

# NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH

England & Wales · Charity number 1162173

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-06-12

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN MIDDLESBROUGH AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION THE CHARITY TRUSTEES FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

**Activities:** Working in partnership with other Christian Churches and Organisations, New Life Church Middlesbrough provides spiritual and practical support to individuals, families and the community as a whole through preaching and teaching, discipleship, youth work, mentoring, family support and community chaplaincy

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Middlesbrough

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	-	-	-	-
2023-12-31	£62,376	£96,128	-	-
2022-12-31	£152,793	£180,696	-	-
2021-12-31	£151,781	£131,756	-	-
2020-12-31	£159,878	£104,834	-	-
2019-12-31	£192,866	£105,037	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DANIEL JOHN GREEN		2024-09-17
Graham Paul Thomson		2020-06-15
Matthew James Oliver		2017-02-25
Oluwaseun Bamgbose		2025-08-01

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# Accounts

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**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**  
**Registered Charity No: 1162173**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2023**

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# Legal and Administrative Details

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDANCE:

The Neptune Centre  
Ormesby Road  
Middlesbrough  
TS3 7RP

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

CIO – Foundation Registered 2015

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1162173

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY

Matt Oliver  
Graham Thompson  
Steve Walker  
Nathan Young

BANKERS

Lloyds Bank plc

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Akondaawo John Kumpalume

## **Trustees Annual Report**

### **1. Structure, Governance and Management**

Ian Williamson stepped down from his role as elder and trustee, as he moved on from the church. Judith Bronn also stepped down from being a trustee. We continue to have four trustees (Nathan Young, Matt Oliver, Steve Walker and Graham Thomson) who meet a minimum of four times a year. The trustees made the decision that since Nathan is the sole elder in the church, he should have a smaller support group alongside him who can act as elders, until the church has its own team of elders—Graham Thomson has taken this role upon himself, along with Dan Green (pastor of Banstead Community Church) who is happy to help out in this way. They meet more regularly to discuss the day-to-day running of the church and to provide support and advice to the pastor.

### **2. Objectives and Activities**

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Working in partnership with other Christian churches and organisations, New Life Church Middlesbrough provides spiritual and practical support to individuals, families and the community as a whole, through preaching and teaching, discipleship, youth work, mentoring, family support and community chaplaincy.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

We continue to gather on Sunday mornings at 10.45 at Berwick Hills Baptist Church, with their members joining us for communal worship. The service continues to consist of sung worship, bible readings, prayer, and expository preaching. The bulk of the preaching is done by Nathan Young (our pastor) with the occasional guest preacher. This year we worked through John's epistles, Daniel, Ruth, and started Matthew's Gospel. We have been encouraged by more people being involved in leading the services—whether by doing bible readings, leading prayers, or giving out notices. Our Sunday morning attendance remained stable throughout the year at around 50 people.

In the first half of the year, we ran '5 Below' during the service—a group for children under 5 to attend during the second half of the service. We stopped this after the summer holidays though as children seemed to be doing well staying in the service. We still provide activity sheets for children, and usually include an action song where the children will come on stage and do the actions.

We provide tea, coffee and biscuits after the service and people generally stay around for a time of fellowship. We will occasionally have a whole church lunch after the service or, in the summer, we will arrange for people to meet at the park for a picnic.

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#### MEMBERSHIP

Our membership started and ended the year at 16 members, although with significant turnover. We had eight members leave, and another eight join us.

#### STAFFING

Jude Bronn left her role as church administrator at the end of January to take on a new position with Medhurst Ministries—although she continued to do a couple of hours a week helping with the church finances for a while longer. Abi Boyd left in the summer, having completed a year's training with the church. We have advertised for other people to join us, but have not been able to recruit anyone suitable.

#### BUILDINGS

Church building—The members of Berwick Hills Baptist Church continue to graciously let us use their building, not just on Sundays but for activities during the week as well. We have enjoyed closer fellowship with this church, and have been able to work more closely with them over the course of the year.

Office—We continue to hire a room in the Neptune Centre for use as an office space. This was a shared office space with Medhurst Ministries, but they no longer use it.

House—We have carried out extensive work on the church house—including installing a new boiler, new bathroom and new carpets. Most of this has been covered by the mission fund grant we received in 2022 from FIEC as part of their centenary celebrations. Over the course of the year, this home has housed two gospel workers, as well as providing a space for bible studies, prayer meetings, social gatherings, and has provided an extra bedroom for vulnerable people. Back in 2022, the church was able to purchase a house—with the intention that it would not only be a long-term investment for the church, but that it could be used to house gospel workers, host church meetings, and be used to help vulnerable young women and children who might need somewhere to stay.

We are really glad that in 2023, we have been able to use the house in this way. It has housed two of our gospel workers, as well as providing safe, inviting accommodation for children and young people who are in need—especially through our connection with Safe Families For Children. It's also been used for prayer meetings, bible studies, social gatherings, small groups, and for one-to-one discipleship. For several years, we have been working with a single mother from the local community. Her children are in care, and the limited contact time that she gets with them each week is held in cold, sterile council contact centres. We arranged with Middlesbrough Council that instead her contact time could be held at our ministry house, which is far more warm, inviting, and homely. This has made her time with her children far easier and more enjoyable. It also means that one of our gospel workers is there to help facilitate the time, and then to provide some emotional and spiritual support after her children have left. We couldn't foresee all the ways we might use the house in 2022, but this has definitely been an unexpected blessing.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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We have continued to run our Thursday Kids Club for primary-school aged children. In the summer we decided to split the group in two—having a boys' group that meet one Thursday, and a girls' group that meet the other Thursday. Sometimes both groups come together—for our Christmas party, for instance. The children enjoy meeting together for games, activities, crafts, food, and a short Bible message. We have done a number of social events with the kids too—including bowling, walking up Roseberry Topping, and end-of-term parties.

We continued to run a bible study for girls of secondary-school age on Monday evenings from the church house. Each week, the group shares a meal, plays games, deepens their friendship, and study God's word.

Also on Mondays we run our Bible and Baking group. This is for girls in years 5 and 6. Again run from the ministry house, the group spend time baking, chatting, sharing a meal and opening God's word.

We were able to run our first ever holiday club during the Easter holidays. We went with a coronation theme. We had over 20 children signed up, with a wonderful mix of children from the church and many from the local community that we've got to know over the years. As well as running games, songs and quizzes, we were able to teach the children what it means for Jesus to be the King. The children all had a great time, and the leaders and volunteers who made it happen did too.

In the summer, we organised a coach trip to Danby Forest. This was for any families that we're connected with—whether from the church or from the local community. We had a really encouraging turn-out for this event, both from the church and from our community outreach. We hired a coach which left from the church. We taught using a children's gospel book on the coach on the way there. Once at Danby Forest, we had a session of den-building, making shelters out of sticks and anything else we could find in the forest—this was overseen by centre staff. We then played some hide-and-seek before a picnic lunch. After lunch, we had an orienteering session, again run by staff from the centre. Everyone who attended had a great time and we'd definitely look to organise something like this again in the future.

## BIBLE STUDIES

Our midweek Bible studies have continued to meet each week. We have two groups that meet on Wednesdays—one at the church at lunchtime (this was previously on Thursdays) and one in a home in the evening. Both groups study God's Word and pray together, and both are well attended.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

We had a number of social events throughout the year—some of these were organised informally by people in the church, as well as organised meals out or meet-ups. This year we organised a whole-church trip to Whitby. This was a wonderful day out—people were able to make their own way to and from Whitby, but everyone met up on the beachfront. People were then free to enjoy the beach, explore the town, buy fish and chips, visit the

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Abbey, or whatever they wanted to do. This was a wonderful day out and we hope to do something similar in 2024.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We had been hoping to restart our outreach in Ormesby Library in January, following the completion of their renovation work. In the end, we decided not to go ahead with this as other groups had been given slots so we weren't able to pick the day we would run our groups, and they weren't able to offer us any storage space for all the toys and games we'd use. Given that most of our work is now focused in the Berwick Hills area, we decided to stop the work in the library and focus more on opportunities nearer the church building.

Our ministry in Penrith House (a local home for families who have been made homeless) has continued. We now run both a weekly after-school craft group for the children who live there, and also a morning parent and toddler group. Once again, we were able to work in conjunction with a local charity, Feast of Fun, to provide free meals for the children for extra sessions we ran during the school holidays.

We continue to work alongside Safe Families For Children to help local families in crisis.

In the summer we were also able to take a couple of children to Keswick for a short holiday. They did various activities such as taking a ride on a motorboat and mini-golf, but they also got to join in with some of the sessions for children and young people at the Keswick Convention.

The men's football ministry at Middlesbrough Sports Village continues to be popular, with plenty of people wanting to play each week. There are strong connections between the men who play, and often opportunities to share the gospel.

#### **Reserves Policy**

It is currently the policy of New Life Church to hold three months' worth of all budgeted expenditure to allow the church to adapt to any changes in circumstance of the church. Based on the planned contractual and other essential expenditure within this year's budget this amount is £24,000. It is proposed that we will hold sufficient free cash reserves at the year end to satisfy this policy. This policy will be reviewed annually.

The Trustees expect to continue the activities of the charity in accordance with their current objectives.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Total income for the year amounted to £62,376 (2022: £152,793) of which £59,020 (2022: £3,355) was restricted. Expenditure of £96,128 (2022: £180,697) was incurred of which £75,702 (2022: £20,426) was for restricted purposes. At 31 December 2023, the charity had unrestricted funds of £18,171 (2022: £67,770).

The trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the organisation at 30 December 2023 and are confident that the strategies in place will lead to the organisation being able to fulfil its growth objectives.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the directors/trustees on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and signed on their behalf by Nathan Young

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Young', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**

Report to the Trustees of New Life Church Middlesbrough on Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of the Charity and the Independent Examiner**

As members of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the financial statements under s.145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**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 in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act ; or
  
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Akondaawo John Kumpalume, AFA MIPA  
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Date: 13 May 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
	Notes	2023	2023	2023	2022
<b>Receipts</b>		£	£	£	£
Donations and grants	2	53,495	3,355	56,851	141,705
Investments Income		5,155	-	5,155	2,272
Interest		-	-	-	132
Other		370	-	370	8,685
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59,020</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>62,376</b>	<b>152,793</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities	4	75,702	20,426	96,128	173,665
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities					7,032
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>75,702</b>	<b>20,426</b>	<b>96,128</b>	<b>180,697</b>
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)		- 16,681	- 17,071	- 33,752	- 27,903
Fund Transfers In		-	-	-	11,527
<b>Net Movement of Cash Funds</b>		<b>- 16,681</b>	<b>- 17,071</b>	<b>- 33,752</b>	<b>- 27,903</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward		34,852	106,873	141,725	169,628
<b>Total Cash Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>18,171</b>	<b>89,802</b>	<b>107,973</b>	<b>141,725</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at hand and in hand	18,171	19,755	37,926	70,988
Notice Deposits - Building Fund		70,737	70,737	70,737
	<b>18,171</b>	<b>90,492</b>	<b>108,663</b>	<b>141,725</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	5,000
Amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	5,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	-	-	-	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>18,171</b>	<b>90,492</b>	<b>108,663</b>	<b>131,725</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>18,171</b>	<b>90,492</b>	<b>108,663</b>	<b>131,725</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>				
Charity funds	18,171	90,492	108,663	131,725
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>18,171</b>	<b>90,492</b>	<b>108,663</b>	<b>131,725</b>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the year ending 31 December 2023, the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors:



Name: Nathan Young  
 Chair of Trustees

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

New Life Church Middlesbrough meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

### **Fund accounting.**

Restricted Funds comprise revenue donations or grants for a specific activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted, and the will move any surplus to other general funds.

### **Incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources.
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

### **Resources expended.**

Resources expended have been analysed using a natural classification.

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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## 2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Totals funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	53,403	1,855	55,258	<b>112,636</b>
Grants received	93	1,500	1,593	<b>29,069</b>
<b>Total Donations and Legacies</b>	<b>53,496</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>56,851</b>	<b>141,705</b>

## 3. Funds Analysis

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations &amp; Legacies</b>				
Donations	53,403	1,855	55,258	112,636
Grants	93	1,500	1,593	29,068
Charitable Activities			-	
Event Income	-	-	-	132
<b>Trading Activities</b>				
Rental Income	5,155	-	5,155	2,272
Other Income	370	-	370	8,685
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>59,020</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>62,376</b>	<b>152,793</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Charitable Activities				
Activities	3,514	2,865	6,380	8,605
Admin	3,105	-	3,105	7,155
Advertising	7,833	-	7,833	6,056
Gifts Given	-	27	27	-
Other Expenditure	1,571	-	1,571	18,157
Premises	11,503	17,534	29,037	50,162
Staff Costs	48,175	-	48,175	90,562
Governance costs	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>75,702</b>	<b>20,426</b>	<b>96,128</b>	<b>180,697</b>

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	<b>At 01 Jan 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>At 31 Dec 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Unrestricted funds	34,852	59,020	75,701	18,171
	<b>At 01 Jan 2022</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>At 31 Dec 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Unrestricted funds	67,770	57,834	90,752	34,852

	<b>At 01 Jan 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>At 31 Dec 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Restricted funds	106,873	3,355	20,426	89,802
	<b>At 01 Jan 2022</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>At 31 Dec 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Restricted funds	89,956	59,767	42,849	106,874

**4. Salaries and wages**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	41,963	78,402
Employer contributions and pension plans	5,458	7,518
	<b>47,421</b>	<b>85,920</b>

**Number of employees**

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# Accounts

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# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

with financial statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2022

Registered charity number: 1162173



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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Jude Bronn (since July 2022) Matt Oliver Graham Thomson Steve Walker Ian Williamson Nathan Young
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Leanne Ladds

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In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

We continued to gather on Sunday mornings at Berwick Hills Baptist Church, with their members joining us for communal worship. The service continues to consist of sung worship (accompanied either by piano or a small band of guitar, keyboard and cajon), bible readings, prayer and expository preaching. The bulk of the preaching continues to be done by the elders with the occasional guest preacher. This year we finished working through the Gospel of Mark, then through Galatians, Leviticus and Philipians.

Our Sunday morning attendance grew significantly throughout the year, mostly due to new Nigerian and Ghanaian students at Teesside University joining us with their families. By the end of the year, weekly attendance would often be 50-60.

With the increase in numbers, we decided to begin a Sunday School during the service called '5 Below'. All children remain in the service for the first part of the service. We then do a children's action song, after which children up to the age of 5 will go out to their group. They read a Bible story, pray, and make a craft together, as well as spending time playing with one another. Children over 5 stay in the service and are provided with activity sheets to complete while the sermon is being preached.

We also started a church lunch on the first Sunday of every month. Everyone is welcome to stay for this and it has proved beneficial for people getting to know one another, and growing in our fellowship.



## BIBLE STUDIES

Our midweek Bible studies have continued to meet each week for a time of bible study and prayer. We have one group that meets on a Wednesday evening and one on a Thursday lunchtime—both groups will work through the same passage, led by the pastor. Both groups have continued to be well-attended.

## BUILDINGS

Church building—The members of Berwick Hills Baptist Church continue to graciously let us use their building, not just on Sundays but for activities during the week as well.

Office—We continue to hire a room in the Neptune Centre which we use as an office (along with Medhurst Ministries).

House—This year, we were able to buy a ministry house. This now houses two of our gospel workers, as well as providing a space for bible studies, prayer meetings, social gatherings, and offering an extra bedroom for vulnerable people. (For more information, please see page 8)

## MEDHURST MINISTRIES

Medhurst Ministries is now registered as an independent charity. However, we are happy to still be working alongside them, both supporting their ministry in deprived communities in England and Wales, and benefitting from their services. It was a particular pleasure for us to be able to host the first Medhurst Ministries weekender in June.



The Medhurst Ministries weekender in June—it was wonderful to have so many people from all over the UK (and the USA!) join us in Middlesbrough to see our context and support one another.

## Membership

Our church membership grew from 10 to 16 —one joining us via baptism. Two members became non-resident members as they went to bible college in September.

## Staffing

This year Rachel Williamson stepped down from her role to work for Medhurst Ministries, through which she will still be able to support the work of New Life Church and remains a member of the church.

Abi Boyd joined the team in September as a trainee women's and children's worker on a one-year contract while she completes her studies with Crosslands.



Welcoming three of our new members into the church during a Sunday service.

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## Women's Ministry

Some of the women in the church started meeting once a month to study a book. This grew in popularity to the point where we had two book clubs. The materials they looked at were 'A Place to Belong' and 'Deeper'.

In October, we started a monthly women's fellowship called 'Coffee, Cake and Christ'. During this time they socialise together, read the Bible, and encourage one another. There are regularly between 15 and 20 women at this group.

We also did a one-off craft event at Easter time for both the ladies from the church and those in the community, where we made floating cup-and-saucer flower decorations.

## Children's ministry

Thursday Kids Club—We have continued to run our Thursday Kids Club, which has gone from being every other week to now every week. The children, all primary-school aged, are a mix of children from the church and the community. They really enjoy this group which consists of games, activities, crafts, snack and a short Bible message. We currently have 13-17 children attending this group.



Girls' Bible Study—Since September we have been able to begin a Bible study from the ministry house for secondary school girls. Each week, the group shares a meal, plays games, deepens their friendships and study God's word.

Bible and Baking—We have also been able to start a second group for girls called Bible and Baking. This is for girls in years 5 and 6. Again run from the ministry house, the group spend time baking, chatting, sharing a meal and opening God's word.



Back in 2016, Middlesbrough was ranked as the worst place in England and Wales to grow up as a girl. We decided to start a new initiative, providing short-to-medium term accommodation for vulnerable girls and young women. This year we bought a 3-bedroom property in our local community. This now houses two of our women's workers and the third bedroom is available to house vulnerable children or young women.

As well as providing accommodation for staff and those in need, the home will also be beneficial for ministry—as a place to hold bible studies, prayer meetings and to provide hospitality.

Although there is still some work to be carried out on the property, we're glad that we've already been able to get our gospel workers moved in and that the house is already being used as intended.

# OPEN HOUSE

*Providing a safe space for women and children*

The funding for this project came through a variety of sources. The church was able to put a significant amount of money towards this project, but we also raised external support — most notably receiving a significant amount from FIEC's 'Pray for 100' project. We will continue to fundraise throughout 2023, as we seek to carry out further renovations on the property. We've also taken out a manageable mortgage from Kingdom Bank. We are confident that, as well as being a wonderful centre for gospel ministry, this property will be a sound long-term financial investment for the church.



## Community outreach

We continued running a toddler group on Monday mornings at Ormesby Library, as well as an afterschool group on Fridays. These groups were well-attended. In August this outreach had to be put on pause as the library closed for renovations.

Our ministry in Penrith House has continued, as we run a weekly craft group for the children who live there. In September we started a fortnightly group where we would provide a breakfast bun for the adult residents. We also organised activities during the school holidays, including a Christmas party for the families. We were able to work in conjunction with a local charity, Feast of Fun, to provide free meals for the children for these holiday sessions.



We continue to work alongside Safe Families to help local families in crisis. Chell was able to provide support to three local families this year through this link.

The toddler group at Berwick Hills Baptist Church continued to run on Friday mornings. The numbers dropped towards the end of the year as many children have started attending nursery from the age of 2. We took the decision to stop the group for the time-being, though we would like to restart it at some point in the future if there is sufficient interest.

We ran an Easter family funday, with 25 families in attendance. The children enjoyed a bouncy castle, making crafts, and an Easter Egg hunt. Each child got to take home a book about the real meaning behind Easter.



The area around the Baptist Church is a place where children and young people often congregate. Often they just meet to play football on the grass but some children were climbing onto the roof and causing damage. We decided to try and engage with some of the local children by playing football with them on the grass outside the church once a week. We went along for an hour, played some games with whoever turned up, offered them a drink of squash, and had a chat. Through doing this, we were able to get to know quite a few of the local children and some of their families as well. We stopped when the weather got cold, but will look to restart this outreach (or at least something similar) next summer.

The men's football ministry at Middlesbrough Sports Village continues to be popular, with plenty of people wanting to play each week. There are strong connections between the men who play, and often opportunities to share the gospel.

In December, we ran two wreath-making sessions at the church. Both were well attended by men and women from the church and the community. This time we offered pie and peas, and the event was greatly enjoyed by everyone.



We also ran our carol service, which was well-attended with friends, family members and people we've been meeting with through the various groups we run. This year's carol service had more input than previously, with various people doing readings, and more variety in the carols—we had the children sing a carol, there was a harp solo, and even a traditional Nigerian carol!



## Financial review

Our income for 2022 was very comparable to 2021 (£153,000 compared to £152,000). However, our expenditure was significantly higher than any previous year—£181,000. This is mainly due to the cost of purchasing a house, which had a number of significant one-off payments (deposit, legal fees etc) which we don't anticipate to be spending in future years. This means that we have had an overall deficit in 2022 of £28,000, reducing the cash held by the charity to £142,000, of which only £35,000 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

## Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30,000 (which equates to about 3-6 months of budgeted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income (including grant funding) and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £34,852.

## Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, where there are fewer than three elders in accordance with the constitution of the church.

## Responsibility of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Nathan Young

Date: 21/06/2023

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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of New Life Church Middlesbrough**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of New Life Church Middlesbrough for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are attached to this report.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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.

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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with the records

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.



Leanne Ladds MAAT AATQB  
L Ladds Bookkeeping & Accountancy

20 June 2023

**New Life Church Middlesbrough  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year end 31 December 2022**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income Receipts</b>						
Donations and grants		57,834	35,192	59,767	152,793	146,085
Government grants		-	-	-	-	5,555
Interest		-	-	-	-	141
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>57,834</u>	<u>35,192</u>	<u>59,767</u>	<u>152,793</u>	<u>151,781</u>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	72,194	52,934	48,536	173,665	128,270
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	7,032	-	-	7,032	3,486
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>79,226</u>	<u>52,934</u>	<u>48,536</u>	<u>180,696</u>	<u>131,756</u>
Net of receipts/(payments) before transfers	-	21,392	- 17,742	11,230	- 27,903	20,025
Transfers between funds	-	11,527	5,840	5,687	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<u>- 32,918</u>	<u>- 11,902</u>	<u>16,917</u>	<u>- 27,903</u>	<u>20,025</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		67,770	11,902	89,956	169,628	149,603
<b>Cash funds at the year end</b>	A	<u>34,852</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,873</u>	<u>141,725</u>	<u>169,628</u>

**New Life Church Middlesbrough  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
for the year end 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2022	Total 2021
	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds		
	£	£	£		
<b>A Cash Funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	34,852	-	36,136	70,988	98,891
Notice Deposits - Building Fund			70,737	70,737	70,737
	<u>34,852</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,873</u>	<u>141,725</u>	<u>169,628</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Deferred grant 2022-2023	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Nest Pension	-	-	-	-	1,194
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,194</u>
<b>Falling due after one year:</b>					
Deferred grant 2023-24	-	-	5,000	5,000	10,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>16,194</u>

	Value 2022	Value 2021
	£	£
<b>Assets retained for charity's own use</b>		
Office contents	7,975	5,727
Church House - Deposit	29,811	-
	<u>7,975</u>	<u>5,727</u>

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values

**Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarentees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

**New Life Church Middlesbrough**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year end 31 December 2022**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

**2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	General Funds	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	-	52,934	31,532	84,466	99,107
Church running costs and ministries	16,073	-	2,696	18,769	10,966
Conferences, events and staff training	6,067	-	-	6,067	5,856
Administration and support	4,755	-	-	4,755	1,565
Medhurst Ministries	914	-	14,309	15,223	10,776
Church House	44,385	-	-	44,385	-
	<u>72,194</u>	<u>52,934</u>	<u>48,536</u>	<u>173,665</u>	<u>128,270</u>

**3 Grants and gifts paid to others**

Money Given	5,210	-	-	5,210	-
Acts29	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
FIEC	468	-	-	468	-
Orchard Group	-	-	-	-	1,075
Individuals	-	-	-	-	770
Gifts < £1,000	354	-	-	354	1,641
	<u>7,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,032</u>	<u>3,486</u>

**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**

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# Accounts

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# New Life Church Middlesbrough

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2021

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**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH  
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	The Neptune Centre Ormesby Road Middlesbrough TS3 7RP
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Foundation registered June 2015
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1162173
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Judith Bronn (appointed July 2022) Matt Oliver Graham Thompson Steve Walker Ian Williamson Nathan Young
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Objects of the charity**

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal object, as set out in its governing document, is the advancement of the Christian faith primarily, but not exclusively, within Middlesbrough and the surrounding neighbourhood.

Working in partnership with other Christian churches and organisations, New Life Church Middlesbrough provides spiritual and practical support to individuals, families and the community as a whole, through preaching and teaching, discipleship, youth work, mentoring, family support and community chaplaincy.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

**Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

**Sunday services**

We have continued to meet on Sunday mornings at Berwick Hills Baptist Church, doing a combined service with their members each Sunday. At the start of the year, government restrictions on worship services were still in place, leaving us unable to operate as we would ideally like. However, as restrictions lifted we were able to reintroduce sung worship, communion, and refreshments after the service. In line with government guidance we were also able to remove social distancing and mask-wearing rules.

**Bible studies**

We continued to run our midweek bible study on Wednesday nights using Zoom. This year we've added a second bible study on a Thursday lunchtime for those who either cannot manage an evening or are unable to access the technology. Both groups have been working through the same Bible passages each week, and both have been well-attended.

**Building**

We are continuing to search for a building that we could purchase and use as a permanent base.

**Office**

We started hiring office space at the TAD centre, with the intention of using it as a combined office and meeting space. However, at the end of November we were given our notice to vacate the space. Shortly after moving out we began leasing a space in the nearby Neptune Centre.

## **Medhurst Ministries**

Medhurst Ministries aims to support, plant and revitalise churches in the North of England. The regular support to pastors and their families continued on Zoom during lockdown, but began to be in-person as restrictions lifted. The In Context Podcast has continued as well, giving insightful interviews about Christian life and mission in hard places.

The annual retreat (which had been cancelled due to Covid restrictions in 2020) was able to go ahead this year. For the first time we were able to fill every cabin at the Jonas Centre, with a number of groups from different churches across the country joining us.

Whilst Medhurst Ministries has been run as a ministry of New Life Church, the decision was taken to establish Medhurst Ministries as an independent charity. It was felt that it will be able to have a greater impact supporting churches as an independent charity.

## **Outreach**

Parent and toddlers: The toddler group at Berwick Hills Church continued to run on Friday mornings. We had to say goodbye to a few of the older children in the summer as they were starting primary school in September. However, numbers didn't drop by much and we gained some more new families by the end of the year.

Penrith housing project: This is accommodation provided by Thirteen, for families who are homeless in Middlesbrough. We have been able to run a weekly craft group for the residents. Initially this group was outside, but as covid restrictions have eased we have been able to run this group inside the building. A number of the families we have worked with have attended other church activities such as the toddler group at the church.

Samaritan's Purse: For the second year, we have been able to support Operation Christmas Child, using the Baptist Church building as a drop-off point for people who wanted to donate shoeboxes. While we didn't receive quite as many boxes this year, we still collected between 60 and 70 boxes.

Safe families: We have continued our work with Safe Families, looking after children who have been referred to us.

Library: Our groups in Ormesby Library had stopped due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, we were able to begin these groups again at the end of October. We started running a toddler group on a Monday morning and an afterschool group on Fridays. Both groups currently have limited numbers due to the library's covid restrictions, but we have a good mix of new and returning families.

Wreath-making: This year we ran two wreath-making sessions in the Baptist Church. Both were well-attended and this year we also provided soup and hot chocolate. We also ran a wreath-making session in Penrith House for the residents there.

Football: The football outreach continued on Monday nights at Middlesbrough sports village. We have a consistent group of players each week. As well as playing football, we have tried to do other activities such as meals out, trips to the pub, or simply going for a walk.

Kids club: In September, we started a kid's club at Berwick Hills Church for primary school children every other Thursday. This consists of games, activities, crafts, snack and a short bible message. The children have enjoyed the group so far. Before Christmas we were able to take the children to a pantomime at Middlesbrough Little Theatre.

Carol service: After not being able to do a carol service in 2020 due to covid restrictions, we ran a carol service the Sunday before Christmas. The church hall was packed out, with many of the people we've been working with in the community attending the service.

## **Staff**

While covid-restrictions were in place, some ministries were either paused or fully online. This meant that there was only limited work for the staff team, so we used the government's furlough scheme for Chell Ford and Rachel Williamson.

Nathan Young became the lead pastor of New Life Church after Ian Williamson stepped down to take on the role of Executive Director of Medhurst Ministries. Ian will remain as an elder and will continue to support Nathan in his new role.

## **Financial review**

During the year income decreased by £8,100, to £151,800, and expenditure increased by £26,900, to £131,800. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £20,000, to £169,600, of which £79,700 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

## **Reserves policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30,000 (which equates to about 3-6 months' of budgeted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income (including grant funding) and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £79,700. The reason for holding excess funds is because we are aiming to take on more employees and also purchase a property.

## **Governance**

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees.

## **Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Ian Williamson

Date: 08 August 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of New Life Church Middlesbrough ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 on pages 6 to 9 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jaimée Young

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 08 August 2022

**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations and grants		54,358	-	91,726	146,085	159,783
Government grants		5,555	-	-	5,555	-
Interest		-	-	141	141	94
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>59,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,867</b>	<b>151,781</b>	<b>159,878</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	18,370	-	109,900	128,270	99,633
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	3,486	-	-	3,486	5,201
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>21,856</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,900</b>	<b>131,756</b>	<b>104,834</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		38,058	-	(18,033)	20,025	55,043
Transfers between funds	6	(17,650)	11,902	5,747	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>20,408</b>	<b>11,902</b>	<b>(12,285)</b>	<b>20,025</b>	<b>55,043</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		47,362	-	102,241	149,603	94,560
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<b>67,770</b>	<b>11,902</b>	<b>89,956</b>	<b>169,628</b>	<b>149,603</b>

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	67,770	11,902	19,219	98,891	79,104
Notice deposits	-	-	70,737	70,737	70,499
	<u>67,770</u>	<u>11,902</u>	<u>89,956</u>	<u>169,628</u>	<u>149,603</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Deferred grant 2022	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
NEST pension	1,194	-	-	1,194	602
	<u>6,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,194</u>	<u>602</u>
<b>Falling due after one year:</b>					
Deferred grant 2023-2024	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>16,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,194</u>	<u>602</u>

	Value 2021 £	Value 2020 £
	<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>	
Office contents	5,727	5,491
	<u>5,727</u>	<u>5,491</u>

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

**E Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Ian Williamson date 08 August 2022

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Employment costs	3,070	-	96,038	99,107	81,978
Church running costs and ministries	10,392	-	574	10,966	14,491
Conferences, events and staff training	3,343	-	2,513	5,856	754
Administration and support	1,565	-	-	1,565	1,440
Medhurst Ministries	1	-	10,774	10,776	970
	<u>18,370</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,900</u>	<u>128,270</u>	<u>99,633</u>

**3 Grants and gifts paid to others**

Organisations:					
20 Schemes	-	-	-	-	3,000
Orchard Group	1,075	-	-	1,075	-
Organisations < £1,000	1,641	-	-	1,641	1,441
Individuals	770	-	-	770	760
	<u>3,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,486</u>	<u>5,201</u>

**4 Transactions with related parties**

Ian Williamson, a trustee, served as Lead Pastor was paid £33,972 [2020: £32,345] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee.

Rachel, spouse of trustee Ian Williamson, served as Director of Women's Ministries and was paid £11,355 [2020: £10,811] for serving in that capacity.

Nathan Young a trustee, served as associate pastor and was paid £25,114 [2020: £15,000] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee.

All above payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**5 Acting as agent**

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities, which it banks and then pays out to these charities. This income is received as agent for these other charities and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Receipts and Payments account. Gift aid is not eligible for these gifts.

During the year the charity acted as agent for a member of the church in need and, in that capacity, received £300 and paid £300.

**6 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	47,362	59,914	(21,856)	(17,650)	67,770
Designated funds					
Employment fund	-	-	-	11,902	11,902
	<u>47,362</u>	<u>59,914</u>	<u>(21,856)</u>	<u>(5,747)</u>	<u>79,672</u>
Restricted funds					
SixtyEightFive	257	473	(431)	-	299
Employment grants	30,496	62,402	(98,551)	5,653	-
Deferred grant	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
Library	734	-	(143)	-	591
Medhurst Ministries	350	13,754	(10,774)	-	3,329
Building fund	70,404	238	-	94	70,737
	<u>102,241</u>	<u>91,867</u>	<u>(109,900)</u>	<u>5,747</u>	<u>89,956</u>
Total funds	<u>149,603</u>	<u>151,781</u>	<u>(131,756)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,628</u>

The SixtyEightFive fund relates to funds donated for the purpose of supporting the roles of fathers whilst providing positive male role models to men and boys and girls who have been raised in a fatherless environment.

The Employment fund relates to grants and funds donated to support the salaries of church employees.

The deferred grant relates to an employment grant of £15,000 received in 2021 to be split equally over the years 2022 to 2024.

The Library funds are used for family sessions in the library which have continued to be an excellent form of outreach.

Medhurst Ministries is a which aims to support, plant and revitalise churches in the North England.

The Building fund relates to funds donated for the purpose of New Life Church buying its own church building. The search for a building is ongoing.

**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**

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# Accounts

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New Life Church Middlesbrough

## Report and Accounts

year ended 31 December 2020

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**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	72 Bournemouth Avenue Middlesbrough TS3 0NR
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Foundation registered June 2015
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1162173
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Matt Oliver Mez McConnell (resigned June 2020) Marc Surtees (resigned June 2020) Graham Thompson (appointed June 2020) Steve Walker (appointed June 2020) Ian Williamson Nathan Young
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation.

Working in partnership with other Christian churches and organisations, New Life Church Middlesbrough provides spiritual and practical support to individuals, families and the community as a whole, through preaching and teaching, discipleship, youth work, mentoring, family support and community chaplaincy.

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

### **Church Services**

After failing to purchase the Methodist church building we approached a Baptist Union Church about the possibility of hiring space in their church hall and since they were without a pastor they agreed to do joint services with us, with Nathan and Ian doing the preaching every Sunday. This was going well until the national lockdown due to Covid 19, which meant that we started to do church services and prayer meetings online using Zoom and YouTube.

When church services were allowed to resume, we again started doing joint church services under government guidance whilst offering an online sermon and bible study to those who were shielding.

### **Building**

Our search for a building to purchase for a permanent home for New Life Church is still ongoing.

### **Partnerships**

We are continuing with our partnerships with 20Schemes inspired, 1st Presbyterian Church, Trenton, Michigan USA and Banstead Community Church, and Holbrooks Church Coventry whilst also starting new partnerships with A29 Church in Hard Places.

As part of the partnership with 20Schemes Inspired and New Life Church, Ian Williamson is now regularly teaching on the 20Schemes Weekenders.

### **Medhurst Ministries**

Medhurst Ministries is a ministry of New Life Church Middlesbrough, which aims to support, plant and revitalise churches in the North England.

Unfortunately, our regular support to pastors and their families have had to be conducted via Zoom calls due to lockdown restrictions and our annual retreat was cancelled. However, we have been able to start a podcast called the In Context Podcast, which provides interviews and talks about Christian life and mission in context to those living and serving in hard places.

### **Outreach**

At the beginning of the year, up until the first lockdown in March, two after-school family sessions and two parents and toddler sessions were being held in the local library. This was an excellent way of outreach in the local community. New families continued to come each week and relationships were built with many families. Unfortunately, we had to stop this due to lockdown in the middle of March. However, we were able to maintain these relationships by phone calls, texts, garden visits, Zoom quizzes and even putting craft and baking sessions on YouTube.



We also made over 80 craft packs which we distributed to each family. This was a great way to offer emotional and spiritual support to many families during what was such a difficult time.

Penrith housing project: This is accommodation provided by Thirteen, for families who are homeless in Middlesbrough. We were able to distribute craft packs to each family in Penrith house during lockdown. Once restrictions eased over the summer, Michelle and Nathan were able to go in twice a week to do craft sessions with families. Obviously, this was stopped once restrictions were tightened once more.

Samaritans purse: We signed up to be a local collection point for the Samaritans purse shoebox appeal. We advertised in our church and in the local community. We had an amazing response with over 170 shoeboxes collected.



Women's ministry: Although it has been a difficult year in many ways, we have still been able to build on relationships we have made with women in the community. In between lockdowns, the bible study in the local hairdressers was still able to take place. Rachel Williamson had also just started sessions with ladies who were regulars at the hairdressers and were interested in hearing about the gospel. Christian booklets were left in the hairdressers for clients to read while having their hair done.

We have also been able to continue meeting with many ladies in the community in gardens, parks and on walks. Bible studies have taken place with women over Zoom, which has been a great encouragement.

Fortunately, in accordance with the guidelines of that time, we were still able to hold our annual Christmas wreath making. In order to comply with social distancing measures we held 3 sessions, with over 30 women attending in total. Everyone that attended was given a Christian booklet and chocolate.



Kids club: In the autumn, we were able to start a kid's club/craft session at Berwick Hills Church every Saturday morning for 4 – 11 year olds that live locally. We had to restrict the number of children that could attend due to the current guidance. Crafts and games were placed on separated tables and a short bible talk, a drink and a snack was given.



We were even able to have a little Christmas party with games and all the children went home with a selection box. We have kept in touch with the children and their families during the current lockdown, and have sent all the children a hamper of sweets.

Over the Christmas season we distributed 80 selection boxes and cards to the people living on the street where Berwick Hills Baptist Church is situated. This was a great way to introduce ourselves and make connections with local residents.



Men's outreach: The football outreach continued on Monday nights until the lockdown. We were unable to play for much of the year due to coronavirus restrictions, and played at Goals in Stockton for a while as Middlesbrough sports village took longer to reopen. Our ability to do other events outside the football, such as team meals or other meet ups, was also impacted, but as much as possible we've kept in touch with everyone by phone, or through meeting outside for short walks.

Mums and toddlers: We were able to run a mums and toddler group at Berwick Hills Church from September until Christmas. We ran the group 2 mornings a week. Again, we had to limit the number of families that could attend due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Some families that we already had connections with from the library came, as did a few families from Penrith House. Some local families came also.

We also did family play sessions at the church twice a week, where we would set out crafts and toys in the church hall, and invite one family at a time. This was a way of supporting families, emotionally and spiritually. Many families had nowhere to take their children, due to soft play centres, swimming pools and many other facilities being closed.

### **Impact of Covid-19**

In response to the Covid-19 lockdown, we held Sunday services, mid week groups and prayer meetings via Zoom when we were unable to meet in person. Once the restrictions lifted, we were able to meet in the church, whilst

adhering to the government guidelines of wearing masks and keeping 2 metres apart. We provided children's cookery sessions, homework support and family quizzes via Zoom. Monetary donations were given to us for family craft packs and food parcels to be handed out to families whom we already work with via the various ministries. We carried out daily visits to people in the community whilst socially distancing.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £10,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £47,400 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

### **Financial Review**

During the year income decreased by £33,000 to £159,900, and expenditure decreased by £200 to £104,800. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £55,000, to £149,600, of which £47,400 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

A monthly grant for Rachel Williamson's outreach work in the community started before the year end and is secured for the next 3 years.

### **Governance**

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the charity has been delegated to a senior management team led by Ian Williamson. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees.

New Life Church Middlesbrough has Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Protection policies and is following CPAS Child Protection Training. In March 2020, we changed from using thirtyeight:five to CSS (Christian Safeguarding services).

## **Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Ian Williamson

Date: 09 July 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of New Life Church Middlesbrough ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 10 to 13 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jaimée Young

Stewardship  
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LONDON  
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Date: 13 July 2021

**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
<b>Income receipts</b>					
Donations and grants	47,594	-	112,189	159,783	192,085
Income from courses and events	-	-	-	-	612
Interest	94	-	-	94	-
Other	-	-	-	-	170
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>47,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,189</u>	<u>159,878</u>	<u>192,866</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	12,166	-	87,467	99,633	101,310
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	5,201	-	-	5,201	3,728
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>17,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,467</u>	<u>104,834</u>	<u>105,037</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers	30,321	-	24,722	55,043	87,829
Transfers between funds	(531)	-	531	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>29,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,253</u>	<u>55,043</u>	<u>87,829</u>
Cash funds as at last year end	17,572	-	76,988	94,560	6,731
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<u>47,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,241</u>	<u>149,603</u>	<u>94,560</u>

The notes on pages 12 - 13 form part of these accounts.

**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds			Total	Total
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank	47,362	-	31,743	79,104	94,560
Notice deposits	-	-	70,499	70,499	-
	<b>47,362</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,241</b>	<b>149,603</b>	<b>94,560</b>
 <b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
 <b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
NEST pension	602	-	-	602	568
	<b>602</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>568</b>
 <b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>				Value	Value
				2020	2019
				£	£
Office contents				5,491	5,475
				<b>5,491</b>	<b>5,475</b>

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

**E Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by \_\_\_\_\_ date 09 July 2021  
 Ian Williamson

The notes on pages 12 - 13 form part of these accounts.

**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Employment costs	3	-	81,975	81,978	62,468
Church ministries, outreach and evangelism	10,028	-	4,463	14,491	23,396
Conferences, events and training	695	-	59	754	6,118
Administration and support	1,440	-	-	1,440	2,068
Building fund	-	-	-	-	810
Medhurst Ministries	-	-	970	970	6,411
Other costs	-	-	-	-	39
	<u>12,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,467</u>	<u>99,633</u>	<u>101,310</u>

**3 Grants and gifts paid to others**

Organisations:					
20 Schemes	3,000	-	-	3,000	521
Organisations < £1,000	1,441	-	-	1,441	2,557
Individuals	760	-	-	760	650
	<u>5,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,201</u>	<u>3,728</u>

**4 Transactions with related parties**

Ian Williamson, a trustee, served as Lead Pastor was paid £32,345 [2019: £31,505] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

Rachel, spouse of trustee Ian Williamson, served as Director of Women's Ministries and was paid £10,811 [2019: £8,108] for serving in that capacity, these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

Nathan Young a trustee, served as associate pastor and was paid £15,000 [2019: £13,750] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee. He also received £1,731 [2019: £4,039] towards hosting an intern during the year.

In addition the charity incurred expenditure in respect of the provision of accommodation (which is customary for ministers) to Nathan Young, who is a trustee so that they could better perform their duties.

**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

<b>5 Movement of funds</b>	Balance at 31Dec2019	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31Dec2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>17,572</u>	<u>47,688</u>	<u>(17,367)</u>	<u>(531)</u>	<u>47,362</u>
	<u>17,572</u>	<u>47,688</u>	<u>(17,367)</u>	<u>(531)</u>	<u>47,362</u>
Restricted funds					
SixtyEightFive	228	233	(204)	-	257
Covid	-	1,850	(1,856)	6	-
Employment grants	12,135	97,571	(81,975)	2,765	30,496
Overseas volunteer	4,625	-	(2,385)	(2,240)	-
Library	631	180	(77)	-	734
Medhurst Ministries	7	1,313	(970)	-	350
Building fund	<u>59,362</u>	<u>11,042</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,404</u>
	<u>76,988</u>	<u>112,189</u>	<u>(87,467)</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>102,241</u>
Total funds	<u>94,560</u>	<u>159,878</u>	<u>(104,834)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,603</u>

The SixtyEightFive fund relates to funds donated for the purpose of supporting the roles of fathers whilst providing positive male role models to men and boys and girls who have been raised in a fatherless environment.

The Covid fund relates to funds donated for the purpose of distributing craft packs and food parcels during lockdown to individuals and families that are known to us through various ministries.

The Employment fund relates to grants and funds donated to support the salaries of church employees.

The Overseas volunteer funds were provided to cover the costs of hosting an overseas volunteer. The remaining funds were available for general use, with permission from the donor.

The Library funds are used for family sessions in the library which have continued to be an excellent form of outreach.

Medhurst Ministries is a which aims to support, plant and revitalise churches in the North England.