

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FLECKNEY

Registered Charity number 1055864

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31 December 2023

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FLECKNEY

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

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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New Life Christian Fellowship, Fleckney

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended December 31st 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to December 31st 2023.

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 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 who also has oversight of the worship team. The Elders plan to meet regularly to pray and discuss church affairs in conjunction with others as necessary.

During the year to December 31st 2023, 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 to doctor and hospital appointments, gardening, shopping etc. CommuniCare also provided a regular hot meal and warm space at Fleckney Community Library on a Monday lunchtime for the elderly and vulnerable. Staffed by volunteers, it was much appreciated and provided a meeting place serving the community. An additional CommuniCare event was an afternoon tea to celebrate the coronation.

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 a Quiz Night and Auction as charity fundraising in support of "Hope 4" which works with refugees and the poor in Moldova.

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. An open invitation was extended to everyone in the local community to attend a joint churches' event at the Parish Church which was open for prayer and reflection for "Thy Kingdom Come" in May. Information and displays were provided by New Life to offer inspiration for topics of prayer. The Leadership team also took the opportunity to meet specifically for prayer together. The Baptist Church hosted a meeting one Wednesday per month, entitled "The Gathering". We were committed to support it, as it was an open invitation to any Christians locally to meet together for prayer for the community, the world in general and for specific topics as led.

New Life sponsored and hosted an event at the Village Hall when it invited Tom Elliott, a comedian magician, to present an evening of entertainment. Ticketed, with an open invitation to the village, it was an opportunity for outreach and was well received. During the summer and during school holidays, a New Life initiative – "Fleckney Fridays" invited local folk to the Village Hall for fun activities such as Lego building, Glass Fusion workshop, Coffee Morning, Afternoon Tea and Messy Church. At Easter, the church met with the Baptist Church on the Green to present an outreach for the village, giving out Easter Eggs and a goodie bag to those attending. A long-standing annual event "Carols on the Green" saw hundreds of village folk gather on the village green to sing carols and hear the Christmas story followed by refreshments.

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 is 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, Wall of Eternal Prayer, Good News for Everyone and Compassion UK through whom we sponsor a child. A visiting speaker gave an insight into the work of "Mercy Ships", a Christian organisation that provides medical treatment, concentrating on the poor of Sub-Saharan Africa. As a church we gave a donation in support of their work.

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. As a gift, in conjunction with the other village churches, Bibles were purchased and distributed to those children at the end of their time at Junior school prior to moving up to secondary school.

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, with our worship group leading the music. A new projector and screen were purchased and installed to assist in the projection of words, sermon illustrations and videos.

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 trust continues to receive rent from the property that it owns, less running costs which this year have included the annual Gas Safety check, Estate Agency fees, insurance, and gutter cleaning. The hire of halls, wages, administration costs, insurances, licences and catering. were the main costs in the total overall expenditure for the year of £38,760 which was covered by donations, Gift Aid claims, rental income and interest received in the total sum of £37,315.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

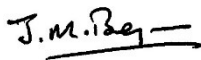
During the year, the Trustees held four meetings to discuss matters relating to the running of the charity and the upkeep of the property owned. Also, the trustees met with the Elders as a Leadership Team meeting.

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity. The annual report and accounts were submitted to our auditors for inspection prior to being submitted to the Charity Commission. 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. 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 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

John Beynon

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

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 2023 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').

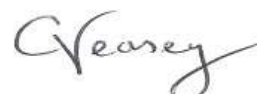
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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
29 October 2024

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NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FLECKNEY
Registered Charity number 1055864
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023			2022		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Donations:	Legacies	1,090	-	1,090	1,915	-	1,915
	Offerings & donations	22,706	-	22,706	20,691	-	20,691
	Agency collections	-	-	-	-	2,105	2,105
	Tax recovered under gift aid	3,830	-	3,830	7,488	-	7,488
		<u>27,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,626</u>	<u>30,094</u>	<u>2,105</u>	<u>32,199</u>
Other:	CommuniCare income	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Rent	8,645	-	8,645	8,580	-	8,580
	Other activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>8,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,645</u>	<u>8,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,580</u>
Investment:	Interest received	1,044	-	1,044	220	-	220
		<u>1,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,044</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220</u>
Total receipts		<u>37,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,315</u>	<u>38,894</u>	<u>2,105</u>	<u>40,999</u>
PAYMENTS							
Direct	Evangelism - international	2,800	-	2,800	4,888	1,351	6,239
	Evangelism - national	1,020	-	1,020	1,120	-	1,120
	Evangelism - local	4,573	-	4,573	1,788	-	1,788
	Leader's salary	14,107	-	14,107	13,829	-	13,829
	Catering	67	-	67	95	-	95
	CommuniCare expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Conference & retreat	126	-	126	-	-	-
	Fellowship gifts	1,989	-	1,989	1,759	-	1,759
	Social events	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Visiting speakers	45	-	45	40	-	40
	Youth	145	-	145	-	-	-
		<u>24,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,872</u>	<u>23,518</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>24,869</u>
Administration:	Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Licences & subscriptions	557	-	557	696	-	696
	Sundry	263	-	263	222	-	222
	Computer & website	101	-	101	84	-	84
	Insurance	585	-	585	538	-	538
	Payroll fees	334	-	334	238	-	238
	Independent Examiner's fee	571	-	571	518	-	518
	Training	320	-	320	300	-	300
	Repairs and renewals	36	-	36	278	-	278
	Purchase of assets	5,322	-	5,322	665	-	665
		<u>8,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,089</u>	<u>3,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,540</u>
Property:	5 Hobbrook Road	300	-	300	1,525	-	1,525
	Hire of halls	5,046	-	5,046	4,215	-	4,215
	Insurance	454	-	454	406	-	406
		<u>5,799</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,799</u>	<u>6,146</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,146</u>
Total payments		<u>38,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,760</u>	<u>33,204</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>34,555</u>
NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		<u>(1,445)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,445)</u>	<u>5,690</u>	<u>754</u>	<u>6,444</u>
Cash funds 31 December 2022		64,396	1,368	65,764	58,706	614	59,320
Cash funds 31 December 2023		<u>62,950</u>	<u>1,368</u>	<u>64,318</u>	<u>64,396</u>	<u>1,368</u>	<u>65,764</u>

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Registered Charity number 1055864
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2023

		2023				2022			
		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)	-	4,000		(4,000)	-
Lloyds Bank plc		(4,100)	100	4,000	-	(4,100)	100	4,000	-
CAF	Current account	7,221	798		8,020	3,461	798	-	4,260
	CAF Gold	54,782	470		55,252	59,749	470	-	60,219
	Communicare	85		410	495	121	-	410	531
Cash in hand					-	-	-		-
		61,989	1,368	410	63,767	63,232	1,368	410	65,010
Other monetary assets:									
	Tax recoverable under gift aid	3,322	-		3,322	3,830	-	-	3,830
	Insurance paid in advance	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
	Website hosting paid in advance	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
		3,322	-	-	3,322	3,830	-	-	3,830
Total monetary assets:		65,311	1,368	410	67,089	67,061	1,368	410	68,840

ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE

		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Property								
5 Hobrook Road	At valuation	330,000	-	330,000	300,000	-	300,000	300,000
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	460	-	460	460
2 Communion trays & 40 cups	2022 cost	205	-	205	205	-	205	205
Data Projector and Lens	2023 cost	4,488	-	4,488				
Screen	2023 cost	690	-	690				
Projector Accessories	2023 cost	144	-	144				
		353,416	-	353,416	318,094	-		318,094

LIABILITIES

	£	£	£	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee	629	-	629	570	-	570
	629	-	629	570	-	570

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 29 October 2024 and signed on their behalf:

PABinczak

J.m.Bey

Pat Binczak

John Beynon