

**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
- The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress
- 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

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.

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:

- **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.

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:

- Working with CAP (Christians Against Poverty) and CAP Release
- Financial Gifts to the poor and needy in the community
- Support and giving to the Family Trust
- Support and giving to the local Food Bank
- Financial support for a Pastor

Overseas:

- Financial aid to a Christian minister and her work in Albania
- 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 30th September 2021 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 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.

1. VOLUNTARY INCOME

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

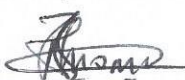
	2020	2019
The Philippines	1,204	1,206
Albania	486	822
Other Ministries	2,982	1,130
Total	4,672	3,158

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
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 2020 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:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material error has occurred in respect of the accounting records; and
- (2) 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: 21 October 2021