

# THE LIGHT AND LIFE FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

## Trustees' report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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The trustees (who are also the directors) present their report and the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024. The statutory information is shown on page 1.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Light and Life Full Gospel Fellowship is a company limited by guarantee, number 6483098 and it is governed by its Memorandum & Articles of Association. It is registered as charity number 1124579.

The trustees are responsible for the legal and administrative running of the church. They are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustees keep up to date by reading the new guidance released by the Charity Commission.

The senior Pastor, Pastor Herma Buttler is the President of the Directors and Trustees Board. The trustees consist of a maximum of 7 members which are reviewed periodically. The Board of Directors which is made up of ordained Officers of the church and the Trustees Board are responsible for ensuring the smooth and successful legal operation of the church. Duties include (but are not limited to) establishing policy, overseeing capital expenditures and financial reporting.

#### Trustees which served during the year:

J Simpson, D Rowe, Rev H Buttler, N Roberts and M Bonnick.

The Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors comprise the key management personnel of the church. Both Boards meet regularly to oversee the day to day running of the church. The remuneration of key management personnel is decided annually by the trustees.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Vision and Purpose

- The advancement of the Christian religion in particular by the propagation of the Gospel.
- To help young people especially but not exclusively through leisure activities. So to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals as members of society and that their condition of life may be improved.

The charity is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. The activities that the charity undertook to meet these objectives are summarised in the achievements and performance section of this report below.

#### Public Benefit Reporting

The trustees hereby confirm that they have complied with section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 and have provided explanations of the ways in which the local community have benefited from the range of activities hosted by the charity during the past year, as detailed below.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year The Light and Life Full Gospel Fellowship has continued to make every effort to save for a new building from the funds raised. Out of the said fund we have undertaken the following:

1. **Rally:** We held a fund-raising rally during 2024. The trustees also continue to seek ways of raising funds to buy a new building to help serve the community. We do need more funds and we are looking for generous gifts from individuals/philanthropists or companies who believe a church in a community is of great value. We continue in our effort to raise £3m.

2. **Missions:** The Church continues to support Missions such as Crisis at Christmas, Spurgeon Charity, Christian Aid, Star Children's charity, FareShare, St Mungo's and the Golden Springs Community Centre, St Andrews, Jamaica.



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### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

3. **Foodbank:** The Foodbank is fully operated by LLFGF. Our register has significantly increased. We pack 90 crates each week feeding a total of 322 people including children. There is also a waiting list of people wanting to register with the Foodbank. We are able to collect food from various stores via Food Team at Neighbourly and Foodiverse. We also collect directly from FareShare, Waitrose Asda, Costco, Greggs, Marks and Spencer's and Pret. Each week, starting on a Sunday after the service, volunteers must set up the room for the operation of the food bank. They then need to disassemble the room after all the users of the Foodbank have collected their crates.

The excess food we collect is passed on to another Charity in the area.

We also operate a soup kitchen once a month during the winter periods between November-March. This has been successful and is well appreciated by the community.

4. **Family Service:** Special services for the family on Mother's and Father's Sunday were held in the Sanctuary.

5. **Sunday School:** We hold an annual Christmas Party open to all children in the community. We continued to celebrate the pupils' achievement with an end of year award ceremony.

6. **The Light and Life Support:** continues to give support with hospital visits, home help, etc. There is home delivery to families and Individuals. We continue to do Monday Meals on Wheels.

7. **Music Academy:** For the past eight years, we have run a music academy voluntarily on 2 Saturday afternoon. As part of our future plans this is something, we would like to expand but due to lack of sufficient space, we are restricted.

8. **Thou Preparest A Table (TPAT).** We open the building once a week, in the colder months, to create a warm space for the community. A hot meal is provided and hot and cold drinks are available throughout the day. This is funded by the Fellowship.

### PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The aim of the charity is to own a larger community building to be able to better operate the activities we already do in such a limited space. We would also like to run a creche/playschool and youth club.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity is in a healthy state financially.

#### Reserves policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

#### Reserves review

The charity had total funds of £1,820,900 at the end of the year of which £26,641 were restricted. £373,946 were designated for the purchase of a new building. £20,008 is invested in fixed assets and £972,000 in investments. The free reserves are therefore £428,305.

#### Grant making policy

The charity gives regular gifts to Crisis at Christmas, Christian Aid and CAP. The charity also gives gifts to individuals who are in need in line with their objectives.



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### FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

#### Fundraising policy

In line with the reporting requirements included in the Charities Act 2016 the Trustees are pleased to confirm that all fundraising is undertaken in compliance with best fundraising practice. During the year we did not employ any professional fundraisers. There were no complaints or criticisms during the year about our fundraising activities.

#### Risk management

The trustees have considered the risks to which the church is exposed and uses a risk register to manage the risks. The principal risk identified is *Financial* - Income is derived from individuals who attend the church with no certainty of future giving. We monitor monthly giving to highlight any concerning trends or loss of donors. Our finance policy is closely observed by all staff to ensure careful spending. Our reserves policy ensures that we always hold 3 months fixed costs in reserve at all times.

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations and have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Company law requires the trustees, who are the directors for the purposes of company law, to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the company for that period.

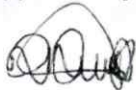
In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will be able to continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by



D Rowe

J Simpson



Date: 14 September 2025