

# 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  
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Date: 08 August 2022

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

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b><i>Income receipts</i></b>						
Donations and grants		54,358	-	91,726	146,085	159,783
Government grants		5,555	-	-	5,555	-
Interest		-	-	141	141	94
<b><i>Total receipts</i></b>		<b><u>59,914</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>91,867</u></b>	<b><u>151,781</u></b>	<b><u>159,878</u></b>
<b><i>Payments</i></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><i>Total payments</i></b>		<b><u>21,856</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>109,900</u></b>	<b><u>131,756</u></b>	<b><u>104,834</u></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><u>20,408</u></b>	<b><u>11,902</u></b>	<b><u>(12,285)</u></b>	<b><u>20,025</u></b>	<b><u>55,043</u></b>
Cash funds as at last year end		47,362	-	102,241	149,603	94,560
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<b>A</b>	<b><u>67,770</u></b>	<b><u>11,902</u></b>	<b><u>89,956</u></b>	<b><u>169,628</u></b>	<b><u>149,603</u></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>		Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General funds	Designated 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><b>67,770</b></u>	<u><b>11,902</b></u>	<u><b>89,956</b></u>	<u><b>169,628</b></u>	<u><b>149,603</b></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	<u>1,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,194</u>	<u>602</u>
	6,194	-	-	6,194	602
<b>Falling due after one year:</b>					
Deferred grant 2023-2024	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>16,194</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>16,194</b></u>	<u><b>602</b></u>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>				Value 2021	Value 2020
				£	£
Office contents				<u>5,727</u>	<u>5,491</u>
				<u><b>5,727</b></u>	<u><b>5,491</b></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.

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 2021	Total 2020
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>						
Employment costs	Note 4	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.

**NEW LIFE CHURCH MIDDLESBROUGH**  
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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.