

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH (SOUTH GILLINGHAM) TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1152608

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [08448116](#)

Registered 2013-06-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ('OBJECTS') ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:1. FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES SET OUT IN CLAUSE 4.2 AND THE WORSHIP OF GOD IN GILLINGHAM, KENT AND ELSEWHERE BY ANY MEANS WHATSOEVER INCLUDING (BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION) THE PREACHING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL AND THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE AND PRINCIPLES AND THE PASTORAL CARE OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE AND THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE INCLUDING VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OR ELECTRONICALLY AND BY ANY OTHER MEDIA WHICH IS OR MAY BECOME AVAILABLE;2. THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK;3. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION ON THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH EDUCATION IN ANY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT AND IF THE TRUSTEES SO DECIDE THE PROVISION OF ONE OR MORE CHARITABLE EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE GENERAL EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OR ADULTS ON THE BASIS OF SUCH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLE.

Activities: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES SET OUT IN THE FOURTH SCHEDULE (OF THE DEED) AND THE WORSHIP OF GOD IN

GILLINGHAM, KENT AND ELSEWHERE² THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK. 3 THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION ON THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Philippines
- Medway

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£87,767	£72,759	-	-
2023-12-31	£76,699	£63,604	-	-
2022-12-31	£54,085	£58,040	-	-
2021-12-31	£35,988	£48,436	-	-
2020-12-31	£36,325	£45,276	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Ann Lunniss	Chair	2020-06-04
Alan Victor Eldridge		2023-01-03
Daniel Chigozie Okafor		2025-03-07
Rev Mark Anderton		2020-03-01

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**NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
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TRUST INFORMATION

The following Trustees were serving at the time these accounts were approved:

Carol Lunniss	Chairperson
Mark Anderton	Director/Trustee
Alan Eldridge	Director/Trustee
Daniel Okafor	Director/Trustee

Other senior officers of the Trust:

Bradman Sogie-Thomas	Financial Controller
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Charity Number	1152608
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Registered Office	19 Hobart Gardens Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1YD
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Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC 87 High Street Sittingbourne Kent ME10 4AU
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Trustees and Directors

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Structure, Governance and Management

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The Company has been formed to support the ongoing work of the New Life Community Church, ("NLCC"), an active independent group that came into existence in 1987/8.

Achievements and Performance

With the association of the Church in the New Life group of churches centred on the Philippines, the church has been advertising itself under the name, "New Life Medway". Attendance at church meetings at the school has risen to about 80. Meetings have continued to be broadcast on the Internet to allow others to join in who cannot attend personally.

The Company with its Church body, New Life Community Church, has continued to support a number of individuals and charities involved in mission work at home and overseas. Principle areas of support have been:

The Princess project, Salvation Army, Family Trust and other missions [UK].

New Life Main for onward transmission to **New Life Myanmar** following the earthquake in the region.

New Life Surigao [**The Philippines**] for use in their new church building project.

New Life Alabang [**The Philippines**] for general church ministry work.

New Life Conference [**The Philippines**]. We sent our two Pastors to New Life annual conference in Manila.

This was felt to be of major importance for the Pastors and the Medway Church. We also contributed to the conference fund to support other Pastors who would otherwise have experienced financial difficulty.

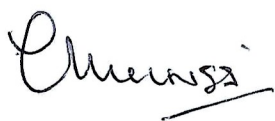
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Future Developments

Under the Pastoral leadership of Mark and Belen Anderton, the Church will continue to support active evangelism in the "parish" area and seek to reach out and help adults, young people, children and those in debt and severe hardship. We will continue to support a wide range of mission work, both at home and overseas. The Trustees continually review our commitment to those ongoing ministries currently supported as well as investigating possible new commitments.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above. Signed on 26th October 2025 on behalf of the charity's Trustees:



Carol Lunniss

Chairperson – New Life Community Church (South Gillingham) Trust

Financial Review – 2024

The NLCC Board of Trustees/Directors continues to encourage the ethos of the Church in giving and supporting those in need, including UK charities and mission work in The Philippines.

The financial year shows a surplus of £15,008. In comparison to 2023, both income and expenditure increased by 14%. Charitable expenditure increased by £9.2k (15%) and includes an increase of £4.1k (58%) on mission giving, mainly to The Philippines.

1. VOLUNTARY INCOME

Details	2024	2023	Change
Gift Aid	12,272	10,064	2,208
Offerings	68,986	60,511	8,475
Stewardship (UKET)	5,854	5,745	109
Interest	655	379	276
Total Income	87,767	76,699	11,068

2. EXPENDITURE

Details	2024	2023	Change
Pastoral Costs	42,140	37,768	4,372
Missions	11,126	7,024	4,102
Ministry Support Costs	12,404	11,579	825
Other Charity Activity Costs	5,409	5,553	-144
Total Charitable Expenditure	71,079	61,924	9,155
Governance - Independent Examiner	1,680	1,680	0
Total Expenditure	72,759	63,604	9,155

3. MISSION GIVING

	2024	2023	Change
The Philippines	4,741	1,000	3,741
Other Ministries	6,385	6,024	361
Total	11,126	7,024	4,102

4. SUMMARY (£)

	2024	2023	Change	% change
Total Income	87,767	76,699	11,068	14%
Total Expenditure	72,759	63,604	9,156	14%
Surplus/(Deficit)	15,008	13,095	1,913	

Declaration

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th October 2025 and signed on its behalf:



Bradman Sogie-Thomas
Financial Controller

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the trustees of the NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH (SOUTH GILLINGHAM) TRUST

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 and consider that the company is exempt from an audit.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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.

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Date: 28th October 2025

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Trustees, Directors and Professional Advisors

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- The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles

The Company has been formed to support the ongoing work of the New Life Community Church, ("NLCC"), an active independent group that came into existence in 1987/8.

Achievements and Performance

2023 was the first year without Covid-19 restrictions and the Church has returned fully to normal operations. With the association of the Church to the "New Life" group of Churches centred on the Philippines, the Church has been advertising itself under the name "New Life Medway". Attendance at Church meetings at the school have risen to about 70. Meetings have continued to be broadcast on the internet to allow others to join in who cannot attend personally.

The Company with its Church body, New Life Community Church, has continued to support a number of individuals and charities involved in mission work at home and overseas. Principle areas of support have been:

- **Emerge Advocacy** (The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service). We have continued to provide financial assistance to Emerge Advocacy, a charitable ministry of youth workers supporting people struggling with their feelings or mental health issues.
- **Salvation Army**. We have provided financial assistance to two local branches (Gillingham and Chatham) of the Salvation Army to support local issues.
- **Evangelism in the USA**. We have provided funds for an evangelist from a local church (Cornerstone City Church, Medway) to operate in the USA
- **Churches Together in Medway (CTIM)**. CTIM is an interdenominational organisation in Medway, which seeks to help all Christian churches in the Medway area and foster cooperation between churches. Whilst we have been members of the organisation for many years, we have never before contributed to the running of CTIM

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- **New Life Conference Fund.** We sent our two pastors (Mark and Belen Anderton) to the annual conference of New Life churches in Manila this year, as it was felt it was of major importance for them to attend. Some New Life pastors struggle with the financial burden of attending the conference and so we have contributed to the financial support fund for such pastors.

The Church has continued to grow throughout the remainder of the year. It is pleasing to note a wide range of ethnic backgrounds continues in the Church. The Church has been involved with many other churches in the Medway Towns through both the 'Churches Together in Medway' and the 'Churches Together in Rainham'.

Serious Incidents

During the year there were no serious incidents resulting in loss of funds or giving risk to the charity's property, work, beneficiaries or reputation.

Public Benefit Statement

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes that are for the public benefit, as required by the Charity Commission's statutory guidance on the matter. Details of how the charity has achieved this have been provided in this report. The following is a summary:

In the UK:

- Financial support to CTIM to support the work of local churches and local unity
- Financial Gifts to the poor and needy in the community
- Support and giving to the Salvation Army
- Support and giving to local young people suffering emotional and mental distress
- Financial support for a Pastor

Overseas:

- Financial support for pastors of New Life churches who have struggled to attend the annual New Life global conference in Manila
- Financial support for evangelism in the USA by a local evangelist

Future Developments

Under the Pastoral leadership of Mark and Belen Anderton, the Church will continue to support active evangelism in the "parish" area and seek to reach out and help adults, young people, children and those in debt and severe hardship. We will continue to support a wide range of mission work, both at home and overseas. The Trustees continually review our commitments to those ongoing ministries currently supported as well as investigating possible new commitments.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above. Signed on 25th September 2024 on behalf of the charity's Trustees:



James T Belichambers – Chairman

Financial Review - 2023

The NLCC Board of Trustees/Directors continues to encourage the ethos of the Church in giving and supporting those in need, including UK charities and mission work in The Philippines.

The financial year shows a surplus of £13,095. In comparison to 2022, total income increased by £22.6k (42%) and over 75% of this increase came from offering received; total charitable expenditure increased by £5.6k (10%) and includes a reduction of £1.9k (21%) on mission giving.

1. VOLUNTARY INCOME (£)

Details	2023	2022	Change
Gift Aid	10,064	7,695	2,369
Offerings	60,511	43,277	17,234
Stewardship (UKET)	5,745	3,041	2,704
Interest	379	72	307
Total Income	76,699	54,085	22,614

2. EXPENDITURE (£)

Details	2023	2022	Change
Pastoral Costs	37,768	35,149	2,619
Missions	7,024	8,907	-1,883
Ministry Support Costs	11,579	9,726	1,853
Other Charity Activity Costs	5,553	2,578	2,975
Total Charitable Expenditure	61,924	56,360	5,564
Governance - Independent Examiner	1,680	1,680	0
Total Expenditure	63,604	58,040	5,564

3. MISSIONS (breakdown £)

	2023	2022	Change
The Philippines	1,000	2,489	-1,489
Other Ministries	6,024	6,418	-394
Total	7,024	8,907	-1,883

4. SUMMARY (£)

	2023	2022	Change	% change
Total Income	76,699	54,085	22,614	42%
Total Expenditure	63,604	58,040	5,564	10%
Surplus/(Deficit)	13,095	-3,955	17,050	

Declaration

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25th September 2024 and signed on its behalf:



 Bradman Sogie-Thomas
 Financial Controller

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the trustees of the
NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH (SOUTH GILLINGHAM) TRUST**

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and consider that the company is exempt from an audit.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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Date: 29 October 2024

Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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The Company has been formed to support the ongoing work of the New Life Community Church, ("NLCC"), an active independent group that came into existence in 1987/8.

Achievements and Performance

Whilst Covid-19 has had an effect on the performance of the Church in the first part of the year, the removal of Covid restrictions at the end of March 2022 has seen a return to normal. Church services have been held whenever possible on a Sunday morning in the main hall of the Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way, Rainham, Kent. When government restrictions have prevented the Church meeting, services have been held over the internet, on Zoom and Facebook. Under these conditions, Zoom has been used to permit prayer meetings, bible studies and local house groups to continue. Attendance at Church meetings at the school have risen from about 35 to 65 as the year has progressed. Meetings have continued to be broadcast on the internet to allow others to join in who cannot attend personally.

The Company with its Church body, New Life Community Church, has continued to support a number of individuals and charities involved in mission work at home and overseas. Principle areas of support have been:

- **Salvation Army.** We have provided financial assistance to two local branches (Gillingham and Chatham) of the Salvation Army to support local issues.
- **Food Bank.** Providing financial support to the Food Bank (Medway) which in turn is providing emergency food support to people in desperate short-term need in the community.
- **Christians Against Poverty (CAP).** Working with CAP which provides immediate relief and ongoing counselling and debt management services in the Gillingham area.
- **Emerge Advocacy** (The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service). We have provided financial assistance to EmERGE Advocacy, a charitable ministry of youth workers supporting people struggling with their feelings or mental health issues.

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- **Ukraine.** We have provided financial assistance to the Red Cross International for their relief work in Ukraine.
- **Philippines.** We have provided financial support to struggling churches in the Philippines.

With the cessation of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions in the first part of the year, the Church has continued to grow throughout the remainder of the year. It is pleasing to note a wide range of ethnic backgrounds continues in the Church. The Church has been involved with many other churches in the Medway Towns through both the 'Churches Together in Medway' and the 'Churches Together in Rainham'.

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In the UK:

- Working with CAP (Christians Against Poverty)
- Financial Gifts to the poor and needy in the community
- Support and giving to the Salvation Army
- Support and giving to the local Food Bank
- Support and giving to local young people suffering emotional and mental distress
- Financial support for a Pastor

Overseas:

- Support and giving to people suffering through the Ukrainian war
- Support and giving to struggling churches in the Philippines

Future Developments

Under the Pastoral leadership of Mark Anderton, the Church will continue to support active evangelism in the "parish" area and seek to reach out and help adults, young people, children, those in debt and severe hardship. We will continue to support a wide range of mission work, both at home and overseas. The Trustees continually review our commitments to those ongoing ministries currently supported as well as investigating possible new commitments.

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The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above. Signed on 15th October 2023 on behalf of the charity's Trustees:



James T Bellchambers – Chairman

Financial Review

The NLCC Board of Trustees/Directors continues to encourage the ethos of the Church in giving and supporting those in need, including UK charities and mission work in The Philippines.

In comparison to 2021, total income and expenditure were up by 50% and 20% respectively. This was mainly due to an increase in offerings received which was used to fully offset the increase in mission giving and ministry support costs.

1. VOLUNTARY INCOME

Details	2022	2021	Change
Gift Aid	7,695	5,431	2,264
Offerings	43,277	27,757	15,520
Stewardship (UKET)	3,041	2,800	241
Interest	72	4	68
Total Income	54,085	35,992	18,093

2. EXPENDITURE

Details	2022	2021	Change
Pastoral Costs	35,149	32,809	2,340
Missions	8,907	5,665	3,242
Ministry Support Costs	9,726	6,685	3,041
Other Charity Activity Costs	2,578	1,590	988
Total Charitable Expenditure	56,360	46,749	9,611
Governance - Independent Examiner	1,680	1,680	0
Total Expenditure	58,040	48,429	9,611

3. MISSION GIVING

	2022	2021	Change
The Philippines	2,489	1,822	667
Other Ministries	6,418	3,843	2,575
Total	8,907	5,665	3,242

Declaration

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15th October 2023 and signed on its behalf:



Bradman Sogie-Thomas
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Achievements and Performance

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- **Food Bank.** Providing financial support to the Food Bank which in turn is providing emergency food support to people in desperate short-term need in the community.
- **Mission work in the Philippines.** We have provided financial assistance for the support of a church in the Philippines and for typhoon relief.
- **Salvation Army.** We have provided financial assistance to the local branch (Gillingham) of the Salvation Army to support local issues.

- **Release International.** We have provided financial assistance to Release International, a Christian ministry through local church partners in around 30 countries across the world, helping persecuted Christians prayerfully, pastorally and practically.
- **People In Need.** Providing emotional and financial support to people in real need in the local community.

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Serious Incidents

During the year there were no serious incidents resulting in loss of funds or giving risk to the charity's property, work, beneficiaries or reputation.

Public Benefit Statement

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- Support and giving to the Salvation Army
- Support and giving to the local Food Bank
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- Financial support for a Pastor

Overseas:

- Financial aid and support to the Philippines

Future Developments

Under the Pastoral leadership of Mark Anderton, the Church will continue to support active evangelism in the "parish" area and seek to reach out and help adults, young people, children, those in debt and severe hardship. We will continue to support a wide range of mission work, both at home and overseas. The Trustees continually review our commitments to those ongoing ministries currently supported as well as investigating possible new commitments.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above. Signed on 20th October 2021 on behalf of the charity's Trustees:

J T Bellchambers

James T Bellchambers – Chairman

Financial Review

The NLCC Board of Trustees/Directors continues to encourage the ethos of the Church in giving and supporting those in need in a variety of projects mainly including The Philippines and Christian Against Poverty.

In comparison to 2020, total income remains almost the same as last year's, whereas expenditure in 2021 was 6% higher. This was mainly due to a combination of reduced offerings resulting from a reduction in church attendance and an increase in ministry support costs and financial assistance to persons and organisations in need.

1. VOLUNTARY INCOME

Details	2021	2020
Gift Aid	5,431	5,888
Offerings	27,757	26,861
Stewardship (UKET)	2,800	3,533
Interest	4	43
Total Income	35,992	36,325

2. EXPENDITURE

Details	2021 EXPENDITURE		Total	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted		
Pastoral Costs	32,809		32,809	32,193
Missions	5,665		5,665	4,672
Ministry Support Costs	6,685		6,685	5,615
Other Charity Activity Costs	1,590		1,590	1,236
Total Charitable Expenditure	46,749	0	46,749	43,716
Governance - Independent Examiner	1,680		1,680	1,680
Total Expenditure	48,429	0	48,429	45,396

3. MISSION GIVING

	2021	2020
The Philippines	1,822	1,204
Albania	0	486
Other Ministries	3,843	2,982
Total	5,665	4,672

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS BALANCES - Nil balances in 2021

Declaration

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 20th October 2022 and signed on its behalf:



Bradman Sogie-Thomas
Financial Controller

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the trustees of the NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH (SOUTH GILLINGHAM) TRUST

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and consider that the company is exempt from an audit.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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:

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Date: 31 October 2022

Accounts

**NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
(SOUTH GILLINGHAM) TRUST**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
AND
ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

Charity No: 1152608

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TRUST INFORMATION

The following Trustees were serving at the time these accounts were approved:

James Bellchambers	Chairman
Mark Anderton	Director/Trustee
Timothy Parfitt	Director/Trustee
Carol Lunniss	Director/Trustee

Other senior officers of the Trust:

Bradman Sogie-Thomas	Financial Controller
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Charity Number	1152608
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Registered Office	17 Brisbane Avenue Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1XZ
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Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC 74 High Street Rainham Kent ME8 7JH
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Solicitor	Whitehead Monckton Monckton House 72 Kings Street Maidstone Kent ME14 1BL
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Trustees, Directors and Professional Advisors

The four Trustee/Directors serving at the time these accounts were approved are shown on page 3. Martyn David Victor Saunders, who had served as Chairman of Trustees throughout 2019, stood down as a Trustee in March 2020.

The charity's banker and solicitor are also listed on page 3, with the independent examiner shown on page 7.

Structure, Governance and Management

New Life Community Church (South Gillingham) Trust (the company) is a Limited Company with charitable status constituted by Articles of Association dated 18 March 2013. The Articles of Association govern the appointment of Directors who are also Trustees. Whenever this report refers to Trustees or Trustee, it is referring to those who hold the joint responsibilities of Director and Trustee. The Board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new Trustees to fill vacancies arising through removal, resignation or death of an existing Trustee, subject to the express approval of the Pastor/Elders.

Objectives and Activities

The Trust's objectives are:

- The advancement of the Christian Faith and the worship of God in Gillingham, Kent and elsewhere, through preaching, teaching, proclamation of the gospel, the distribution of Christian literature and pastoral care
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Achievements and Performance

Covid-19 has had some effect on the performance of the church. Church services have been held whenever possible on a Sunday morning in the main hall of the Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way, Rainham, Kent. When government restrictions have prevented the Church meeting, services have been held over the internet, on Zoom and Facebook. Zoom has been used to permit payer meetings, bible studies and local house groups to continue. Attendance at Church meetings at the school have reduced to about 30, however the meetings have also been broadcast on the internet to allow others to join in who cannot attend personally.

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- **Christians Against Poverty (CAP).** Working with CAP which provides immediate relief and ongoing counselling and debt management services in the Gillingham area. In addition to general financial support to CAP, until the onset of Covid-19, the Church released its Pastor (Mark Anderton) to act as part-time local CAP Release manager – CAP Release is an arm of the CAP organisation dedicated to helping people to free themselves from addictions and dependencies of all forms.
- **Family Trust.** Providing financial support to the Family Trust – an organisation promoting Christian teaching in schools and Sunday schools and providing support for Christian children's holiday clubs.

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- **Food Bank.** Providing financial support to the Food Bank which in turn is providing emergency food support to people in desperate short-term need in the community
- **Mission work in the Philippines.** We have provided financial assistance for the support of a church in Barauren.
- **Mission work in Albania.** We have provided financial support to a Christian minister and her work in helping the impoverished people of the former Communist Eastern European State of Albania.
- **People In Need.** Providing emotional and financial support to people in real need in the local community.

With the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Church has seen a drop in income of approximately 16% compared with last year. It is pleasing to note a wide range of ethnic backgrounds continues in the Church. The Church has been involved with many other churches in the Medway Towns through both the 'Churches Together in Medway' and the 'Churches Together in Rainham' in meeting local needs, e.g. food parcels and help with the Medway wide internet carol service.

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James T Bellchambers – Chairman

Financial Review

The NLCC Board of Trustees/Directors continues to encourage the ethos of the Church in giving and supporting those in need in a variety of projects including The Philippines and Christians Against Poverty.

In comparison to 2019, total income and expenditure were down by 16% and 6% respectively. This was mainly due to a combination of reduced offerings resulting from a reduction in church attendance and an increase in financial assistance to persons and organisations in need during the Pandemic.

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Details	2020	2019
Gift Aid	5,888	6,562
Offerings	26,862	34,015
Stewardship (UKET)	3,533	2,965
Interest	43	98
Total Income	36,325	43,640

2. EXPENDITURE

Details	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 - Total Expenditure	2019
Pastoral Costs	32,193		32,193	32,161
Missions	4,552	120	4,672	3,158
Ministry Support Costs	5,615		5,615	9,373
Other Charity Activity Costs	1,236	0	1,236	1,878
Total Charitable Expenditure	43,596	120	43,716	46,568
Governance - Independent Examiner	1,680		1,680	1,680
Total Expenditure	45,276	120	45,396	48,248

3. MISSION GIVING

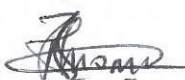
	2020	2019
The Philippines	1,204	1,206
Albania	486	822
Other Ministries	2,982	1,130
Total	4,672	3,158

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS BALANCES

Fund	Balance 01/01/2020	Restricted Income	Restricted Expenditure	Balance 31/12/2020
Albania General	38	120	(158)	0
Total	38	120	(158)	0

Declaration

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 29th June 2021 and signed on its behalf:



Bradman Sogie-Thomas
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