults, and 5-15 children and young people. Church membership have increased with the number of adults who have decided to make New Life Church their spiritual home breaking over the 100 mark.

We also have other periodic church meetings such as our fortnightly 'Encounter Nights', which are times of worship, prayer, and prophecy. Another notable highlight was a powerful night of worship and prophecy with a guest Pastor from Denmark. We are grateful for these meetings as they serve as an extended time for people to deeply refresh their spirits in the presence of God.

The Alpha Course meetings ran in April and May 2024 continue to go from strength to strength. This is where we create space for people of the community and church to explore life's biggest questions and the Christian faith over a meal. One of the great things we found in feedback from those who attended is to see new friendships form as well as learning foundational perspectives on the Faith.

Baptisms

The baptismal service held in September 2024 was again very special. Like last year, 4 people originally made the decision to go ahead with baptism, but another 4 people decided to be baptised in response to the gospel being preached! So like last year, 8 people were baptised in total, including one who attended the Alpha Course! We marvel at the goodness and the grace of God, but join us in praying that the Lord will continue to work in the lives of the eight people who were baptised, and that these folk embrace the adventure of discipleship with zeal and a deep commitment, with the full support and encouragement of the church.

Global Recording Networks (GRN) Day

Another notable moment for our church and our Lead Pastors was back in February 2025, when they were formally inaugurated as the new Directors for GRN UK in a special Sunday service here at New Life Church. GRN is a leading provider of Christian evangelistic and discipleship audio-visual materials. They bring the Gospel to the world's least-reached language groups, building bridges with words and pictures. It was a wonderful time for us as a church as we hosted members from the GRN UK & European teams, including Pastor Sam Bouix - European Director for GRN UK, who delivered the sermon that day. We are super expectant for what the Lord will do through Pastors Sanjay and Mary Sanil. We pray blessings on them as they step into this new role.

Away Day Weekend

Our annual Saturday away day to the beach in July and the Sunday service that follows always blesses our church community. This year, we had an extended member of our church family, Pastor Ian Williams from Home Church Torquay in town to fellowship and minister to us. This was a great time of celebration, joy, and encountering the Holy Spirit through worship, teaching, fellowship, and ministry. Thank you to Pastor Ian for allowing the Lord to use you in a mighty way, and a big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who worked together to ensure that the weekend was a success.

Children and Youth

We are thankful for growth in these ministry areas, which is very encouraging. For the first time in 7 years, we hosted a Summer holiday club week for Primary school children in the church and community. Our theme for the club was Restoration Station, which was all focused on how Jesus restores and helps us. We had over 20 children from families from the church and local community attend, along with 5 young leaders who supported the 3-day holiday club, which followed with a celebration Sunday service and BBQ. It is worth noting that some of these families joined the church. It was wonderful to see our Kids church leaders and teenage volunteers emerging and flourishing in supporting the event.

That leads to youth ministry. We want to see our youth growing and participating in activities in the church, but also more widely with Wildfire Youth Project and Youth Alive, the National Youth Ministry of AoG GB. Some examples of this have included our Young people attending some of our periodic youth drop-ins, including the back in the Autumn, where we welcomed the Vineyard Youth Bus to the car park for an outdoor youth drop-in. Also for the first time since before the Covid-19 pandemic, we were able to send 2 young people to the Wildfire Youth residential at the Rock UK Carroty Wood activity centre in October 2024, along with a couple of our youth leaders. They got to be amongst a group of 50 kids from local churches in and around Winchester for worship, teaching, and lots of games!

Then in March 2025, we were able to take 3 of our older young people to Youth Alive Awaken Youth Conference in Exeter for a day of games, teaching, and encounter. It was a privilege to see our young people worshipping and engaging with 200 other young people. We desire for them to see that the family of God is big and there is so much opportunity in Christ Jesus.

School of Prophecy

In the Autumn of 2024, we launched for the very first time a School of Prophecy, which was ably led by Peter Light. This was attended by approximately 15 people and gave people the opportunity to learn about prophecy, and how to practically use the gift of prophecy in their everyday lives and in the life of the church. We are grateful to Peter for your life and ministry and allowing God to use you in edifying the church body through this course.

The church family

We would like to honour and express sincere thanks to church members and the community for their generosity in giving of their time, and their finances to the life and upkeep of the church, including various projects and causes throughout the year. We are grateful for church members who gave towards a new church electric keyboard, piano and a replacement in-ear monitor. We are also particularly grateful for those who gave to compassionately to support church families in need, and to enable the next generation of young adults to go to a European Christian leadership conference to network and learn. All of these things edify and enable our church family to be supported and grow, so thank you.

Finally, we would like to honour our leadership team and trustees for all that they do to lead and support the church. In particular, we honour the Finn family, who stepped down from the leadership team during this year. Your love, wisdom and support that you poured into the church is very much appreciated. We love you all, and we pray God's blessing and favour over your lives as you step into a new season.

Looking ahead

Going forward the focus for our church is to continue in reaching out to the community and sharing the love and the truth of the gospel through words and any other practical means (see Matthew 5: 14-16; Isaiah 60: 1-3). Also, as a church we would like to see the next generation of younger leaders to rise, be equipped, and mobilised to serve in the kingdom of God, utilising their God-given talents and abilities. We firmly believe that when we do that, the Lord will make room for us (Genesis 26).

Financial Review

Personnel

At the conclusion of 31 March 2025, the church employed two full-time members of staff and two part-time members of staff.

Finance

We give thanks that total charitable income this year grew to £192,012 from £168,476 in the previous year. Giving from tithes and offerings increased by 15%, whilst Income from the venue hire of rooms in the church building increased 27% as more local public bodies in health and education wanted to use our venue facilities when not in use for church activities. This has a positive financial benefit and a partnership benefit to the church as we look to work alongside and network with other organisations in the local community. We were also very pleased and grateful to receive two grants during this year. One was from Winchester City Council towards the purchase of a new audio loop system for our church auditorium, which allows us to improve our accessibility to people with different care and support needs. The other grant was from the AoG GB Missio Dei Bible College for hosting a placement student as an apprentice in our Children's ministry.

Total expenditure costs increased by 7.4% to £174,585 from £162,584 in the previous year. This is due to higher ministry, salary, and operating costs that are reflective of a growing church with increasing ministry operations and activities.

Taking all of the above factors into consideration, we are pleased to report that the church was able to stay within its means with an excess income of over expenditure totalling £18,114.

Reserves Policy

The trustees continue to consider and review the finances of the church, including its reserves. The trustees aim to take a prudent and long-term view in making decisions whilst balancing our belief in God's provision for the church.

To this end, it is a policy requirement of the church that in any one financial year, to have maintained and set aside funds that have not been restricted or designated for a specific use elsewhere equivalent to a minimum of four months' expenditure. This is so that in the event of any unforeseen financial income shortfall or unexpected but necessary capital expenditure, the church charity operations can be maintained in the short term whilst decisions are made about how to plan finances for the medium to long term.

During the year to 31 March 2025, incoming resources exceeded expenditure by £18,114. The church charity also had cash reserves in the Kingdom Bank savings account of £63,399. This was an increase on the previous year as we begin to rebuild our reserves so that they get back to an adequate level which then helps to mitigate any unnecessary exposure to risk as the church membership and operations grows.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees.

Silas Brown
Trustee Treasurer
27th January 2026

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New Life Church Winchester

Report and Accounts

31 March 2025

New Life Church Winchester

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Principal activities

The Charity's principal activity during the year continued to be the running of a christian church in the area of Stanmore Winchester . Please see the website of New Life Church Winchester at www.newlifechurchwinchester.org

Trustees

The following persons served as trustees at the date of this report

Terry Chainey
Benjamin Chainey
Silas Brown
Pamela Maton
Gemma Reeves
Sanjaykumar Sanil
Helena Angell (appointed 24 September 2025)

Small Charity provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Charity Acts relating to small entities.

This report was approved by the board on 27 January 2026 and signed on its behalf.

Silas Brown
Trustee/Treasurer

New Life Church Winchester

Independent Examiners' report to the trustees of New Life Church Winchester

You consider that the charity is exempt from an audit for the year ended 31 March 2025. You have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, your responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Acts with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These responsibilities include preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the end of the financial year and of its income and expenditure for the financial year.

In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the accounts which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes from the accounting records of the charity and on the basis of information and explanations you have given to us.

I have not carried out an audit or any other review, and consequently we do not express any opinion on these accounts.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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.:

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.

Ken Stratton FMAAT
Independent Examiner
27-Jan-26

**New Life Church Winchester
Income and Expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Income		192,012	168,476
Charitable activities		(26,211)	(25,443)
		<hr/> 165,801	<hr/> 143,033
Resources costs		(947)	(855)
Additional charitable activities and governance		(147,427)	(136,286)
Other operating income		-	3,250
Excess income	2	<hr/> 17,427	<hr/> 9,142
Interest receivable		687	529
Excess income over expenditure		<hr/> 18,114	<hr/> 9,671
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		-	-
Excess income over expenditure		<hr/> <u>18,114</u>	<hr/> <u>9,671</u>

**New Life Church Winchester
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	1,249,488	1,248,880
Current assets			
Debtors	4	8,319	9,685
Kingdom Bank		63,399	55,000
Barclays account		15,804	7,636
Cash in hand		33	20
		<u>87,555</u>	<u>72,341</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(6,890)	(9,182)
Net current assets		<u>80,665</u>	<u>63,159</u>
Net assets		<u>1,330,153</u>	<u>1,312,039</u>
Reserves			
Property Reserve	6	1,150,000	1,150,000
Unrestricted funds	7	180,153	162,039
		<u>1,330,153</u>	<u>1,312,039</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Charities Acts applicable to small companies entities.

S Brown
Trustee

Approved by the board on 27 January 2026

New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Income

Income represents the value of contributions to the charity from members of the church and others.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Equipment up to 33.33% reducing balance

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Operating income	2025	2024
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	8,071	6,938
Pension costs	1,492	1,376
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New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	1,217,786	79,570	1,297,356
Additions	-	8,679	8,679
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>88,249</u>	<u>1,306,035</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	-	48,476	48,476
Charge for the year	-	8,071	8,071
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>56,547</u>	<u>56,547</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>31,702</u>	<u>1,249,488</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>31,094</u>	<u>1,248,880</u>

Freehold land and buildings:	2025	2024
	£	£
Historical cost	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>
Cumulative depreciation based on historical cost	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Accounts receivable	5,065	6,329
Gift aid tax refund	<u>3,254</u>	<u>3,356</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages	-	(100)
Other taxes and social security costs	4,864	4,351
Other creditors and restricted funds	<u>2,026</u>	<u>4,931</u>
	<u>6,890</u>	<u>9,182</u>

6 Property reserve	2025	2024
	£	£
Original cost of freehold properties	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>

New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

7 Unrestricted reserves	2025
	£
At 1 April 2024	162,039
Excess expenditure for the year	18,114
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At 31 March 2025	<u>180,153</u>

8 Restricted funds

Within the other creditors in note 5 are restricted funds of £567 (2024 - £594) . During the year specific gifts plus the related gift aid were received totaling £6,281 (2024 - £3,859) and apart from the £567 left in restricted funds the resources were spent on the the activity designated.

9 Trustees remuneration

The Trustees do not receive an income for the contribution they make to the Charity in their capacity as a Trustee. Salaries have been paid to Trustees for their other roles as follows:-
Sanjaykumar Sanil £38,198 - Silas Brown £24,000

10 Employees

No employee of the charity received remuneration of over £60,000.

**New Life Church Winchester
Income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
Charitable income	192,012	168,476
Charitable activities direct costs	(26,211)	(25,443)
	<hr/> 165,801	<hr/> 143,033
Resources	(947)	(855)
Charitable activities and governance costs	(147,427)	(136,286)
Other operating income	-	3,250
Excess income	<hr/> 17,427	<hr/> 9,142
Interest receivable	687	529
Excess income	<hr/> <u>18,114</u>	<hr/> <u>9,671</u>

New Life Church Winchester
Detailed income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Church Events	668	144
Gift Aid	20,315	21,497
Gifts and specific income	165	3,786
Student Events	32	75
Rental income	22,165	22,220
Venue Hire	52,098	41,130
Tithes	88,941	77,316
Compassion fund	311	(138)
Ladies Events	1,083	1,004
Grants/Furlough Scheme	1,000	-
NLC Sound/Media Project	4,341	-
Church Defibrillator	-	1,211
Mens Events	333	31
Love Offering	370	283
Alpha Course	80	-
Kids & Youth Events	100	-
OCC Shoebox Appeal Donation	10	-
Morocco Earthquake/Libya Floods Appeal	-	(83)
	<u>192,012</u>	<u>168,476</u>
Charitable activities		
Booking expenses	5,071	4,528
Church events costs	3,703	2,067
Compassion Fund Expense	952	1,097
Keble Street Maintenance	4,773	5,449
Ladies ministry	1,174	1,247
Men's ministry	418	210
Mission Support	1,055	1,821
Outreach	2,069	508
Student ministry	67	327
Sunday expenses	-	322
Worship team	934	3,277
Youth ministry	964	369
Assemblies of God	5,031	4,221
	<u>26,211</u>	<u>25,443</u>
Resources		
CCLi	947	710
CCPAS	-	145
	<u>947</u>	<u>855</u>

New Life Church Winchester
Detailed income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Additional charitable activities and governance costs		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	90,425	81,627
Pensions	1,492	1,376
Employer's NI	2,286	1,244
Staff training and welfare	4,541	1,475
Travel and subsistence	273	5,326
Motor expenses	1,346	475
Entertaining	2,048	1,537
	<u>102,411</u>	<u>93,060</u>
Premises costs:		
Rates	3,077	5,732
Facilities expense	524	86
Light and heat	4,726	6,668
Cleaning	5,008	3,584
	<u>13,335</u>	<u>16,070</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	1,568	1,465
IT and media	2,422	1,168
T V License	170	159
Visiting speaker	1,590	2,600
Postage	26	49
Stationery and printing	1,201	1,993
Subscriptions	209	142
Bank charges	118	103
Insurance	3,769	3,696
Equipment expensed	2,839	66
Software	-	75
Repairs and maintenance	5,953	5,754
Garden maintenance	727	622
Depreciation	8,071	6,938
Sundry expenses	1,353	-
	<u>30,016</u>	<u>24,830</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Bookkeeping	1,651	1,441
Legal fees	14	840
Advertising and PR	-	45
	<u>1,665</u>	<u>2,326</u>
	<u>147,427</u>	<u>136,286</u>
Other operating income		
Other operating income	<u>-</u>	<u>3,250</u>

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New Life Church Winchester

Report and Accounts

31 March 2025

New Life Church Winchester**Registered number: 1050438****Trustees' Report**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Principal activities

The Charity's principal activity during the year continued to be the running of a christian church in the area of Stanmore Winchester . Please see the website of New Life Church Winchester at www.newlifechurchwinchester.org

Trustees

The following persons served as trustees at the date of this report

Terry Chainey
Benjamin Chainey
Silas Brown
Pamela Maton
Gemma Reeves
Sanjaykumar Sanil
Helena Angell (appointed 24 September 2025)

Small Charity provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Charity Acts relating to small entities.

This report was approved by the board on 27 January 2026 and signed on its behalf.

Silas Brown
Trustee/Treasurer

New Life Church Winchester

Independent Examiners' report to the trustees of New Life Church Winchester

You consider that the charity is exempt from an audit for the year ended 31 March 2025. You have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, your responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Acts with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These responsibilities include preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the end of the financial year and of its income and expenditure for the financial year.

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Ken Stratton FMAAT
Independent Examiner
27-Jan-26

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Income and Expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Income		192,012	168,476
Charitable activities		(26,211)	(25,443)
		<hr/> 165,801	<hr/> 143,033
Resources costs		(947)	(855)
Additional charitable activities and governance		(147,427)	(136,286)
Other operating income		-	3,250
Excess income	2	<hr/> 17,427	<hr/> 9,142
Interest receivable		687	529
Excess income over expenditure		<hr/> 18,114	<hr/> 9,671
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		-	-
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**New Life Church Winchester
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	1,249,488	1,248,880
Current assets			
Debtors	4	8,319	9,685
Kingdom Bank		63,399	55,000
Barclays account		15,804	7,636
Cash in hand		33	20
		<u>87,555</u>	<u>72,341</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(6,890)	(9,182)
Net current assets		<u>80,665</u>	<u>63,159</u>
Net assets		<u>1,330,153</u>	<u>1,312,039</u>
Reserves			
Property Reserve	6	1,150,000	1,150,000
Unrestricted funds	7	180,153	162,039
		<u>1,330,153</u>	<u>1,312,039</u>

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S Brown
Trustee
Approved by the board on 27 January 2026

New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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Income

Income represents the value of contributions to the charity from members of the church and others.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Equipment up to 33.33% reducing balance

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Operating income

	2025	2024
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	8,071	6,938
Pension costs	1,492	1,376

New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	1,217,786	79,570	1,297,356
Additions	-	8,679	8,679
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>88,249</u>	<u>1,306,035</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	-	48,476	48,476
Charge for the year	-	8,071	8,071
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>56,547</u>	<u>56,547</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>31,702</u>	<u>1,249,488</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>31,094</u>	<u>1,248,880</u>

Freehold land and buildings:	2025	2024
	£	£
Historical cost	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>
Cumulative depreciation based on historical cost	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Accounts receivable	5,065	6,329
Gift aid tax refund	<u>3,254</u>	<u>3,356</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages	-	(100)
Other taxes and social security costs	4,864	4,351
Other creditors and restricted funds	<u>2,026</u>	<u>4,931</u>
	<u>6,890</u>	<u>9,182</u>

6 Property reserve	2025	2024
	£	£
Original cost of freehold properties	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>

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for the year ended 31 March 2025

7 Unrestricted reserves	2025
	£
At 1 April 2024	162,039
Excess expenditure for the year	18,114
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At 31 March 2025	<u>180,153</u>

8 Restricted funds

Within the other creditors in note 5 are restricted funds of £567 (2024 - £594) . During the year specific gifts plus the related gift aid were received totaling £6,281 (2024 - £3,859) and apart from the £567 left in restricted funds the resources were spent on the the activity designated.

9 Trustees remuneration

The Trustees do not receive an income for the contribution they make to the Charity in their capacity as a Trustee. Salaries have been paid to Trustees for their other roles as follows:-
Sanjaykumar Sanil £38,198 - Silas Brown £24,000

10 Employees

No employee of the charity received remuneration of over £60,000.

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Detailed income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Church Events	668	144
Gift Aid	20,315	21,497
Gifts and specific income	165	3,786
Student Events	32	75
Rental income	22,165	22,220
Venue Hire	52,098	41,130
Tithes	88,941	77,316
Compassion fund	311	(138)
Ladies Events	1,083	1,004
Grants/Furlough Scheme	1,000	-
NLC Sound/Media Project	4,341	-
Church Defibrillator	-	1,211
Mens Events	333	31
Love Offering	370	283
Alpha Course	80	-
Kids & Youth Events	100	-
OCC Shoebox Appeal Donation	10	-
Morocco Earthquake/Libya Floods Appeal	-	(83)
	<u>192,012</u>	<u>168,476</u>
Charitable activities		
Booking expenses	5,071	4,528
Church events costs	3,703	2,067
Compassion Fund Expense	952	1,097
Keble Street Maintenance	4,773	5,449
Ladies ministry	1,174	1,247
Men's ministry	418	210
Mission Support	1,055	1,821
Outreach	2,069	508
Student ministry	67	327
Sunday expenses	-	322
Worship team	934	3,277
Youth ministry	964	369
Assemblies of God	5,031	4,221
	<u>26,211</u>	<u>25,443</u>
Resources		
CCLi	947	710
CCPAS	-	145
	<u>947</u>	<u>855</u>

New Life Church Winchester
Detailed income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Additional charitable activities and governance costs		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	90,425	81,627
Pensions	1,492	1,376
Employer's NI	2,286	1,244
Staff training and welfare	4,541	1,475
Travel and subsistence	273	5,326
Motor expenses	1,346	475
Entertaining	2,048	1,537
	<u>102,411</u>	<u>93,060</u>
Premises costs:		
Rates	3,077	5,732
Facilities expense	524	86
Light and heat	4,726	6,668
Cleaning	5,008	3,584
	<u>13,335</u>	<u>16,070</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	1,568	1,465
IT and media	2,422	1,168
T V License	170	159
Visiting speaker	1,590	2,600
Postage	26	49
Stationery and printing	1,201	1,993
Subscriptions	209	142
Bank charges	118	103
Insurance	3,769	3,696
Equipment expensed	2,839	66
Software	-	75
Repairs and maintenance	5,953	5,754
Garden maintenance	727	622
Depreciation	8,071	6,938
Sundry expenses	1,353	-
	<u>30,016</u>	<u>24,830</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Bookkeeping	1,651	1,441
Legal fees	14	840
Advertising and PR	-	45
	<u>1,665</u>	<u>2,326</u>
	<u>147,427</u>	<u>136,286</u>
Other operating income		
Other operating income	<u>-</u>	<u>3,250</u>

NEW LIFE CHURCH WINCHESTER

England & Wales - Charity number 1050438

Accounts

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Report and Accounts

31 March 2024

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Trustees' Report

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Principal Activities:

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Small Charity Provisions:

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Address and Contact Details:

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Telephone: 01962 843714. Website: www.newlifechurchwinchester.org.

Independent Examiner:

Ken Stratton FMAAT of Kimball Smith Limited, Brewery House, High Street, Twyford, Winchester, SO21 1RG

Bankers:

Barclays Bank, 50 Jewry St, Winchester, SO23 8RG

Kingdom Bank, Ruddington Fields Business Park, Mere Way, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6JS

Solicitors:

Warner & Richardson LLP, 29 Jewry St., Winchester, SO23 8RR

Geldards LLP, 4 Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ

Leadership (Eldership) Team

The following persons served on the leadership team for the year ended 31 March 2024.

- Rev. Sanjay & Mary Sanil (Lead Pastors)
- Andrew & Claire Finn
- Silas Brown
- Rev. Paul & Janice Finn
- Terence & Judith Chainey

Trustees

The following persons served as trustees in the following roles for the year ended 31 March 2024.

- Benjamin Chainey
- Terence Chainey
- Pamela Maton
- Gemma Reeves
- Brian Truebody (Resigned on 18 March 2024)
- Silas Brown (Treasurer)
- Rev. Sanjaykumar Sanil (Chair of Trustees)

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is constituted as a trust and is governed by constitution, adopted on the 21st December 2008. Trustees are typically selected by appointment by Pastor with acceptance of existing trustees. Where there is no incumbent Pastor, existing trustees of Church Council will appoint new trustees by vote with a two thirds majority acceptance.

Following provisional selection and appointment, trustees are given a 'Trustees' declaration pack' that contains forms that are mandatory to be completed:

- Trustee information form
- Fit and proper persons' declaration form

In addition to this, trustees must also complete a Disclosure and Barring Service Check and additional ID checks conducted by the church's independent financial examiner to ensure charity compliance with anti-money laundering regulations. Individuals are notified that their selection and appointment is subject to the satisfactory completion of all these checks.

Trustees are then offered different training induction opportunities with organisations such as but not limited to the Charity Commission, Stewardship, or as such organisations recommended and advertised by our church denomination movement. Trustees are also directed to charity commission guide information documents.

New Life Church Winchester has an organisational structure of a Church Council that consists of:

- Spiritual Leadership – This is made up of the Lead Pastor and Elders whom have responsibility and authority for the overall direction, day-to-day running, and spiritual life of the church.
- Management Trustees – Individuals whom have the overall responsibility for the management and administration of the church assets and resources including properties and funds, having due regard to the spiritual direction of the church and complying with the policy requirements of the constitution and law.

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the church trustees met 6 times and held an AGM on the 03 September 2023.

Outside of the church council, there are staff and ministry leaders appointed by the church council to lead various activities to further the objects and activities of the church charity.

New Life Church Winchester is a part of Assemblies of God Great Britain (AoG GB). This is a Pentecostal fellowship movement of locally autonomous churches who are relationally connected but operate as independent charities, each one governed under their own governing document. Today at the time of this report there are over 600 churches that operate throughout Great Britain. For more information on AoG GB, please visit www.aoggb.com.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of beliefs,
- To relieve sickness, distress or financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods and services of any kind, including the provision of counselling and support; and
- To advance education.

These objectives are achieved and provide a benefit to the public by:

- Providing regular in-person and online resources and facilities for prayer and public worship for people of all ages.
- Providing pastoral care and support, as well as spiritual and moral counsel through church leaders and in meetings for church members and the community.
- Promoting, teaching, and sharing Christian values, and service by members of the church the community, to the benefit of individuals and the wider society.

New Life Church Winchester is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "*The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit*". We have made regard to it in the administration and daily operation of the church charity, particularly when deciding which activities would be the most appropriate to undertake to serve the church and the wider community.

Review of Activities and Achievements

It is the held belief of the church and its leadership that its key responsibility is to encourage work together to fulfil the vision of New Life Church Winchester is to 'encounter God's presence, equip the saints, and evangelise the lost'.

To that end, the charity's primary activity during the year continues to be the running of a Christian church in the area of Stanmore Winchester.

Church meetings

We run one main Sunday morning service with attendances now varying from 80 – 100+ adults as well as other periodic meetings. Church membership have increased with the number of people who have decided to make New Life Church their spiritual home increasing close to the 100 mark.

Some of the highlights of the year were from the Alpha Course. This is where we create space for people of the community and church to explore life's biggest questions and the Christian faith over a meal. One of the great things we found in feedback from those who attended is to see new friendships form as well as learning foundational perspectives on the Faith. Several people who attended this year's Alpha Course decided to take the next step of becoming Christians and being water baptised.

Baptisms

The baptismal service held in September 2023 was something this church will never forget as 4 people originally made the decision to go ahead with baptism. However, during the service after the gospel was preached and another four people responded and decided to come to faith and be baptised there and then. So 8 were baptised in total. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to work in the lives of all who were baptised and perfect all that concerns them (Psalm 138:8).

Christmas 2023

Last Christmas saw us partner with Samaritan's Purse for the first time for the Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal, which is where churches and other groups of people donate gift items in a shoe box that can be passed on to children and young people who live in less than fortunate areas. Our church and the community of Stanmore were able to send 92 shoe boxes to children living in the Balkans.

This festive season also saw the relaunch of the Ladies Christmas party. This is where the men of the church cooked and served a traditional three course Christmas meal for the ladies to say thank you for all that they do in their local family and church community. We also had a live musical band all of which was well received. Well done to all those involved.

The church family

Finally, we would like to honour and express sincere thanks to church members and community for their generosity in their giving of their time, and their financial giving to various projects and causes. We are particularly grateful for church members who this year gave towards a new community defibrillator for our facility. We will imminently train people to know how to use this in the event of an emergency.

Away Day

Our annual away day to the beach always blesses our church community. This year we had Steve Lee come and share with us on the importance on loving the community around us. We also had a great time of BBQ food and active games.

Children and Youth

This year we have seen these ministry areas grow which is very encouraging. We have seen our children and youths take more of an active role in some of our church services, most notably in drama plays at our Christmas and Easter church services. We have made opportunity for our youths to connect with other church youth groups through the Wildfire Youth Project. We hope to do more of this with Wildfire and AoG GB in the future. It is one of our great desires that children and youth to grow in their faith and gifting.

Looking ahead

Going forward the focus for our church is to be reaching out to the community and sharing the love and the truth of the gospel through words and any other practical means (see Matthew 5: 14-16; Isaiah 60: 1-3). Also, as a church we would like to see the next generation of younger leaders to rise up and be equip and mobilised to serve in the kingdom of God, utilising their God given talents and abilities. Finally, we would like to see more life groups starting to accommodate the growing church family.

Financial Review

Personnel

At the conclusion of 31 March 2024, the church employed two full-time members of staff and two part-time members of staff.

Finance

We give thanks that charitable income this year grew to £168,476 from £164,353 in the previous year. Giving from tithes and offering increased by 4%, whilst monies received from rental income from our other church properties increased nearly 36% as a result of a financial review in that area. Income from the venue hire of rooms in the church building increased 10% as more local public bodies in health and education wanted to use our venue facilities when not in use for church activities. This has a positive financial benefit and a partnership benefit to the church as we look to work alongside and network with other organisations in the local community.

Expenditure costs decreased slightly to £159,334 from £159,833 in the previous year. Reductions in premises costs and repairs and maintenance costs were contributing factors, which helped to offset higher salary costs and other increases to operating costs as a result of external factors but also because of a growing church.

Taking all of the above factors into consideration, we are pleased to report that the church was able to stay within its means with an excess income of over expenditure totaling £9,671.

Reserves Policy

The trustees continue to consider and review the finances of the church, including its reserves. The trustees aim to take a prudent and long-term view to making decisions whilst balancing our belief in God's provision for the church.

To this end, it is a policy requirement of the church that in any one financial year to have maintained and set aside funds that have not been restricted or designated for a specific use elsewhere equivalent to a minimum of four months' expenditure. This is so that in the event of any unforeseen financial income shortfall or unexpected but necessary capital expenditure, the church charity operations can be maintained in the short term whilst decisions are made about how to plan finances for the medium to long term.

During the year to 31 March 2024 incoming resources exceeded expenditure by £9,671. The church charity also had cash reserves in the Kingdom Bank savings account of £55,000. This was as an increase on the previous year as we begin to rebuild our reserves so that they get back to an adequate level which then helps to mitigate any unnecessary exposure to risk as the church membership and operations grows.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees.

Silas Brown
Trustee Treasurer
31 January 2025

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Excess income over expenditure		<hr/> 9,671	<hr/> 5,532
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Cash in hand		20	-
		<u>72,341</u>	<u>57,063</u>
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S Brown
Trustee

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Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	-	41,537	41,537
Charge for the year	-	6,939	6,939
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>48,476</u>	<u>48,476</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>31,094</u>	<u>1,248,880</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>32,916</u>	<u>1,250,702</u>

Freehold land and buildings:	2024 £	2023 £
Historical cost	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>
Cumulative depreciation based on historical cost	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accounts receivable	6,329	6,518
Gift aid tax refund	<u>3,356</u>	<u>1,281</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages	(100)	1,609
Other taxes and social security costs	4,351	1,624
Other creditors and restricted funds	4,931	2,164
	<u>9,182</u>	<u>5,397</u>

6 Property reserve

	2024 £	2023 £
Original cost of freehold properties	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>

New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024

7 Unrestricted reserves	2024
	£
At 1 April 2023	152,368
Excess expenditure for the year	9,671
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At 31 March 2024	<u>162,039</u>

8 Restricted funds

Within the other creditors in note 5 are restricted funds of £594 . During the year specific gifts plus the related gift aid were received totaling £3,859 and apart from the £594 left in restricted funds the resources were spent on the the activity designated.

9 Trustees remuneration

The Trustees do not receive an income for the contribution they make to the Charity in their capacity as a Trustee. Salaries have been paid to Trustees for their other roles as follows:-
 Sanjaykumar Sanil £34,328 - Silas Brown £24,000

10 Employees

No employee of the charity received remuneration of over £60,000.

**New Life Church Winchester
Income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
Charitable income	168,476	164,353
Charitable activities direct costs	(25,443)	(20,499)
	<hr/> 143,033	<hr/> 143,854
Resources	(855)	(597)
Charitable activities and governance costs	(136,286)	(138,807)
Other operating income	3,250	70
Excess income	<hr/> 9,142	<hr/> 4,520
Interest receivable	529	1,012
Excess income	<hr/> 9,671	<hr/> 5,532

New Life Church Winchester
Detailed income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Church Events	144	90
Gift Aid	21,497	14,000
Gifts and specific income	3,786	1,419
Student Events	75	-
Rental income	22,220	16,364
Venue Hire	41,130	37,467
Tithes	77,316	74,274
Compassion fund	(138)	24
Ladies Events	1,004	12
Ukraine	-	2,010
Turkey/Syria Earthquake	-	1,193
NLC Sound/Media Project	-	17,274
Church Defibrillator	1,211	-
Mens Events	31	226
Love Offering	283	-
Morocco Earthquake/Libya Floods Appeal	(83)	-
	<u>168,476</u>	<u>164,353</u>
Charitable activities		
Booking expenses	4,528	2,625
Church events costs	2,067	2,485
Compassion Fund Expense	1,097	1,419
Junior church	-	50
Keble Street Maintenance	5,449	700
Ladies lounge	-	(117)
Ladies ministry	1,247	51
Men's ministry	210	589
Mission Support	1,821	5,311
Outreach	508	324
Student ministry	327	103
Sunday expenses	322	-
Worship team	3,277	3,765
Youth ministry	369	140
Assemblies of God	4,221	3,054
	<u>25,443</u>	<u>20,499</u>
Resources		
CCLi	710	597
CCPAS	145	-
	<u>855</u>	<u>597</u>

New Life Church Winchester
Detailed income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Additional charitable activities and governance costs		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	81,627	79,934
Pensions	1,376	1,337
Employer's NI	1,244	1,174
Staff training and welfare	1,475	822
Travel and subsistence	5,326	4,722
Motor expenses	475	-
Entertaining	1,537	891
	<u>93,060</u>	<u>88,880</u>
Premises costs:		
Rent	-	240
Rates	5,732	7,982
Facilities expense	86	-
Light and heat	6,668	5,885
Cleaning	3,584	3,803
	<u>16,070</u>	<u>17,910</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	1,465	1,573
IT and media	1,168	-
T V License	159	-
Visiting speaker	2,600	1,620
Postage	49	2
Stationery and printing	1,993	1,371
Subscriptions	142	553
Bank charges	103	81
Insurance	3,696	3,236
Equipment expensed	66	-
Software	75	1,481
Repairs and maintenance	5,754	7,643
Garden maintenance	622	-
Depreciation	6,938	4,068
Sundry expenses	-	313
	<u>24,830</u>	<u>21,941</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Bookkeeping	1,441	-
Accountancy fees	-	1,839
Legal fees	840	-
Consultants fees	-	7,200
Advertising and PR	45	48
Other legal and professional	-	989
	<u>2,326</u>	<u>10,076</u>
	<u>136,286</u>	<u>138,807</u>
Other operating income		
Other operating income	<u>3,250</u>	<u>70</u>

NEW LIFE CHURCH WINCHESTER

England & Wales - Charity number 1050438

Accounts

Registered number
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New Life Church Winchester

Report and Accounts

31 March 2023

New Life Church Winchester
Registered Number: 1050438
Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Small Charity Provisions:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Charity Acts relating to small entities.

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Solicitors:

Warner & Richardson LLP, 29 Jewry St., Winchester, SO23 8RR

Geldards LLP, 4 Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ

Leadership (Eldership) Team

The following persons served on the leadership team for the year ended March 2023.

- Rev. Sanjay & Mary Sanil (Lead Pastors)
- Andrew & Claire Finn
- Silas Brown
- Rev. Paul & Janice Finn
- Terence & Judith Chainey

Trustees

The following persons served as trustees in the following roles for the year ended March 2023.

- Benjamin Chainey
- Terence Chainey
- Pamela Maton
- Gemma Reeves
- Brian Truebody
- Silas Brown (Treasurer)
- Rev. Sanjaykumar Sanil (Chair of Trustees. Appointed on 08 June 2022)

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is constituted as a trust and is governed by constitution, adopted on the 21st December 2008. Trustees are typically selected by appointment by Pastor with acceptance of existing trustees. Where there is no incumbent Pastor, existing trustees of Church Council will appoint new trustees by vote with a two thirds majority acceptance.

Following provisional selection and appointment, trustees are given a 'Trustees' declaration pack' that contains forms that are mandatory to be completed:

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Trustees are then offered different training induction opportunities with organisations such as but not limited to the Charity Commission, Stewardship, or as such organisations recommended and advertised by our church denomination. Trustees are also directed to charity commission guide information documents.

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- Management Trustees – Individuals whom have the overall responsibility for the management and administration of the church assets and resources including properties and funds, having due regard to the spiritual direction of the church and complying with the policy requirements of the constitution and law.

For the year ended 31 March 2023 the church council of elders and trustees met 4 times.

Outside of the church council, there are staff and ministry leaders appointed by the church council to lead various activities to further the objects and activities of the church charity.

New Life Church Winchester is a part of Assemblies of God Great Britain (AoG GB). This is a Pentecostal fellowship movement of locally autonomous churches who are relationally connected but operate as independent charities, each one governed under their own governing document. Today there are over 500 churches that operate in over 600 locations in the UK. For more information on AoG GB, please visit www.aoggb.com.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of beliefs,
- To relieve sickness, distress or financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods and services of any kind, including the provision of counselling and support; and
- To advance education.

These objectives are achieved and provide a benefit to the public by:

- Providing regular in-person and online resources and facilities for prayer and public worship for people of all ages.
- Providing pastoral care and support, as well as spiritual and moral counsel through church leaders and in meetings for church members and the community.
- Promoting, teaching, and sharing Christian values, and service by members of the church the community, to the benefit of individuals and the wider society.

New Life Church Winchester is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "*The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit*". We have made regard to it in the administration and daily operation of the church charity, particularly when deciding which activities would be the most appropriate to undertake to serve the church and the wider community.

Review of Activities and Achievements

It is the held belief of the church and its leadership that its key responsibility is to encourage work together to fulfil the vision of New Life Church Winchester is to 'encounter God's presence, equip the saints, and evangelise the lost'.

To that end, the charity's primary activity during the year continues to be the running of a Christian church in the area of Stanmore Winchester.

Church meetings

We run one main Sunday morning service with attendances varying from 70 – 100+ people as well as other periodic meetings. Church membership have increased with the number of people who have decided to make New Life Church their spiritual home increasing to 80 people. Particular meeting highlights included our first ever International Day celebration service where we celebrated multinational diversity of our church community. Over 17 nationalities were represented and people had the opportunity to represent their nation of heritage through the wearing of traditional clothing, reading the Bible to the congregation in their native language, as well as through bringing a traditional food dish which could be shared over a big church family lunch.

The church was also able to host its first in-person Alpha Course for over 7 years. This was available to church members and the community and we had an over 20 people attending looking at the basics of the Christian faith. This culminated in another highlight which was the church hosting its first ever away day. This was an opportunity for our church community to leave our usual surroundings of Winchester and head to the beach in Netley, Southampton. This was hugely popular as we enjoyed a time of worship and encounter themes around the Holy Spirit, as well as enjoying an afternoon BBQ, beach walks, and good spirited yet highly competitive games of cricket.

Community

Our church is always looking for the appropriate partner organisations to work with to support the community and for the advancement of the Christian values. This year we partnered with Fareshare Southern Central to launch and host the Mobile Community Food Larder Project from our church car park and building front. Fresh quality food that would be otherwise discarded is sold to members of the community for a nominal membership fee. 10-15 families from the church and wider Stanmore estate and surrounding areas have benefitted from this initiative which has served to be an additional support during the ongoing cost of living crisis.

We give thanks for deepening partnerships with other community partners including Stanmore Primary School. Particular highlights include having the privilege to give a prayer of blessings during their Christmas services, and at their formal opening of their new reception entrance. We have also provided assistance in providing pastoral wellbeing support and care to school staff across the academic year through the Wellbeing Wednesday initiative.

We also aim to be a support to other local churches, particularly those within the Assemblies of God. This year provided us the opportunity to host over 40 church leaders representing the Hampshire and Dorset area for the AoG Zone evening in September 2022. This evening gave leaders the chance to be encouraged and inspired through teaching, fellowship, and hospitality.

Children, Youth, & Families

At New Life Church, we value highly children, youth and families. Last year we were able to restart the children's ministry following COVID. This year we are glad to say that we were able to relaunch the youth ministry during our Sunday service for our young people. During this time, we ran a Youth Alpha Course for our young people which allowed them (like the adults) to explore the basics of Christianity and ask questions in an age-relevant way. This simple format and accessible questions helped to provoke discussion amongst our young people. Over 16 young people attended the course.

We also celebrate the rise in the amount of baptismal and baby dedication services that involved young people; with 2 young people deciding to get baptised. In addition to this, we hosted two baby dedications which are important milestones in our Christian faith.

The church family

Finally we would like to honour and express sincere thanks to church members and community for their generosity in their giving of their time, and their financial giving to various projects and causes. Some of these included the garden project where people donated plants and their gardening expertise to make a decorative floral display for the community in summer months, and to keep our church site tidy.

Also, the church ran a number of special offerings and fundraisers to support international emergency appeals by AoG GB and other churches to support people in Ukraine affected by the ongoing war, as well as those affected by the natural disasters in Turkey or Syria.

In addition to this church members gave to the fundraising project to upgrade our church sound / media equipment. This will help the church to provide resources to people online thus increasing our presence and will in the long-run help to improve the accessibility of our church to a wider range of people.

Financial Review

Personnel

At the conclusion of 31st March 2023, the church employed two full-time members of staff and two part-time members of staff.

Finance

We give thanks that charitable income grew significantly to £164,353 from £103,060. Income from tithing doubled, whilst rental hire increased, as well as venue hire income to organisations in the public and tertiary sector increased. This has had both a financial benefit and a partnership benefit to the church as we look to work alongside and network with other organisations in the local community. Expenditure costs increased to £159,833 from £120,320, however the significant increases in income helped to ensure that the church stayed within its means with excess income over expenditure totalling £5,532. Reasons for increase in expenditure include salaries increasing following a completion of a full annual cycle with an expanded staff team, increase in rates and utilities due to the ongoing increased cost of living prices, and necessary remedial repairs that needed to take place to fix drainage and pipe works.

Restricted funds totalled £625 which was a donation given to assist with the legal costs of the church updating its charity governing document to the latest model trust deed constitution as recommended by the Charity Commission and AoG GB.

Included in the income of the charity is £17,274 which are the donations received and designated to fund the new sound and media equipment, the cost of which has been included as an addition to the fixed assets.

Reserves Policy

The trustees continue to consider and review the finances of the church, including its reserves. The trustees aim to take a prudent and long-term view to making decisions whilst balancing our belief in God's provision for the church.

To this end, it is a policy requirement of the church that in any one financial year to have maintained and set aside funds that have not been restricted or designated for a specific use elsewhere equivalent to a minimum of four months expenditure. This is so that in the event of any unforeseen financial income shortfall or unexpected but necessary capital expenditure, the church charity operations can be maintained in the short term whilst decisions are made about how to plan finances for the medium to long term.

During the year to 31 March 2023 incoming resources exceeded expenditure by £5,532. The church charity also had cash reserves in the Kingdom Bank savings account of £46,183. Going forward into the next financial year, the cash reserves will need to be increased to bring them back to an adequate level and mitigate exposure to risk as the church membership and operations grow.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees.

Silas Brown
Trustee Treasurer

30 January 2024

New Life Church Winchester

Independent Examiners' report to the trustees of New Life Church Winchester

You consider that the charity is exempt from an audit for the year ended 31 March 2023. You have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, your responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Acts with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These responsibilities include preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the end of the financial year and of its income and expenditure for the financial year.

In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the accounts which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes from the accounting records of the charity and on the basis of information and explanations you have given to us.

I have not carried out an audit or any other review, and consequently we do not express any opinion on these accounts.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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.:

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.

Ken Stratton FMAAT
Independent Examiner

**New Life Church Winchester
Income and Expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Income		164,353	103,060
Charitable activities		(20,499)	(13,466)
		<hr/> 143,854	<hr/> 89,594
Resources costs		(597)	(700)
Additional charitable activities and governance		(138,737)	(106,154)
Excess income	2	<hr/> 4,520	<hr/> (17,260)
Interest receivable		1,012	-
Excess income over expenditure		<hr/> 5,532	<hr/> (17,260)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities		-	-
Excess income over expenditure		<hr/> <u>5,532</u>	<hr/> <u>(17,260)</u>

**New Life Church Winchester
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	1,250,702	1,227,360
Current assets			
Debtors	4	7,799	15,859
Kingdom Bank		46,183	56,171
Savings		-	229
Tithe Account		-	1,222
Barclays account		3,081	1,638
Cash in hand		-	66
		<u>57,063</u>	<u>75,185</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(5,397)	(5,709)
Net current assets		<u>51,666</u>	<u>69,476</u>
Net assets		<u>1,302,368</u>	<u>1,296,836</u>
Reserves			
Property Reserve	6	1,150,000	1,150,000
Unrestricted funds	7	152,368	146,836
		<u>1,302,368</u>	<u>1,296,836</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Charities Acts applicable to small companies entities.

S Brown
Trustee
Approved by the board on 30 January 2024

**New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the true and fair provisions in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in 2008.

Income

Income represents the value of contributions to the charity from members of the church and others.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Equipment up to 33.33% reducing balance

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Operating income	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	4,068	4,787
Pension costs	<u>1,337</u>	<u>2,534</u>

**New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	1,217,786	47,043	1,264,829
Additions	-	27,410	27,410
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>74,453</u>	<u>1,292,239</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	-	37,469	37,469
Charge for the year	-	4,068	4,068
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>41,537</u>	<u>41,537</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>32,916</u>	<u>1,250,702</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>9,574</u>	<u>1,227,360</u>

Freehold land and buildings:	2023 £	2022 £
Historical cost	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>
Cumulative depreciation based on historical cost	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Accounts receivable	6,518	5,326
Gift aid tax refund	1,281	10,533
	<u>7,799</u>	<u>15,859</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	-	704
Wages	1,609	-
Other taxes and social security costs	1,624	966
Other creditors and restricted funds	2,164	4,039
	<u>5,397</u>	<u>5,709</u>

6 Property reserve

	2023 £	2022 £
Original cost of freehold properties	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>

**New Life Church Winchester
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No employee of the charity received remuneration of over £60,000.

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Accounts

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- Rev. Sanjay & Mary Sanil (Lead Pastors)
- Rev. Paul & Janice Finn (Ministers)
- Terence & Judith Chainey
- Silas Brown

Trustees

The following persons served as trustees in the following roles for the year ended March 2022.

- Gemma Reeves (Appointed 21 July 2021)
- Pamela Maton (Appointed 21 July 2021)
- Brian Truebody (Appointed 21 July 2021)
- Terence Chainey
- Paul Findlay (Treasurer until November 2021)
- Benjamin Chainey
- Silas Brown (Chair. Also assumed Treasurer responsibilities from November 2021 on an interim basis)

Structure, Governance and Management

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Public Benefit

The overall work of the church and the leadership is to fulfil the charitable objects above, whilst having due regard to Charity Commission and government guidance on public benefit. Guidance has been referred to when planning events and ministry activities for the church and wider community.

To that end, the vision of the church is to 'encounter God's presence, equip the saints and evangelise the lost'.

Review of Main Activities

The charity's principal activity during the year continues to be the running of a Christian church in the area of Stanmore Winchester. The church typically provides in-person meetings dedicated for prayer, worship, and bible teaching on the weekend and throughout the week.

Church Reopening

As reported in the media and in our last trustees' annual report, the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic caused our church along with much of society to adapt as our doors shut in line with the lockdown laws of the land. Furthermore, much time and preparation were shifting towards how do we successfully and safely reopen the church? How do we ensure that the momentum from meeting online continues into our in-person meetings again. The starting point of this process was our first ever church outdoor outreach Easter service in April 2021. This gave an opportunity for church folk to invite people they knew from the local community to the service and give a taste as to what in-person church community looks like again. This was a super time of fellowship with dramas, testimony, storytelling for children and more.

However, it would not be until the 25th of July 2021 when the lockdown laws eased to a point where the church building could be reopened for Sunday services to run without restriction. We still had an online element to our Sunday services as those who could not attend in person were able to watch the services online via Zoom. Overall, these initial services over the next few weeks were special and full of emotion as we invited our church community to share what they had learnt in lockdown and things they are thankful for. It was also great to have the positive support of the community who sent their warm wishes that the church had reopened. This culminated in the fact that we were able to host a baptismal service a month later in mid-August 2021. This was particularly poignant as it was our first baptismal service in three years.

New Trustees

In the last year as a church a new overarching vision and strategy was formed following much prayer and big conversations. One of things that was abundantly clear to the church council of elders and trustees is that we needed to add more trustees who are spirit-filled and have the wisdom & expertise to provide support and help the existing trustees carry the load of responsibility as the church looked ahead to a new season following lockdown. In addition to this, there was also a deep awareness that we needed to add new trustees to ensure that there is a diversity in the trustees' that is reflective of the wider church membership. Furthermore, it was pleasing to have new trustees appointed in Gemma Reeves, Brian Truebody, and Pamela Maton.

New Lead Ministers

One matter that the newly expanded trustees' team had to prayerfully consider immediately was a new candidacy for the fulltime post of Lead Pastor. This candidacy came from Sanjay and Mary Sanil who had joined the church during lockdown for interactive fellowship at the beginning of 2021 and felt the burden and call of the Lord to apply for the vacant position. It must be said that at that time, it was not necessarily the focus of the church council to apply, but instead on how to support the wider church family as we transition back to in-person church services under the leadership of Interregnum Ministers, Paul and Janice Finn.

However, the Church Council deemed it right to give it the attention and time to jointly go on an explorative journey of much prayer, conversations, and interview with Sanjay and Mary over several months during the spring/summer of 2021 to determine what the Lord's will was in this. During this time, it became abundantly clear to the whole Council that the Lord was in this, and it was indeed right for Sanjay and Mary to take on the leadership of the church for a new season.

Thus, in October 2021 Sanjay and Mary Sanil took up position as Lead Ministers of the church with Sanjay employed as fulltime Lead Pastor.

All praise and honour must go to the Lord for sending us new ministers at a time such as this who had a burden to lead, pastorally care for, and work with this church community. We would like to take time to thank all who were involved for the attention, time, and care that was given to this process. We would also like to sincerely thank Paul and Janice Finn for their love, support and faithfulness in serving the church as Interregnum Ministers during a critical 18 months. It is very much appreciated.

New Church Name

Over the past 12 months or so, discussions have taken place regarding changing the church name for a new season. These conversations intensified during the autumn of 2021 following Sanjay and Mary's Sanil appointment as ministers. The reasoning behind the change was to change to a name that is simple and appealing to both believers and unbelievers alike and encapsulates the positive changes the church has undergone in recent times. Subsequently, the name of the church changed on 23rd November 2021. The reaction from the church membership has been positive which is encouraging.

Following the legal name change, considerable work has gone into updating the church name and contact information with various stakeholders including regulatory bodies for things such as but not limited to road signs, banking, safeguarding, utilities, pensions, Christian group affiliations, local and central government. This process is envisaged to be an ongoing process over the next 12-24 months.

New People and Ministries Restarting For A New Season

Since the reopening of the church, and the formal induction of our new Lead Pastor and subsequent name change, the church has experienced increased footfall and visitors to Sunday services. This has translated into a growing and diversifying church membership with membership at around 60 people. We give God thanks for the growth in our membership and for the time and financial generosity of both our members and visitors in their giving.

As such, the leadership team has rolled out the church's first-ever membership programme for everyone within our church community. The thinking behind this is to firstly help everybody within the membership to get to know each other better. A second reason is to help members understand the direction and values of the church, and to provide space for them to ask any questions that they may have. We have run two sessions of the programme and the results have been positive.

It has also been pleasing to see some key ministries of the church start up again. Some of these include our Children's church, men's ministry events students and young adult's ministry and in-person life groups and prayer meetings. It is encouraging to see the church and local community engaging with these ministries and feeding back how these groups are positively impacting their lives following the lockdown.

As we rebuild into the future with the Lord guiding our community, we hope to see these ministries grow and for new ones to emerge. We also desire to encourage and help more people within the membership to take up active involvement in the life of the church.

Church Resource and Finances

Personnel

At the conclusion of 31st March 2022, the church employed two full-time members of staff and two part-time members of staff.

Finance

We give thanks that income grew significantly as the church reopened from lockdown. Venue hire income and giving increased significantly. Subsequently, charitable income increased from £64,130 to £103,060. Expenditure costs increased as more church operations from our main premises restarted in-person. This has resulted in excess expenditure over income reducing from -£25,682 to -£17,260. The church continues work towards reducing this excess expenditure and operating within its means.

Reserves Policy

The trustees continue to consider and review the finances of the church, including its reserves. The trustees aim to take a prudent and long-term view to making decisions whilst balancing our belief in God's provision for the church. To this end, it is a policy requirement of the church that in any one financial year to have a minimum of four months expenditure to be set aside in the event of any unforeseen financial income shortfall or unexpected but necessary capital expenditure. During the year to 31 March 2022 expenditure exceeded income by £17,260. This was covered by the unrestricted funds which stood at £146,836.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees.

Silas Brown
Trustee

31 January 2022

Registered number
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New Life Church Winchester

Report and Accounts

31 March 2022

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Sanjaykumar Sanil

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This report was approved by the board on 31 January 2023 and signed on its behalf.

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New Life Church Winchester

Independent Examiners' report to the trustees of New Life Church Winchester

You consider that the charity is exempt from an audit for the year ended 31 March 2022. You have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, your responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Acts with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These responsibilities include preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the end of the financial year and of its income and expenditure for the financial year.

In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the accounts which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes from the accounting records of the charity and on the basis of information and explanations you have given to us.

I have not carried out an audit or any other review, and consequently we do not express any opinion on these accounts.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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.:

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.

Ken Stratton FMAAT
Independent Examiner
January 31 2023

**New Life Church Winchester
Income and Expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Income		103,060	64,130
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		<hr/> 89,594	<hr/> 56,734
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Excess expenditure over income		<hr/> (17,260)	<hr/> (25,682)
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**New Life Church Winchester
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	1,227,360	1,227,591
Current assets			
Debtors	4	15,859	12,712
Kingdom Bank		56,171	67,073
Savings		229	448
Tithe Account		1,222	1,159
Barclays account		1,638	7,043
Cash in hand		66	241
		<u>75,185</u>	<u>88,676</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	5	(5,709)	(2,171)
Net current assets		<u>69,476</u>	<u>86,505</u>
Net assets		<u>1,296,836</u>	<u>1,314,096</u>
Reserves			
Property Reserve	6	1,150,000	1,150,000
Unrestricted funds	7	146,836	164,096
		<u>1,296,836</u>	<u>1,314,096</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Charities Acts applicable to small companies entities.

S Brown
Trustee

Approved by the board on 31 January 2023

**New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Income

Income represents the value of contributions to the charity from members of the church and others.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Equipment 33.33% reducing balance

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Operating income

	2022	2021
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	4,787	5,302
Pension costs	<u>1,124</u>	<u>1,507</u>

New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2022

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	1,217,786	42,487	1,260,273
Additions	-	4,556	4,556
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>47,043</u>	<u>1,264,829</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	-	32,682	32,682
Charge for the year	-	4,787	4,787
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>37,469</u>	<u>37,469</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>9,574</u>	<u>1,227,360</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>9,805</u>	<u>1,227,591</u>

Freehold land and buildings:

	2022 £	2021 £
Historical cost	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>
Cumulative depreciation based on historical cost	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Accounts receivable	5,326	155
Gift aid tax refund	<u>10,533</u>	<u>12,557</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	704	160
Other taxes and social security costs	966	974
Other creditors and restricted funds	4,039	1,037
	<u>5,709</u>	<u>2,171</u>

6 Property reserve

	2022 £	2021 £
Original cost of freehold properties	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>

**New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
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7 Unrestricted reserves	2022
	£
At 1 April 2021	164,096
Excess expenditure for the year	(17,260)
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At 31 March 2022	<u>146,836</u>

8 Restricted funds

Within the other creditors in note 5 are restricted funds of £2,500 . During the year specific gifts were received totaling £4,472 and apart from the £2,500 in restricted funds the balance was spent on the the activity designated with a contribution from unrestricted funds on £1,834.

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	£	£
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Charitable activities and governance costs	(106,154)	(82,032)
Excess income	<hr/> (17,260)	<hr/> (25,726)
Interest receivable	-	44
Excess income	<hr/> <u>(17,260)</u>	<hr/> <u>(25,682)</u>

New Life Church Winchester
Detailed income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income		
Gift Aid	10,533	16,645
Gifts and specific income	4,683	-
Rental income	15,762	11,265
Venue Hire	29,728	1,383
Tithes	32,515	22,955
Compassion fund	343	200
Grants/Furlough Scheme	9,496	11,682
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 Charitable activities		
Booking expenses	1,765	328
Church events costs	2,132	364
Compassion Fund Expense	505	1,541
Junior church	27	-
Keble Street Maintenance	115	-
Men's ministry	252	-
Mission Support	3,300	600
Outreach	-	431
Student ministry	84	-
Sunday expenses	1,126	436
Worship team	1,856	14
Youth ministry	6	32
Assemblies of God	2,298	3,650
	<u>13,466</u>	<u>7,396</u>
 Resources		
CCLi	401	380
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	<u>700</u>	<u>428</u>

New Life Church Winchester
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	2022	2021
	£	£
Additional charitable activities and governance costs		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	57,676	41,870
Pensions	2,534	476
Staff training and welfare	95	-
Travel and subsistence	2,009	-
Entertaining	27	-
	<u>62,341</u>	<u>42,346</u>
Premises costs:		
Rates	4,109	1,762
Facilities expense	69	-
Light and heat	9,574	4,890
Cleaning	1,659	2,630
	<u>15,411</u>	<u>9,282</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	1,417	1,829
IT and media	1,055	734
T V License	159	158
Visiting speaker	360	150
Postage	23	-
Stationery and printing	702	402
Subscriptions	155	243
Bank charges	175	113
Insurance	2,632	2,419
Equipment expensed	285	26
Software	176	75
Repairs and maintenance	3,355	9,976
Depreciation	4,787	5,302
Sundry expenses	46	-
	<u>15,327</u>	<u>21,427</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Bookkeeping	4,785	1,996
Accountancy fees	500	1,038
Legal fees	14	143
Consultants fees	7,200	5,800
Advertising and PR	576	-
	<u>13,075</u>	<u>8,977</u>
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Wages and salaries	57,676	41,870
Pensions	2,534	476
Staff training and welfare	95	-
Travel and subsistence	2,009	-
Entertaining	27	-
	<u>62,341</u>	<u>42,346</u>
Premises costs:		
Rates	4,109	1,762
Facilities expense	69	-
Light and heat	9,574	4,890
Cleaning	1,659	2,630
	<u>15,411</u>	<u>9,282</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	1,417	1,829
IT and media	1,055	734
T V License	159	158
Visiting speaker	360	150
Postage	23	-
Stationery and printing	702	402
Subscriptions	155	243
Bank charges	175	113
Insurance	2,632	2,419
Equipment expensed	285	26
Software	176	75
Repairs and maintenance	3,355	9,976
Depreciation	4,787	5,302
Sundry expenses	46	-
	<u>15,327</u>	<u>21,427</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Bookkeeping	4,785	1,996
Accountancy fees	500	1,038
Legal fees	14	143
Consultants fees	7,200	5,800
Advertising and PR	576	-
	<u>13,075</u>	<u>8,977</u>
	<u>106,154</u>	<u>82,032</u>

NEW LIFE CHURCH WINCHESTER

England & Wales - Charity number 1050438

Accounts

Registered number
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New Life Church Winchester

Report and Accounts

31 March 2021

New Life Church Winchester

Registered number: 1050438

Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Principal activities

The Charity's principal activity during the year continued to be the running of a christian church in the area of Stanmore Winchester . Please see the website of New Life Church Winchester at www.newlifechurchwinchester.org

Trustees

The following persons served as trustees at the date of this report

Terry Chainey
Paul Findlay
Benjamin Chainey
Silas Brown
Deon Hanekom (resigned 1st December 2020)
Pamela Maton (appointed 21 July 2021)
Gemma Reeves (appointed 21 July 2021)
Brian Truebody (appointed 21 July 2021)

Small Charity provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Charity Acts relating to small entities.

This report was approved by the board on 31 January 2022 and signed on its behalf.

Paul Findlay
Trustee/Treasurer

New Life Church Winchester

Independent Examiners' report to the trustees of New Life Church Winchester

You consider that the charity is exempt from an audit for the year ended 31 March 2021. You have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, your responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Acts with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These responsibilities include preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the end of the financial year and of its income and expenditure for the financial year.

In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the accounts which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes from the accounting records of the charity and on the basis of information and explanations you have given to us.

I have not carried out an audit or any other review, and consequently we do not express any opinion on these accounts.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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.:

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.

Ken Stratton FMAAT
Independent Examiner
January 31 2022

**New Life Church Winchester
Income and Expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Income		64,130	107,183
Charitable activities		(7,396)	(22,229)
		<u>56,734</u>	<u>84,954</u>
Resources costs		(428)	(1,024)
Additional charitable activities and governance		(82,032)	(90,430)
Excess expenditure	2	<u>(25,726)</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>
Interest receivable		44	63
Excess expenditure over income		<u>(25,682)</u>	<u>(6,437)</u>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities		-	-
Excess expenditure over income		<u>(25,682)</u>	<u>(6,437)</u>

**New Life Church Winchester
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	1,227,591	1,233,693
Current assets			
Debtors	4	12,712	8,555
Kingdom Bank		67,073	67,030
Savings		448	1,292
Tithe Account		1,159	868
Barclays account		7,043	30,184
Cash in hand		241	241
		88,676	108,170
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(2,171)	(2,085)
Net current assets		86,505	106,085
Net assets		1,314,096	1,339,778
Reserves			
Property Reserve	6	1,150,000	1,150,000
Unrestricted funds	7	164,096	189,778
		1,314,096	1,339,778

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Charities Acts applicable to small companies entities.

S Brown
Trustee

Approved by the board on 31 January 2022

**New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Income

Income represents the value of contributions to the charity from members of the church and others.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Equipment 33.33% reducing balance

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Operating income	2021	2020
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	5,302	6,435
Pension costs	1,124	1,507
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**New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	1,217,786	43,287	1,261,073
Disposals	-	(800)	(800)
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>42,487</u>	<u>1,260,273</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	-	27,380	27,380
Charge for the year	-	5,302	5,302
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>32,682</u>	<u>32,682</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>9,805</u>	<u>1,227,591</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>1,217,786</u>	<u>15,907</u>	<u>1,233,693</u>

Freehold land and buildings:	2021	2020
	£	£
Historical cost	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>
Cumulative depreciation based on historical cost	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accounts receivable	155	7,421
Gift aid tax refund	<u>12,557</u>	<u>1,134</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	160	-
Other taxes and social security costs	974	307
Other creditors	<u>1,037</u>	<u>1,778</u>
	<u>2,171</u>	<u>2,085</u>

6 Property reserve

	2021	2020
	£	£
Original cost of freehold properties	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>

**New Life Church Winchester
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

7 Unrestricted reserves	2021 £
At 1 April 2020	189,778
Excess expenditure for the year	(25,682)
At 31 March 2021	<u>164,096</u>

**New Life Church Winchester
Income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Charitable income	64,130	107,183
Charitable activities direct costs	(7,396)	(22,229)
	<hr/> 56,734	<hr/> 84,954
Resources	(428)	(1,024)
Charitable activities and governance costs	(82,032)	(90,430)
Excess income	<hr/> (25,726)	<hr/> (6,500)
Interest receivable	44	63
Excess income	<hr/> (25,682)	<hr/> (6,437)

New Life Church Winchester
Detailed income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Church Events	-	114
Gift Aid	16,645	5,029
Rental income	11,265	12,240
Venue Hire	1,383	58,171
Tithes	22,955	31,225
Youth events	-	404
Compassion fund	200	-
Grants/Furlough Scheme	11,682	-
	<u>64,130</u>	<u>107,183</u>
Charitable activities		
Booking expenses	328	5,460
Church events costs	364	2,034
Compassion Fund Expense	1,541	633
Creative worship	-	11
Junior church	-	263
Keble Street Maintenance	-	92
Ladies ministry	-	95
Men's ministry	-	40
Messy Church	-	160
Mission Support	600	2,450
Outreach	431	-
Student ministry	-	102
Sunday expenses	436	3,232
Worship team	14	3,493
Youth ministry	32	1,364
Assembles of God	3,650	2,800
	<u>7,396</u>	<u>22,229</u>
Resources		
CCLi	380	-
CCPAS	48	774
Charitable donations	-	250
	<u>428</u>	<u>1,024</u>

New Life Church Winchester
Detailed income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Additional charitable activities and governance costs		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	41,870	45,493
Pensions	476	1,507
Staff training and welfare	-	1,217
Travel and subsistence	-	32
Entertaining	-	123
	<u>42,346</u>	<u>48,372</u>
Premises costs:		
Rent	-	360
Rates	1,762	2,484
Light and heat	4,890	5,810
Cleaning	2,630	5,639
	<u>9,282</u>	<u>14,293</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	1,829	1,529
IT and media	734	1,083
T V License	158	155
Visiting speaker	150	1,145
Stationery and printing	402	702
Subscriptions	243	125
Bank charges	113	129
Insurance	2,419	2,407
Equipment expensed	26	38
Software	75	75
Repairs and maintenance	9,976	6,036
Depreciation	5,302	6,435
	<u>21,427</u>	<u>19,859</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Bookkeeping	1,996	3,124
Accountancy fees	1,038	1,561
Legal fees	143	1,421
Consultants fees	5,800	1,800
	<u>8,977</u>	<u>7,906</u>
	<u>82,032</u>	<u>90,430</u>

New Life Church Winchester *(formerly known as Level 10 Church until 23 Nov 2021)*

Registered Number: 1050438

Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Address and Contact Details:

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Website: www.newlifechurchwinchester.org

Telephone: 01962 843714

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Kingdom Bank, Ruddington Fields Business park, Mere Way, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6JS

Independent Examiners:

Ken Stratton FMAAT of Kimball Smith Limited, Brewery House, High Street, Twyford, Winchester, SO21 1RG

Trustees

The following persons served as trustees in the following roles for the year ended March 2021.

- Terence Chainey
- Paul Findlay
- Benjamin Chainey
- Deon Hanekom (resigned 01 December 2020).
- Silas Brown (Chair)

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is constituted as a trust and is governed by constitution, adopted on the 21st December 2008. Trustees are typically selected by appointment by Pastor with acceptance of existing trustees. Where there is no incumbent Pastor, existing trustees of Church Council will appoint new trustees by vote with a two thirds majority acceptance.

Following provisional selection and appointment, trustees are given a 'Trustees' declaration pack' that contains forms that are mandatory to be completed:

- Trustee information form
- Fit and proper persons declaration form

In addition to this, trustees must also complete a Disclosure and Barring Service Check and additional ID checks conducted by the church's independent financial examiner to ensure charity compliance with anti-money laundering regulations. Individuals are notified that their selection and appointment is subject to the satisfactory completion of all these checks. Trustees are then offered different training induction opportunities with organisations such as Stewardship or Assemblies of God GB, and have access to charity commission guide documents.

New Life Church has an organisational structure of a Church Council that consists of:

- Spiritual Leadership – This is made up of the Lead Pastor and Elders whom have responsibility and authority for the overall direction, day-to-day running, and spiritual life of the church.
- Management Trustees – Individuals whom have the overall responsibility for the management and administration of the church assets and resources including properties and funds, having due regard to the spiritual direction of the church and complying with the policy requirements of the constitution and law.

Outside of the church council, there are staff and ministry leaders appointed by the church council to lead various activities to further the objects and activities of the church charity.

Objectivities and Activities

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of beliefs,
- To relieve sickness, distress or financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods and services of any kind, including the provision of counselling and support; and
- To advance education.

Public Benefit

The overall work of the church and the leadership is to fulfil the charitable objects above, whilst having due regard to Charity Commission and government guidance on public benefit. Guidance has been referred to when planning events and ministry activities for the church and wider community.

To that end, the vision of the church is to 'encounter God's presence, equip the saints and evangelise the lost'.

Review of Main Activities

The charity's principal activity during the year continues to be the running of a Christian church in the area of Stanmore Winchester. The church typically provides in-person meetings dedicated for prayer, worship, and bible teaching on the weekend and throughout the week.

However, running these activities during this year had its challenges due to two main reasons. The first was the previously unsuccessful recruitment drive to appoint a fulltime Minister for the church. The immediate impact of this was disappointment for the church council and the wider membership which further resulted in members leaving the church. With apostolic input, it was subsequently decided by the council to pause the recruitment process, take stock of the current position of the church, and seek the Lord for wisdom and understanding regarding the next steps to take. However despite the reduced membership, the church retained a wide-ranging demographic of members across the ages which is a huge positive.

Then, in March and April 2020 the world changed. The Coronavirus pandemic forced the world to a standstill. The UK like many countries went into a full national lockdown and we were all forced to come to terms with the public health threat posed by COVID-19, and to adapt our lifestyles. Our church was no different as we had to close our main building to the public. Herein lies our second big challenge; quickly figure out how we were going to best operate to support our members and local community in lockdown.

This meant we had to stop our in-person group activities and much of our outreach work with the local schools. However, we were able to utilise Zoom video conferencing technology to move our Sunday services, prayer groups and life groups online. We closed some of our older communication groups to make space for newer larger WhatsApp social community groups for our church members. This was with the purpose of helping people stay connected and giving the opportunity for everyone to get involved in praying and encouraging one another in the faith. These changes saw us experience the following benefits:

- **Engagement:**
Online services meant that we could involve more members to partake in leading elements of our church services. We had good Christian teaching on foundational principles which strengthened the church. We also found that we had different guest speakers and visitors joining us online at various times and from various places, including Australia.
- **Social relationships:**
Our online Zoom services provided a different way for people to pray, worship and learn about God, as well as and to interact with one another through discussion and socials. Furthermore, people built trust with each other and started to open up and share. Subsequently, the quality and depth of relationships amongst our church members improved. As one long-standing member put it, "I feel like I have gotten to know more people in the church now than I have ever done before". Corporately as a church body, there was healing from past disappointments of recent years and a fervent desire to look ahead to the future despite the challenges facing us.

- **New vision and strategy:**

A growing sense of family and time spent together in prayer, worship and discussion put the church in a great position to have focus groups. In these groups, we had big conversations about what we believe the Lord is saying to us corporately for the future. Some of the outcomes from this were a new vision and strategy that was more outwardly focused on connecting with the community.

Vision: 'To encounter God's presence, equip the saints and evangelise the lost'.

See this website link for further information on our vision:

<https://newlifechurchwinchester.org/who-we-are/name-and-vision/>

A strategy focussed on the three broad areas of prayer, family and equipping. See this website link for further information on our strategy:

<https://newlifechurchwinchester.org/who-we-are/strategy/> .

- **Innovation – new ministries emerge:**

The needs of the community and our church put the church into a position where it had no option but to innovate and adapt to reach people. Examples of this included several members of the church leadership team providing weekly electronic newsletter blogs and bitesize encouragement videos on our newly created YouTube channel that could be sent out over social media and communication platforms.

See link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLzeOLOiDWMACoP3VsObhgg>

See link: <https://newlifechurchwinchester.org/covid-19-resources/blog-musings/>

When the nation went back into lockdown for November and Christmas 2020, we took our annual community outreach carol service outside in our for the first time in our history. The socially distanced event sold out and was well attended by the local community.

To talk more about Christmas 2020 we was able to work with local primary schools to send out Christmas food hamper boxes for the first time to local families in need who have been hard affected by the lockdown. Through generous donations of time and money from our church community, and through partnering with the initiative Love Your Neighbour, we were able to raise funds to send out 22 hampers to families in need on the Stanmore estate, and within our church community.

The deepening partnership with the schools, particularly the staff and governors of Stanmore Primary School meant that in the New Year we could extend the food hamper initiative right up to Easter 2021. The church community stepped up and again gave generous donations that we could support 30 families in Stanmore with hampers containing food tins and other staple foods. In addition to this, computer laptops and equipment were donated to the church from the school. Subsequently, we could give away 7 laptop / computers, and computer equipment to teachers working from home, isolated young families and elderly people who were struggling to stay connected to their communities and family members in need, and provide ongoing support with their tech needs.

Finally, we were able to run our first Alpha course online, and a Marriage Course which also was a first for our church. These courses provided opportunities for church members and people not affiliated with the church the chance to reflect and develop their relationships with their spouses, and/or explore faith, life, and meaning. We also ran a separate online community group for young single adults to meet for fellowship and discussion. We give God thanks as over 20 people attended both courses and we look to build on this going into the future.

Church Resources and Team

The challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic and lockdowns has meant that our main building has been out of action for the most part of this financial year. With a reduced church membership and a reduction in our income from bookings and giving, has meant our finances have decreased significantly. To cushion the negative effects of the external challenges and manage cash flow, we put our staff team on the flexible job furlough grant scheme for considerable amounts of time during the year. It is accepted amongst the church council that we will need to continually explore what funding opportunities we can apply for to better the services we provide as a church, as well as bolster our financial robustness going forward.

Despite this, the church council are encouraged how the church has been able to stay connected throughout the pandemic and reach others in need. A large part of that has been due to the apostolic input and leadership of Rev. Paul and Janice Finn who have played an increasing role in leading and helping the church navigate these challenges. As so, the church council took the decision to recognise and appoint them both formally as our Interregnum Lead Ministers in the short term. The response from the church was extremely positive for which we give thanks.

One resource that we have been able to make improvements this year has been the church bungalow which is located adjacent our main church building. There has been much discussion over the years about how best to use the bungalow. This came to a head when during the previous year, the bungalow was vandalised. Furthermore, we used the funds from the resulting insurance claim to refurb the building and make it ready to be a home again after previously being used for church operations. This work was completed in December 2020 and we were able to offer the bungalow as a tenancy to staff members of the church.

The benefit of this is that it gives the church a visible staff presence on site at all times which is an advantage for security, and provides a great opportunity to further improve relations with the immediate neighbourhood. The final benefit is that it provides a quality home for members of our staff team, so we saw it as win-win scenario. We marvel at the Lord for His goodness and taking a difficult, frustrating situation and turning it into a unique opportunity.

Thanks and looking ahead

The Church Council would like firstly honour God for His grace and protection on the church in times unprecedented to this generation. We recognise that our church story could have been very different this year, if not for His intervention. In many ways, this pandemic has forced us as a church to reflect and prayerfully consider what changes we needed to make for the future.

It is widely agreed amongst our church that we must continue to move forward on the positive changes that have taken place over recent times. We eagerly look forward to taking this momentum into our in-person church meetings again when the Coronavirus restrictions ease.

However, the pandemic has shown us that a bigger online presence is something needs to be considered as part of our future offerings to the community. We are very much aware as we look to emerge from the lockdowns, there will be much spiritual, social, emotional and spiritual needs in our community, and we want to be placed appropriately and ready to meet them as the Lord leads us.

We would like to honour and express particular thanks to our church leadership, staff members, bookkeeper, life group leader volunteers, and our church sound and media team. These people have been on the front line of attending to directing the church, attending to complex pastoral and social needs, as well as assessing how to best use resource in some of the most difficult times. To put it simply, they have all been willing to get stuck in and help people stay connected during a difficult period of time. So we say a huge thank you to them. Their contributions have been immense, and we are so grateful for your support.

Secondly, we would like to express sincere thanks to the wider church membership, and community partners for their continued support and commitment to benefitting our local area. We ask every church member to pray that God will provide wisdom to this church in how we can all be best used to be a blessing to others in the times ahead.

Reserves Policy

The trustees continue to consider and review the finances of the church, including its reserves. The trustees aim to take a prudent and long-term view to making decisions whilst balancing our belief in God's provision for the church. To this end, it is a policy requirement of the church that in any one financial year to have a minimum of four months expenditure to be set aside in the event of any unforeseen financial income shortfall or unexpected but necessary capital expenditure.

During the year to 31 March 2021 the expenditure exceeded income by £25,682 and this was more than covered by unrestricted reserves. At the 31st March 2021 the unrestricted reserves stood at £164,096.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees.

Silas Brown
Chair of Trustees

31 January 2022