



NEW LIFE

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"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)

To The Charities Commission

24 October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: SUBMISSION OF 2020 CHARITIES COMMISSION ANNUAL RETURN

I hereby certify that the information that has been provided as part of the 2020 Charities Commission Annual Return for New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church (charity number = 1060655) listed below are correct to the best of my knowledge and has been brought to the attention of all the trustees.

- Annual Report 2020
- Financial Report 2020
- Account 2020 (Summary of Financial Activities)

I further confirm that there are no serious incidents or other matters which should have been brought to the attention of the Commission.

Should you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to contact us.

With the Lord's blessings,

Daniel Poh
Trustee for New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
On behalf of all charity trustees

New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, London

Annual Report

1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

The following is the annual report for New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, London:

The church and congregation experienced great challenges this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Also, during the pandemic, the church had to hold online services via Zoom. This change had impacted the more elderly congregation who were not able to attend the services online.

Due to the pandemic, the church had made changes to the observation of the Morning and Afternoon worship services as follows:

- 22 March to 26 July (both Morning and Afternoon worship services were held online)
- 2 August to 1 November (Morning worship services were held at the church premises while the Afternoon worship services were held online)
- 8 November to 29 November (both Morning and Afternoon worship services were held online)
- 6 December to 13 December (Morning worship services were held at the church premises while the Afternoon worship services were held online)
- 20 December onwards (both Morning and Afternoon worship services were held online)

Activities held during the period (in chronological order):

1. **Chinese New Year Carry-In Lunch, 26 January**
A carry-in lunch was organised to celebrate Chinese New Year
2. **Annual Congregation Meeting (ACM), Postponed**
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Annual Congregational Meeting could not be held. This had to be postponed
3. **Remembrance Sunday, 8 November**
Before the online Morning worship service, a 2-minutes silence was observed.

Regular activities of the church:

1. **Worship Services:**
2 worship services were held every Lord's Day; 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.
Average attendances are 25 and 15 respectively.
Speakers for 2020 included Preacher Mok Chee Cheong, Rev Pooyan Mershahi (Providence Baptist Chapel), Rev Timothy Poh and Dr David Allen.
2. **Catechism Class:**
The Catechism classes led by Preacher Mok were held every Sunday from 26 January to cater to the congregation who were seeking baptism or church membership. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Sunday School was halted in March and will restart when the pandemic is over.

3. Fortnightly Bible Study/Weekly Prayer meeting:

The Fortnightly Bible Studies led by Preacher Mok were held on Wednesday at 7pm. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Bible Study was halted in March and but was restarted with online studies in May. In July, the fortnightly online studies were move to Friday at 7pm. From October onwards, the Fortnightly Bible Study was halted and a weekly Prayer meeting held Friday at 7pm was started.

4. Ladies Fellowship:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Ladies Fellowship meeting could not be held. The meetings will restart when the pandemic is over.

5. Sunday School:

The Sunday School classes were held every Sunday at 1:45pm after fellowship lunch. The classes were led by Elizabeth Tan, Nina Tong and Venise Tan. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Sunday School was halted in March and will restart when the pandemic is over.

6. Library Ministry:

The Library ministry was restarted 2 February by Preacher Mok.

We thank God for His continued grace and mercy for seeing the congregation through the Covid-19 pandemic.

This concludes the report on the activities of New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, London for the year ending 31 December 2020.

Prepared by Jonathan Kim

TREASURER REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2020

Treasurer's Report to the Trustees and Members of the New Life B.P. Church for the year ended 31 December 2019

Weekly Offering received through the year was £33,5224 compared to £40,934 in 2019. Because of the Covid pandemic, our church was closed for service from mid March and reopened in August. Subsequently worship services were cancelled in the beginning of December onwards and there was no Christmas Day Service.

Hospitality Income of £100 were received from visitors who visited Preacher Mok and resided in the manse during their visit.

Bank Interest received on the deposit account had decreased slightly due to the reduced interest rate offered on the account of 0.2% compared with the previous year of 0.04%.

Books and CD sales during 2020 was £13 and there were no new purchases of books, cards or bibles for resale during the year due to sufficient stock in hand.

Kitchen Ministry income was £330 (£1,779 in 2019) with a corresponding expenditure of £514 thus incurring a deficit of £184. No further Sunday lunches were provided due to lockdown and no social gathering. Many thanks again to all the brethren who volunteered their labour before the lockdown to cook the lunch every Sunday plus those who volunteered afterwards in the clearing, cleaning, tidying and washing up afterwards.

Missionary fund of £70 was received from offering of which £40 was designated for Baalah.

Sovereign Grace has paid for the hire our Church hall in 2019 for their regular monthly meetings but did not hold their meetings due to lockdown. Therefore our church would continue to let them have access and use for their regular meetings if so require and without further payment.

Love Gifts of £100 from Pastor T Poh was returned in respect of his honorarium for preaching on the occasional Sunday.

Building Fund have received donations of £912 which were used towards the building repairs and maintenance during the year. (See Building Repairs below)

Tax Reclaimed – Gift Aid of £8,246 was received from HMRC in respect of a claim submitted for the year 2018.

Honorarium and Salary was £17,212 in 2020 compared with £11,134 in 2019. This increase was because the church now have a full-time minister in the year. This expenditure was mainly in respect of his salary payments which also cover the National Insurance payments and Pension contributions. It also included a honorarium payment to Pastor Pooyan and Dr Allen whom we invited to preach at our premise.

Water charges in 2020 had decreased due to church closure and less usage.

Designated Gifts £100 was given to Protestant Alliance during the year.

Building & Contents / Health & Safety Insurance premiums had increased from £3,587 in 2019 to £3,773 this year representing a 5.18 percent increment.

Office Expense of £28 was for a laser printer cartridge.

Telephone, Internet & Fax expenditure had decreased slightly to £690 in 2020 compared to £816 in 2019. This is mainly in respect of internet and telephone usage payment to the provider.

Lighting and heating cost had increased substantially from £2,763 in 2019 to £4,979 in 2020 as we now have a resident minister Preacher Mok and his wife residing in the manse plus the general use of power for machinery on repairs for the church.

Building Repairs and Maintenance during the year amounted to £4,397 compared to £766 in 2019. The expenditure was in respect of the annual inspection to the heating system in the Sanctuary, installing the glass door in the main entrance plus various materials for general repairs in the premise.

Council Tax / General Rate had decreased from £2,367 in 2019 to £1,990 in 2020. This represent a 15.93 percent reduction which maybe a small Council tax reduction given by the Council to the local community.

Kitchen Expenses (see Kitchen Ministry above.)

Missionary Donations of £4,097 were sent to The Presbyterian Board in 2019 in support of the Baalah Mission but there were no offerings received during the year.

Travelling expenditure of £4,773 in 2019 were mainly for air-travel, freight, plus transportation to and from airports in respect of Preacher Mok coming to serve in the Church ministry. There were no such expenditure in 2020.

Publications & Subscriptions of £78 were subscriptions mainly to Evangelical Times, Protestant Alliance and there were no subscriptions to Affinity Gospel Churches and RPG (Read, Pray & Grow) during 2020.

Housekeeping Expense are general toiletries etc.

Miscellaneous expenditure of £179 were for DBS checks and a Payroll licence.

Other Heating Cost was in respect of separate gas bottles purchased for portable heaters which were not shown with the main heating costs.

Tomas Tan
Treasurer

ACCOUNTS 2020 (Summary of Financial Activities)

Do note that this statement covers the accounts for 2020 (and a reference to the 2019 figures).

New Life Bible Presbyterian Church
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES :</u>		
Weekly Offering	33,522	40,934
Hospitality Income	100	400
Interest Received	35	79
Sales of Books, CDs etc	13	2
Kitchen Income	330	1,779
Missionary fund	70	214
Sovereign Grace Contributions (Hall Hire)	0	455
Love Gifts	100	1,213
Building Fund	912	1,430
Tax Reclaimed – Gift Aid	8,246	9,681
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>43,328</u>	<u>56,187</u>
 <u>RESOURCES EXPENDED :</u>		
Honorarium & Salary	17,212	11,134
Water Charges	230	378
Designated Gifts	100	1455
Building & Contents / Health & Safety Insurance	3,773	3,587
Office Expenses (Printing, Postage, Stationery, IT)	28	12
Telephone, Internet & Fax	690	816
Lighting & Heating	4,979	2,763
Building Repairs & Maintenance	4,397	766
Council Tax / General Rate	1,990	2,367
Kitchen Expenses	514	927
Missionary Donations	0	4,097
Travelling	0	4,773
Publications & Subscriptions	78	432
Housekeeping Expenses	14	141
Miscellaneous	179	4,484
Other Heating Costs	142	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>34,326</u>	<u>38,132</u>

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	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Unrestricted Funds / Deficit (-) for the Year	9,002	18,053
Unrestricted Funds / Deficit (-) Brought Forward	<u>89,656</u>	<u>71,603</u>
Unrestricted Funds / Deficit (-) To Date	<u>98,658</u>	<u>89,656</u>

REPRESENTED BY BANK & CASH BALANCES :

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Bank Current Account	57,517	48,619
14 Day No. 2 Account	39,553	39,519
YAF Account	1485	1415
Petty Cash (Kitchen Float)	15	15
Petty Cash (Office Float)	88	88
	<u>98,658</u>	<u>89,656</u>

Prepared by Tomas Tan (Treasurer)