

New Life Church Middlesbrough

Report and Accounts

year ended 31 December 2020

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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

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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>		Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations and grants		47,594	-	112,189	159,783	192,085
Income from courses and events		-	-	-	-	612
Interest		94	-	-	94	-
Other		-	-	-	-	170
Total receipts		<u>47,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,189</u>	<u>159,878</u>	<u>192,866</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	12,166	-	87,467	99,633	101,310
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	5,201	-	-	5,201	3,728
Total payments		<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	5	(531)	-	531	-	-
Net movement in funds		<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
Cash funds at this year end	A	<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		Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank	47,362	-	31,743	79,104	94,560
Notice deposits	-	-	70,499	70,499	-
	<u>47,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,241</u>	<u>149,603</u>	<u>94,560</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
NEST pension	602	-	-	602	568
	<u>602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>568</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use				Value 2020	Value 2019
				£	£
Office contents				5,491	5,475
				<u>5,491</u>	<u>5,475</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 09 July 2021

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	Total	Total
	General	Designated	Funds	2020	2019
	funds	funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
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.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

5 Movement of funds

	Balance at 31Dec2019	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31Dec2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	17,572	47,688	(17,367)	(531)	47,362
	<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	59,362	11,042	-	-	70,404
	<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.

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