



Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 3 November 2020

Charity number: 1129813

## **Family Life Church**

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## Family Life Church

### Legal and administrative information

Charity Number	1129813
Registered Office	Family Life Church Thirsk Finkle Street Thirsk YO7 1DA
Trustees	Mrs C Gunn-Newlove Mrs N Hogan Mr B Stirling Mr N Wolstenholme Mrs S Wolstenholme Mr G Parker (Resigned December 2019) Mrs A Parker (Resigned December 2019)
Independent Examiners	Mr W G Pearson FCA FCCA The Barker Partnership Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors 17 Central Buildings Market Place Thirsk North Yorkshire YO7 1HD
Bankers	HSBC 189 High Street Northallerton North Yorkshire DL7 8LQ

## **Family Life Church**

### **Report of the trustees**

#### **For the year ended 3 November 2020**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 3 November 2020. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### *Governing document*

The charity's objects and regulations are regulated by an amended trust deed dated 19 September 2013 and under that document, is constituted as an unincorporated association.

#### *Trustees*

Under the trust deed, there must be at least 3 Trustees. A Trustee can be appointed by way of a resolution of the Trustees passed at a special meeting by a majority of the Trustees.

### **Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the charity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in Thirsk and the surrounding area and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused; and to promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said locality and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

Activities include regular weekly services for all ages, regular youth social events, ladies' group and mens' group. Also, care for the local community, food hampers for the needy or lonely, children's holiday clubs and festive parties.

### **Achievements and performance**

Family Life Church, Thirsk now meets in The Old Infant School, Finkle Street, Thirsk. Ann and Gavin Parker resigned as Trustees.

The regular activities and events were fulfilled in 2019-2020 until the closure of the church building due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The church building has had continuous upgrades during the year. The main changes were the installation of three toilets, including a disabled toilet and baby changing facilities and a professional kitchen during the lockdowns to be able to offer more services to the community.
- Actively sought Grant Funding and Fundraising Opportunities to finance the upgrades and maintenance to the church building.
- Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. weekly with visiting guest speakers. These continue to be an encouragement to all who attend and have seen a steady growth. During the lockdowns, the church has offered a mixture of pre-recorded and online services.
- The website and social media continues to have a great impact on the church as many people have visited following seeing details online. This is also used to distribute information and liaise with other organisations. Social Media and online platforms played a much bigger role during the pandemic.
- We continue to support for missionaries around the world. We facilitate other organisations to visit the church and encourage church family to support charities around the world. We run targeted and regular fundraising events for missionaries.
- House Groups have been merged to have a weekly Bible Study for those who want to share together in the structure of the church family which has been moved to online group video calls during the pandemic
- The structure of "Kids Church" has been continued to incorporate a full programme for all age groups and abilities. A Crèche for infants and toddlers is now suitably available. The social distancing and capacity restrictions meant a change to the "kids church" availability.
- Street Lights continues to help in the community, ensuring the public are safe and supported on nights out and during emergencies such as flooding. Street Lights was not required during the pandemic.
- Relationships strengthened with Thirsk Churches Together, running several events throughout the year including the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer and planning to launch an inter-church gathering for discipleship of 20-40 year olds. A very successful joint venture with local churches to run a Marriage Course was also launched.
- The Annual Children's parties are now hosted in the church building. It has been encouraging to see the same families and new ones join in with these activities. These were cancelled as per the lockdown restrictions.

- Our tenth community Christmas Lunch catered for over 60 people who would otherwise spend the time alone. Many volunteers offered practical help while local organisations and businesses generously donated food and finance.
- We continue to sponsor those in the church who attend various conferences and events to enable people to gain experience, knowledge and encouragement to share with the church and to strengthen their relationship with God and each other.
- Men's fellowship (Band of Brothers) moved to online video group calls. Men's breakfasts were done when restrictions allowed.
- Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) moved to online video group calls. Ladies' breakfasts were done when restrictions allowed.
- 1 day ladies conference (The Well) was launched.
- The church building has been used by other organisations for debt counselling; marriage and family support; pregnancy choices; grief and infant loss counselling; drug and alcohol rehabilitation; adult education; local social groups; a pop-up scone shop run by a local Special Education Needs school with many others showing an interest prior to the lockdowns.

We plan to encourage growth in every area of church life and we have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities.

### **Financial Review**

The net assets of the charity have decreased by £36,652 from £73,074 to £36,422.

### **Reserves Policy**

There is currently no reserves policy.

### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board



Mrs C Gunn-Newlove  
Trustee  
5 August 2021



## Family Life Church

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Family Life Church

I report on the accounts of Family Life Church for the year ended 3 November 2020 set out on pages 2 to 7.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act;
- And to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

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



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## Family Life Church

### Receipts and payments account

For the year ended 3 November 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019-2020 £	Total 2018-2019 £
Receipts				
Tithes & Offerings	41232	869	42101	83012
Missions Trip				
Missions		21361	21361	45200
Gift Aid	13777		13777	12395
Misc (Sale of Assets)				1030
Grant Funding		2700	2700	7408
Outreach (Holiday Club, Easter, Halloween, Training & Conferences Sunday School & Youth		635	635	1329
		873	873	
Total receipts	55009	26438	81447	150374
Resources expended				
Tithes & Offerings	2517		2517	5517
Love Gifts	94		94	205
Missions Trip			0	0
Missions	8385	21181	29566	55953
Advertising Leaflets, Wel	118		118	200
CCPAS	120		120	145
Legal/Insurance	2665		2665	1936
Electrical, Sound, Video S	565	94	659	461
Kitchen/Office/Church E:	1115	755	1870	879
Vehicle/Trailer/Storage	398		398	2210
Outreach (Streetlights, B:	552	635	1187	3852
Rent	24000		24000	20240
Deposit			0	6000
Building (Building Works	17802	26660	44462	16476
Furniture & Furnishings	88		88	1127
Rates/Utilities	4299		4299	2510
Salary & Pensions	1738		1738	5265
Expenses			0	0
Subscriptions	40		40	40
Sunday School/Youth	371		371	283
Training & Conferences	703	628	1330	2637
Events	463		463	359
Refreshments	110		110	154
Accounting/Auditing	372		372	360
Petty Cash Expenses			0	0
Assets Purchased	1500		1500	0
Weddings/Funerals	60		60	0
Lease Legal/Fees			0	1873
Charges	72		72	72
Total payments	68147	49952	118099	128754
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
Net movements for the y	-13138	-23514	-36652	21620
Cash and Bank Balances	49370	23704	73074	51454
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### Notes to the receipts and payments account

For the year ended 3 November 2020

Cash at bank and in hand	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2019-2020	Total 2018-2019
	£	£	£	£
HSBC Bank account	35997	190	36187	72920
Petty cash	235	0	235	154
Building Fund	0	0	0	
	36232	190	36422	73074

#### Assets retained for the charity's own use:

- Admin Laptop
- LCD Projector
- 2 HP Laptops
- Storage container
- Ford Transit 8-seater Minibus

All assets above belong to unrestricted funds.

#### Trustees transactions

No remuneration is paid to the trustees.

#### Designated funds

During the year, the Charity used the restricted funds for building works from 2018-2019 as part of the major building works during the pandemic.

Approved by the trustees on 5 August and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs C Gunn-Newlove