

Registered number
1050438

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)
		<hr/> 56,734	<hr/> 84,954
Resources costs		(428)	(1,024)
Additional charitable activities and governance		(82,032)	(90,430)
Excess expenditure	2	<hr/> (25,726)	<hr/> (6,500)
Interest receivable		44	63
Excess expenditure over income		<hr/> (25,682)	<hr/> (6,437)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities		-	-
Excess expenditure over income		<hr/> (25,682)	<hr/> (6,437)

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
		<u>88,676</u>	<u>108,170</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(2,171)	(2,085)
Net current assets		<u>86,505</u>	<u>106,085</u>
Net assets		<u>1,314,096</u>	<u>1,339,778</u>
Reserves			
Property Reserve	6	1,150,000	1,150,000
Unrestricted funds	7	164,096	189,778
		<u>1,314,096</u>	<u>1,339,778</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.

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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
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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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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>

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

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

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Resources	(428)	(1,024)
Charitable activities and governance costs	(82,032)	(90,430)
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Excess income		
Interest receivable	44	63
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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:

New Life Church Winchester, Stanmore Lane, Winchester, SO22 4BT

Website: www.newlifechurchwinchester.org

Telephone: 01962 843714

Bankers:

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

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