



HEADLEY HEATH NEW LIFE CHURCH TRUST

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1059123

For The Year Ended 31st December 2020

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees have the pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Charity Details:

Names: The Charity is formally Registered as Headley Heath New Life Church Trust but is commonly known as New Life Church Centre

Registered Charity Number: 1059123

Address: New Life Church Centre, Middle Lane, Headley Heath, Birmingham B38 0DG

Correspondence Address: Elim, Packhorse Lane, Headley Heath, Birmingham, B38 0DN

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity

Names	Office	Appointed	Resigned/Retired
Malcolm Bull	Chairman	Oct 1996	
Janet Bull	Treasurer	Oct1996	
Ken Brooke	Trustee	Oct1996	
John Bryan	Trustee	Oct 1996	Sept 2021

Names and Addresses of Advisors

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Registered charity: 251549

Structure, Governance & Management

New Life Church Centre is constituted by Deed of Trust dated 24th October 1996 and is registered with the Charity Commission, charity Number 1059123.

New Life Church Centre Trustees are appointed to the board by recommendation of the chairperson and by a majority vote. A new trustee will be already familiar with the work of the charity, as they are drawn from within the church congregation with due regard given to their skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. However, there may be a good reason why an appointed trustee will not be a member of the church.

For any future newly appointed trustees, a copy of the governing document will be provided to them, along with full training and links to guidance from the Charity Commission and the policies and procedures of the charity.

The day-to-day management of the charity is led by the Pastor and Associate Leader supported by the elder.

Names of Senior Staff with Delegated Responsibilities

Malcolm Bull is appointed as Pastor and employed by New Life Church Centre on a self-employed basis working Fulltime.

Rachel Langley is appointed as Associate Leader and employed by New Life Church Centre on a self-employed basis working 15 Paid hours per week.

Charities Objectives and Purposes

New Life Church was established in January 1936, the sole purpose of the church has always been to spread and promote the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who commanded and commissioned all his disciples and followers to go into all the world and preach the gospel (Mark 16:15-18).

The charity which is a church, has the following objectives and purposes as stated in its Governing document:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God in the UK and overseas, including the preaching and proclamation of the Christian Gospel and the Teaching of Christian doctrine and principles and the pastoral care of Christian people

2. To provide relief and aid to persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick primarily but not exclusively within the South Birmingham area.

The object of all activities at New Life Church Centre is to operate in accordance with its Statement of Faith as stated in the governing document.

Statutory Declaration on Public Benefit

Although it has been a difficult year in many ways, New Life Church Centre has worked hard to fulfil its ongoing objectives and when planning the online content/activities/events the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Summary of Charities Activities and Performance

The past year has been a year like no other. We have found ourselves in the position of having to rethink how we gather together as a church, as well as how we can support our church members and local community.

The year started well with a full program reaching out into the local community with Sunday services, Life Groups, children's programs-Life Kids and R.O.C.K Solid Kids, baby and toddler group, homeless outreach, local school assemblies and supporting of other ministries that take the gospel into many countries around the world. We also held a worship night, 24-hour prayer event and connect evening (church social). All these are events and services are available to our church members and local community.

From the end of March to July 2020 no in person services/meetings were permitted following Government guidelines, however the church continued to gather albeit now online. During this time Sunday services were pre-recorded and viewed via our youtube channel and for life groups and prayer meetings we used Zoom. For those with no internet service we copied our services onto CD's and USB's and these were distributed weekly by our Pastor.

As restrictions lifted during the 3rd quarter, our Sunday services moved outdoors onto our carpark, along with the children's Sunday school as we recognised the real need for people to come together albeit socially distanced.

From October Sunday services remained online only and the church met in person on Wednesday afternoons and evenings for café church with restricted numbers.

The last quarter saw us go into tier three and again our program moved back online with no in person meeting and prayer meetings on Zoom.

During December we held one in person service as permitted with restricted numbers, to recognise the retiring of our long serving Deacon John Bryan. We celebrated Christmas with an outdoor Carol Service, Family Messy Church and a special Christmas event with a gift from Santa which was well attended by both

church members and local families connected through R.O.C.K Solid, baby and toddler groups as well as those that attended from the local community

Visiting Ministry

We were still able to welcome 4 guest speakers who recorded their messages for our online service as well as hold an online Mission Sunday, with guest speaker John Lutos from Asialink with a focus on world mission.

Children and Youth

It has been a difficult year for our children and young people with the restrictions we had imposed on us, as a result they missed regularly meeting together. Each week a Sunday school resource was produced to have 'Sunday School' at home this included a bible story, video link, activities and craft. Families were encouraged to share the work they had done on our children and youth WhatsApp chat.

When in person services resumed an activity, pack was provided each Sunday for every child and young person to complete during the service.

Pastoral Care

The Pastor maintained weekly phone calls with all church members, offering support and guidance where needed and made personal visits when required.

Community

Unfortunately, due to Government restrictions and guidance that was implemented during 2020 we have been unable to run the following community projects/events:

R.O.C.K Solid Kids, New Life Baby & Toddler Group, visits to local primary school and nursing home. We plan to continue with these as and when restrictions permit us to do so.

As of June 2021, our weekly Baby & Toddler Group is back running with restricted numbers, using an online booking system to manage this.

However, we were able to use what donations we had stored from In Their Shoes to support another local church who provided a food bank in our local community. We were able to give food provisions and toiletries to support them.

Outreach

In Their Shoes (Homeless outreach)

Following the announcement of the national lockdown our weekly visits to Birmingham ceased, a number of our volunteers were classed as vulnerable and required to shield.

In December we ran a 'Gift Bag' appeal where church members and people from our local community donated essential items and gift bags. These bags were filled with essentials, gift wrapped chocolates and Christmas cards and distributed by church members in the run up to Christmas, focusing on the homeless in their own local areas. A total of 35 bags were given out along with 20 £5 Greggs gift cards.

During this time our leaders, volunteers and members have stepped up and it is the trustees' great joy to report on the work that has been done during the year; and we look to continue all we do safely whilst we also looking forward with anticipation to an end of the current crisis.

Wider Missionary Work

CFAN-We continued to support and sponsor the ministry Cfan by giving a monthly donation of £50. Their mission is to spread the gospel through print, television and web initiatives, they also provide resources and help with development projects around the world. Its mission is fulfilling the very command of Jesus "to go into all the world and preach the gospel".

Social Media

We have continued to use youtube and facebook as platforms to share with the wider community our events, online services, updates on church life as well as share encouragements. The Sunday services premiere on youtube and live stream on facebook at 10.30am every Sunday. We have seen an increase throughout the year with people choosing to engage and watch our online content. Our Services have been viewed by people near and far, even nationally.

The church has continued to use WhatsApp throughout 2020 to share updates, links to online services and zoom meetings. Church members can make prayer requests and support one another as well links to Christian resources and music.

The Trustees would like to express their sincere thanks to the leadership team for their hard work throughout 2020, it has been a difficult year but they have worked tirelessly to ensure the provision of weekly online services, up to date risk assessments and ensuring Covid compliance throughout.

The Church Centre

In the first quarter the building was hired by a local business, Funky Monkeys that offers stay and play sessions for children aged 0-4 years to attend along with the parents. These sessions provide local families a space to meet new parents where children can play and socialise. These sessions ran weekly on two mornings per week.

These stay and play sessions had 40-50 families in attendance across the two sessions and was made up of local families and those that travel from outside Wythall.

The hire of the building to a local business that meets the need of the local community providing a space to attend with preschool children, it is a great way for the church to open its doors to our local community in a practical way and as a result local families got to know about the church and its location.

Church Building

The church building underwent redecoration in February with all walls and woodwork painted in the main hall, side room, kitchen, foyer area, toilets and stairs to first floor. Welcome signage was added to the foyer as well as outdoor storage to store additional car park signage etc.

New Youth Room

The Trustees agreed that the creation of a larger space was needed for our young people to meet on Sundays, so £547.81 was spent on knocking through an upper storage room and small Sunday school classroom into one to make a large space that can accommodate a larger number of young people and with space for games, group discussion and teaching.

This room also includes a small enclosed area where donations for In Their Shoes are stored.

Fire Safety

Following a routine fire alarm and lighting service, a number of faults were found. As a result, some emergency lights and sensors were replaced. With further action needed to adhere to full fire safety compliance. This will involve the service of existing fire extinguishers, supply of additional extinguishers with brackets and new fire safety signage. This work is planned to take place in early 2021.

Covid Compliance

Our Associate Leader was responsible for ensuring that all in person events adhered to and complied with guidance set out by the government. This involved carrying out risk assessments for all the various events which continued to be reviewed as restrictions were slowly lifted.

Our aim was to regather the church as soon as it was safe to do so, still maintaining all the government guidance. This meant re-thinking how we gathered as a church but we are proud to have been able to have consistently offered our church members the opportunities to come together for worship in new ways, like outdoor services on the car park and learning new skills in using zoom, offering online events like 24-hour prayer and mission Sunday. As a church we have been able to celebrate Easter, Pentecost and Christmas in different ways and the church has remained active even though our doors were closed for many weeks.

The Trustees are also proud of how our church members supported each other and still faithfully gave towards the mission of the church.

Church Partners

In 2019 the trustees decided to partner with Elim, a movement of Pentecostal churches that provide resources, training, ministry, consultancy and support. As an independent Pentecostal this was something that the trustees felt was needed to support our current leadership team.

The covenant agreement is a covenant between New Life Church Centre and the Elim Network to work together with other member Churches, ministries and their various departments to develop common vision and values and to achieve common goals. The Elim Network commits, by this covenant, that New Life Church Centre shall be a member of the Elim Network and a partner with its members, including the Elim Pentecostal Church, but shall have independent governance. This covenant and agreement will be finalised in early 2021.

Income and Endowments

The funds are provided by regular giving of church members and those who attend regularly, and bequests from a legacy. All church funds are administered through the Trust for the benefit of the church, and other Christian work.

Funds are raised by church members tithes/giving, either from cash/cheque given during in person services or by online giving. Total tithes/offerings/giving in 2020 was £31,032 with £18, 757 from online payments therefore 60% was from online giving and 30% from in person giving during services. This compares to 34% of online payments and 66% of in person payments in 2019. So, we have seen an increase of 26% moving to online giving. In 2020 54% of our church members gave online compared to 40% in 2019.

Reserves Policy

There is currently no reserves policy, this is to be discussed and addressed in the future.

Financial Summary

Statement of Liabilities and assets:

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities includes the cash at bank and fixed assets, the only liability we have is the accountancy fee which is paid straight after accounts production.

Financial Overview

Despite the challenges of the Pandemic through the faithful giving of our members our total receipts for the year were £31,510 of which £31,213 came from Tithes, Offerings, Donations & Gifts, this is compared to £43,210 including Gift Aid in 2019. However, Gift Aid was not claimed in 2020, which would have meant an additional £7,758, leaving a shortfall of £3,942 which can be explained by the loss of two faithful tithers during 2019.

Our expenses during the year were £26,894, which was down from £37,546 in the prior year, this is largely due to our Pastor not taking his monthly pay due to the uncertainty of the financial impact the pandemic would have on our income which saved £8,870, Ministry gifts were also down and there were also no asset purchases, where 2020 was £2,865. However, prior to the lockdown our Associate Leader had increased her hours which was much needed and going online throughout the majority of the year continued the need for her expertise also, so her expenses increased by £3,300 compared to the prior year.

Overall, despite what has been a challenging year in many ways, our Cash in Bank remains strong and the Trustees will be in discussion of how and where to utilise some of this in various areas in the coming year, so this will therefore be designated accordingly as changes take place.

Restricted Funds

There are no restricted funds.

Future Designated Funds

As a result of the pandemic and moving our content online we have seen a real need for this resource and has been a great benefit, even for members that are unwell and not able to meet physically, it enables them to stay connected and not miss the weekly Sunday services. Although we have managed over the past year, even using the leader's own equipment to record services, there is a necessity to purchase a new computer, software, camera and upgrade lighting to maintain a professional online presence moving forward. This is yet to be discussed by the trustees and as of the date of this statement, has not yet been agreed.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by The Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities

Responsibilities of trustees

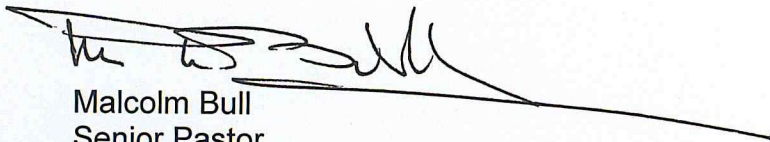
Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

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 is approved by the trustees on 28th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Malcolm Bull
Senior Pastor

Date: 28 October 2021

HEADLEY HEATH NEW LIFE CHURCH
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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1059123

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MR JOHN BRYAN (Retired Sept 2021)
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HEADLEY HEATH NEW LIFE CHURCH

for the year ended 31st December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



Peter Tymoshyshyn FCA

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28th October 2021

HEADLEY HEATH NEW LIFE CHURCH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

for the year ended 31st December 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Receipts				
Offerings and tithes		31,032		34,840
Bank interest		27		55
Donations, gifts and gift aid		181		8,370
Room hire		270		420
Total receipts		<u>31,510</u>		<u>43,685</u>
Payments				
Ministry payments and expenses	7,884		16,754	
Ministry gifts	380		1,000	
Associate leader remuneration	7,800		4,500	
Donations made	600		725	
Heat and light	2,414		2,090	
Telephone	881		1,294	
Printing and stationery	1,022		1,516	
Repairs and maintenance	3,724		3,609	
Insurance	1,027		989	
Accountancy	336		768	
Website expenditure	91		228	
Professional fees	(275)		-	
Sundries	1,010		1,210	
Asset purchases	-		2,865	
Total payments		<u>(26,894)</u>		<u>(37,546)</u>
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) for the year		<u>4,616</u>		<u>6,139</u>
CASH FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>77,472</u>		<u>71,333</u>
CASH FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>82,088</u></u>		<u><u>77,472</u></u>

HEADLEY HEATH NEW LIFE CHURCH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

for the year ended 31st December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
CASH FUNDS		
Current account	54,532	49,943
Deposit account	27,556	27,529
	<u>82,088</u>	<u>77,472</u>
 ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE		
Building alterations - at cost	<u>182,821</u>	<u>182,821</u>
Carpark - at cost in 2018	<u>35,850</u>	<u>35,850</u>
Equipment and fixtures - at net book value		
Brought forward	4,146	2,663
Additions	-	2,865
Depreciation	(1,382)	(1,382)
Carried forward	<u>2,764</u>	<u>4,146</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Accountancy fee	<u>420</u>	<u>336</u>

Approved by:



M Bull
Pastor

28th October 2021