

Activities and achievements of the charity during the year

General Report (2022) NEDCF (C4 CHURCH)

This is the general report for the Year 2023 (January 1st - December 31st)

The 2022 report ended with the following statement: -

We will continue to being committed to building a church that matters to its community and becoming more outward focussed, while being intentional at building new relationships with the greater community. 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.

As we look ahead to 2023, the leadership of our church has high hopes for the year ahead. Our focus will be on building upon the emerging foundations that have been established over the past few years, including the development of teams and ministries.

In 2023, we will make a concerted effort to invest in all aspects of church life, including our people, our building, and our spirituality. We aim to raise up individuals to take ownership of certain areas of ministry and departments, empowering them to lead and serve.

One of our main goals for 2023 is to explore, promote, and teach a culture of discipleship. This involves not just attending church, but truly understanding and embracing what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We believe that this is a critical aspect of our faith and will help us grow in our relationship with God.

Finally, we will continue to reach out and increase our local and online presence, with the goal of having a greater impact and influence on our community. Our hope is to see more people benefit from the gospel and establish a personal relationship with God.

The Pastor is immensely proud of everyone who has displayed exceptional grace and embraced the changes that have come upon us. It is crucial that we continue to develop and accept the shifting tides, remaining adaptable and open to change to see true growth and make the most of the challenges and opportunities presented during the pandemic. This selfless attitude of putting aside our own desires demonstrates the true humility of Christ that we all strive to embody in our personal faith journeys.

We will continue to take proactive steps towards forming new connections within the community. Investing in all generations is a priority, and the leadership is eager to see individuals empowered and utilising their gifts to help lead and strengthen NEDCF (C4) Church. We firmly believe that God is unlocking our potential and, with hard work, dedication, and a passion for this town, we are confident that God is doing something new and exciting.

Trustees' Annual Report

Report to the trustees of North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship

2023 Review

In 2023, our organisation experienced a year of growth and positive impact. We welcomed new members to our community. Both our men's and ladies' ministries thrived, providing valuable support and fellowship to our members. Our baby pop-up shop initiative continued to make a meaningful difference, reaching, and positively impacting hundreds of individuals in our community. Our Kids Church maintained its success in nurturing the spiritual growth of our younger members, while the relaunch of our youth group marked an exciting development in engaging our youth community members. We also had the privilege of hearing inspiring stories and updates from Ted Hanson and organisations such as Open Doors and Africa Inland Mission, reminding us of our global mission and responsibility. Additionally, our Church facilitated an Alpha course and celebrated baptisms, further strengthening the faith journey of our members. Lastly, our annual carol service once again proved to be a highlight, bringing joy and unity to our congregation and community.



Our aim as a Church is still to create a vibrant and growing church with a strong lifestyle of prayer, clear teaching, a clear vision. We are dedicated to seeking and pursuing God, and to the life-changing power that comes from the good news. We are steadfast in our commitment to the great commission, as outlined in the Bible, and are eager to encourage others to do the same and take responsibility for their own relationship with God.

In the wake of the pandemic, our congregation has undergone significant changes, with God's guiding hand gently pruning us to facilitate fresh growth in other areas. While the challenges presented by the pandemic may have initially seemed daunting, we now recognise them as opportunities for spiritual refinement and renewal. As we navigate these changes, we are filled with anticipation for the future and the possibilities it holds. One exciting prospect on the horizon is the potential to forge partnerships with different missional organisations. These collaborations have the potential to broaden our impact and deepen our engagement with the community, allowing us to extend God's love and compassion to those in need in even more meaningful ways. As we continue to adapt and evolve, we remain steadfast in our faith, trusting that God's plan for us is one of growth, renewal, and abundant blessings.

The leadership of our church is committed to investing in others and allowing them to take on new roles and responsibilities. We believe that by doing so, we can create new and innovative ways of serving our community, even during these challenging times.

The Pastor also regularly attended AoG regional meetings and meetings with the Ground Level network to increase and broaden the input we receive as individuals and as a Church. The pastor also attended the annual conference for Africa Inland Mission which was a great success. Overall, 2023 was a year of significant achievements and blessings for our organisation, after the COVID pandemic we are continuing to lay a strong foundation for continued growth and impact in the years to come. Overall, the culture and attitude of the Church is in a healthy state with most people wanting to be involved, serve and see the Church grow.



Trustees' Annual Report

Report to the trustees of North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship

The changes we have faced over the years have created a greater sense of unity in our Church which is increasing every year.

Music Report

At the heart of our church, music is more than just a sound—it's a form of worship that unites us all. It's been amazing to see more and more people stepping up to share their musical gifts. Our singers and musicians are truly talented, and their dedication has truly enriched our worship experiences. What's even more inspiring is witnessing our members taking on new roles and embracing their musical talents with fresh energy and passion. We've seen new faces join the team, bringing their unique gifts and perspectives to various roles within our music ministry. Our leadership team is committed to fostering the growth of new musicians and singers, aiming to cultivate a community where musical gifts multiply and flourish.

Parents and Toddlers Report

Still recovering from the aftereffects of the COVID pandemic, we were delighted to witness a vibrant community quickly reassemble. Each week, the group buzzes with activity, fostering lively interactions and meaningful connections among parents and toddlers alike. Moreover, we had the pleasure of hosting a Christmas party for the community at our church premises, attended by parents and children alike.

The provision of refreshments during these gatherings has been well-received, fostering a welcoming atmosphere and encouraging new community members to engage and participate. We're thrilled to report continued growth and involvement from individuals in our community, demonstrating the enduring impact and relevance of our ministry.

Prayer Report

At the heart of all that we do, we believe in the power of prayer and the transformative impact it can have in our lives and in the world around us.

Throughout the year, we've held numerous weeks of prayer and fasting, which have seen remarkable engagement from our community. At the core of our efforts lies a firm belief in the power of prayer and its ability to effect transformative change in our lives and the world around us.

We still receive prayer requests through online channels, and we're grateful for the ongoing support and involvement of our members.

Looking forward to 2024, our aim is to be more deliberate in our approach to prayer and fasting. We recognise these practices as essential elements of our spiritual growth, with the potential to bring about significant transformation.

In conclusion, we're thankful for the opportunity to serve in this ministry and for the privilege of bringing the needs of our congregation and the wider world before the throne of grace. We pray that God will continue to bless and guide us as we strive to deepen our commitment to prayer and fasting.

Young Adults Report

Trustees' Annual Report

Report to the trustees of North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship

Over the past year, we've consistently met and strengthened our connections, offering each other support. Our pastor has been a steady guide, extending pastoral care not only to members of the Young Adults Ministry but also to those less engaged with the church, enriching our lives and faith journeys.

As noted in previous years we've witnessed a shift as some of our young adults have started families, presenting both challenges and new avenues for growth. Despite these changes, our dedication to fostering a supportive and inclusive atmosphere for young adults remains unwavering. We see this ministry as integral to our church's mission and are committed to its ongoing success.

We're thankful for the chance to serve in this capacity and eagerly anticipate further growth and mutual support in the future. May God continue to bless this ministry, and all involved in it.



Building Report

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving the church building on Market Street, Clay Cross, the trustees in the previous year engaged the Chartered Surveyors Carter Jonas to complete a building survey. The results of which formed the basis of the building improvement plan to cover the next five years. The report found that "The property has been well-looked after by the owner and there is little in the way of significant defects or disrepair to report at the time of our inspection."

However, the report drew attention to works that will continue to be a focus for building improvements over the coming years as resources and finances allow such as

Other areas requiring remedial work. In 2023 we undertook building work in the form of

- i. repairing and re-bedding coping stones, raking out stone mortar joints and replacing with lime, deal with the effects of water damage to brick work both inside and outside the building, following the remedial work to the gutters.
- ii. Redecorate external doors and replace where necessary.
- iii. This is a summary of the findings, and a detailed description can be found in the building survey. The trustees are determined to continue with the improvement of the building.
- iv. General improvements and decorations inside the building

As a Church we are fortunate to have our own building however there is more work that will be undertaken when time and resources allow for it.

Pastor's Leadership Report

In 2023, the leadership of the church has continued to recognise the significance of their role in leading the congregation and has sought to improve their leadership abilities. They understand the privilege and weight placed on them by the word of God, as stated in 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 pastor continues to emphasise the importance of leadership development and growth, as leaders cannot lead people where they themselves do not go. The leadership team must set an example to follow, and their commitment and determination must reflect the fundamental requirements for an effective church

Trustees' Annual Report

Report to the trustees of North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship

leadership team. They must embrace both spiritual and practical responsibilities, upholding both the spiritual aspects and responsible stewardship of the resources provided by God.

Throughout this year, we've been gradually recovering from the impact of COVID-19. Our church, like many others, has felt the ripples of change affecting attendance and church life. Despite this, I'm incredibly heartened by the steady growth of our congregation and the addition of new members who are quickly becoming the bedrock of our community. These new members are laying a strong foundation upon which our church can thrive and expand.

There's a palpable shift happening within our church—a new culture infused with fresh enthusiasm and a unified desire to contribute and support our shared vision. The dedication and involvement of our members are vital to our mission's success, enabling us to continue progressing and evolving.

I'm deeply appreciative of the resilience and commitment demonstrated by our congregation. As we look ahead, I'm filled with anticipation for what lies in store for C4 Church, confident in our collective ability to grow and fulfil our mission.

Throughout 2023, our church leadership once again wishes to express appreciation for the dedication of those who lead and contribute to various aspects of church life. This recognition is made possible by individuals who selflessly invest their time, resources, and energy into furthering God's Kingdom, as embodied in our local congregation.

Under the guidance of our pastor, a culture is thriving within our church where members are passionate about serving and leading in different capacities. This ethos is believed to have a significant spiritual impact and is seen as a crucial element for our future expansion.

Our members are actively involved in numerous ministries, impacting the lives of others in profound ways. While we may only glimpse the official activities, there are also many hidden acts of service known only to those directly involved. We extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to those who offer support through personal visits, phone calls, or meetings.

What are our hopes for 2024?

We are committed to building a church that holds significance for its community and adopts an outward-looking approach, actively seeking to forge new relationships with the wider community. This endeavour will greatly benefit both the church and its members, fostering fresh connections, opportunities, and accessible training to enhance our capabilities and skills across all aspects of charitable work and church life.

Looking ahead to 2024, our church leadership is optimistic about the year to come. Our primary focus will be on strengthening the foundations laid in recent years, which include the establishment of teams and ministries.

In 2024, we will make a concerted effort to invest in every facet of church life, including our people, our premises, and our spiritual growth. Our aim is to empower individuals to take ownership of specific areas of ministry and departments, enabling them to lead and serve effectively.



more individuals benefit from

Trustees' Annual Report

Report to the trustees of North East Derbyshire Christian Fellowship

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. An estimated further £16,900 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 at least twelve months operating expenditure. The board of trustees have approved the report above.

Signed: 

Full Name: K Allen

Position: Treasurer

Date: 2/7/24

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 2023 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

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached."

In connection with my examination, no other matter, except that referred to in the above paragraphs, have come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

(b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Grace Accounting 

Date: 13 June 2024

Address: Grace Accounting, Ryton on Dunsmore, Warwickshire

 **Grace Accounting**

Statement of Financial Activities

For the 12 month period to 31 December 2023

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

Section A		Unrestricted Funds			
Receipts	Breakdown Using Own Analysis	2023	2023	2022	2022
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	Gifts Tithes & Offerings	32,111		31,779	
	Income Tax Recovery on Gift Aid	7,128		6,181	
	Gifts in Kind	0	39,239	0	37,960
Receipts from Trading Activities	Cafe Income	0	0	0	0
Receipts earned from assets	Rents Received	0	0	0	0
Other Receipts	Sundry Income	3,868		2,952	
	Interest Received	251	4,119	250	3,202
TOTAL RECEIPTS			43,358		41,162
Payments	Breakdown Using Own Analysis				
Ministry & Mission Payments	Ministry Salaries & Expenses	22,647		20,192	
	Ministry Related Costs	3,784		1,958	
	Subs & Donations to UK Ministries	586		1,471	
	Mission trips / Overseas Donations	298		2,290	
	Contributions to AoG Funds	700	28,015	700	26,611
Payments for Administration, Property, Publicity and Management	Telephone Charges	616		450	
	Printing & Advertising	521		331	
	Energy & Utility costs	5,400		5,341	
	Repairs and Building Maintenance	4,878		344	
	Bank charges	164		150	
	Legal & Accounting Charges	1,355		315	
	Insurance	2,349		2,209	
	Cafe	992		368	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	1,308	17,583	1,878	11,386
Other Payments (Not counting as Expenditure)	Purchase of fixed assets	7,174		0	
	Mortgage Principal Repaid	0	7,174	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS			52,772		37,997
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			(9,414)		3,165
Transfer from/(to) Restricted Funds			0		0
Cash Funds last year end			68,500		65,335
Cash Funds this year end			59,086		68,500

The notes on page 18 form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Activities

For the 12 month period to 31 December 2023

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

Section B

Restricted Income Funds

Receipts	Breakdown Using Own Analysis	2023	2023	2022	2022
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	Missions	110		1,730	
	Building Fund	0		0	
	Other Designated Receipts	0		0	
	Special Offerings	0		0	
	Gifts for Minibus	0		0	
	Outings & Trips	0	110	0	1,730
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			110		1,730

Payments

Breakdown Using Own Analysis

Ministry & Mission Payments	Costs of Ministry Support	110		0	
	Gifts to Missions & Relief Work	0		1,050	
	Donations to UK Causes	0		0	
	Outings & Trips	0	110	1,936	2,986
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			110		2,986
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			0		(1,256)
Transfer (to)/from General Funds			0		0
Cash Funds last year end			1,456		2,712
Cash Funds this year end			1,456		1,456

Summary Statement of Assets

For the 12 month period to 31 December 2023

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

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	58,981	1,355	0
Balances held in Deposit Account	0	101	0
Till Float	0	0	0
Total Cash Funds	58,981	1,456	0

Other Monetary Assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Income Tax Claim Due for Repayment	495	0	0
Recoverable Grants	0	0	0
Other Debtors & Prepayments	0	0	0
Total Other Monetary Assets	495	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	561
Fixtures and Fittings	General Fund	37,697	6,471
Computer Equipment	General Fund	4,377	282
Plant and Equipment	Restricted Funds	175,487	9,618
Computer Equipment	Restricted Funds	250	0
Total Retained Assets		342,623	102,019

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	250	0
Unpaid Salaries & Wages	General Fund	0	0
Suppliers Accounts Due	General Fund	0	0
Independent Examiners Account Due	General Fund	315	0
Contingent Liabilities	General Fund	0	0
Other Liabilities	General Fund	0	0
Total Liabilities		565	0