

Trustees Annual Report for 2024

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 and Wednesdays from 19:30pm, with our Sunday services also live streamed to 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 2024 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: remains open 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 maintained steady numbers over 2024.

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 2024

2024 has been an excellent year for the church with growing attendances at most, if not all, of our activities.

However, 2024 has been a challenging year for the church with the continued rise of utility prices.

We have seen improvements from the measures implemented last year but continue to look for ways of getting 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

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2024

To

Period end date
31/12/2024

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					
Offerory	£ 80,231	-	-	80,231	77,036
Jubilatte	£ 49,995	-	-	49,995	47,648
Lettings	£ 50,966	-	-	50,966	47,256
Gift aid	£ 13,459	-	-	13,459	15,206
Nursery	£ 88,403	-	-	88,403	85,799
Others	£ 2,841	-	-	2,841	2,603
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	285,895	-	-	285,895	275,548
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	285,895	-	-	285,895	275,548
A3 Payments					
Insurance	£ 9,283	-	-	9,283	7,104
Jubilatte	£ 28,085	-	-	28,085	58,861
Ministry	£ 2,977	-	-	2,977	9,483
Nursery	£ 3,587	-	-	3,587	71,563
Property expenses	£ 29,421	-	-	29,421	33,311
Utilities	£ 21,700	-	-	21,700	13,556
Wages	£ 182,106	-	-	182,106	90,324
Other	£ 16,395	-	-	16,395	10,633
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	293,555	-	-	293,555	294,835
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	293,555	-	-	293,555	294,835
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,660	-	-	- 7,660	- 19,287
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	51,884	-	-	51,884	71,171
Cash funds this year end	44,224	-	-	44,224	51,884

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	44,224	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	44,224	-	-
	(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 Raod		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	
		Callum MacKinnon	30/10/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	New Life Baptist Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2024	Charity no (if any)	1135380
Set out on pages	1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12/ 2024**.

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 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: 9th October 2025

Name: Michael Newbold

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

None

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