

New Life Baptist Church

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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 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

Delf House,

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
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24 August 2023

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- 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

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Independent examiner's statement

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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

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Statement of assets and liabilities

Assets:

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	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
		91,651	114,732

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
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		58,106	54,487
Total Cash bank and other assets		149,757	169,219

Liabilities:

		At 31-Dec-2022	At 31-Dec-2021
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Sunday morning rental		1,520	3,390
Total Liabilities		1,525	3,627

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Assisted by	Mhel Handy
	Rob Moss
Independent Examiner	Debbie Caine

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3 Church weekends

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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
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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

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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37 Abbey Road	see below (*)	17,043	19,337
Other property and insurance costs		11,475	7,499
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Special offerings paid away (see note 6 and below)	6,600	1,435
Total Giving away	£19,212	£15,096

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