

# family *life* church

**Trustees' report and financial statements**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

**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  
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Thirsk  
YO7 1DA

Trustees

Mr B Stirling  
Mrs L Stirling  
Mrs C Gunn Newlove  
Mr A Gunn Newlove  
Mrs S Wolstenholme  
Mr J Hart  
Mrs I Hart  
Mr N Wolstenholme (Resigned April 2022)

Independent Examiners

Mr B Cross ACA  
The Barker Partnership  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors  
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## **Family Life Church**

### **Report of the trustees**

#### **For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. 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. Nick Wolstenholme resigned as a Trustee.

The regular activities and events were fulfilled in 2021-2022 in and around government regulations due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic:

- The church building upgrades during the year have been finalised and the catering kitchen is in the process of being registered and hygiene rating. The main changes were the installation of a damp proofing membrane and damp course work, and all the windows resealed and repainted. 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. Rules and restrictions were kept in place until the government advised to stop the restrictions. The church implemented, social distancing, face mask to be worn, hand sanitiser stations positioned around the building and ventilation. This enabled people to return to community within the church with safe boundaries in place.
- Upgraded our visual presence by having a full rebrand of our logo and brand and all associated items with the new logo were purchased
- 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. The rebrand has helped to improve our social media presence and appeal.

- 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.
- Weekly Bible Studies continue for those who want to share together in the structure of the church family. The church is now hosting two weekly Bible studies as there was a need for another.
- The “Kids Church” is continuing to incorporate a full programme for all age groups and abilities. A Crèche for infants and toddlers is now fully equipped.
- 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 but with plans to restart in 2023.
- Relationships strengthened with Thirsk Churches Together are continuing, with the running of several events throughout the year including the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer, Easter and Christmas events and the inter-church gathering for discipleship of 20–40 year olds (The Vine) continues to grow. We also began to host a baby support group in connection with the other churches called Nurture.
- The Annual Children’s parties have been hosted in the church building after the Covid-19 restrictions ended. These have been fully reinstated.
- Our twelfth 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 still had to socially distance everyone, serve at the tables with many home deliveries due to the government covid restrictions.
- 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) is back meeting in the church building. Men’s breakfasts continue once a month at a local establishment.
- Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) is back into the church building. Ladies’ breakfasts were done when restrictions allowed and are now continuing in the church building once every three months.
- 1 day ladies conference (The Well) was launched in 2019 and this year we hosted two The Well events. Women from all walks of life were invited to experience a day set apart for them.
- 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.

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 £18,062 from £28,666 to £10,604

No Petty Cash is held on site except for special circumstances but is banked at the earliest opportunity.

### **Reserves Policy**

There is currently no reserves policy.

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

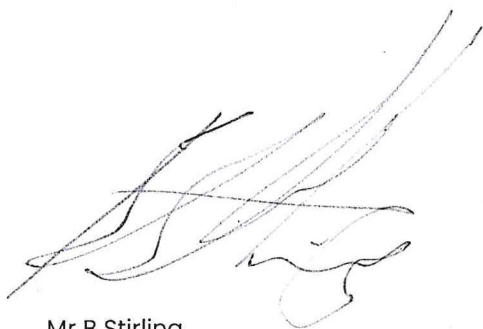
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr B Stirling', written over a horizontal line.

Mr B Stirling

Trustee

10/01/2023

## 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 2022 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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Date 2 May 2023

## Family Life Church

### Receipts and payments account

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

|  | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total 2021-2022 | Total 2020-2021 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | £                  | £                | £               | £               |
| Income                                 |                    |                  |                 |                 |
| Tithes & Offerings                     | 52627              | 505              | 53132           | 47664           |
| Missions                               | 0                  | 29735            | 29735           | 30376           |
| Gift Aid                               | 7845               | 2455             | 10300           | 12034           |
| Misc (Sale of Assets)                  | 1277               | 0                | 1277            | 256             |
| Grant Funding                          | 0                  | 4184             | 4184            | 4500            |
| Events (Outreach)                      | 3064               | 2748             | 5812            | 568             |
| Training & Conferences                 | 50                 | 0                | 50              | 0               |
| Sunday School & Youth                  | 0                  | 0                | 0               | 0               |
| Total Income                           | 64863              | 39627            | 104490          | 95398           |
| Expenditure                            |                    |                  |                 |                 |
| Tithes & Offerings                     | 6653               |                  | 6653            | 7255            |
| Speaking Gifts                         | 2453               |                  | 2453            | 950             |
| Missions                               | 10125              | 29735            | 39860           | 37353           |
| Marketing                              | 3200               |                  | 3200            | 519             |
| Legal (inc DBS & Insurance)            | 3045               |                  | 3045            | 2897            |
| Electrical (inc Sound, Video Software) | 1144               |                  | 1144            | 5864            |
| Sundry Supplies                        | 1066               |                  | 1066            | 644             |
| Vehicle Costs                          | 1136               |                  | 1136            | 584             |
| Events (inc Outreach,)                 | 3516               | 2748             | 6264            | 1077            |
| Rent                                   | 24000              |                  | 24000           | 24000           |
| Building (Repair & Maintenance)        | 4291               | 3500             | 7791            | 4597            |
| Furniture & Furnishings                | 2000               |                  | 2000            | 12290           |
| Rates/Utilities                        | 5071               |                  | 5071            | 2840            |
| Salary & Pensions                      | 13803              |                  | 13803           | 0               |
| Subscriptions                          | 287                |                  | 287             | 259             |
| Children/Youth Programmes              | 1178               |                  | 1178            | 375             |
| Training & Conferences                 | 448                |                  | 448             | 44              |
| Accounting/Auditing                    | 396                |                  | 396             | 384             |
| Assets Purchased                       | 455                |                  | 455             | 518             |
| Charges                                | 501                |                  | 501             | 48              |
| Hospitality                            | 1801               |                  | 1801            | 656             |
| Total Expenditure                      | 86569              | 35983            | 122552          | 103154          |
| Transfer between funds                 | 0                  | 0                | 0               | 0               |
| Net movements for the year             | -21706             | 3644             | -18062          | -7756           |
| Cash and Bank Balances at 1 Nov        | 28069              | 597              | 28666           | 36422           |
| Cash and Bank Balances at 31 October   | 6363               | 4241             | 10604           | 28666           |



## Family Life Church

### Notes to the Income and Expenditure account

#### For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

| Cash at bank and in hand | Unrestricted Funds<br>£ | Restricted Funds<br>£ | Total 2021-2022<br>£ | Total 2020-2021<br>£ |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| HSBC Bank Account        | 6363                    | 4241                  | 10604                | 28666                |
| Petty Cash               | 0                       | 0                     | 0                    | 0                    |
|                          | <hr/> 6363              | <hr/> 4241            | <hr/> 10604          | <hr/> 28666          |

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

2 LCD Projectors  
6 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  
BBQ  
Chair Trolley  
Table Trolley  
6 Apple Ipads  
Sound System

All assets above belong to unrestricted funds.

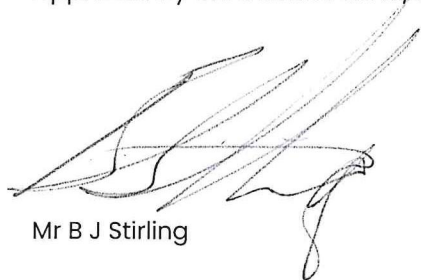
#### Trustees transactions

No remuneration is paid to the trustees.

#### Designated funds

No designated funds

Approved by the trustees on 18/01/2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr B J Stirling

