

Trustees' Annual Report

Report to the trustees of North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the twelve months ended 31 December 2020.

The charity carries out its activities under the banner of C4 Church - Clay Cross Community Church.

Reference and Administrative Information

Governing Document: The objectives, organisation, management and operations of North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship is governed by a deed of trust, the original of which is held at Assemblies of God Property Trust in Nottingham. The trust deed is dated 15 November 1993 and amended 7 June 1997 and 10 May 2009.

Fellowship relationship: C4 Church remains in relationship and fellowship with the churches forming Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland, whose office is located at National Ministry Centre, Relford Road, Mattersey, Doncaster, DW10 5HD

The principal address and other statutory information about the charity is listed on the contents page.

Holding Trustees: The management of the trust is by a church council which has the power, by simple majority vote, to appoint holding trustees who stand possessed of all the property of the trust.

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted, if not for whole year	Name of person entitled to appoint trustees
Mr Mathew Bollands	Church Council – Chairman, Trustee		Church Council
Mr Kenneth R Allen	Church Council / Treasurer / Holding Trustee		Church Council
Mr Stephen Elliott	Trustee	Ceased 14 June 2020	Church Council
Ms Hannah Draper	Trustee	Appointed 14 June 2021	
Mr Graham James	Church Council	Ceased January 2020	
Mr Robin Elliott	Church Council	Ceased January 2020	
Mr Scott James	Church Council	Ceased January 2020	
Mrs Jayne Allen	Holding Trustee		
Mr David Spencer	Holding Trustee		
Mrs Jacqueline Porter	Holding Trustee		
Mr John Mellor	Holding Trustee		

New Trustees are made aware of the work of the charity ahead of joining the board. This includes being fully briefed about the vision and purpose of the charity and being given information on the role of a trustee.

Accounts Preparation: The accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments Basis

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Risk Management

Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

Due to the current size of the charity, the trustees believe the risks to the charity to be small.

Controls used by the charity include:

- Formal agendas for all Board activities
- Strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting
- Formal written policies
- Memorandums of Understanding with partner organisations
- Clear authorisation and appraisal levels

Charitable Objectives

The main objects of the trust remain those of the proclamation and furtherance of the Christian gospel message.

In detail, the objectives are classified as follows:

- 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 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.

Activities and achievements of the charity during the year

General Report (2020) NEDCF (C4 CHURCH)



This is the general report for the Year 2020 (January 1st - December 31st)

The 2019 report ended with the following statement:-

We as a Church are committed to the vision from the Pastor and the Leadership team to reach this community and build a church that matters to the community it is situated in. In order to have greater impact in the future we must be well equipped and resourced which places a continual emphasis on building the house, the more improvements we make now means the more we can do for our community and its people in the future. We will continue to be proactive in making new connections with the community. We will continue to invest in the next generation and the leadership wish to see people empowered in their giftings to help lead and build NEDCF (C4) Church. We believe God is unlocking our potential and with hard work, dedication and a heart for this town we believe God is doing something significant in this Church.

What were our hopes for 2020?

We continued with our vision and hold fast to our missional values that capture the heart of what we are about and what we want to do. These values are to Reach to Empower and to Impact. We stand firm on the command and great commission Jesus gave to reach all people and make disciples. We understand that we as individuals and as a church must make a choice to say yes to what God is doing and choose to play our part. We believe that the life of the local church is fundamentally important and an incredible privilege to be a part of. C4 church like many other places had some major changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year. For safety reasons many ministries and activities were moved to an online basis. Sunday services were also swiftly moved into an online state when the first lockdown was initiated. While creating a sudden shock for the Church we were able to adapt quickly. We implemented the use of social media to host our online services and as a result have had numerous interactions with members of the public which ordinarily might not have happened without the online element. Analysis of our on-line coverage shows that our content has reached thousands of people throughout the year. When social restrictions allowed, we also held COVID secure physical services in our Church building which allowed a core group to meet regularly again. From our building we were also able to provide free school meals to those who requested them during the half term period. Our home group and other ministries were also moved online and with the use of Zoom we were able to meet regularly.



We reiterate that the Pastor, Teams and the Church community are committed to building a Church that matters to its community that provides care and adds value to the lives of others; to having a lifestyle of prayer, to having a clear teaching programme, a clear vision and a clear sound being communicated.

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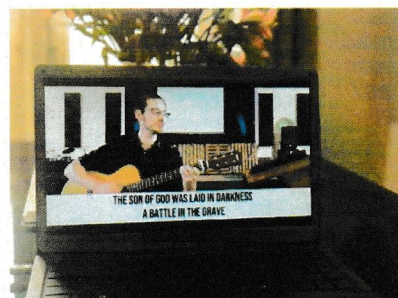
They have committed themselves to seek and pursue God and the life changing power that comes from the good news. They will hold to the great commission as set out in the bible in good times or bad. They desire to encourage the company of people in this place to do likewise and to also take responsibility for their own relationship with God. The leadership would like everyone to get involved as much as possible and truly explore what it means to have a heart for the house. It might mean a change in lifestyle, where we will aim to go above and beyond in our conduct and demonstration of the love of God to others. It is for this reason that the leadership will seek to invest in others, and allow them to fulfil new roles and responsibilities within the Church structure. This year has made certain aspects difficult due to social distancing however many people have contributed to the content of our online services which is seen on average by more viewers then would necessarily have attended an in person service.

People have also been encouraged by the preaching in the church which has included many from our own house. It was a great privilege that we were able to host an online women's conference which featured the return of Tiffany Dawn (a social media influencer and author from the USA who has an active audience of tens of thousands.) This conference also featured Savannah Lewie who is also a Christian influencer. Ted Hansen (who we have a long standing relationship with from the USA) provided a recorded message and has regular leadership seminars hosted online.

The Pastor has also received regular guidance and input from the AoG national and regional leadership which has brought in a greater level of unity, direction and accountability for and within own community. This included attending regular zone meetings for AoG ministers throughout the year. The Pastor, selected leaders and some members also attended the different AoG events which teaches and equips us to serve the community in a greater capacity.

Music Report

Music in the form of praise and worship continues to have a prominent place in our church. It has always been a core part of the life of Christians whenever we meet together. Due to the social restrictions in place initially our services were moved online and a number of individuals were still able to exercise their giftings through the use of an online recorded worship session used in our services. As the year moved on we saw new people provide and use their musical gifting and it has been a blessing that more people have been able to join the worship team even if in a different dynamic.



The leadership maintain a value to see new musicians and singers being raised up under the banner of multiplication.

Crackpots Report

The Crackpots team, who normally go into Primary schools with assembly material, have not been able to this year due to the restrictions. However, they have met as a team on Zoom regularly to encourage each other.

The missions to Romania – Open Arms Romania (OAR)

2020 has been a year of preparation. Following the cancellation of our visit to Romania, which should have taken place in April, we decided to take stock of the situation and re-focus.

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The original mission statement was to minister to spirit soul and body to those in need. We thought that we had not fully explored ministering to soul and spirit so we decided to find out what this really meant by seeking the Lord and by undertaking a study on the subject. This proved to be both educational and inspirational. Since then we have held a team discussion each week based on particular scriptures. The aim being to practice listening to the Lord and sharing what is said with the team. We have found these times to be very fruitful. We hope that we can fulfil the Lords calling in this area.

We also hold weekly prayer meetings to pray for the projects.

Currently we support three main projects:

- Project Romania Rescue (PRR) – Helping homeless children and the poor in communities near Constanta.
- Daniel Burdea – He is establishing a new church in Ovidiu near Constanta, bringing together two existing churches. Daniel also runs a ministry to local prisons and has recently established a Sunday School.
- Emilia and Marcel Patru – They are pastors in a church in Craiova.

We are looking to re-establish our relationship with Dodo and Radu Beldianu who live near Brasov. Radu is looking to develop a youth outreach centre.

It is with sadness that we have to report that our friend and colleague Dr Ioan Nicolae passed away following an illness with covid. He was a great servant providing treatment for those who could not afford it. He will be greatly missed.

We have tentatively arranged to visit Romania again in August 2021, this is obviously subject to travel overseas being permitted.

We look forward to picking up the mission again as soon as we are able.

Parents and Toddlers Report

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this ministry has had to be placed on hold until the government's restriction deem it safe to become active. We have had numerous people reach out and ask us when this will be returning which demonstrates the real need it fulfils in the lives of others.

The Youth Hub

The Youth Hub like other ministries has not been able to function in a physical way, this was later moved to an online weekly event, and this has allowed us to keep in contact with several of the youth who otherwise would not have had contact with us. Even though the setting has been different we have been blown away by the growth and confidence that has been seen in some of the youth group. We also have a team of leaders who faithfully prepare games, activities and lessons for the session.

Prayer Report

Our prayer sessions have also been moved online in a variety of expressions including online posts, videos and zoom sessions. While physical prayer meetings may be fewer, I believe as a praying church we have never prayed more. The online nature of prayer this year has made it incredibly accessible allowing anyone and all to get engaged in prayer. We have also seen a massive rise in prayer requests

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as people now have an easy to access outlet to request prayer online. This has been extremely encouraging to see the church community lift each other in prayer so regularly. The prayer leaders have faithfully provided topics, posts and videos each week. The Thursday night bible study has also been provided online weekly since the first lockdown. We have seen many answers to prayer throughout the year and we continue to believe that prayer is a fundamental aspect to the Christian life and c4 Church and still encourage everyone to engage when they can.

Pastor's Young Adults Report

Investing in and raising up young people is still a priority and due to social distancing restrictions, this has been more difficult, however throughout the year online zoom calls have taken place with younger people. During the times of the year when restrictions allowed, we also had regular gatherings of six people on gardens to allow for fellowship and friendship. This provided a welcome change and allowed many to develop deeper friendships and re-connect with others, in some instances.

The huge emphasis online this year has seen a significant increase in our online presence which according to analytics has reached thousands of people of all ages throughout the year. We will continue to invest in people and when time allows we believe this core element will grow as restrictions are eventually lifted.

Building Report

The development of the building continues. Slowly but surely the Pastor of the church has continued in the pursuit of developing and renovating the church building as and when finances allow. The leaders desire to see a building that brings glory to God - a place where people feel safe and at home, a place to encounter God in an environment of peace. Nothing gets done unless people are prepared to do it. Our building is old and requires a great deal of upkeep. The leadership are thankful for the regular members and volunteers who willingly turn up and give when the call goes out for help, whether that is to prepare the building for a conference, a wedding, clearing up or even some other work. This year has specifically seen the building operate in two components, it has been the filming studio for the online church services and has provided in person physical services during the periods of time that restrictions allowed. We continue to be very thankful for our building and while the Church is the people we cannot overstate the benefits of having a physical location in our own community that we can gather in and provide services from. One example of this included the provision of free school meals during a half term period.

Pastor's Leadership Report

Over 2020 the leadership continue to increase their awareness of the responsibility of leading people. We do not underestimate the privilege and importance that the bible and the word of God place upon such a task.

James 3:1

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

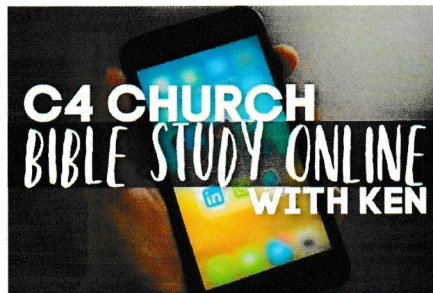
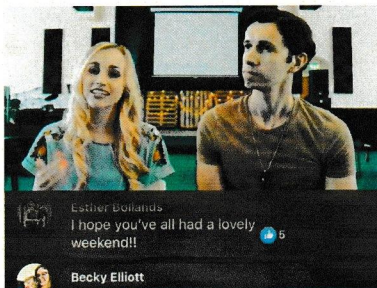
The Leadership continue to believe and understand that they cannot lead people anywhere they do not go themselves and that the culture starts with them, an example must be followed. Having a strong, committed and determined leadership team is the backbone that all church's need. They need to go above and beyond and engage in both spiritual warfare and responsible stewardship in both everyday activities and provisions that God has made available to them.

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Again, this year has seen major changes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic however faithfulness and commitment are still qualities that we need. Leaders have taken responsibility for sections of pastoral care and as previously stated have continued in their prayer and involvement in ministries as allowed in the current restrictions.

During 2020 the leadership of the church once again applaud and commend those who lead and contribute to departments of church life, knowing that all this is only possible because people look past themselves and their own time and invest in God's Kingdom that is the local church.



The Pastor continues to encourage the growing culture of our church which see's people having a heart for the house, where people are raised up and empowered to serve and lead in different aspects of Church life. The lines between volunteer and member are blurred as people simply want to give and invest in NEDCF (C4 Church). The Leadership believe that the spiritual mirroring of this attitude and heart is having a powerful affect in the spiritual realm and is a vital component for the future to come. The members of the church are active in many areas, ministering to and touching the lives of others. This is only a summary of the official activities that occur, but there are also the hidden ministries that happen that no one knows about. The support of the individual with a visit or a phone call or a meeting and to those whose ministry is in this area we thank you.

What are our hopes for 2021?

We will continue to come under the national leadership of AoG with a spirit of humility, grace and a kingdom mentality. This will aid the church and its members greatly by creating new connections, opportunities and accessible training for us to raise our capacity and skill in all areas of charity work and church life.

We will continue to place a priority on social media as the tool for connecting and 'getting the word out.' It is inevitable that when the social distancing restrictions allow there will need to be an emphasis on renewing and rebuilding. This has also given us a unique situation where we can take a fresh look and start anew in many ways. The things that are of use will be relaunched and new initiatives can also been set up including that which has an emphasis on community projects in our local area. As the world reopens local people and local business will have fresh challenges and issues, as the Church it is a privilege to be able to walk alongside people and provide support where we can. We will continue to be proactive in making new connections with the community. We will continue to invest in the next generation and the leadership wish to see people empowered in their giftings to help lead and build NEDCF (C4) Church. We continue to believe God is unlocking our potential and with hard work, dedication and a heart for this town we believe God is doing something fresh and inspiring.

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Financial Review

Principal Funding Sources

Total restricted and unrestricted gifts and donations in the 12 month period to 31 December 2020 amounted to £48,114 (2019: £55,209), a decrease of 12.9%. Unrestricted income amounted to £46,724 (2019: £54,482) and restricted income of £1,390 (2019: £727).

Expenses of £34,800 (2019: £50,807) were incurred, a decrease of 31.5% of which £33,635 (2019: £50,080) related to unrestricted expenditure and £727 (2019: £1,165) to restricted expenditure.

In the period to 31 December 2020, net incoming resources were £13,314 (2019: £4,402) of which £225 was restricted and £13,089 unrestricted. £225 was transferred from the Restricted Fund in the year.

As at 31 December 2020, the church had total cash funds available to it of £51,5051 (2019: £38,191) of which £51,046 was unrestricted and £99 unrestricted. There were no outstanding loans or mortgages owed by the charity.

Freehold land and property, relating to 75-85, Market Street, Clay Cross, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S45 9LS is capitalised on the balance sheet at £85,087. A further £28,041 is held in other fixed assets.

Investment Policy

Aside from building and retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the Charity's funds are to be spent in the short term to meet the charities objectives. Where surplus funds are held over, these will be held on deposit within the Charity's main banking facilities. If substantial funds are built up ahead of being deployed to outwork the Charity's objectives, the trustees will give consideration to low risk bank overnight depositary facilities.

Reserves Policy

The church seeks to be prudent with its finances and is aware of the possibility of fluctuations in its income. It also wishes to have funds in reserve to take advantage of opportunities that arise to expand the work or respond to emergency needs as they arise.

For this reason, the Trustees deem it wise to set aside funds equivalent to at least three months average running costs at this time. In order to ensure that funds are kept at this level the Trustees have agreed to set aside any surplus income and pay it into the business account on a regular basis until this level is reached. The level of our reserves is monitored quarterly at the Trustees meeting.

At the balance sheet date, the church holds, in cash reserves, the equivalent of six months operating expenditure. The board of trustees have approved the report above.

Signed: 

Full Name: K Allen

Position: Treasurer

Date: 5/10/21

Independent Examiners Report on the Annual Accounts

Report to the trustees of North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship

Registered Charity number: 1052316

For accounts covering twelve-month period ended: 31 December 2020 prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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Name: Grace Accounting 

Date: 24 September 2021

Address: Grace Accounting, Ryton on Dunsmore, Warwickshire

 **Grace Accounting**

Accounting Statement

For the 12 month period to 31 December 2020

C4 Church – North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship - Charity Number 1052316

Section A

Unrestricted Funds

Receipts

	Breakdown Using Own Analysis	2020	2020	2019	2019
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	Gifts Tithes & Offerings	39,274		45,015	
	Income Tax Recovery on Gift Aid	7,170		8,762	
	Gifts in Kind	0		0	
			46,444		53,777
Receipts from Trading Activities	Cafe Income	0		0	
			0		0
Receipts earned from assets	Rents Received	0		0	
			0		0
Other Receipts	Sundry Income	30		455	
	Interest Received	250		250	
			280		705
TOTAL RECEIPTS			46,724		54,482

Payments

	Breakdown Using Own Analysis		
Ministry & Mission Payments	Ministry Salaries & Expenses	22,655	22,644
	Tracts Literature & Evangelism	0	172
	Subs & Donations to UK Ministries	750	1,490
	Mission trips / Overseas Donations	0	5,097
	Contributions to AoG Funds	700	700
		24,105	30,103
Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management	Telephone Charges	483	429
	Stationery Printing & Postage	175	86
	Rent, Rates, Light & Heat	4,714	4,609
	Repairs and building maintenance	338	6,266
	Bank charges	139	126
	Legal & Accounting Charges	360	300
	Insurance	1,890	1,666
	Cafe	183	132
	Miscellaneous Expenses	1,248	4,754
		9,530	18,368
Other Payments (Not counting as Expenditure)	Purchase of fixed assets	0	1,609
	Mortgage Principal Repaid	0	0
		0	1,609
TOTAL PAYMENTS		33,635	50,080
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		13,089	4,402
Transfer from/(to) Restricted Funds		225	0
Cash Funds last year end		38,092	33,690
Cash Funds this year end		51,406	38,092

The notes on page 15 form part of these financial statements

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Section B

Restricted Income Funds

Receipts

	Breakdown Using Own Analysis	2020	2020	2019	2019
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	Missions	1,390		727	
	Building Fund	0		0	
	Other Designated Receipts	0		0	
	Special Offerings	0		0	
	Gifts for Minibus	0		0	
	Outings & Trips	0		0	
			1,390		727
Receipts from Trading Activities	Conference Income	0		0	
			0		0
Receipts earned from assets	Proceeds from Sale of Assets	0		0	
			0		0
Other Receipts	Grants Received	0		0	
	Other	0		0	
			0		0
TOTAL RECEIPTS			1,390		727

Payments

Breakdown Using Own Analysis

Ministry & Mission Payments	Costs of Ministry Support	0		0	
	Gifts to Missions & Relief Work	1,165		727	
	Donations to UK Causes	0		0	
	Outings & Trips	0		0	
			1,165		727
Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management	Telephone & Postage Costs	0		0	
	Stationery & Printing	0		0	
	Rent, Rates Light & Heat	0		0	
	Equipment Repairs & Renewals	0		0	
	Miscellaneous Expenditure	0		0	
			0		0
Other Payments (not counting as Expenditure)	Purchase of capital items	0		0	
			0		0
TOTAL PAYMENTS			1,165		727
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			225		0
Transfer (to)/from General Funds			(225)		0
Cash Funds last year end			99		99
Cash Funds this year end			99		99

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Section C

Endowment Funds

The Charity does not have any Permanent or Expendable Endowment Funds

Section D

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at Year End

Cash Funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash in Hand	0	0	0
Balances held in Bank Account	51,301	0	0
Balances held in Deposit Account	0	99	0
Till Float	0	0	0
Total Cash Funds	51,301	99	0

Other Monetary Assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Income Tax Claim Due for Repayment	961	0	0
Recoverable Grants	0	0	0
Other Debtors & Prepayments	0	0	0
Total Other Monetary Assets	961	0	0

Investment Assets

	Fund to which it belongs	Cost	Current Value
Term Deposits		0	0
Other Investments	General Funds	5,000	5,000
Total Investment Assets		5,000	5,000

Assets Retained for Charity's own use

	Fund to which it belongs	Cost	Current Value
Land and Buildings	General Fund	88,924	85,087
Plant and Equipment	General Fund	35,888	877
Fixtures and Fittings	General Fund	37,697	1,144
Computer Equipment	General Fund	4,377	628
Plant and Equipment	Restricted Funds	175,487	15,029
Computer Equipment	Restricted Funds	250	1
Total Retained Assets		342,623	102,766

Liabilities

	Fund to which it belongs	Amount due within one year (Current)	Balance due after one year (Long Term)
Unpaid Income Tax & N.I. due	General Fund	382	0
Unpaid Salaries & Wages	General Fund	0	0
Suppliers Accounts Due	General Fund	0	0
Independent Examiners Account Due	General Fund	360	0
Contingent Liabilities	General Fund	0	0
Other Liabilities	General Fund	0	0
Total Liabilities		742	0

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