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## **GENERATIONS CHURCH GRIMSBY**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit; 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 the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit; to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Chair's report**

There were a lot of changes in Grimsby in 2024.

During 2024, we officially changed the name of the Grimsby Campus from Willows Community Church, to Generations Church Grimsby with the Charity Commission. We have continued to grow our community work throughout the year.

Our community pantry and warm spaces projects have continued to thrive, with well over 100 members of the pantry. In November 2024, we restarted serving hot meals which has been popular with those in the community. We were awarded various pots of funding from N.E Lincs Council (Sector Support) throughout the year which has allowed us to keep the pantry well stocked with food.

Throughout 2024, we ran our Route 96 youth group and were able to move from monthly to every other week. We are now regularly getting between 25 and 35 youth attending each session.

The Uniform Swapshop was put on hold during 2024 as we were struggling to find volunteers to run the project as we were focussing on other community projects.

Neon Toddlers ran throughout 2024 with great success, and we are regularly seeing 10-20 families each week from the local community. Neon toddlers continued to run 'The Big Breakfast' where we were able to offer breakfast for both the toddler and parents each month.

In 2024 we installed a new cooker in the kitchen, which meant we were able to serve hot meals. We also focussed on making sure that the building statutory maintenance and testing was up to date. This included work on the alarm system, fire safety, electrical work and gas safety testing. We intend to complete the work in 2025.

We also saw a large increase in the number of young people attending our Sunday services this year, with more than half of our weekly attendance being young people. During our Sunday church services, we have brought over speakers from our Louth church to our Grimsby Campus, along with two months where we have brought specific themes to our Grimsby congregation, bringing specific themes to Sundays, such as the 'Bring it all back' series, where we studied the basics of the Christian faith.

##### **Purposes and activities**

Generations Church exists to:

##### **Build the Church**

Generations Church is intentional about building the local church, it has been said that the local church is the hope of the world. This kind of church doesn't just happen, but when people become intentional about it, there are no limits to what can be achieved.

##### **How will we do this?**

As a church, we come together and meet to passionately worship God corporately, believing that He will give us direction as individuals as well as a church. There will be opportunity to grow together through our discipleship and mentorship programmes, being a church where we do all we can to help one another. We want to grow a church where we work together in creating a welcoming atmosphere, encouraging everyone to come and find life!

##### **Equip the People**

Here at Generations Church we believe in the Bible and we believe in teaching its truth in a relevant way. God's word has principles for us to live by and apply on a daily basis. Our teaching comes through example, inspiration and life stories that have the power to impact people where they are at. We aim to offer a relaxed environment, giving room for interaction and discussion. We are a family, and need to learn how to interact as a family should.



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**Reach the Community**

We believe we live in a great town and community and as a church, our heart is to serve that community in any way we can. Our programmes are created with service in mind and we take people just as they are, believing God will do the rest. We count it an honour and privilege to serve our town. We love where God has placed us and believe we are here to make a difference. In the days in which we live, the Church has to become a practical resource for the community in which it stands. Our aim is always to see a need and do all we can to help in meeting that need.

**Empower the Future**

Generations Church has a great future! We passionately believe this. The decisions we make today will take us into the future God has for us, each individual has a unique purpose and it is our desire to help each person tap into that plan and live it. In everything we do we want to provide for our future. Whether that is with our building plans or in our discipleship and community programmes. We want to equip future generations to carry on what we are currently doing, and achieving more than we are currently seeing.

**Programmes**

Our Neon toddler group is still growing and although we lost some families as their children went to school we also gained a lot more in September as the new academic year began. The team led by Diane Cartwright are doing a fantastic job and one of the highlights in the month is our Neon Toddler Big Breakfast. This is where families can come and sit and have a breakfast provided by our team, they can chat, play, craft together. The atmosphere is amazing and the families from our local town who attend appreciate all the hard work the team put in every single week.

Our Sunday children's programme continues to thrive with more children attending every week it seems. It has been exciting to see the longevity of care that is given to families in Generations church and this is seen especially as we watch our children move up through our programmes.

This year we saw our team rise also as in the month of May and November the team led the programme with our Children's pastor taking on other responsibilities. It is so good to watch the team create and execute an incredible programme which they have written. It shows the strength of local church where two of our most senior leaders who are now in their twenties have attended our toddler group, then kids programme, youth programme and now lead in a number of different settings within our church.

In 2024, we began running a Wednesday evening group, once a month, which is called our Reach group. This meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Initial this was a social meeting for tea or coffee and a chat. This has been well received and we plan to continue running this in 2025. On the other Wednesday evenings of the month, we are offering group from our other church campus in Louth, which people can access. Next year, we plan to offer more midweek groups based in Grimsby.

We continued to run our Community Pantry and are seeing the number of people access the project increase. We now have over 100 members and our number each week are steadily increasing. Towards the end of 2024, we restarted our warm spaces project and have been able to serve hot meals to people in the local community.

**Volunteers**

Generations Church continues to have a strong volunteer base, which is growing year on year. We have over 20 active volunteers, and some of them are involved in helping to run a multiple of programmes and events on a weekly basis. In February 2024 at our AGM we set out the vision of transitioning some of our leaders into new roles.

On behalf of the trustees, we want to thank all those who give their time to volunteer. We could not continue without them and we are so proud to be building a church where its partners have a heart to serve and to build a strong church.

**Influence**

In 2024 the influence of Generations Church continued to grow. Pastor Jo Read continued her role on the area team for Assemblies of God GB (AOG) which involves meeting with other church leaders and making sure things are working well on behalf of AOG. She is overseeing churches in Lincolnshire and North Nottinghamshire.

Our youth team regularly sees over 20 young people on a Friday night and they come for evenings full of fun, games, music, discussion, food the list just goes on. Our team works so hard to give the young people in our community a space that is safe and a great environment to come and see their friends. The team is stronger than ever and we are seeing our young people rise up more and more to run things under the supervision of the Youth Pastor from our Louth church (Liz Hilton), our Grimsby Campus Pastor (James Cartwright) and also Dani Dodd.

In February 2024 we launched 'unleashed' which was instead of our mission week in April at our Louth Church. It was a youth camp at home for our youth and we took over a group of Youth from our Grimsby church to access this event. During the weekend there were activities, seminars, worship events and on the Sunday morning our youth took the whole morning service and it was brilliant. We love seeing all our youth generation can do, and this weekend will definitely be one we will repeat in 2025.

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We took a group of young people on a residential trip in summer at Ceafn Lea in Mid Wales called 'Thrive'. They loved it and all came back with stories of all they got up to and our leaders loved meeting with other leaders from different youth groups around the country which has seen our team influenced greatly as well as giving their expertise to help other leaders in their roles. Our bounce day in Grimsby happened again on 8th June 2024 and again we over a hundred from our community attend! There were inflatables, ice creams, face painting, and lots of chatter and getting to know our community.

#### **Pastoral Support**

As James and Diane Cartwright are now in their third year as Campus Pastor for Generations Church Grimsby, our team continues to care for those in our community brilliantly well. Also this year as our Wednesday programmes have changed we have brought back the small groups.

James and Diane have handed over our 18-30's age group to Abbie Baldock, there is still lots of social evenings building relationships and caring for them.

Once a month we do a family service which is followed by 'Stay and Play', where families can stay at church for a picnic, with games and activities for our children and young people, such as inflatables, table tennis and badminton.

#### **Public Benefit**

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and complied with section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities act when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have reviewed the charity's needs for reserves in line with the guidance offered by the charity's mortgagor and aim to set aside a minimum of £1,700. This sum approximates to four months fixed overheads. This is deemed sufficient as income is received on a weekly basis and is regularly monitored. The trustees believe that reserves at this level should ensure the charity can run efficiently and meet the needs of the beneficiaries.

#### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

2025 is shaping up to be a big year for us. There is all the planning about progressing leaders into new roles and creating space to dream of what Generations church will look like beyond 2025. New opportunities to influence new communities as we allow our team to be released into new things so that we can continue to expand and grow.

It's great to see such a huge impact can be made by what is currently a small local church.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is an unincorporated entity which is governed by Trust Deed dated 6 April, 2006 as amended on 10 November, 2022.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are appointed by the Church Council in accordance with the Trust Deed. The charity seeks to identify those considered suitable to provide a balance of skills and strength.



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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1052074

**Principal address**

Wingate Road  
GRIMSBY  
DN37 9EL


**Trustees**

Mr J Cartwright  
Mrs E Hilton  
Mr R Hardwick  
Mr P Yarsley  
Mrs J Read  
Mrs C Isherwood  
Mr B Parkinson  
Mr M Egan  
Mrs J Parkinson

**Independent Examiner**

C. M. Tams F.C.A.  
Smethurst & Co LLP  
12 Abbey Road  
GRIMSBY  
DN32 0HL

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Isherwood', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mrs C Isherwood - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**GENERATIONS CHURCH GRIMSBY**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the New Life Christian Fellowship Gainsborough (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



C.Tams, F.C.A  
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Date: 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Tithes & offerings	15,839	-	15,839	6,822
Donations – Pantry/Warm Spaces	-	4,967	4,967	3,760
AoG Gift Aid	2,899	-	2,899	1,776
Grants	-	8,500	8,500	4,518
Other: Alford Storage	481	-	481	499
Other: Lincolnshire Co-Op	-	-	-	468
Total receipts	<u>19,219</u>	<u>13,467</u>	<u>32,686</u>	<u>17,843</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Donations to AoG	500	-	500	500
Ministry gifts	-	-	-	100
Travel expenses	3,552	-	3,552	2,251
Stationery	63	-	63	77
Utilities	5,143	-	5,143	2,124
Repairs & renewals	1,399	-	1,399	2,368
Hospitality	109	-	109	255
Pro-Presenter licence	187	-	187	395
IT & AV	319	-	319	44
Other expenditure	436	-	436	374
Pantry	-	9,217	9,217	7,229
Warm Spaces	-	310	310	251
Total payments	<u>11,708</u>	<u>9,527</u>	<u>21,235</u>	<u>15,968</u>
 NET RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	 7,511	 3,940	 11,451	 1,875
Cash and bank balances 31.12.23	3,442	1,273	4,715	2,840
Cash and bank balances 31.12.24	<u>10,953</u>	<u>5,213</u>	<u>16,166</u>	<u>4,715</u>




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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash at bank	10,953	4,787	15,740	4,689
Pantry cash in hand	-	426	426	26
Debtors	191	3,406	3,597	-
	<u>11,144</u>	<u>8,619</u>	<u>19,763</u>	<u>4,715</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>	11,203	-	11,203	10,000
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u><u>(59)</u></u>	<u><u>8,619</u></u>	<u><u>8,560</u></u>	<u><u>(5,285)</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 6<sup>th</sup> and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs C Isherwood – Trustee



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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING BASIS**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

**2. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustee expenses totalling £3,537 were paid to J Cartwright for mileage and refreshment costs in relation to pastoral work at the church during the year.