

## **New Life Pentecostal Church, Saffron Walden**

### **Trustees Report for 2022**

The Church was able to open as usual for the whole of 2022, with Covid restrictions lifted. Some of the services were also streamed on Facebook for those unable to make it in person. For the majority of the year, the Church was quite low on numbers, with some families having moved away or not returned after Covid. However, in the later part of the year, numbers began to increase, with several new families joining the Church, including a number from the Ukrainian community.

During the year, the Church members continued to tithe generously, but the Church finances were very tight for most of the year.

We were able to provide a Polish language service once a month, which has grown in popularity, and this will continue throughout 2023. There was also a Polish and Ukrainian life group held every week in the Church building.

The Church ran a Prayer and Praise evening every Thursday in the Church Building, and a Ladies Strength meeting once a month on a Saturday.

The Church was able to run its Sunday morning children's groups during the service, including a Creche for the youngest children, and a group for Primary aged children.

The Hope Community Hub has continued to work hard to provide for families in need in the local area. The Make Lunch team continued to deliver food bags to families during the school holidays, and during the summer holidays the Hub was able to open its doors to the families, providing them with hot meals, events and activities. These events continued in each of the school holidays, and occasionally at weekends, and food vouchers were also provided to the families in the school holidays. Around 25 families were supported by the Hub, including over 100 children. The Hub also started up a Friday night Youth café for children and teenagers.

The Church continues to run a very popular Parent and Toddler group on Wednesday mornings. It is an essential and important group which is very much appreciated by the parents that attend.

The premises were also used by the Town Toy Library, National Childcare Trust, Little Learners, and Saffron Players.

For and on behalf of the Trustees

Richard Knight

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023



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# Accounts 2022

- Summary of receipts and payments accounts '2022 and 2021'
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## Summary of receipts and payments '2021+2022'

<u>Income</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Tithes & Offerings	45,567	44,026
Gift Aid Tax Return	10,334	9,282
Buildings Fund	7,420	2,470
Hire of Church	2,101	1,924
Gift In	285	790
Baby + Toddler group	1,099	2,138
Hope Hub Income	1,565	590
Loan in		3,600
Other income	1,266	2,247
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,637</b>	<b>67,067</b>

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Salaries, Tax & Pensions	24,491	25,861
Church building & manse	7,132	4,406
Utilities	6,870	7,449
Mortgage Repayments	5,916	6,020
Missions/Ministry Gifts	3,484	2,214
Gifts	807	506
Music & Technical	1,925	1,210
Youth Work + Hope Cafe	728	709
Annual Contribution to AOG	1,620	1,620
Cleaning	2,836	3,469
Caretaker	4,025	3,887
Insurance	1,386	1,491
Food & Drink	658	340
Hope Hub & Make Lunch	1,968	2,656
Polish Church	850	1,150
Baby + Toddler group	555	2,012
Loan Return		2,600
Other	3,255	4,676
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,506</b>	<b>72,276</b>

Surplus of Income over Expenditure	<b>1,130</b>	<b>-5,210</b>
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## Cash, Assets & Liabilities

<u>Cash</u>	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Closing</u>
Santander Account	3,158.02	1,605.23
Lloyds Account	567.17	117.17
CAP Account	0	0
Building Fund	3,275.71	68.55
Youth Account	0	0
<b>Cash in hand</b>	<b>7,000.90</b>	<b>1,790.95</b>
<b>Change in cash balance</b>	<b>-5,209.95</b>	

<b><u>Non monetary assets</u></b>	<b>1,569,527</b>	<b>1,600,918</b>
Church & Manse buildings		+2%

<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Loan	0	-1,000
Mortgage Church Building	-36,583	-31,914
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>-36,583</b>	<b>-32,914</b>

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## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

New Life Church owns its own building on Shirehill in Saffron Walden, and it also owns the Manse on Pennystone Road, where the Pastor and his family live.

The Church meets every Sunday morning, and there are also several other Church meetings held in the building during the week, including children and youth groups, Parent and Toddler group, Worship band practice, Prayer and Praise meetings, Leader's meetings, and Ladies' Meetings.

The Church hires out rooms in the building to groups in the local community, including Teddies Toy Library, Little Learners messy play group, and Saffron Players, and also for birthday parties.

Total income amounted to £67,067 (2021: £69,637). The main income for the Church comes from money given through Tithes and Offerings, a total of £44,026, and Gift Aid tax return, a total of £9,282 in 2022. The income was lower than that of the previous year, mainly due to the Church being quieter than usual for some of the year.

There were no significant building projects in 2022, but the Church did replace the fence running down the side of the building, and a closed-in area was created for use at Toddler group, Make Lunch and Church events. This accounts for the extra income into the Building Fund. This money was donated by members of the Church, and also the Hope Community Hub contributed towards the cost.

Income was received related to the Hope Community Hub and Make Lunch. The Hub is located at the Church but runs as a separate organisation. The money received was either to reimburse items bought for the Hub from the Church account, or donations towards the running of the Hub which were then transferred to the Hub bank account.

As finances were tight in 2022, a Church member gave the Church a loan to help with costs, and this loan is being gradually paid back.

Total expenditure amounted to £72,276 (2021: £68,506). This is higher than the expenditure of the previous year, mainly due to higher salary and utilities costs, and increased Toddler group costs due to paying a Church member to run the kitchen.

A significant amount of money is spent on Salaries, HMRC and Pensions (the salary of the Church pastor), a total of £25,861, and paying the invoices of the Church caretaker and cleaner – a total of £7,356 altogether. Other large amounts are spent on utilities, mortgage repayments, Music and Technical equipment, and Insurance.

Money is also spent on Missions – the Church continues to support 5 children through Compassion UK, and it also supports a Missionary working overseas. It also gives monthly to the NSPCC, and it supports the Polish language services which are held monthly in the Church building.

During 2022, the Church pastor continued to choose to receive a reduced salary of 80%, so that the additional money could be used to support people in need. This support was given by way of monetary gifts for petrol and car repairs, and also the purchase of food and drink for people in need.

The Benevolent Fund is also used to support people both within the Church and outside, when they are in need of financial support for a specific purpose (car repairs and food are just 2 examples).

The Church has continued to be part of the NEST workplace pension scheme set up by the government, with the Pastor having joined. Initial contributions were set at 1% of eligible salaries for both employee and employer; however, this increased again in line with the government guidelines in April 2019. From this date, contributions have been set at 3% for employer, and 5% for employee.

NEW LIFE CHURCH SAFFRON WALDEN

CHARITY NUMBER 1054353

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NEW LIFE CHURCH SAFFRON WALDEN

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE EXAMINER

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

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed the 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be brought in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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