

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FLECKNEY

Registered Charity number 1055864

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31 December 2022

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FLECKNEY

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

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 Robert Brown Helen Watson
BANKERS:	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
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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The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to December 31st 2022.

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 ("NLCF") 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 Robert Brown, held meetings as necessary throughout the year 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 two church members, Steve as Leader and Linda Beynon. The Elders plan to meet regularly to pray and discuss church affairs in conjunction with others as necessary.

During the year to December 31st 2022, 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, an arm of the charity maintained its aim to support the elderly and vulnerable of our community in practical ways such as providing transport, gardening, shopping etc. Communication with the local community was maintained through articles in the monthly local free newspaper "Communicata", through our website (www.fleckneynlcf.org), and through our Facebook page that is regularly updated with events that New Life produces, or takes part in, as part of the Churches Together in Fleckney.

We participated in charity fundraising in support of "Hope 4" which works with refugees and the poor in Moldova. During the summer, a new initiative – "Fleckney Fridays" invited local folk to the Village Hall for fun activities such as Lego building, Ukelele lesson, glass fusion workshop puppet workshop and Messy Church. Again, Christmas hampers were obtained and distributed to some of the less fortunate within the community.

PRAYER and EVANGELISM

The church meets each Sunday morning for prayer and worship and during the week throughout the year Life Groups met for prayer and study. "Fleckney Showcase" an outreach event was held at the Band Hall in conjunction with the Baptist Church and many local organisations attended and promoted their groups.

Over 1,300 angels which had been knitted by many volunteers were placed on railings around the village where children and adults could collect them as they passed on the way to school just before Christmas. Encouraging messages on labels had been tied to them and many people expressed appreciation on the local Facebook page.

An open invitation was extended to everyone in the local community to attend a "Christmas by Candlelight" joint service with the Baptist Church, hosted by our church. The Village Hall was specially decorated and lit for the event.

NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL

New Life has continued to subscribe to Ichthus Christian Fellowship and The Evangelical Alliance, both of which are available for support and guidance should it be needed. New Life is fortunate to be supported financially by a generous congregation and in turn are able to support charitable organisations of similar objectives who work both in this country and abroad such as Neighbourhood Prayer, CMJ, Open Hands, Evangelical Alliance and Compassion UK through whom we sponsor a child.

TRAINING and EDUCATION

The Leadership have continued to oversee the teaching within the church, encouraging personal study and participation in "Life Groups" and prayer groups.

WORSHIP

Each week our service of worship in the Village Hall and live streaming of the service over the YouTube platform were led by our Church Leader, Steve, and our worship group led the music.

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.

The annual report and accounts were submitted to our auditors for inspection. The trust continues to receive rent from the property that it owns, less administration and running costs which this year have included the replacement of double glazing units and refurbishment of the bathroom. Hire of halls, wages, administration costs and catering were the main costs in the total overall expenditure for the year of £34,556 which was covered by donations, Gift Aid claims, rental income and interest received in the total sum of £40,999.

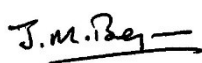
TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

During the year, Andy Robertson resigned as Church Elder and Trustee due to pressure of work and other commitments. The trustees approached Robert Brown who accepted the position of trustee. Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity. 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^{25/10/2023}... and signed on their behalf by:

John Beynon



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 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

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

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NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FLECKNEY
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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022			2021		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Donations:	Legacies	1,915	-	1,915	116	-	116
	Offerings & donations	20,691	-	20,691	20,832	-	20,832
	Agency collections	-	2,105	2,105	-	1,368	1,368
	Tax recovered under gift aid	7,488	-	7,488	-	-	-
		30,094	2,105	32,199	20,948	1,368	22,316
Other:	Communicare income	-	-	-	110	-	110
	Rent	8,580	-	8,580	8,338	-	8,338
	Other activities	-	-	-	10	-	10
		8,580	-	8,580	8,458	-	8,458
Investment:	Interest received	220	-	220	5	-	5
		220	-	220	5	-	5
Total receipts		38,894	2,105	40,999	29,411	1,368	30,779
PAYMENTS							
Direct	Evangelism - international	4,888	1,351	6,239	576	1,000	1,576
	Evangelism - national	1,120	-	1,120	1,120	-	1,120
	Evangelism - local	1,788	-	1,788	4,733	-	4,733
	Leader's salary	13,829	-	13,829	13,133	-	13,133
	Catering	95	-	95	19	-	19
	Communicare expenditure	-	-	-	62	-	62
	Fellowship gifts	1,759	-	1,759	6,209	-	6,209
	Social events	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Visiting speakers	40	-	40	-	-	-
	Youth	-	-	-	-	-	-
		23,518	1,351	24,869	25,852	1,000	26,852
Administration:	Stationery	-	-	-	59	-	59
	Licences & subscriptions	696	-	696	609	-	609
	Sundry	222	-	222	253	-	253
	Computer & website	84	-	84	199	-	199
	Insurance	538	-	538	521	-	521
	Payroll fees	238	-	238	373	-	373
	Independent Examiner's fee	518	-	518	480	-	480
	Training	300	-	300	-	-	-
	Repairs and renewals	278	-	278	-	-	-
	Purchase of assets	665	-	665	2,445	-	2,445
		3,540	-	3,540	4,937	-	4,937
Property:	5 Hobrook Road	1,525	-	1,525	455	-	455
	Hire of halls	4,215	-	4,215	1,331	-	1,331
	Insurance	406	-	406	370	-	370
		6,146	-	6,146	2,156	-	2,156
Total payments		33,205	1,351	34,556	32,945	1,000	33,945
NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		5,690	754	6,444	(3,534)	368	(3,166)
Cash funds 31 December 2021		58,706	614	59,320	62,240	246	62,486
Cash funds 31 December 2022		64,396	1,368	65,764	58,706	614	59,320

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2022

		2022				2021			
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS									
Bank & Cash balances:									
Market Harborough BS	Reserve account	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Project account	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Lloyds Bank plc		(4,100)	100	4,000	-	(3,921)	246	4,000	325
CAF	Current account	3,461	798	-	4,260	7,830	368	-	8,198
	CAF Gold	59,749	470	-	60,219	50,006	-	-	50,006
	Communicare	121	-	410	531	178	-	410	588
Cash in hand		-	-	-	-	202	-	-	202
		63,232	1,368	410	65,010	54,296	614	4,410	59,320
Other monetary assets:									
	Tax recoverable under gift aid	3,830	-	-	3,830	3,683	-	-	3,683
	Insurance paid in advance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Website hosting paid in advance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		3,830	-	-	3,830	3,683	-	-	3,683
Total monetary assets:		67,061	1,368	410	68,840	57,979	614	4,410	63,003

ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE

		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Property								
5 Hobrook Road	At valuation	300,000	-	300,000	280,000	-	280,000	280,000
Equipment (over £250)								
Roland Keyboard	1996 cost	1,122	-	1,122	1,122	-	1,122	1,122
Lapel microphone	1997 cost	279	-	279	279	-	279	279
Chalices (2) & plates (2)	2001 cost	763	-	763	763	-	763	763
Tripod screen	2002 cost	315	-	315	315	-	315	315
Display boards	2007 cost	310	-	310	310	-	310	310
Microphone (2) & stand	2002 cost	335	-	335	335	-	335	335
Computer	2006 cost	482	-	482	482	-	482	482
Puppet staging	2007 cost	401	-	401	401	-	401	401
Mixer desk	2008 cost	7,547	-	7,547	7,547	-	7,547	7,547
Computer	2010 cost	399	-	399	399	-	399	399
Keyboard	2010 cost	302	-	302	302	-	302	302
Projector	2012 cost	1,524	-	1,524	1,524	-	1,524	1,524
Hard Drive Recorder	2012 value	800	-	800	800	-	800	800
Hand-held radio microphone	2017 cost	405	-	405	405	-	405	405
Computer	2021 cost	330	-	330	330	-	330	330
Camera for streaming	2021 cost	2,115	-	2,115	2,115	-	2,115	2,115
Laptop & streaming equipment	2022 cost	460	-	460				
2 Communion trays & 40 cups	2022 cost	205	-	205				
		318,094	-	318,094	297,429	-		297,429

LIABILITIES

	£	£	£	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee	570	-	570	480	-	480
	570	-	570	480	-	480

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 25/10/2023 and signed on their behalf:

PABinczak

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Pat Binczak

John Beynon