

**Charity name: New Life Christian Fellowship**

**Registered Charity number 1063033**

# **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**For the year ended 31st December 2022**



# NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (1063033)

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the New Life Christian Fellowship registered charity number 1063033.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the New Life Christian Fellowship (the trust) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

#### 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 all the directions given by the charity commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent Examiners 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 trust as required by section 130 of the act or
2. The accounts do not accord to the 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 reached.



10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Church Council are pleased to present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022. New Life Christian Fellowship is a Registered Charity (number 1063033). The Charity is also commonly referred to as New Life Church.

The Charity is in fellowship with the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland, a Registered Charity (number 1032245).

### Registered Address

18 Normandy way, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL31 1EX

### Officers

*Church Council*

The Charity is managed by the Church Council. The Council members during the year were:

Pastor Steve Ovens (*Chairman*)  
Tony Birch (*Secretary*)  
Rob Allingham (*Treasurer*)

### Holding Trustees

There were no holding trustees this year as the charity church building was sold in 2020. Sale proceeds and funds of the previous building were held in reserve and a new building was acquired in October 2022. New holding trustees will be assigned once registration is completed with Land Registry in 2023.

### Object of the Charity

The objects of the Church are for the benefit of the public locally, nationally and across the world:

- A) To advance the Christian faith by proclaiming Jesus Christ and teaching the principles and ways of God according to the Holy Bible (The Word of God)
- B) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling, support & prayer; and
- C) To advance education for children, young people, adults, the elderly and for people with disabilities.

### Activities Review

The Church Council are pleased to report continuing support for the Charity which has enabled it to continue to benefit the public locally, nationally and across the world.

- **‘Connect Groups’** returned to in-person groups to encourage people to grow in their faith:
  - Monday afternoons – Home Group: alternated weekly between online & people’s homes  
NB. The reception area of the new property at 18 Normandy Way was also used at times
  - Tues/ Wed evenings – Small Groups: met weekly in term times at various people’s homes  
NB. The reception area of the new property at 18 Normandy Way was also used at times
  - Mon/ Wed mornings – Prayer Groups: met online and in-person weekly to pray regularly  
NB. The reception area of the new property at 18 Normandy Way was also used at times
  - Sun/ Fri evenings (fortnightly) – Young People meet regularly from across 3 local churches

- **'Community Events'** to benefit the local people, to proclaim the gospel message, and/or to raise funds to help those in need around the world:
  - Some Men's & Women's meals & socials were arranged during the year
  - Junior Church gatherings for families and children were held in various venues
  - During the summer a Picnic in the Park for all the church family and friends was arranged
  - Harvest Supper – fundraising meal & auction raised >£1000 for the local CAP Centre
  - Bodmin Youth Project (BYP) – socials, events & gatherings were arranged during the year
  - Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Appeal/ Shoeboxes were collected in November 2022
  - Easter & Christmas Services were arranged by 4 local churches for the local community
- **'Community Action'** has continued throughout the year:
  - Foodbank volunteers continued to distribute food to locals in need & received food donations
  - Operation Christmas Child (OCC) – as a local church we filled & packed 28 shoeboxes
  - Bodmin Youth Project (BYP) – restarted regular gatherings throughout the year for all young people (10-17's), with the appointment of a new South West Youth Ministries (SWYM) youth worker to serve the local churches from September for a 12 mth training placement with BYP.
  - Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre continues to serve our local area;
    - Four local churches are in partnership to manage & finance the CAP Centre & we now employ 2x part-time Debt Coaches who visit clients across North Cornwall.
    - Over 39 clients were supported during the year, with 16 clients going debt free by the end of the year. We have also seen a number of clients connecting with local churches on a regular basis & attending many of the other groups or events during the year.
- **'Bodmin Churches'** continue to unite together to serve the community & publicise on Facebook:
  - Regular meetings continue between 4 local church leaders to work together in our community
  - This involved 4 churches uniting together to hold an Easter Celebration Service, a Christmas Carol Concert & working together in other ministries to serve the local community.
  - Bodmin Youth Project (BYP), that was registered as a charity in 2019 (No.1182695), continues to unite 4 churches on a regular basis to work together & serve the teenagers in our local area (See [www.bodminyouthproject.org](http://www.bodminyouthproject.org));
    - This includes partnering with Scripture Union, and with South West Youth Ministries (SWYM) to provide a training placement for a full-time youth leader/ intern from September 2022 until August 2023 next year.
- **'Sunday Services'** are held weekly to encourage people to grow in faith & inc. visiting speakers:
  - Since Covid restrictions lifted we have continued to provide a live online stream via Zoom of our Sunday Services every week to those who may be house bound or unable to travel.
  - Recordings of the Sunday services, or the sermons, are posted on our website but also distributed on CD to those unable to get online or have no internet connection.
  - Since selling our church property back in Sept 2020, we have continued to use other local venues for our Sunday Services eg. Bodmin Football Club & Lanivet Community Centre
  - 'Family Services' were arranged again during the year for all families and ages to join together at various times for Easter, Christmas or other special occasions.
  - Various ministers and ministries have visited the church over the year to share about their work, charity and/or preach to teach God's Word.
- **'Church Website'** ([www.newlifebodmin.org](http://www.newlifebodmin.org)) continues to be updated & our *Facebook* pages:
  - For locals/ visitors to find out more about us & what we do as a local church charity
  - To provide links, updates, news, blogs, testimonies, photos & videos for all people to view
  - To use as an online 'Notice Board' for up-coming community events or meetings.
  - For 'Christians' to share resources online to encourage others in their Christian faith;
    - Audio/ video recordings continue to be online for recent Sunday services & sermons
    - The NLC 'YouTube' page also continues to link our uploaded video sermons to the church website
    - We now have Facebook pages for BYP & CAP, as well as for our church (NLC)

- **'Missions Overseas'** continue to be supported financially and with prayer throughout the year;
  - See the *Accounts Annual Report* for more details of financial gifts
  - Numerous missionaries have visited our church during the year to update us of relevant needs overseas. Others have kept us updated by regular newsletters/ correspondence.

## Financial Review

A loss of expenditure over income of £165,273 arose due to purchasing a new building, giving an accumulated fund at 31 December 2022 of £51,262 (this includes: Current Account £20,073; CAP Centre Account £30,961 and Savings Account £226).

The Charity's main sources of income arose from New Building Fund donations of £68,530; Church Offerings of £38,025 and CAP Debt Centre donations of £46,497 totalling £161,703. The majority of the income and reserves was spent on the purchase of a new Building; Pastoral Remuneration\* (£23,536); CAP Debt Centre (£17,862) and Support Given to other organisations and ministries (£5,175); this year totalling £326,976.

Levels of support given to other organisations have been 12% of unrestricted income for the year.

*\* includes £22,008 salary, £1,528 pension and payroll admin costs.*

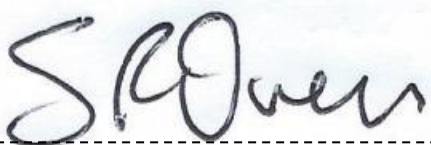
## Financial Policy

The Finances of the Charity are managed taking account of the following considerations:

- To reach and maintain an appropriate level of remuneration for our one key full-time employee
- To sustain the operation of the CAP Debt Centre, including the two part-time Debt Coaches
- To maintain our level of support to other organisations and ministries in line with our objectives
- To build sufficient reserves to cover maintenance and fund future projects to progress the objects of our Charity
- To recognise the risks associated with having reliance on voluntary donations.

## Resources

The Charity employs a full-time Pastor to direct the work of the Church as well as providing pastoral oversight within the Church and pastoral support through contacts in the local community. The charity also employs two part-time CAP Debt Centre Debt Coaches, who co-ordinate debt relief counselling to those in need across North Cornwall. Much of the practical work of the Church is undertaken by member volunteers who also support other local community activities outside the Church.



18th October 2023

Chairman/ Pastor Steve Owens  
On behalf of the New Life Church Trustees

## NLCF 2022 Accounts - Income & Expenditure

<b>Income</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Building Fund	68,530		<b>68,530</b>
CAP Centre donation	46,497		<b>46,497</b>
Special Offering	2,370		<b>2,370</b>
Offering & Donations		38,025	<b>38,025</b>
Gift Aid		6,281	<b>6,281</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>117,397</b>	<b>44,306</b>	<b>161,703</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Total</b>
CAP Debt Centre	17,862		<b>17,862</b>
Special Gifts	2,020		<b>2,020</b>
Church Building	270,048	737	<b>270,785</b>
Pastoral Remuneration		23,536	<b>23,536</b>
Sundries		6,738	<b>6,738</b>
Tithes on Income	500	4,675	<b>5,175</b>
Visiting Ministry		860	<b>860</b>
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>290,430</b>	<b>36,546</b>	<b>326,976</b>

<b>Surplus / Loss</b>	-	173,033	7,760 -	165,273
(Income less Expenditure)				

## **NLCF 2022 Accounts - Balance Sheet**

As at: 31 December 2022

			<b><u>Designated Funds</u></b>
Current Account 1/1/22	£101,032.45		£92,652.67
CAP Centre Account 1/1/22	£2,326.47		£2,326.47
Savings Account (Building Fund) 1/1/22	£113,248.80		113,248.80
Petty Cash Account 1/1/22	£0.00		£0.00
Balance at 1/1/22		£216,607.72	
Income Over Expenditure for y/e 31/12/22		-£165,273.22	-£286,055.39
<b>Balance as at 31/12/22</b>		<b>£51,334.50</b>	<b>-£77,827.45</b>
Current Account 31/12/22	£20,073.93		-£109,015.57
CAP Centre Account 31/12/22	£30,961.77		£30,961.77
Savings Account (Building Fund) 31/12/22	£226.35		£226.35
Petty Cash Account 31/12/22			£0.00
		£51,262.05	
<b>Balance at 31/12/22</b>		<b>£51,262.05</b>	<b>-£77,827.45</b>

### **Designated Funds**

In addition to the sums shown above for the designated CAP Centre and Building Fund accounts, the table below shows designated funds included in the **Current Account** balance at start and end of 2022:

<b><u>Designated Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Held @ 31/12/21</u></b>	<b><u>2022 Designated Income</u></b>	<b><u>2022 Designated Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>General Funds applied to cause</u></b>	<b><u>Held @ 31/12/22</u></b>
CAP Centre account	2,326.47	46,497.00	17,861.70		30,961.77
Savings account (New Building Fund)	113,248.80	209.93	113,232.38		226.35
Petty Cash Account	-	-	-		-
<b><u>Held in Current account:</u></b>					
CYNC	1,030.99	-	500.00		530.99
Samaritans Purse/OCC	15.00	115.00	15.00		115.00
Ukraine Appeal	-	1,755.00	1,755.00		-
Elizabeth House Uganda	250.00	500.00	250.00		500.00
Yemen Appeal	165.00	-	-		165.00
New Building Fund	91,191.68	68,529.93	270,048.17	-	110,326.56
<b>Current account sub-total</b>	<b>92,652.67</b>				<b>109,015.57</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>208,227.94</b>	<b>117,606.86</b>	<b>403,662.25</b>	-	<b>77,827.45</b>