

family *life* church

Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31st October 2024

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
Bankers	HSBC 77, Market Place Thirsk North Yorkshire YO7 1EU

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31st October 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2024. 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 day to day running of the church is led by Ben Stirling. In October 2024, the Leadership team was expanded to include Nigel & Jane Cook and Sally Wolstenholme. None of the leaders were remunerated during this year period.

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 2023 – 2024 were:

- 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. In October 2024, we launched a new website that is mobile friendly and traffic to the website has increased as use is easier.
- 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.
- Streetlights is continuing to help in the community, ensuring the public are safe and supported on nights out and during emergencies such as flooding.
- 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. We continue 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 continue to run a weekly playgroup for babies and toddlers called ‘Seedlings’.
- Our fourteenth community Christmas Lunch catered for over 90 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 10 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 many events including a weekly 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 increased by £29349 from £2612 to £31961.

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 'B Stirling', written in a cursive style.

Mr B Stirling

Trustee

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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 31st October 2024 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

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Receipts and payments account

For the year ended 31st October 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023-2024	Total 2022-2023
	£	£		£
Income				
Tithes & Offerings	89698		89698	69354
Missions		33514	33514	33921
Gift Aid	14048	2466	16514	12649
Misc (Sale of Assets)	826	66	892	3869
Grant Funding	0	0	0	400
Events (Outreach)	1589	6174	7763	7112
Training & Conferences	0	0	0	86
Sunday School & Youth	0	0	0	71
Interest	148	0	148	0
Total Income	106309	42220	148529	127462
Expenditure				
Tithes & Offerings	572	0	572	8510
Speaking Gifts	1750	49	1799	2049
Missions	9853	33514	43367	38659
Marketing	80	0	80	255
Legal (inc DBS & Insurance)	2314	0	2314	1500
Electrical (inc Sound, Video Software)	618	0	618	355
Sundry Supplies	973	0	973	1038
Vehicle Costs	0	0	0	240
Events (inc Outreach, Weddings & Funerals)	2750	2016	4766	3343
Rent	24000	0	24000	24000
Building (Repair & Maintenance)	528	0	528	2135
Furniture & Furnishings	60	0	60	30
Rates/Utilities	9515	0	9515	10143
Salary & Pensions	26001	0	26001	35133
Subscriptions	0	0	0	1112
Children/Youth Programmes	475	0	475	615
Training & Conferences	326	0	326	1402
Accounting/Auditing	798	0	798	990
Assets Purchased	1284	0	1284	1737
Charges	342	0	342	596
Hospitality	1362	0	1362	1612
Total Expenditure	83601	35579	119180	135454
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
Net movements for the year	22708	6641	29349	-7992
Cash and Bank Balances at 1 Nov 2023	-788	3400	2612	10604
Cash and Bank Balances at 31 October 2024	21920	10041	31961	2612

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Notes to the Income and Expenditure account

For the year ended 31st October 2024

Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023-2024	Total 2022-2023
	£	£	£	£
HSBC Bank Account	22802	9159	31961	2162
Petty Cash	0	0	0	0
	22802	9159	31961	2162

Assets retained for the charity's own use:

2 LCD Projectors
5 HP Laptops
Storage container
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
4 Apple Ipads
Sound System
1 Samsung Tablet
Card Reader Machine
1 Acer Desktop Computer
1 Brother Colour Printer

All assets above belong to unrestricted funds.

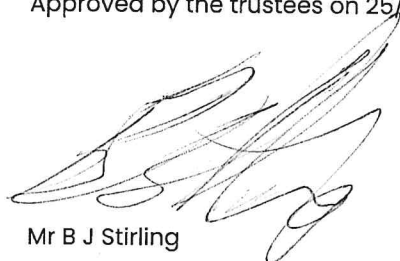
Trustees transactions

No remuneration is paid to the trustees.

Designated funds

No designated funds

Approved by the trustees on 25/03/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr B J Stirling

