

Lifespring in the Dukeries
Unaudited
Trustees' Report and Accounts
For the year ended
30 June 2021

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Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers For the year ended 30 June 2021

Trustees	Michael Phillips Elizabeth Phillips Craig Maddison Beverley Whitworth Ruth Brightwell Catherine Northey	Pastor and Chairman Elder and Church Council Member Church Council Member Church Council Member Church Council Member Church Council Member
Charity registered number	1087842	
Charity's principal address	Lifespring Centre Sherwood Drive New Ollerton Newark Nottinghamshire NG22 9PP	
Other names charity is known by	Lifespring Church	
Solicitors	Ellis-Fermor and Negus 2 Devonshire Avenue Beeston Nottingham NG9 1BS	

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Chairman's report For the year ended 30 June 2021

The Chair of Trustees presents his statement for the period.

The world entered an exceedingly difficult time starting in March 2020 with the arrival of COVID 19. However, the Trustees are very encouraged by the response of the whole church to the pandemic, and this response has continued into the current year. The staff and volunteers responded wonderfully, and the church continued to stand strong carry out its mission and minister to the community. They have gone over and above as they reach out to the local community to make it the effective and thriving Church that is central to our vision.

Of course, the work of the Church was severely hampered when all "in person" meetings were cancelled. However, the leaders, along with our wonderful Technology, Music and other teams, were able to keep us running on "Facebook Live" and Zoom very quickly.

The Church has many purposes, not just worship on Sundays, and we were able to meet those purposes effectively in various ways, despite intermittent lockdowns. Our prayer meeting was held on Zoom on Friday mornings and our teaching sessions continued to go out on "Facebook Live" on Thursday evenings. When lockdown was eased in August, we held two socially distanced "in person" services on Sunday morning until lockdown was reimposed. We encouraged fellowship and connection between the members of the Church through one-to-one phone calls, Zoom, WhatsApp, text, and other electronic means. Acts of service to the Church and community were achieved through the CAR project (see elsewhere on this report). The Church leadership relied heavily on technology and email to conduct business meetings.

The Church merged with Lifespring Centre on 31 August 2020. Lifespring in the Dukeries became a "dormant" Charity. Consequently, the Church will be stronger going forward in numerous ways under the new merged entity.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making Lifespring in the Dukeries a great success since its merger with the Dukeries Christian Fellowship in 2005. A special word of appreciation goes out to all our wonderful volunteers

M Phillips - Chair of Trustees

Date: 11 October 2021

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Trustees' report
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The trustees submit the annual report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Charitable objects

- To advance the Christian Faith
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship
- To advance education

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

- Sunday morning service at Ollerton
- Make Lunch (during school holidays)
- Food Bank (community Action Response)
- Support for local and overseas mission
- Distribution of Christmas hampers
- Discipleship sessions (Facebook Live)
- Turnaround charity shops (2 shops) – open when allowed by Government guidelines.
- Prayer meetings (Zoom).

Summary of groups that are temporarily closed

- Sunday evening service Warsop – temporarily closed due to COVID
- Sunday church for children – temporarily closed due to COVID
- Community café – temporarily closed due to COVID
- Youth club (Ignition) – temporarily closed due to COVID
- Parent and toddler – temporarily closed due to COVID
- Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association – temporarily closed due to COVID
- Mid-week small groups – temporarily closed due to COVID
- Group for the over 55s – temporarily closed due to COVID
- Affordable availability of hall for local community groups – temporarily closed due to COVID

In 2020-2021, the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to our charitable purposes were:

Community Action Response

Response (CAR for short) continued unabated. This project was replicated in our building in Church Warsop, and the project served towns and villages across the north of Nottinghamshire – all within our catchment area.

This work:

- Provided emergency food hampers for those in crisis due to COVID 19.
- Supported the lonely, isolated and those with mental health problems through phone to phone support and mental health packs and supported “walk outs”.
- Signposted to professional agencies where that was deemed necessary.

The project worked with up to 70 volunteers and distributed 26,000 meals between July and August 2020. Lifespring in the Dukeries then merged into Lifespring Church and Centre at the end of August 2020. This work has continued under the new Church name. We received strong support from Nottinghamshire County Council, our local Councillor Mike Pringle, the Town Hall in Ollerton and local people and organisations. In Warsop, the support from Mansfield District Council and local councillors and organisations was very much appreciated.

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We had a plan at the beginning of COVID, but the changing nature of the pandemic meant we had to be flexible and respond to emerging needs. For example, it became clear the mental health was a major issue, so we had to respond accordingly by creating mental health packs and involving other professional organisations where appropriate. Children in lockdown posed another challenge as did parents with autistic children, so we developed the appropriate resources that could be dropped off.

The Make Lunch project also merged into the CAR project to continue the nationwide initiative offering a free meal to children from low-income families. This project has been running at Lifespring since 2014. However, during the summer months this year, in place of providing hot meals onsite, we delivered food hampers to pupil's homes instead.

Pastoral care

The Church operates a system of care through the small groups under the supervision of the Pastors.

Gas and electricity payments

Since 2014, we have helped individuals and families with gas and electricity payments through our two Charity shops called "Turnaround." This continued during COVID-19.

Charity shops

The Church ran two Charity shops during the year at Ollerton and Clipstone. However, they only opened for short spells as allowed by Government guidelines.

Sources of funding

During this period, the Church received money from the following sources:

- Voluntary contributions from its members.
- Income from its Charity shops.
- Gift Aid.
- VAT returns from its Charity shops.
- Various grants towards running its charitable projects such as CAR, Make Lunch and Christmas Hampers.

Organisational Structure and Staffing

Lifespring had one full-time employed worker - Mike Phillips the Pastor. He was supported by Liz Phillips the part-time Pastor at Church Warsop, by Catherine Northey (Administrator) and Matthew Dannatt (Assistant to Administrator). All other workers at Lifespring are volunteers and none of the volunteers received payment for running any of the mentioned groups.

Volunteers

The Church leaders recognise that the volunteers and leaders of our many departments work very hard. They care about our community and want to make people's lives better by sharing the love of God. They sacrifice their time, talents and finances in order to do so. It is estimated that the Church benefited by hundreds of hours voluntary service each week. Without our volunteers the Church would be greatly impoverished. Thank you very much.

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During COVID, volunteers worked mainly in the following areas:

- The CAR project
- Audio/visual department
- Various roles during Sunday morning services and broadcast meetings.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

Reserves policy

The Church took a financial hit due to COVID, but received a measure of support from the Furlough Scheme and this helped to pay salaries.

The trust carries reserves sufficient to ensure that it has funds available to enable it to meet its Aims and Objectives. The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves considering the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be three months of expenditure. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding.

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution and trust deed adopted on 27 June 2006.

Trustees

New trustees are nominated by the existing trustees.

I am delighted to be part of such a thriving and productive ministry and church.

Every blessing in Christ,

Mike Phillips,
(Chair of Trustees)
Date: 11 October 2021

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees For the year ended 30 June 2021

I report to the trustees on the accounts of Lifespring in the Dukeries (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2021 set out on pages 9 to 13.

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 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

This report is made solely to the trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145(1) of the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Jonathan Wilson
Chartered Accountant
Mansfield
Date: 18 October 2021

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Summary receipts and payments account for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021
	£
Income	
Donations	28,355
Operating activities	6,506
Other income	445
	<hr/> 35,306
Expenditure	
Charitable activities	20,627
Support costs	13,536
	<hr/> 34,163
Net result	1,143
Transfer of bank balances to new charity	(88,755)
Opening bank and cash balances	87,612
Closing bank and cash balances	<hr/> <hr/> -

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Statement of assets and liabilities at 30 June 2021

	£	2021 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets:		
Church premises		
Contents of premises		
	<hr/>	-
Current Assets		
Debtors		
Cash at bank and in hand		
	<hr/>	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<hr/>	
Net current assets		-
Net assets	<hr/>	-
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Approved by the trustees on

M Phillips (Chairman)
Date: 11 October 2021

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021

Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

The receipts and payments account is a factual record of money received and paid during the financial year.

The statement of assets and liabilities is a list of significant possessions and outstanding obligations at the end of the financial year.

Transfer of assets and liabilities

All assets and liabilities were transferred to a new charity, Lifespring Church and Centre, on 31 August 2020.

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Church receipts and payments account for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021 £
Income	
Donations:	
Offerings	7,415
Events	2,420
Activities	17,621
Fundraising	400
JRS income	499
	<hr/> 28,355
Other income:	
Gift Aid, VAT refund and sundry income	445
Total income	<hr/> 28,800 <hr/>
Expenditure	
Charitable activities:	
Salaries	5,828
Mission/outreach	1,313
Activities	13,486
	<hr/> 20,627 <hr/>
Support costs:	
Publicity	
Administration	1,632
Premises/maintenance	1,453
Affiliations	341
Training	38
Miscellaneous expenses	4,866
	<hr/> 8,330 <hr/>
Total expenditure	<hr/> 28,957 <hr/>
Net result	<hr/> (157) <hr/>

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**Turnaround charity shops receipts and payments account for the year ended
June 2021**

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	2021
Income	£
Clipstone	2,924
Ollerton	3,582
Total income	<u>6,506</u>
Administration costs	<u>373</u>
Operational costs and activities	<u>4,833</u>
Total expenditure	<u>5,206</u>
Net result	<u>1,300</u>