

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FLECKNEY

Registered Charity number 1055864

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31 December 2021

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 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year 2021.

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The Trust was established in 1996 to fulfil 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 and is an Ichthus Link Church. 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.

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, 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 fulfil 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. Steve is part time self-employed and 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. Covid 19 Virus lockdown prevented the trustees meeting as often as would normally be the case and the trustees met through the Zoom digital platform until April and in person from then, to ensure that the Trust affairs were conducted within the guidelines set out by the Charity Commission and to fulfil 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 members and DBS checks relevant to positions held are carried out and kept up to date as necessary. A record is kept of children attending church services. 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.

During the year to December 31st 2021, the charity sought to fulfil 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 fulfil that aim, New Life has continued to build bridges through its charitable work. 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.

In order to communicate effectively with the local community, a website, and Facebook page, are kept up to date to advertise events and keep in touch with regular users. Also, an article is placed in the monthly local free newspaper "Communicata" by each of the churches, New Life contributing in turn. A pantomime written, produced and performed by Doug Horley was presented and underwritten by New Life as an outreach to the local community. A small nominal ticket charge was made. 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 people in need. Christmas hampers were purchased and distributed to vulnerable members of the local community.

Furthering the links with the other local churches, New Life joined 'Churches Together' in participating in Easter events, Harvest Prayer and Carols on the Green.

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. Donations to other charitable organisations included Neighbourhood Prayer, CMJ, Open Hands, Evangelical Alliance 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.

In sponsoring 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.

As a church, we have agreed to be involved with a new initiative "Welcome Church". This involves support for refugees who may move into the local area and need physical or financial help to move in and integrate into the community.

An auction was held in support of the charity, "Reach my Street", which is working with the poor and vulnerable in Moldova and over a thousand pounds was sent that had been raised from items that had been very generously donated. Further donations were made from a quiz evening held at the Baptist Church, the proceeds split between Reach my Street and Tear Fund.

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.

The Alice Harris Education Fund provided a grant for a church member who needed a media program for his college course. 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.

WORSHIP

Our weekly service of worship continued via the Zoom digital platform until September when the services returned to the Village Hall. A decision was made to invest in the infrastructure and equipment to enable live streaming of the service over the YouTube platform. Preparation and delivery of sermons is mainly the remit of our church leader, Steve, and occasionally one of our church members has preached.

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. In conjunction with the church elders, we agreed support for Open Hands the Leicester based charity who work with the disadvantaged and vulnerable, towards their new building. Continued support by partial funding of physiotherapy was given to a church member and another member received help with funeral costs.

The annual report and accounts were submitted to our auditors for inspection in August.

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 were the main costs in the total overall expenditure for the year of £33,945 which was covered by donations, Gift Aid claims, rental income and interest received in the total sum of £30,779.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

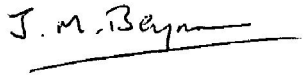
Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

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 26th October 2022 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 2021 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.



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26th October 2022

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FLECKNEY
Registered Charity number 1055864
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021			2020		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Donations:	Legacies	116	-	116	100	-	100
	Offerings & donations	20,832		20,832	19,370	1,100	20,470
	Agency collections		1,368	1,368			
	Tax recovered under gift aid		-	-	4,239	-	4,239
		20,948	1,368	22,316	23,709	1,100	24,809
Other:	Communicare income	110	-	110	168	-	168
	Rent	8,338	-	8,338	8,448	-	8,448
	Other activities	10	-	10	-	-	-
		8,458	-	8,458	8,615	-	8,615
Investment:	Interest received	5	-	5	256	-	256
		5	-	5	256	-	256
Total receipts		29,411	1,368	30,779	32,580	1,100	33,680
PAYMENTS							
Direct	Evangelism - international	576	1,000	1,576	2,239	-	2,239
	Evangelism - national	1,120	-	1,120	715	-	715
	Evangelism - local	4,733		4,733	328	1,000	1,328
	Leader's salary	13,133	-	13,133	13,961	-	13,961
	Catering	19	-	19	106	-	106
	Communicare expenditure	62	-	62	429	-	429
	Fellowship gifts	6,209	-	6,209	-	-	-
	Social events	-	-	-	159	-	159
	Visiting speakers	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Youth	-	-	-	129	-	129
		25,852	1,000	26,852	18,066	1,000	19,066
Administration:	Stationery	59	-	59	58	-	58
	Licences & subscriptions	609	-	609	621	-	621
	Sundry	253	-	253	100	-	100
	Computer & website	199	-	199	351	-	351
	Insurance	521	-	521	506	-	506
	Payroll fees	373	-	373	211	-	211
	Independent Examiner's fee	480	-	480	408	-	408
	Purchase of assets	2,445		2,445			
		4,937	-	4,937	2,255	-	2,255
Property:	5 Hobrook Road	455	-	455	438	-	438
	Hire of halls	1,331	-	1,331	1,768	-	1,768
	Insurance	370	-	370	-	-	-
		2,156	-	2,156	2,206	-	2,206
Total payments		32,945	1,000	33,945	22,527	1,000	23,527
NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		(3,534)	368	(3,166)	10,053	100	10,153
Cash funds 31 December 2020		62,240	246	62,486	52,187	146	52,333
Cash funds 31 December 2021		58,706	614	59,320	62,240	246	62,486

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2021

		2021				2020			
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
		£	£		£	£	£	£	
MONETARY ASSETS									
Bank & Cash balances:									
Market Harborough BS	Reserve account	-	-		-	-	-	-	
	Project account	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Lloyds Bank plc		(3,921)	246	4,000	325	3,065	246	3,311	
CAF	Current account	7,830	368		8,198	8,405	-	8,405	
	CAF Gold	50,006	-		50,006	50,001	-	50,001	
	Communicare	178		410	588	615	-	615	
Cash in hand		202	-		202	154	-	154	
		<u>54,296</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>59,320</u>	<u>62,240</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>62,486</u>	
Other monetary assets:									
	Tax recoverable under gift aid	3,683	-		3,683	3,805	-	3,805	
	Insurance paid in advance	-	-		-	-	-	-	
	Website hosting paid in advance	-	-		-	-	-	-	
		<u>3,683</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,683</u>	<u>3,805</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,805</u>	
Total monetary assets:		<u>57,979</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>63,003</u>	<u>66,045</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>66,291</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
Computer	2021 cost	330		330			
Camera for streaming	2021 cost	2,115		2,115			
		<u>297,429</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>297,429</u>	<u>294,984</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>294,984</u>

LIABILITIES

	£	£	£	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee	480	-	480	408	-	408
	<u>480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>480</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 26-10-2022 and signed on their behalf:

PABinczak

J. m. Beynon

Pat Binczak

John Beynon