

family *life* church

Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31st October 2023

Charity number: 1129813

Family Life Church

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Legal and administrative information

Charity Number	1129813
Registered Office	Family Life Church Thirsk Finkle Street 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
Independent Examiners	Mr B Cross ACA The Barker Partnership Chartered Accountants 17 Central Buildings Market Place Thirsk North Yorkshire YO7 1HD
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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31st October 2022

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2023. 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.

Church Leadership

The title of Lead Pastors was relinquished by Andrew and Catherine (Tracey) Gunn Newlove on November 5th 2022 and they took on the title of Assistant Pastors. Ben and Lydia Stirling took over the role as Lead Pastors in a Commissioning Ceremony on November 5th 2022. This has not affected the trustee board as none are remunerated for their roles. The day to day running of the church is now lead by Ben Stirling.

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 continues to meet in The Old Infant School, Finkle Street, Thirsk

The regular activities and events were fulfilled in 2022 – 2023 were:

- The church building upgrades during the year have been finalised and the catering kitchen has been registered and received a hygiene rating of 5 stars. The main changes were the installation of new ceiling tiles and lights in the main rooms, painting in the foyer, kids church room and ceilings. These have been completed and are now able to offer improved 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.
- 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 use of social media reels has helped to improve our 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 continues to host two weekly Bible studies.
- The "Kids Church" is continuing to incorporate a full programme for all age groups and abilities. A Crèche for infants and toddlers is 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 but has started up again 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). 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 and we run a weekly playgroup for babies and toddlers called 'Seedlings'.
- Our thirteenth community Christmas Lunch catered for over 70 people who would otherwise spend the time alone. Many volunteers offered practical help while local organisations and businesses generously donated food and finance. We also ran a hamper nomination scheme and provided food and gift hampers to 8 families in the community that were struggling over the Christmas period.
- 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) continues meeting in the church building. Men's breakfasts continue once a month at a local establishment.
- Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) continues in the church building. Ladies' breakfasts also continues in the church building once every two months.
- 1 day ladies conference (The Well) took place and this year we hosted one 'The Well' event. 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 £7,079 from £10,604 to £3,525.

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



Mr B Stirling

Trustee

06/02/2024

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Family Life Church for the year ended 31st October 2023 set out on pages 2 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act').

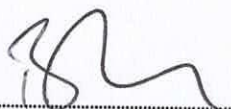
I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 Trust 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.



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Date

6/6/24

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Receipts and payments account

For the year ended 31st October 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022-2023	Total 2021-2022
	£	£		£
Income				
Tithes & Offerings	69179	175	69354	53132
Missions	0	33921	33921	29735
Gift Aid	10202	2447	12649	10300
Misc (Sale of Assets)	2169	1700	3869	1277
Grant Funding	0	400	400	4184
Events (Outreach)	3642	3470	7112	5812
Training & Conferences	0	86	86	50
Sunday School & Youth	71	0	71	0
Total Income	85263	42199	127462	104490
Expenditure				
Tithes & Offerings	8510	0	8510	6653
Speaking Gifts	2049	0	2049	2453
Missions	2291	36368	38659	39860
Marketing	255	0	255	3200
Legal (inc DBS & Insurance)	1500	0	1500	3045
Electrical (inc Sound, Video Software)	355	0	355	1144
Sundry Supplies	1038	0	1038	1066
Vehicle Costs	240	0	240	1136
Events (inc Outreach, Weddings & Funerals)	1087	2256	3343	6264
Rent	24000	0	24000	24000
Building (Repair & Maintenance)	1886	249	2135	7791
Furniture & Furnishings	30	0	30	2000
Rates/Utilities	10143	0	10143	5071
Salary & Pensions	35133	0	35133	13803
Subscriptions	1112	0	1112	287
Children/Youth Programmes	615	0	615	1178
Training & Conferences	1402	0	1402	448
Accounting/Auditing	990	0	990	396
Assets Purchased	75	1662	1737	455
Charges	596	0	596	501
Hospitality	1562	50	1612	1801
Total Expenditure	94869	40585	135454	122552
Transfer between funds	2455	-2455	0	0
Net movements for the year	-7151	-841	-7992	-18062
Cash and Bank Balances at 1 Nov 2022	6363	4241	10604	28666
Cash and Bank Balances at 31 October 2023	-788	3400	2612	10604

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Notes to the Income and Expenditure account

For the year ended 31st October 2022

Cash at bank and in hand	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022-2023 £	Total 2021-2022 £
HSBC Bank Account	-788	3400	2612	10604
Petty Cash	0	0	0	0
	-788	3400	2612	10604

Assets retained for the charity's own use:

2 LCD Projectors
6 HP Laptops
Storage container
Ford Transit 8-seater Minibus (Sold April 2023)
Stainless Steel Kitchen Equipment (Counter, Fridge, Fridge freezer, Shelves, Corner shelves, Bain Marie, Drawers, 3 Hotplates)
Plate stacker
6 burner electric stove with oven
BBQ
Chair Trolley
Table Trolley
6 Apple Ipads
Sound System
1 Samsung Tablet
Card Reader Machine

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 06/02/2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr B J Stirling