

Trustees Annual Report for 2023

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.

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. In 2023 we have seen an increase in the number of people accessing our YouTube channel.

The Pastoral Team has done its best to support members of our church and the church community.

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, urgent prayer requests are sent (with permission) by email or by phone to church members.

Throughout 2023 we have held a monthly Sunday afternoon tea for older people. This has been well received by the local community.

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: has fully reopened and continues to be a meeting place for community groups and individuals who value the peace and beauty of the church sanctuary.

MUSTARD SEED BOOKSHOP: The bookshop that operates in Jubilate Coffee shop has seen an increase in trade over the year. We are now one of the few Christian book shops in the city.

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 has grown in numbers over 2023.

FOODBANK: The Foodbank continues to be open on Wednesdays with local agencies referring people in need to us. We have seen an increase in the number of people seeking food parcels through the year. We have been grateful for the support of the church, local supermarkets, and government agencies over the year.

HIGH STREET CHAPLAINCY: We continue to offer a chaplaincy service to the High Street traders which is well received and valued by them.

YOUTH WORK: We run a number of weekly groups for children of all ages. We ran a summer holiday club for primary age children which was well attended.

LETTINGS: The church has an extensive property, parts of which are available for hire by community groups.

The church also owns three houses which are let and thereby provide a regular and significant source of income.

Overview of 2023

2023 has been an excellent year for the church with growing attendances at most, if not all, of our activities.

However, 2023 has been a very challenging year for the church with the rise of utility prices. We realised we could not continue to heat the building as we had in previous years, so we have invested in various improvements.

We replaced the fire doors on our halls to give both better access and heat retention in the halls. We have put up suspended insulated ceilings in both halls and replaced a very old gas boiler with a modern electrical heating system.

We have also installed radiant heaters in our Jubilate coffee shop. This work should be completed in February 2024.

This means we have reduced our gas use by about 80 percent which gets the church closer to being net zero, something we would like to achieve.

We have been grateful for various grants that we have received for this work, but it has been a big expense. However, we hope it will enable our halls to continue to be a resource for our community on into the future.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
New Life Baptist Church (Kings Heath)

No (if any)
1135380

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offertory	77,036	-	-	77,036	70,416
Jubilatte	47,648	-	-	47,648	45,977
Lettings	47,256	-	-	47,256	46,589
Gift Aid	15,206	-	-	15,206	13,715
Nursery	85,799	-	-	85,799	58,571
Other	2,603	-	-	2,603	2,603
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	275,548	-	-	275,548	237,870
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	275,548	-	-	275,548	237,870
A3 Payments					
Insurance	7,104	-	-	7,104	9,186
Jubilatte	58,861	-	-	58,861	46,140
Ministry	9,483	-	-	9,483	212
Nursery	71,563	-	-	71,563	60,649
Property Expenses	33,311	-	-	33,311	6,454
Utilities	13,556	-	-	13,556	11,714
Wages	90,324	-	-	90,324	80,830
Other	10,633	-	-	10,633	21,436
Sub total	294,835	-	-	294,835	236,622
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	294,835	-	-	294,835	236,622
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 19,287	-	-	- 19,287	1,248
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	71,171	-	-	71,171	69,923
Cash funds this year end	51,884	-	-	51,884	71,171

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	51,884	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	51,884	-	-
	(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		-	-
	42 Pineapple Road		-	-
	121 Hazelhurst Road		-	-
			-	-
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)
	Nursery Loans	Unrestricted funds	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		David Barber	29/10/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

New Life Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1135380

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2023**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's 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 Trust'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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date:

21st August 2024

Name:

Mr Michael Newbold

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

None

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.