

Registered number
1050438

New Life Church Winchester

Report and Accounts

31 March 2024

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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.

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Solicitors:

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

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 2024. 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

28-Jan-25

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

| | Notes | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|
| Income | | 168,476 | 164,353 |
| Charitable activities | | (25,443) | (20,499) |
| | | <hr/> 143,033 | <hr/> 143,854 |
| Resources costs | | (855) | (597) |
| Additional charitable activities and governance | | (136,286) | (138,807) |
| Other operating income | | 3,250 | 70 |
| Excess income | 2 | <hr/> 9,142 | <hr/> 4,520 |
| Interest receivable | | 529 | 1,012 |
| Excess income over expenditure | | <hr/> 9,671 | <hr/> 5,532 |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities | | - | - |
| Excess income over expenditure | | <hr/> 9,671 | <hr/> 5,532 |

New Life Church Winchester
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2024

| | Notes | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 3 | 1,248,880 | 1,250,702 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 4 | 9,685 | 7,799 |
| Kingdom Bank | | 55,000 | 46,183 |
| Barclays account | | 7,636 | 3,081 |
| Cash in hand | | 20 | - |
| | | <u>72,341</u> | <u>57,063</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 5 | (9,182) | (5,397) |
| Net current assets | | <u>63,159</u> | <u>51,666</u> |
| Net assets | | <u>1,312,039</u> | <u>1,302,368</u> |
| Reserves | | | |
| Property Reserve | 6 | 1,150,000 | 1,150,000 |
| Unrestricted funds | 7 | 162,039 | 152,368 |
| | | <u>1,312,039</u> | <u>1,302,368</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 28 January 2025

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

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 |
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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

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| This is stated after charging: | | |
| Depreciation of owned fixed assets | 6,938 | 4,068 |
| Pension costs | <u>1,376</u> | <u>1,337</u> |

New Life Church Winchester
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for the year ended 31 March 2024

3 Tangible fixed assets

| | Land and buildings £ | Equipment £ | Total £ |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Cost | | | |
| At 1 April 2023 | 1,217,786 | 74,453 | 1,292,239 |
| Additions | - | 5,117 | 5,117 |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>1,217,786</u> | <u>79,570</u> | <u>1,297,356</u> |
| 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 | <u>4,931</u> | <u>2,164</u> |
| | <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
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| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 7 Unrestricted reserves | 2024 |
| | £ |
| At 1 April 2023 | 152,368 |
| Excess expenditure for the year | 9,671 |
| | |
| 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

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
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| 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 |
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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> |