

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FLECKNEY

Registered Charity number 1055864

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31 December 2020

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FLECKNEY

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:	New Life Christian Fellowship c/o 4 Cedars Courtyard High Street Fleckney Leicester LE8 8BG
GOVERNING DOCUMENT:	Trust Deed dated 12 th April 1996 Registered charity No: 1055864 Deed of Amendment Dated November 12 th 2013
TRUSTEES:	John Beynon (Chair) Pat Binczak Andrew Robertson Helen Watson
BANKERS:	Lloyds Bank plc, Oadby Branch, 56, Chestnut Avenue Oadby, Leicester LE2 5JG
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	C Veasey ACA Edward Thomas Peirson & Sons Chartered Accountants 21, The Point Rockingham Road Market Harborough Leicestershire LE16 7NU

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New Life Christian Fellowship, Fleckney

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended December 31st 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year 2020.

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The Trust was established in 1996 to fulfill the role of a Christian Church in Fleckney and the surrounding area. The objects listed in the Trust Deed are:

1. The promotion and encouragement of Christianity in any part of the world, and in particular by way of the following activities: Meetings for worship, fellowship and prayer, the teaching of the Bible and the doctrines and principles of the Christian religion, the evangelisation of non-Christians, education of young people in accordance with Christian principles.
2. The relief of poverty, hardship and distress
3. To further such other charitable purposes as the Trustees from time to time in their absolute discretion determine.

New Life Christian Fellowship is a member of the Evangelical Alliance, the largest body serving evangelical Christians in the United Kingdom. Also, as an Ichthus Link Church, the church continued its long-standing relationship with Ichthus Christian Fellowship. In addition to the objects listed above, NLCF works in assisting other churches and receives voluntary help itself where needed. During the year, grants have been made to other charitable organisations and individuals to enable NLCF achieve the above-mentioned objects which can best be done on a larger scale than NLCF could do independently.

The trustees have had due regard to the guidance by the charity commission on public benefit.

GOVERNANCE

The policy and operating decisions of the Charity, including the appointment or removal of trustees, rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Trust. Decisions relating to the Charitable Trust are made by the Trustees in consultation with the Elders, who are responsible for governing the spiritual life and teaching of the church.

The Trustees and Elders are jointly known as the Leadership Team, which, in meeting together promotes effective communication and functioning between the two groups. This ensures that there is a recognition of the responsibilities carried by each and the need for mutual support for each other through care and service. Our Trust Deed reflects the role of the Elders in decision making.

The Leadership Team are encouraged that members of the congregation give of their time, talents and money to enable the trust to effectively fulfill its role both in practical outworking and in its financial support of its local, national and international partners.

Steve Robson continues as Leader of NLCF and is employed on a part-time basis, having been in position from Easter 2012. This was endorsed at a commissioning service on Saturday September 22nd 2012. Until this year, Steve worked part-time for his previous employer but during the year, resigned from his position with Coles and has become self-employed. He continues to be employed three days a week for NLCF.

The Trustees, John Beynon (Chair), Pat Binczak (Treasurer), Helen Watson and Andy Robertson, held meetings as necessary throughout the year. Although the 2020 Corona Virus lockdown prevented the trustees meeting as often as would normally be the case the trustees met through the Zoom digital platform to ensure that the Trust affairs were conducted within the guidelines set out by the Charity Commission and to fulfill the trust objectives. As a church, the Health and Safety, and the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, is of great importance. Training is offered to all members and DBS checks carried out and kept up to date. A record is kept of children attending events such as Connect and Jigsaw. The Trustees endeavour to keep New Life's Safeguarding policy up to date and enforced. Our GDPR responsibilities are kept under review by the Trustees and records are only kept as necessary for legal and essential communication purposes and with relevant permission granted.

In addition, the Trustees met with the Elders in joint meetings as the Leadership Team to maintain a working relationship, to pray together and to support the work of the Elders.

The teaching and spiritual life of the church has remained the responsibility of the Elders which is comprised of three church members, Steve as Leader, Linda Beynon, and Andy Robertson. The Elders plan to meet regularly to pray and discuss church affairs in conjunction with others as necessary. The church family are updated with information regarding current affairs and future plans at Family Meetings which are open to anyone regularly attending the church. A meeting was held in February which was open to all church members, to discuss and plan for the future.

During the year to December 31st 2020 the charity sought to fulfill its purpose as a Christian Church in the community of Fleckney in the following ways:

WORK IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Having an awareness of the needs our local community has been at the centre of New Life's existence and in wishing to fulfill that aim, New Life has continued to build bridges through its charitable work. Visiting the sick, supporting elderly folk in their homes, and providing lunch for an area of the village, are just some of the functions undertaken by the church.

CommuniCare, set up by Steve and Judith Robson as part of the charity, aims to serve the infirm and vulnerable in the local community in practical ways. Help with shopping, deliveries, transport, post or just to have a chat or prayer along with general help around the home are some of the basics that CommuniCare can help with.

Andy and Linda continue to run 'Connect After Hours', an informal group for secondary school aged young people for meeting up and discussion.

As a church our support of "Open Hands" a Leicester-based charity, has again been maintained over the year. Open Hands exists to provide food, clothing and basic needs, also furniture and advice to the most vulnerable in Leicester. In addition to financial support, our church members are encouraged to buy extra items of tinned and packaged produce, toiletries and items of baby care for delivery to the project.

In order to communicate effectively with the local community, a website is kept refreshed regularly with up-to-date news, as is our Facebook page, which was set up by Andy and Katie Robertson in order to advertise events and keep in touch with regular users. Also, an article is placed in the local free newspaper "Communicata" by each of the churches, New Life contributing in turn.

A successful Medieval Evening with food, costume and activities appropriate to the period was produced by the church with an outreach invitation extended to the wider community.

Most of the usual activities that the church provides within the community have had to be curtailed due to lockdown restrictions but where assistance could be provided within the government guidance for safeguarding, this was undertaken to assist vulnerable people.

PRAYER and EVANGELISM

Prayer continues to be one of the most important core activities of the church. Groups met using the Zoom platform at various times and focused on various matters such as our mission partners overseas and prayer for the nations.

NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL

Nationally, New Life has continued to subscribe to Ichthus Christian Fellowship and The Evangelical Alliance, support and advice being available from them as needed.

From the money donated to the church, amounts were given to various charitable organisations through the year as the Trustees responded to needs known to them or brought to their attention.

Monthly donations included Olive Tree, Neighbourhood Prayer and Compassion.

The work of the Christian Institute is supported by the church and individual members of the fellowship as they continue to monitor and advise the government on issues of concern to Christians nationally.

As a sponsor of a child through Compassion UK, regular donations were sent from fellowship funds. Individual members of the church also make donations privately as sponsors of other children.

TRAINING and EDUCATION

Where appropriate to the functioning of the trust and its objectives, training of members to help encourage and equip them in their roles has been funded, or conducted locally. Each week part of the morning service conducted on the Zoom platform is devoted to teaching through sermons delivered primarily by Steve. The Leadership have continued to oversee the teaching within the church, encouraging personal study and participation in “Life Groups” and prayer groups in the wider community.

WORSHIP

Our weekly service of worship continues to be held despite not being able to be held at the Village Hall premises since March and is overseen by the Elders. Preparation and delivery of sermons is mainly the remit of our church leader, Steve, and occasionally one of our church members has preached. By assisting those who struggle with technology to access Zoom, the majority of the church congregation has been able to meet digitally each week and the sharing of prayer and pre-recorded videos, has enabled worship and fellowship each week for the duration of the lockdown since March.

FINANCE

The generosity of the members of New Life Christian Fellowship along with the claim through the Gift Aid scheme has enabled the trust to maintain its support of various charitable causes throughout the year. The regular donations from members ensured that the trust had no need to make appeals for funds to cover its expenses, and continues to honour commitments made in support of our overseas mission partners. The church tithed its income and gave in excess of the tithe in support of charitable organisations involved in evangelism, teaching and the relief of poverty, locally, nationally and internationally. In making donations, the Leadership considered prayerfully those needs known to them, those brought by the congregation to their attention and requests received by the church. A review of our financial support was undertaken and changes were made to our giving to charitable causes that we will support, they now include donations to Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer and CMJUK.

The trust continues to receive rent from the property that it owns less administration and running costs.

Hire of halls, wages, administration costs and catering and the upkeep of the trust’s rental property were the main costs in the total overall expenditure for the year of £23,527. Income for the year from donations, Gift Aid claims, rental income and interest received totaled £33,680. The gain of £10,153 helped to increase overall funds.

The Trustees aim to maintain enough unrestricted reserves to enable them to meet at least six months’ worth of future expenditure and the current balance of £62,486 is more than sufficient.

TRUSTEES’ RESPONSIBILITIES

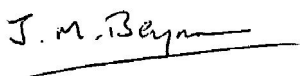
Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Trustees on 29th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Beynon", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

John Beynon (Chair of the Trustees)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of New Life Christian Fellowship, Fleckney

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of New Life Christian Fellowship (charity number 1055864) for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements 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 Veasey ACA

29th October 2021

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NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FLECKNEY
Registered Charity number 1055864
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31 December 2020

		2020			2019		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Donations:	Legacies	100	-	100	458	-	458
	Offerings & donations	19,370	1,100	20,470	21,745	2,035	23,780
	Tax recovered under gift aid	4,239	-	4,239	4,391	-	4,391
		<u>23,709</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>24,809</u>	<u>26,594</u>	<u>2,035</u>	<u>28,629</u>
Other:	Communicare income	168	-	168	1,477	250	1,727
	Rent	8,448	-	8,448	3,661	-	3,661
	Insurance refunds	-	-	-	21	-	21
	Short term loan received	-	-	-	100	-	100
	Other activities	-	-	-	180	-	180
		<u>8,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,615</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>5,689</u>
Investment:	Interest received	256	-	256	240	-	240
		<u>256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240</u>
Total receipts		<u>32,580</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>33,680</u>	<u>32,273</u>	<u>2,285</u>	<u>34,558</u>
PAYMENTS							
Direct	Evangelism - international	2,239	-	2,239	2,755	835	3,590
	Evangelism - national	715	-	715	740	-	740
	Evangelism - local	328	1,000	1,328	2,354	1,200	3,554
	Leader's salary	13,961	-	13,961	13,227	-	13,227
	Catering	106	-	106	587	-	587
	Communicare expenditure	429	-	429	646	206	852
	Conference & retreat	-	-	-	376	-	376
	Fellowship gifts	-	-	-	110	-	110
	Social events	159	-	159	400	-	400
	Visiting speakers	-	-	-	205	-	205
	Youth	129	-	129	170	-	170
		<u>18,066</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>19,066</u>	<u>21,570</u>	<u>2,241</u>	<u>23,811</u>
Administration:	Stationery	58	-	58	57	-	57
	Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Licences & subscriptions	621	-	621	359	-	359
	Sundry	100	-	100	110	-	110
	Computer & website	351	-	351	180	-	180
	Insurance	506	-	506	514	-	514
	Short term loan repaid	-	-	-	100	-	100
	Payroll fees	211	-	211	263	-	263
	Independent Examiner's fee	408	-	408	396	-	396
		<u>2,255</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,255</u>	<u>1,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,979</u>
Property:	5 Hobrook Road	438	-	438	13,811	-	13,811
	Hire of halls	1,768	-	1,768	4,997	-	4,997
	Repairs and renewals	-	-	-	234	-	234
	Insurance	-	-	-	272	-	272
		<u>2,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,206</u>	<u>19,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,314</u>
Total payments		<u>22,527</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>23,527</u>	<u>42,863</u>	<u>2,241</u>	<u>45,104</u>
NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		10,053	100	10,153	(10,590)	44	(10,546)
Cash funds 31 December 2019		52,187	146	52,333	62,777	102	62,879
Cash funds 31 December 2020		<u>62,240</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>62,486</u>	<u>52,187</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>52,333</u>

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Registered Charity number 1055864

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2020

			2020			2019		
			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
			£	£	£	£	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS								
Bank & Cash balances:								
Market Harborough BS	Reserve account		-	-	-	40,000	-	40,000
	Project account		-	-	-	4,000	-	4,000
Lloyds Bank plc			3,211	100	3,311	7,362	146	7,508
CAF	Current account		8,405	-	8,405	-	-	-
	CAF Gold		50,001	-	50,001	-	-	-
	Communicare		615	-	615	-	-	-
Cash in hand			154	-	154	825	-	825
			<u>62,386</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>62,486</u>	<u>52,187</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>52,333</u>
Other monetary assets:								
	Tax recoverable under gift aid		3,805	-	3,805	4,239	-	4,239
	Insurance paid in advance		-	-	-	419	-	419
	Website hosting paid in advance		-	-	-	-	-	-
			<u>3,805</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,805</u>	<u>4,658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,658</u>
Total monetary assets:			<u>66,191</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>66,291</u>	<u>56,845</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>56,991</u>

ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE

			£	£	£	£	£	£
Property								
5 Hobrook Road	At valuation		280,000	-	280,000	280,000	-	280,000
Equipment (over £250)								
Roland Keyboard	1996	cost	1,122	-	1,122	1,122	-	1,122
Lapel microphone	1997	cost	279	-	279	279	-	279
Chalices (2) & plates (2)	2001	cost	763	-	763	763	-	763
Tripod screen	2002	cost	315	-	315	315	-	315
Display boards	2007	cost	310	-	310	310	-	310
Microphone (2) & stand	2002	cost	335	-	335	335	-	335
Computer	2006	cost	482	-	482	482	-	482
Puppet staging	2007	cost	401	-	401	401	-	401
Mixer desk	2008	cost	7,547	-	7,547	7,547	-	7,547
Computer	2010	cost	399	-	399	399	-	399
Keyboard	2010	cost	302	-	302	302	-	302
Projector	2012	cost	1,524	-	1,524	1,524	-	1,524
Hard Drive Recorder	2012	value	800	-	800	800	-	800
Hand-held radio microphone	2017	cost	405	-	405	405	-	405
			<u>294,984</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>294,984</u>	<u>294,984</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>294,984</u>

LIABILITIES

			£	£	£	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee								
			408	-	408	408	-	408
			<u>408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>408</u>	<u>408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>408</u>

Note The freehold property known as 5 Hobrook Road, Fleckney is included above at the Trustees valuation. The charity was gifted half of the property in December 2001 and in September 2006 purchased, having taken independent valuation advice, the remaining half share for £85,000

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 29th October 2021 and signed on their behalf:

PABinczak

Pat Binczak

J.m.Bey

John Beynon