

Trustees Annual Report for 2021

THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGH WORSHIP, PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, PREACHING AND TEACHING; BAPTISM; COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER; EVANGELISM AND MISSION; NURTURE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES; EDUCATION AND TRAINING; GIVING AND ENCOURAGING PASTORAL CARE; SUPPORTING CHARITABLE SOCIAL ACTION; SUPPORTING OTHER CHRISTIANS.

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

In order to fulfil our purpose our mission is:

To speak boldly – We have a responsibility to share the good news of Jesus with the community around us.

To worship wholeheartedly – We were created and re-created to worship God and to praise Him in all circumstances.

To grow spiritually – Being a Christian means we don't stand still but go on a journey during which we learn and grow.

To care sacrificially – In a world full of difficulties we need to look to the needs of the community around us through the love of Jesus.

To pray persistently – We believe in the God who cares for His world and who responds to our prayers.

The trustees, in making decisions about the activities and in the running of the church, have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance. The aims of the church are met through a wide variety of activities for the public benefit, a summary of which is shown below. Activities are open to members of the public, with particular reference to those in the local community and, although they flow from the faith and beliefs of the membership, are open to people of all faiths or none. The church is totally dependent on the work and contributions made by a large number of volunteers, without whom we could not function; however, much of its work is undertaken by the paid staff.

The church puts considerable resources into paying its staff. The other major expense the church faces is its utility bill and the maintenance of its buildings. Some of this maintenance is done in-house by suitable volunteers but we do need to employ experts for some of the work.

Finances have become tighter in 2021 with a noticeable drop in income due to the Covid pandemic and the subsequent lockdown. For much of the year the church has been unable to meet in person although we have held online services for which we are indebted to a small group of people who have facilitated this .

The church has also lost much of its income from other community organisations that meet in the church buildings.

Summary of the Various Areas of Church Life

WORSHIP, PRAYER AND STUDY: As a church, worship is obviously a central aspect of our activities. We meet for worship regularly on Sundays from 10.30am. Throughout this year much of the worship of the church has taken place online, with several people tuning in who did not previously attend Sunday services.

The Pastoral Team has done its best to support members of our church and congregation throughout the pandemic, often by keeping in touch on the phone and, where appropriate, by delivering shopping for those shielding.

It is the responsibility of every church member to care for and look out for others in the congregation, and we are grateful for the help of the many church members who take this responsibility seriously.

We look at the membership list annually and try to contact those who have not attended recently, although this has not happened this year due to lockdown. Urgent prayer requests are sent (with permission) by email or by phone to church members.

Through 2020 our befriending scheme, which supports those struggling with loneliness in the local community, became a telephone only scheme.

MISSION & EVANGELISM: The church seeks to engage with the local community and the wider world both financially and practically by, for

example, giving regularly to a range of charities and supporting church members' involvement in charity work. We also continued to support a small number of missionaries who are stationed in difficult and often dangerous places overseas.

JUBILATTE COFFEE SHOP: was sadly closed for much of the year with the staff furloughed.

MUSTARD SEED BOOKSHOP: The bookshop operates in Jubilate Coffee shop and was also closed for much of the year.

NEW LIFE NURSERY SCHOOL: The Nursery school continues to offer high quality education to children aged 2 to 4 years of age. We are fortunate to have well qualified and motivated staff. The school continued to meet throughout much of the pandemic for the children of key workers. We were grateful we remained free of covid infections .

FOODBANK: The Foodbank continues to be open on Wednesdays with local agencies referring people in need to us. We were closed for some time during 2020 as the age of the volunteers meant they were at high risk of serious infection; however, the food bank did remain open through some of lockdown.

HEALING ON THE STREETS: This is a ministry that operates once a month on a Saturday morning on the forecourt of the church Sadly it was unable to meet through much of the year.

HIGH STREET CHAPLAINCY: We continue to offer a chaplaincy service to the High Street traders. This service was suspended though lock down.

YOUTH WORK: With the exception of our Nursery School all other youth and children's work stopped meeting in lockdown, although we continued meeting using various online platforms.

LETTINGS: The church has an extensive property, parts of which are available for hire by community groups. Throughout much of the year all groups stopped using the church and this caused a drop in income for the church. The church also owns three houses which are let and thereby provide a regular and significant source of income.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

New Life Baptist Church (Kings Heath)

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2021	To	31/12/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerory	57,249	-	-	57,249	58,030
Jubilatte	30,877	-	-	30,877	41,493
Lettings	35,874	-	-	35,874	37,698
Gift Aid	17,240	-	-	17,240	12,143
Nursery	54,229	-	-	54,229	70,070
Other	8,258	-	-	8,258	5,859
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	203,726	-	-	203,726	225,293
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	203,726	-	-	203,726	225,293
A3 Payments					
Insurance	8,465	-	-	8,465	19,167
Jubilatte	30,373	-	-	30,373	31,755
Ministry	6,237	-	-	6,237	8,482
Nursery	77,213	-	-	77,213	73,335
Printing, postage & stationary	739	-	-	739	617
Property Expenses	11,509	-	-	11,509	4,124
Utilities	11,432	-	-	11,432	21,229
Wages	70,304	-	-	70,304	55,858
Other	7,644	-	-	7,644	4,987
Sub total	223,917	-	-	223,917	219,554
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	223,917	-	-	223,917	219,554
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 20,191	-	-	- 20,191	5,739
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	90,114	-	-	90,114	84,375
Cash funds this year end	69,923	-	-	69,923	90,114

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC	33,288	-	-
	Other	36,635	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	69,923	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	283 School Road, Kings Heath		-	270,000
	42 Pineapple Road		-	220,000
	121 Hazelhurst Road		-	425,000
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Building (80 High Street)		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Outstanding Loans (to church members)		35,000	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of New Life Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of New Life Baptist Church for the year ended 30 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the '2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I completed an examination of the financial records and accounts and confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; and
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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.

Signed:



Date: 18th Feb 2022.

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