



Newmarket & District **YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

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Rise up... take courage
and do it.

Ezra 10:4



Trust the Lord with all your heart, and don't depend on your own understanding. Remember the Lord in all you do, and he will give you success. Don't depend on your own wisdom. Respect the Lord and refuse to do wrong.
Proverbs 5 v5-7

DIRECTOR'S Report

Well what a year, not what I was expecting when we wrote the 2020 - AGM back in June 2020!

The last year reminded me of the story of Joseph, he is Dads favourite, he is then sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, gets taken on by Pontiphar rises to be 'head over the household' and then through no fault of his own ends up in prison and for a while.... later finally he moves from prison to be Pharaohs chief of staff.

A real 'roller-coaster' of 'Ups & Downs' and the last 18 months feels very much like that with life and our work here at N&D.

We came out of the first 'Lockdown' having adapted to video assemblies and lessons and exploring online live lessons. Doing more online with Snapshot, Worship Wednesday, Verse of the week. Getting to grips with meetings of all shapes and sizes on Zoom and online content for all other youth content. No face to face with any youth and even our team contact that moved to very small amounts of face to face contact like 'team meetings' outside or in Cafes.

With the start of the Autumn term 2020 schools remained closed to visitors, but videos were okay and then finally some online lessons with Microsoft Teams at Newmarket Academy, while technically challenging it was great to at least see young people and begin to have a two way interaction with staff and pupils again!

We had great hope of things opening up further in the New Year Spring Term with lessons discussed and planned for two schools only to go into another 'Lockdown' on the first day of term! However things have progressively improved since 15th of March which was the date of our very first live face to face lesson back in a school and this was followed by other lessons in that School and in April we had our Alive youth event again face to face albeit very different following the Covid rules and by after the May half term we were not only doing lessons in two schools but also returning to take lunchtime groups again in two schools. The future of the Autumn term is looking much, much brighter, and although it feels with some things that we are 'starting' all over again I have great hope that the Lord has everything in hand, just as he did have for Joseph!!!

One thing we are looking for are more volunteers especially people who could be free between 11.45am and 2pm to be helpers with an N&D worker at our Lunchtime groups. If you feel God's prompting while reading this please contact me!

I would like to thank Sara my wife, all the N&D staff, Exec, Ref and current volunteers for all their help and support and also a thank you to all those who Pray and those who give financially, without your support things would be very challenging and finally a big "Praise the Lord" as without Him none of this would be possible!

The verses at the bottom of this page I used last year I feel the Lord impressed on my heart during the first lockdown, and although we are nearly a year beyond that I still believe that this is what the Lord wants to do for us as we move out into the future.

'Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness....That road will be for the people God saves. Isaiah 35 v5-7a & v9a

EXECUTIVE REPORT

In my chairman's report last year, I touched on the challenges being faced by the team and the difficult decisions which needed to be made as N&D entered 'Lockdown' and journeyed through this new season. It was undoubtedly a season when the team and the Executive Committee were constantly reminded of how God teaches us to understand that although we may not see the road ahead our faithful God is always there to constantly guide and lead the way. And so, this year the team have continued this journey, unclear of the way ahead but through prayer and trusting, N&D have seen prayers answered and some wonderful examples of fruitfulness, such as Alive 2021 being able to go ahead.

One answer to prayer was to hear about the encouraging news that schools began to welcome the team back for Face2Face lessons and assemblies. As we know Lockdown has massively impacted on schools and therefore to know that the team are returning to schools, taking with them God's light and His blessings is something for us all to celebrate and praise God.

During the year we began a monthly prayer gathering on a Saturday morning via Zoom. This is a time to give thanks to God and to offer up our prayer requests for the work of N&D.

All are welcome to join us, you just need to make a cuppa and log on.

In May we said goodbye to Hannah after 2½ years with the team. She left with our thanks and blessing and now The Executive will be praying for where God is leading N&D in terms of a replacement. There are so many things to consider when the Executive make their decision, but I have no-doubt that God will show the way.

The basement office has continued to remain open, operating in a Covid safe way. Earlier in the year the office had its fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and fire exit signs renewed ensuring that the office meets with all Health and Safety requirements.

On-behalf of the Executive committee I would like to thank every N&D supporter; practical helpers, financial donations, or prayer supporters, it all ensures that the Mission work of N&D continues in our area. There are so many exciting things to look forward to over the next few months - Pulse, GSUS live, schools work, and whatever else God has in store. This mission work will ensure that young people will continue to hear about God's word and be blessed. Your support is invaluable, thank you and God Bless, Jane Culpin (Exec Chair)

TREASURER'S REPORT

2020 has been my tenth accounting year as YFC treasurer. I enjoy the assistance of some very dependable people who provide me with fantastic support; Selina Jelleyman with CAF bank, Linda Grimster, with payroll and NEST pensions, and Richard Holloway who has kindly audited our accounts for the Charities Commission for the fifth time. I know you will join me in expressing your gratitude to these people for their service to the work of N&D.

We set another very ambitious budget with expanded staff costs and expected to use up our reserves this year, before we were all impacted very early in the year by Covid 19, and entered a very unusual and uncertain period including for our finances.

Regular giving was largely unaffected and for this we are very grateful to our faithful supporters many of whom may have been facing their own uncertainties. There was some shortfall in other areas of giving and income, expected fundraising events could not be held for example, and we saw a sharp fall in 'one off' gifts. However as a charity employer we were able to use the Government furlough 'job retention scheme' and this has contributed massively to our stable financial position entering 2021.

Be assured we consider very carefully how we use supporters funds and are happy to discuss any matters that may concern you, throughout the year.

Many thanks again, Nick Crawford

ACCOUNT FIGURES

Year Ending 31/12/20

Salaries:	£47,525.89
PAYE/NI Cont.:	£ 5,185.22
Pension / Health:	£ 3,953.76
Travel Expenses:	£ 1,027.15
Office Supplies (Inc. Electricity):	£ 1,129.78
Training / Staff Conference:	£ 674.00
Maintenance / New Equipment:	£ 1,088.90
Telephone + Internet:	£ 535.08
Insurance:	£ 426.17
Xchange / Fuse Cafe:	£ 321.60
Soul Survivor:	£ 000.00
Alive Weekend:	£ 2,582.62
Fundraising / Events:	£ 000.00
Tithe / Gifts:	£ 1,200.00
Misc. / Bank:	£ 731.07
Joe Lloyd:	£ 796.70
TOTAL EXPENSES:	£67,177.94

Individual Giving (GAD):	£24,979.00
Individual Giving (Non GAD):	£ 6,586.00
Church Giving:	£10,564.00
One-off Giving (GAD):	£ 340.00
One-Off Giving (Non GAD):	£ 1,562.00
Gift-Aid Tax Refunds:	£ 6,265.70
Fundraising / Events:	£ 345.49
XChange / Fuse Cafe:	£ 460.20
Soul Survivor:	£ 000.00
Alive Weekend:	£ 1,815.00
Misc. Credits:	£ 10,887.04
Joe Lloyd:	£ 746.75
TOTAL INCOME:	£64,551.18

2017		2018		2019	
Income	£56,983	Income	£66,474	Income	£72,427
Expenditure	£63,144	Expenditure	£67,705	Expenditure	£77,515
Deficit	-£6,161	Deficit	-£1,231	Deficit:	-£5,088

Balance @ 31/12/19:	£13,623.42
Income 2020:	£64,551.18
Expenditure 2020:	£67,177.94
Balance @ 31/12/20:	£10,996.66

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Richard Holloway ACA (ICAEW)

Thank You!

Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

2020

Income:	£64,551
Expenditure:	£67,177
Deficit:	-£2,626