

NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1164973

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2015-12-22

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: As a church we provide a variety of activities to our members and to the community generally. Our aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed. Central to what we do is regular worship on Sunday mornings and afternoons. Details can be found on our website. We also run a wellbeing cafe Monday to Thursday which is open to all. More details are available at renew37.co.uk

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£134,882	£118,834	-	-
2023-12-31	£107,240	£117,924	-	-
2022-12-31	£118,290	£141,371	-	-
2021-12-31	£98,862	£106,036	-	-
2020-12-31	£122,714	£68,733	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Councillor David Mellen		2016-05-17
Karen Alison Mary Paterson		2026-02-08
Michael Frank Godden		2026-02-08
Nicholas Guy Twomey		2026-02-08
Susan Elizabeth Wall		2024-09-22

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Trustees

Mr H Williams

Mr D Mellen

Mrs A Williams

Revd P Muir

Mrs C Jackson (retired 12 February 2025)

Mrs R Handy (appointed 22 September 2024)

Mrs S Wall (appointed 22 September 2024)

Property Trustees

East Midland Baptist Trust Company Limited

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited

Baptist House

129 Broadway

Didcot

Oxfordshire OX11 8RT

Bankers

Cooperative Bank

Delf House,

Southway,

Skelmersdale,

Lancashire WN8 6NY

Independent Examiner

Debbie Caine

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Annual Report for 2024

The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for 2024.

Charitable Object

The Charity is governed by a constitution approved by the members in December 2015 and updated most recently in May 2022. The constitution states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith.

Organisational Structure and Decision making processes

Members of the church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which required them to publicly profess their faith in God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

The members meeting takes place several times a year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the constitution, the members appoint the Minister, Treasurer and Church Secretary and other Leaders who are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. The Leaders, Minister, Treasurer and Church Secretary are the Charity Trustees. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the church meeting by the trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in church meeting for further consideration by the trustees. Though the constitution permits decisions to be made at church meetings by appropriate majorities, the church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

The church meets as a whole on Sunday mornings for worship and throughout 2024 the church continued to livestream services for those unable to attend in person. Recordings of most services were then made available through the website. We run a closed facebook group which provides thoughts for the day and a weekly midweek reflection and a chance for members to connect. Much of this content is also posted on the churches public facebook page. The church holds monthly breakfast services, to which members are encouraged to invite family and friends.

The church holds prayer meetings twice a month and there are a variety of small groups that meet weekly for bible study, prayer, fellowship and discipleship.

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The church's wellbeing café Renew 37 has continued to provide a safe space for those in the community who are lonely or suffering with mental health problems. Numbers using the space have increased and resources for the café are stretched. We received a £500 grant from the Asda Foundation through their green token scheme.

The milkshake bar for teenagers on a Wednesday at Renew 37 continues to be very popular with well over 100 young people attending each week.

The church has continued to run a friendship group meeting at Morrisons and a study group at Burton Manderfield, a sheltered housing complex in the Meadows. The church also runs a monthly service at Burton Manderfield.

The church has held social activities monthly, including coach trips and these are open to users of Renew 37 and others connected with the church. They have provided a valued sense of community.

The church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and adults at risk are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure Barring Service. All Renew 37 hosts and small group leaders have attended Level 2 training in safeguarding.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

The church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, community involvement and encouragement.

In 2024 we were delighted to baptise 1 person and welcomed them into membership. Two members were removed from the list, so membership has overall decreased from 68 to 67.

The churches wellbeing café renew 37 continues be busy and is well regarded by professional agencies who frequently signpost people to the café.

A number of our members are involved in other community activities such as Safe Families. The church also actively supports The Friary in West Bridgford, which provides much needed assistance for deprived members of our community.

Financial Review

The church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year. But we

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are grateful to Nottinghamshire County Council for a number of grants received during the year to support the milkshake bar (2 lots of £200) and the writing group project at Renew 37 (a further £200 to cover the printing cost).

The most significant expenses relate to the renting of premises and the employment of team members.

We rent a space to meet on a Sunday morning and rent our wellbeing cafe at 37 Abbey Road.

Our paid team members throughout the year were:

Mr P Muir, Minister.

Mrs V Bragg who is the Centre Host at our Wellbeing Café

Mrs A Williams our church administrator.

The church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

The church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

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Approval and declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- the trustees have approved the above report and attached accounts; and
- have authorised me to sign them on their behalf

Alison Williams
217 Musters Road
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10 September 2025

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Debbie Caine

Independent Examiner

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12 September 2025

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Receipts and Payments account

		Year to 31 Dec 2024	Year to 31 Dec 2023
	Note	£	£
Receipts:			
General Offering		101,362	73,698
Church events income	3	4,804	1,275
Tax Recovered	4	13,834	14,787
Rental income		5,168	9,600
Grant income	5	2,100	500
Investment income		1,976	2,122
Fundraising		274	
Special Offerings	7	5,364	5,258
Total Receipts		134,882	107,240
Payments:			
Employment costs	8	68,608	68,608
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Other church activities	9	6,338	5,210
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Subtotal		107,107	104,754
Giving away	11	11,727	13,170
Total payments		118,834	117,924
(Deficit) / Surplus		16,048	(10,684)
Opening Funds:		80,967	91,651
Funds at the end of the period:		97,015	80,967
General Funds:		97,015	80,967

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of this Statement

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Statement of assets and liabilities

Assets:

The balance reported as total funds is made up of the following assets:

	Note	At 31-Dec-2024	At 31-Dec-2023
Cash on deposit with the BU		61,362	52,387
Cash at Co-Operative Bank		35,580	28,507
Cash in hand		73	73
		<u>97,015</u>	<u>80,967</u>

In addition to the assets above, the following items should be taken into consideration to understand the financial status of the church:

Equipment (at insured value)		43,484	42,382
Gift aid tax recoverable		15,891	12,200
Rental deposit (on 37 Abbey Road)		3,900	3,900
		<u>63,275</u>	<u>58,482</u>
Total Cash bank and other assets		<u><u>160,291</u></u>	<u><u>139,449</u></u>

Liabilities:

		At 31-Dec-2024	At 31-Dec-2023
Special offerings to pay on	11	30	410
Sunday morning rental		1,053	0
Total Liabilities		<u><u>1,083</u></u>	<u><u>410</u></u>

Prepared by Huw Williams

Assisted by Mhel Handy

Rob Moss

Independent Examiner

Debbie Caine

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 10 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by Huw Williams (treasurer)

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Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011

2 Church Funds

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3 Other church activities

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The Harvest Supper in 2023 was a much bigger event than we have organised before and it has been decided to show the income and costs for events separately for this event and going forward.

It should also be noted that accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis so that income and costs already incurred for events in 2025 are included in the 2024 figures (and amounts incurred in 2023 for 2024 events are included in the 2023 figures)

4 Tax Recovered

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5 Grant income

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In 2024 a grant was received during the year to help with the costs of Renew 37 – as those costs are far in excess of the grants (the premises costs alone exceed £15,000) we have not shown restricted funds separately.

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	Year to 31 Dec 2024	Year to 31 Dec 2023
7 Special offerings		
Paid away or to be paid away (see note 11)		
Breakfast services	1,916	2,945
Other special offerings	470	1,457
Subtotal	<u>2,386</u>	<u>4,402</u>
Utilised during year		
Gifts for Renew 37 costs	2,584	856
Other offerings	234	
Sale of surplus assets and other income (recharging training costs)	160	-
	<u>5,364</u>	<u>5,258</u>

8 Trustee remuneration

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The figures shown below are for remuneration, pensions, and other costs paid whilst the employees were also trustees.

	Year to 31 Dec 2024	Year to 31 Dec 2023
Remuneration (total gross)	£28,600	£29,901
Pensions (total employer payments)	£3,531	£3,027
Manse costs	£13,834	£12,767
Expenses	£3,517	£1,741

Expenses

Expenses are paid primarily to the minister and shown under “employee costs”

Training and related expenses are also paid for or on behalf of church members involved in particular areas of church service whether they are trustees or not. The relevant costs are shown under the appropriate headings in the expense analyses. No separate record is made of how much of these costs is incurred for or on behalf of trustees.

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	Year to 31 Dec 2024	Year to 31 Dec 2023
9 Analysis of Church Activities		
General		
Catering - general	1,282	1,290
Church social events	(*) -	200
Equipment & repairs	807	786
Evangelism - General	231	211
Craft materials for 37 and trips from 37	241	577
Publicity	438	318
Things used in services	191	421
Training / conferences	(**) 1,780	(321)
Visiting Speakers	283	390
Other general payments	451	494
Children and youth		
Milkshake bar	634	844
	<u>£6,338</u>	<u>£5,210</u>

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Training costs have regularly included a leaders conference in January – the church books places in the previous year and contributions towards the total cost are received after the conference. It was decided not to book for the 2024 conference so there was no major cost incurred in 2023, but we still received contributions towards the 2023 conference at the beginning of the year.

	Year to 31 Dec 2024	Year to 31 Dec 2023
10 Rent, property & insurance costs		
37 Abbey Road	16,949	17,170
Other property and insurance costs	6,173	9,976
	<u>£23,122</u>	<u>£27,146</u>

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11 Analysis of Giving away		
BMS World Mission	2,280	2,340
Friary Drop in Centre	2,760	2,820
Home Mission Fund (EMBA)	1,800	1,860
Tear Fund	720	834
Open Doors	720	780
Other giving (amounts under £500 each)	680	540
Giving from General Fund	8,960	9,174
Special offerings paid away (see note 7 and below)	2,767	3,996
Total Giving away	£11,727	£13,170

£30 of the special offerings were paid away in 2025 (previous year £410 paid away in 2024)

Included in special offerings paid away were additional gifts to Friary Drop in Centre of £449 (2023 £23), Tearfund £546 (2023 £1,178) and Red Cross £536 (2023 £287) for various crisis appeals over the two years.

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Training costs have regularly included a leaders conference in January – the church books places in the previous year and contributions towards the total cost are received after the conference. It was decided not to book for the 2024 conference so there was no major cost incurred in 2023, but we still received contributions towards the 2023 conference at the beginning of the year.

	Year to 31 Dec 2024	Year to 31 Dec 2023
10 Rent, property & insurance costs		
37 Abbey Road	16,949	17,170
Other property and insurance costs	6,173	9,976
	<u>£23,122</u>	<u>£27,146</u>

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BMS World Mission	2,280	2,340
Friary Drop in Centre	2,760	2,820
Home Mission Fund (EMBA)	1,800	1,860
Tear Fund	720	834
Open Doors	720	780
Other giving (amounts under £500 each)	680	540
Giving from General Fund	8,960	9,174
Special offerings paid away (see note 7 and below)	2,767	3,996
Total Giving away	£11,727	£13,170

£30 of the special offerings were paid away in 2025 (previous year £410 paid away in 2024)

Included in special offerings paid away were additional gifts to Friary Drop in Centre of £449 (2023 £23), Tearfund £546 (2023 £1,178) and Red Cross £536 (2023 £287) for various crisis appeals over the two years.

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Trustees

Mr H Williams

Mr D Mellen (reappointed 15 May 2022)

Mrs A Williams

Mrs K Paterson

Revd P Muir

Mrs C Jackson (appointed 13 February 2022)

Property Trustees

East Midland Baptist Trust Company Limited

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited

Baptist House

129 Broadway

Didcot

Oxfordshire OX11 8RT

Bankers

Cooperative Bank

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Southway,

Skelmersdale,

Lancashire WN8 6NY

Independent Examiner

Debbie Caine

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Annual Report for 2022

The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for 2022.

Charitable Object

The Charity is governed by a constitution approved by the members in December 2015 and updated most recently in May 2022. The constitution states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith.

Organisational Structure and Decision making processes

Members of the church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which required them to publicly profess their faith in God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

The members meeting takes place several times a year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the constitution, the members appoint the Minister, Treasurer and Church Secretary and other Leaders who are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. The Leaders, Minister, Treasurer and Church Secretary are the Charity Trustees. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the church meeting by the trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in church meeting for further consideration by the trustees. Though the constitution permits decisions to be made at church meetings by appropriate majorities, the church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

The church meets as a whole on Sunday mornings for worship and throughout 2022 the church continued to livestream services for those unable to attend in person. Recordings of most services were then made available through the website. We run a closed facebook group which provides thoughts for the day and a weekly midweek reflection and a chance for members to connect. Much of this content is also posted on the churches public facebook page. The church holds monthly breakfast services, to which members are encouraged to invite family and friends.

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The church's wellbeing café Renew 37 has continued to provide a safe space for those in the community who are lonely or suffering with mental health problems. Numbers using the space have increased and resources for the café are stretched. We have had funding support this year from the Co-op as one of their community charities. We also received £1000 National Grid funding for help with winter bills, for which we were recommended for by our local MP and a £500 grant from the Asda Foundation for the same purpose.

The milkshake bar for teenagers on a Wednesday at Renew 37 continues to be very popular with well over 100 young people attending each week.

The church has continued to run a friendship group meeting at Morrisons and a study group at Burton Manderfield. The church also runs a monthly service at Burton Manderfield.

The church held a weekend away at Yarnfield Park in June 2022. This was well attended with excellent teaching was provided by Elaine Burrows. Paul Muir ran sessions for those wanting to explore faith or ask questions.

The church has held social activities monthly, including coach trips and these are open to users of Renew 37 and others connected with the church. They have provided a valued sense of community.

The church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and adults at risk are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure Barring Service. All Renew 37 hosts and small group leaders attended Level 2 training in safeguarding in April.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

The church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, community involvement and encouragement.

In 2022 we were delighted to baptise 4 people and welcomed 5 people into membership. Two members were removed from the list, so membership has overall increased from 65 to 68..

The churches wellbeing café renew 37 continues be busy and is well regarded by professional agencies who frequently signpost people to the café.

A number of our members are involved in other community activities such as Safe Families. The church also actively supports The Friary in West Bridgford, which provides much needed assistance for deprived members of our community.

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Financial Review

The church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The most significant expenses relate to the renting of premises and the employment of team members.

We rent a space to meet on a Sunday morning and rent our wellbeing cafe at 37 Abbey Road.

Our paid team members throughout the year were:

Mr P Muir, Minister.

Mrs V Bragg who is the Centre Host at our Wellbeing Café

Mrs A Williams our church administrator.

The church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

The church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

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Approval and declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- the trustees have approved the above report and attached accounts; and
- have authorised me to sign them on their behalf

Alison Williams
217 Musters Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham
NG2 7DT

24 August 2023

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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		Year to 31 Dec 2022	Year to 31 Dec 2021
Receipts:	Note	£	£
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Church weekend income	3	6,845	1,110
Tax Recovered	4	16,290	8,113
Rental income		9,200	9,600
Grant income	5	1,150	2,667
Investment income		1,294	367
Special Offerings	6	10,872	2,307
Total Receipts		118,290	98,862
Payments:			
Employment costs	7	72,047	52,349
Church weekend costs	3	8,850	740
Other church activities	8	9,409	8,717
Office & admin costs		3,335	2,298
Rent, property & insurance costs	9	28,518	26,836
Subtotal		122,159	90,940
Giving away	10	19,212	15,096
Total payments		141,371	106,036
(Deficit) / Surplus		(23,081)	(7,174)
Opening Funds:		114,732	121,906
Funds at the end of the period:		91,651	114,732
General Funds:		91,651	114,732

The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of this Statement

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Statement of assets and liabilities

Assets:

The balance reported as total funds is made up of the following assets:

	Note	At 31-Dec-2022	At 31-Dec-2021
Cash on deposit with the BU		60,264	89,970
Cash at Co-Operative Bank		31,314	24,689
Cash in hand		73	73
		<u>91,651</u>	<u>114,732</u>

In addition to the assets above, the following items should be taken into consideration to understand the financial status of the church:

Equipment (at insured value)		41,591	36,872
Gift aid tax recoverable		11,000	12,100
Rental deposit (on 37 Abbey Road)		3,900	3,900
Rental deposit (on manse)		1,615	1,615
		<u>58,106</u>	<u>54,487</u>
Total Cash bank and other assets		<u>149,757</u>	<u>169,219</u>

Liabilities:

		At 31-Dec-2022	At 31-Dec-2021
Special offerings to pay on	10	5	237
Sunday morning rental		1,520	3,390
Total Liabilities		<u>1,525</u>	<u>3,627</u>

Prepared by Huw Williams

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We held a church weekend "at home" in 2021 and a weekend "away" in 2022. Income and expenditure is now shown separately because the amounts are large and would otherwise distort figures for "special offerings" and "church activities."

4 Tax Recovered

Tax recovered under the gift aid scheme covers the period April 2021 to March 2022 (12 months). The amount recovered in the 2021 accounts was for 6 months to March 2021. The amount receivable for donations made between April and December 2022 is shown under 'assets'.

5 Grant income

Three grants were received during the year to help with the costs of Renew 37 in different ways. In 2021, as part of the response to the covid pandemic, the church, along with other local rate-payers, received a grant of £2,667 from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

The use of this income is restricted to costs on Renew 37, but as those costs are far in excess of the grants (the premises costs alone exceed £15,000) we have not shown restricted funds separately.

6 Special offerings

Paid away or to be paid away (see note 10)

	Year to 31 Dec 2022	Year to 31 Dec 2021
Breakfast services	2,207	630
Other special offerings	4,161	920
Subtotal	<u>6,368</u>	<u>1,550</u>

Utilised during year

Gifts for Renew 37 costs	4,504	616
Sale of surplus assets (tent and laptop)	-	141
	<u>10,872</u>	<u>2,307</u>

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The figures shown below are for remuneration, pensions, and other costs paid whilst the employees were also trustees.

	Year to 31 Dec 2022	Year to 31 Dec 2021
Remuneration (total gross)	£28,020	£16,415
Pensions (total employer payments)	£2,811	£1,403
Manse costs	£19,980	£14,712
Expenses	£1,576	£912

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Catering - general	1,237	510
Equipment & repairs	1,468	2,328
Evangelism - General	686	88
Craft materials for 37 and trips from 37	531	
Pastoral (gifts/cards and financial support)	559	1,188
Training / conferences	1,714	2,110
Visiting Speakers	360	1,047
Other general payments	1,556	1,013
Children and youth		
Milkshake bar	1,298	433
	<u><u>£9,409</u></u>	<u><u>£8,717</u></u>
	Year to	Year to
9 Rent, property & insurance costs	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
37 Abbey Road	17,043	19,337
Other property and insurance costs	11,475	7,499
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Statutory Information

Registered Charity Number

Registered as a charity in England & Wales with number 1164973

Registered Address

37 Abbey Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 5NG

Trustees

Mr H Williams

Mr D Mellen (reappointed 15 May 2022)

Mrs T McVey (retired 10 October 2021)

Mr R Jackson (retired 22 April 2021)

Mrs C Staves (retired 17 November 2021)

Mrs A Williams

Mrs K Paterson

Revd P Muir (appointed 5 July 2021)

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Annual Report for 2021

The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for 2021.

Charitable Object

The Charity is governed by a constitution approved by the members in December 2015 and updated most recently in November 2021. The constitution states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith.

Organisational Structure and Decision making processes

Members of the church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which required them to publicly profess their faith in God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

The members meeting takes place several times a year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the constitution, the members appoint the Minister, Treasurer and Church Secretary and other Leaders who are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. The Leaders, Minister, Treasurer and Church Secretary are the Charity Trustees. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the church meeting by the trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in church meeting for further consideration by the trustees. Though the constitution permits decisions to be made at church meetings by appropriate majorities, the church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

The most significant change for the church in 2021 was the appointment of Revd Paul Muir as minister. Paul took up his role in July.

In the early part of the year Covid measures continued to restrict our gatherings, The church continued to livestream services to the congregation. Recordings of most services were then made available through the website. The closed facebook group has continued to play a role in providing thoughts for the day and a weekly midweek reflection and a chance for members to connect. In addition the church launched a public facebook page in the summer.

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The church resumed meeting together at Rushcliffe at Easter and as Covid restrictions eased has been able to return to normal operation, offering refreshments and then resuming monthly breakfast services on the first Sunday of each month.

The church's wellbeing café Renew 37 has remained open whenever Covid restrictions allowed and as restrictions eased has returned to normal operation, providing a safe space for those in the community who are lonely or suffering with mental health problems.

The milkshake bar for teenagers on a Wednesday at Renew 37 re-opened in the summer using the outdoor space. This continues to be very popular with well over 100 young people attending each week.

A Christianity Explored course was run at Renew 37 in the autumn.

Other small groups resumed meeting as restrictions eased including a friendship group meeting at Morrisons and the study group at Burton Manderfield. The church has committed to running a monthly service at Burton Manderfield from November 2021.

The church was also able to run a coach trip to Skegness in September, the first trip since the start of the Covid pandemic.

The church was unable to go ahead with a planned weekend away in October due to the venue Hothorpe Hall going into administration. Instead the church ran a weekend at home, using St Luke's church as the venue, with Ken Benjamin from LICC as guest speaker.

The church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and adults at risk are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure Barring Service.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

The church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, community involvement and encouragement.

2021 was again a challenging year because of Covid. Throughout the lockdown and re-opening, the Trustees have been greatly encouraged by members active participation in what has been provided and in their return to in person activities. The membership has reduced slightly from 69 to 65.

The churches wellbeing café renew 37 continues be busy and is well regarded by professional agencies who frequently signpost people to the café. The café submitted a successful bid to be a local Co-op community cause for 2021/2022. We are grateful to the Co-op for its support.

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A number of our members are involved in other community activities such as Safe Families. The church also actively supports The Friary in West Bridgford, which provides much needed assistance for deprived members of our community.

Financial Review

The church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The most significant expenses relate to the renting of premises and the employment of team members.

We rent a space to meet on a Sunday morning and rent our wellbeing cafe at 37 Abbey Road.

Our paid team members throughout the year were:

Mr P Muir, appointed to the post of Minister in July.

Mr D Mellen our Children's and Church support worker. Mr Mellen stepped down from his paid role in July.

Mrs V Bragg who is the Centre Host at our Wellbeing Café

Mrs A Williams our church administrator.

The church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

The church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

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Approval and declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- the trustees have approved the above report and attached accounts; and
- have authorised me to sign them on their behalf

Alison Williams
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8 September 2022

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The figures shown below are for remuneration, pensions, and other costs paid whilst the employees were also trustees.

	Year to 31 Dec 2021	Year to 31 Dec 2020
Remuneration (total gross)	£16,415	£6,116
Pensions (total employer payments)	£1,403	£419
Manse costs	£14,712	£0
Expenses	£912	£0

Expenses

Expenses are paid primarily to the minister and shown under “employee expenses”

Training and related expenses are also paid for or on behalf of church members involved in particular areas of church service whether they are trustees or not. The relevant costs are shown under the appropriate headings in the expense analyses. No separate record is made of how much of these costs is incurred for or on behalf of trustees.

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Giving from General Fund	<u>13,661</u>	<u>15,330</u>
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Annual Report for 2020

The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for 2020.

Charitable Object

The Charity is governed by a constitution approved by the members in December 2015 and updated in October 2018. The constitution states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith.

Organisational Structure and Decision making processes

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which required them to publicly profess their faith in God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

The members Meeting takes place several times a year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint the Minister, Treasurer and Church Secretary and other Leaders who are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. The Leaders, Minister, Treasurer and Church Secretary are the Charity Trustees. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Much of 2020 was dominated by restrictions on social gathering, due to the Covid Pandemic. Due to these limitations, a Sunday Worship Video with worship, prayers and preaching was made available to our congregation, via both a link on our Website, and a newly organised Facebook group (a closed group to provide security for members). As well as Sunday Services, each evening of the week for several months a video recording of an 'Evening Reflection' was available. This frequency was reduced in the autumn to three evenings per week. In addition, we started producing a 'Thought For the Day' both on the Church email system and the Church Facebook group each weekday morning.

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In October, when restrictions on gathering together had been lifted, our 10.30am Sunday service resumed at Rushcliffe school. Masks, and hand sanitizers, were available, and social distancing was maintained. The areas used were cleaned with disinfectant. No congregational singing was allowed, but music was listened to and enjoyed, and prayers and a talk given.

As with many activities, we closed our “in person” services again in November going back to posting recordings. In December we returned to Rushcliffe and began streaming our services live over YouTube as well. But with the increase in covid cases we decided to close our “in person” meetings at Christmas. We have had to adapt throughout the year but continue to be a friendly and welcoming community, albeit in a different way.

The Church small groups that used to meet for weekly bible study and social interaction, in each others homes, mostly still met, but over Zoom, or Group WhatsApp, phone, or socially distanced walks, when that was allowed. We met (and still meet) for weekly prayer on Tuesday evenings by Zoom, and held our Leadership meetings alternate weeks by Zoom. In 2020 we joined with a church in Leicester running an Alpha course for people interested in discovering more about Christianity.

The Church has a vision for a meeting place for people in the community who are lonely or perhaps suffering from mental health issues. In a “normal year” the church operates a wellbeing café in the mornings from Monday to Thursday in a rented property at 37 (37 Abbey Road). From Friday to Sunday, the premises are leased and used by a local tea shop. With the covid-19 pandemic we have had to be creative in keeping in touch with people. As a support group we were able to keep the wellbeing café open on a limited basis, taking lots of precautions to keep the group safe or closing the premises when we considered the risk of meeting too high. But we also invested in online meetings through Zoom and keeping in touch regularly by telephone.

The Church ran a milkshake bar for teenagers weekly during term time until the covid-19 restrictions began in March 2020. We hope to be able to reopen at some time in 2021.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure Barring Service.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

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Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, community involvement and encouragement.

2020 was an extremely challenging year because of Covid. Throughout the lockdowns and re-openings, the Trustees have been greatly encouraged by most members of the Church in their active participation in what has been provided – both on-line and in the walks and Church picnic, when we were briefly allowed to meet together in a larger group outside. The membership remains at 69.

A Church Vision Day in 2019 resulted in the desire for a Minister to lead the Church. This request was implemented by the Trustees, who revised the Church Profile, and the Church's details were given to the Baptist Union's Settlement Team, who matched us with various candidates. After much discussion, telephone calls, and zoom meetings amongst the Leadership, Paul Muir was invited to preach at a service in December 2020 and after a number of further meetings with the leadership and with church members, we called him to be the Minister of the church at a Special Church Meeting in February 2021.

The church has a number of members with severe mental health issues and the support the church gives these people has been favourably commented on by those involved professionally in their care. In addition, external agencies continue to support the wellbeing café aimed at people with such issues. A number of our members are involved in other community activities such as Safe Families. The Church also actively supports The Friary in West Bridgford, which provides much needed assistance for deprived members of our community. A measure of the professional involvement has been the awarding of a successful grant application from the local borough council.

The successful establishing of a new venture in 2019 at a local residential complex for the elderly, providing both bible study and social interaction went well until lockdown restrictions caused its temporary closure. This group is not very technically minded and so they each receive a reasonably regular phone call, with a socially distanced doorstep visit with chocolates and a card prior to Christmas.

With much regret we were not able to invite people from the community on our coach day trips because of the necessary Covid restrictions.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The most significant expenses relate to the renting of premises and the employment of part-time team members.

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We rent a space to meet on a Sunday morning and rent our wellbeing cafe at 37 Abbey Road.

Our paid team members throughout the year were:

Mr D Mellen our Children's and Church support worker
Mrs V Bragg who is the Centre Host at our Wellbeing Café
Mrs A Williams our church administrator.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

Approval and declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- the trustees have approved the above report and attached accounts; and
- have authorised me to sign them on their behalf

Carol Staves
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13 May 2021

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Total Receipts		122,714	134,189
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Church activities	7	2,312	27,765
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Rental deposit (on 37 Abbey Road)		3,900	3,900
Total Assets		<u>163,909</u>	<u>117,427</u>

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Sunday morning rental		1,400	2,000
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Total Liabilities		<u>1,972</u>	<u>2,162</u>

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Tax recovered under the gift aid scheme covers the period April 2018 to September 2020 (18 months). The amount recovered in the 2019 accounts was for 15 months to March 2019. The amount receivable for donations made between October and December 2020 is shown under 'assets'.

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	Year to 31 Dec 2020	Year to 31 Dec 19
Breakfast services	572	1,859
Other special offerings	738	485
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Utilised during year

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The figures shown below are for remuneration, pensions, and other costs paid whilst the employees were also trustees.

	Year to 31 Dec 2020	Year to 31 Dec 19
Remuneration (total gross)	£6,116	£45,791
Pensions (total employer payments)	£419	£1,769
Expenses	£0	£24

Expenses

Expenses were primarily travel costs for paid trustees

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Termination agreements

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Catering - general	165	471
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Church days out	see below ⁽¹⁾ (441)	200
Equipment & repairs	402	681
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