

# family *life* church

**Trustees' report and financial statements**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**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 Mr A Gunn Newlove Mr B Stirling Mrs L Stirling Mr N Wolstenholme Mrs S Wolstenholme Mrs N Hogan (Resigned June 2021)
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 77, Market Place Thirsk North Yorkshire YO7 1EU

## **Family Life Church**

### **Report of the trustees**

#### **For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. 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 2020-2022 in and around closure of the church building and government regulations due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The church building upgrades during the year have been finalised. The main changes were the installation of three toilets, including a disabled toilet and baby changing facilities and a professional kitchen. These have been completed and are now 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 offered a mixture of pre-recorded and online services, and upon opening rules and restrictions were put into place, the church has implemented, social distancing, face mask to be worn, one way system, hand sanitiser stations positioned around the building and ventilation. This enabled people to return to community within the church with safe boundaries in place.
- 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 support for missions and 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. These have been ongoing through lockdown with the aid of Social media and websites.
- 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 were moved to online group video calls during the pandemic. The church is now hosting the weekly Bible studies back in the church building with restrictions.
- 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.
- Street Lights is part of the church that helps 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 and has not started up again as yet due to the volatile covid restrictions at this time.
- Relationships strengthened with Thirsk Churches Together, running several events throughout the year including the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer, Easter and Christmas events and have launched an inter-church gathering for discipleship of 20-40 year olds.
- The Annual Children's parties have been hosted in the church building before the covid restrictions. These have been put on hold until the government lifts covid restrictions.
- Our eleventh 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. This year we had to socially distance everyone, serve at the tables with many home deliveries due to the government covid restrictions.
- We usually 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. These have all been cancelled due to Covid restrictions.
- Men's fellowship (Band of Brothers) moved to online video group calls throughout the covid lockdowns and came back into the church building when the lockdown was lifted. Men's breakfasts were done when restrictions allowed but are now up and running again once a month.
- Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) moved to online video group calls throughout the covid lockdowns and came back into the church building when the lockdown was lifted. Ladies' breakfasts were done when restrictions allowed and are now continuing in the church building with restrictions once every three months.
- 1 day ladies conference (The Well) was launched with other 'The Well' events planned. These were cancelled due to Covid lockdowns. 'The Well' is planned to continue as restrictions are lifted.
- 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. Some of these have not returned after the lockdown was lifted. They are all slowly planning to return as restriction ease.

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 £7,756 from £36,422 to £28,666.

The Petty cash funds were dissolved into the bank on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to remove any cash from remaining on the church premises.

### **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

21/06/2022



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 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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The Barker Partnership  
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Date 22 / 06 / 2022

## Family Life Church

### Receipts and payments account

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020-2021	Total 2019-2020
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Tithes & Offerings	47257	407	47664	42101
Missions		30376	30376	21361
Gift Aid	12034		12034	13777
Misc (Sale of Assets)	256		256	0
Grant Funding	3000	1500	4500	2700
Events (Outreach)		568	568	635
Training & Conferences			0	873
Sunday School & Youth			0	0
Total Income	62547	32851	95398	81447
Expenditure				
Tithes & Offerings	7255		7255	2517
Speaking Gifts	950		950	94
Missions	6977	30376	37353	29566
Advertising	519		519	118
Legal (inc DBS & Insurance)	2897		2897	2785
Electrical (inc Sound, Video Software)	5864		5864	659
Sundry Supplies	644		644	1870
Vehicle Costs	584		584	398
Events (inc Outreach, Weddings & Funerals)	509	568	1077	1710
Rent	24000		24000	24000
Building (Repair & Maintenance)	3097	1500	4597	44462
Furniture & Furnishings	12290		12290	88
Rates/Utilities	2840		2840	4299
Salary & Pensions			0	1738
Subscriptions	259		259	40
Children/Youth Programmes	375		375	371
Training & Conferences	44		44	1330
Accounting/Auditing	384		384	372
Assets Purchased	518		518	1500
Charges	48		48	72
Hospitality	656		656	110
Total Expenditure	70710	32444	103154	118099
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
Net movements for the year	-8163	407	-7756	-36652
Cash and Bank Balances at 4 Nov	36232	190	36422	73074
Cash and Bank Balances at 31 October	28069	597	28666	36422

Note Date Change\* Financial Year Changed from 3/11 to 31/10.



## Family Life Church

### Notes to the Income and Expenditure account

#### For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Cash at bank and in hand	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020-2021 £	Total 2019-2020 £
HSBC Bank Account	28069	597	28666	36187
Petty Cash	0	0	0	235
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	28069	597	28666	36422

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

2 LCD Projector

5 HP Laptops

Storage container

Ford Transit 8-seater Minibus

Stainless Steel Kitchen Equipment (Counter, Fridge, Fridge freezer, Shelves, Corner shelves, Bain Marie, Drawers)

Plate stacker

6 burner electric stove with oven

All assets above belong to unrestricted funds.

#### Trustees transactions

No remuneration is paid to the trustees.

#### Designated funds

No designated funds

Approved by the trustees on 21/06/2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs C.T Gunn-Newlove