

GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1167287

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-05-23

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS THROUGH THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTIAN LITERATURE IN ALL MATTERS.

Activities: Publication of a Christian outreach newspaper to help those in personal outreach speak of their faith. Papers sold to missions, churches and individuals but supplied free of charge to Christian Chaplains in UK prisons and rehabilitation centres

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£136,982	£138,794	-	-
2024-10-31	£147,077	£145,471	-	-
2023-10-31	£141,281	£144,888	-	-
2022-10-31	£143,917	£139,941	-	-
2021-10-31	£114,490	£126,452	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW GLYN HALLOWAY		2016-05-27
Ian White		2020-01-01
KEITH TRIPP		2023-02-21
PAUL OLISE		2016-05-27
PHILLIP CHARLES BOUNDS		2016-05-27
Stephen David Leedham		2017-06-28

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2025



GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1167287

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31stOCTOBER 2025

The work of producing and distributing the Good News newspaper, our main ministry, continued through the year and we thank God for His leading and provision.

Our priorities for 2025 were:

1. Promotion of Good News, especially through emails, social media and our newsletter to existing customers and supporters, some selected Christian conventions and exhibitions, speaking at churches, limited advertising in Christian publications. (A £12,000 budget was set and reviewed throughout the year.)
2. Maintaining our current customers, and looking to extend personal outreach with new customers, to support them in personal evangelism.
3. Continued work in cooperation with Outreach UK and Pocket Testament League on the Casting Your Nets programme.
4. Continue to promote the 'Jesus Unmasked' booklet and the 'Good News for Everyone' tract.
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6. Ensuring the monthly publication of the Good News paper meets the needs of those using the paper as well as those reading about the Christian faith.

Activities

The Good News newspaper was produced each month and sold to missions, churches and individuals as a means of helping them in Christian witness, testimony and outreach. Sales of the newspaper were similar to 2024 at around 53,000 per month, with the Christmas, Easter and Harvest editions being stronger than other months. Other editions focussed on the national/international events and saw a good take up. It has been thrilling to receive many encouraging reports of lives being changed by God as people receive the paper and talk about articles it contained. The paper continues to be widely used as an aid to personal evangelism.

We had a stand at the New Wine Leadership Conference in February, manned by Phillip Bounds and Andrew Hallaway. We were disappointed at the low volume of 'traffic' and decided not to attend next year, though it was not an expensive event in comparison with the costs of other exhibitions. We also had a stand at the Christian Resources Exhibitions at Sandown Park in Esher and were encouraged by many new people asking about the paper and positive feedback from customers, so we will return next year. Andrew Hallaway and Mark Perkins represented Good News. Mark also attended an Edinburgh evangelism conference for us.

We continued to advertise in a few publications where we previously have had a good response: the CRE Handbook and CRE News, the Baptist Union's Faith and Society Update (free entry) and the Baptists Together magazine.

The gospel leaflet we produce, 'Good News For Everyone' (not to be confused with the new name for Gideons UK using the same title), continued to be well received, and sales of copies were higher with around 800 in the year. We will continue to promote this leaflet by e-campaigns and in the newsletter going forward.

We continued to work in co-operation with two other Christian charities, Outreach UK (OUK) and Pocket Testament League (PTL), on a programme titled 'Casting Your Nets', which aims to train and encourage Christians and churches in personal evangelism for all. OUK lead this, with the training involving the use of the Good News paper and a PTL edition of the Gospel of John.

The monthly video review of the Good News newspaper continued to be produced by two evangelists from Outreach UK. These have been well received with very encouraging viewing figures.

One of the actions from our strategic review was to look at ways we can draw in younger people to Good News. To support this, we introduced a QR code link on every edition of Good News newspaper, which goes to a Good News YouTube channel with various testimonies of people who have come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. We also introduced a trial giveaway card with the QR code for youth workers to share with those they are responsible for – currently under review. We are grateful to Colin Johnson of OUK for his support in drawing together video testimonies.

We see our presence on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube as a means of outreach and raising awareness of the paper. Postings were strong throughout 2025 with a good number of followers, "likes" and "shares". Our media writer, Sheila Johnson, "retired" during the year and Abbi Halloway, who has a 1st class honours degree in media studies, took over the role.

The paper continued to be printed by Newsquest until March 2025. Newsquest gave notification of a change in newsprint paper size which didn't suit Good News, being smaller and thus restricting content. After quotations from other printers and a visit to Iliffe (Cams), we moved the business from the April edition at a more competitive rate. The move went smoothly with good quality of print and good service, although our designer experienced some difficulties with transferring files to print. We continued to use Parcel Hub for packing and mailing to customers.

On the first Sunday in March, we again held a National Day of Prayer we call Good News Sunday, when Christians were involving their churches to report on our ministry and to take time to pray. The latest promotional video was made available to show in meetings and a Power Point presentation.

A national supporters' online Zoom evening was held on October 20th with around 46 delegates attending, with a variety of contributions from team members. Rev David Cole from Exeter spoke with various team members taking part. This was a great encouragement and is now an annual event with varying formats.

At the start of January, we wrote again to around 48 prisons where they were not taking advantage of our offer of free Good News newspapers each month. The response this year was again very encouraging and within days several more enthusiastically requested papers. We now supply 107 prisons, three half-way houses and two Christian rehab centres each month totalling 3,100 copies. Free-will gifts, both regular and occasional, make this ministry possible and we thank donors and God, for providing the funds to carry out this work.

The gifts for the ministry, including interest and gift aid, during the year came to £6,810, a slight increase from 2024 (£6,331). Gifts designated for the prison ministry are ring fenced so they will only be used for this work and as a charity, we are able to reclaim gift aid tax on gifts from donors who have signed a declaration. We never fundraise or approach people to ask for gifts. 100% of all such gifts are used 100% for the cost of the prison papers and postage out. We are grateful to a team of volunteers from a church in north-east England, who faithfully pack and post the papers each month.

Follow-up correspondence was carried out by Rolf Burnie with prisoners (Rolf is a member of the Prison Fellowship) and Sheila Johnson, a Christian writer, with the general public. The bi-monthly newsletter was distributed to customers and prayer supporters by email or hard copy to keep them updated with the work.

A strategic review of Good News Fellowship UK by the Trustees and wider team was carried out, to ensure we were meeting the purpose of the work and to consider any changes needed to meet a changing world. Proposals included integrating our systems, taking card payments through the website or possibly over the phone, and new publications. After investigating and costing several programmes, it was decided to implement Xero across all relevant members of the Good News team commencing in November 2025. Implementation will be phased according to priority. Xero offered a cloud-based integrated system capable of handling customer orders, finance and banking with add-on systems for card payments. Teresa Jackman is project managing Xero.

People

The trustees throughout the year were:

Mr Phillip Bounds (Prison ministry lead) *

Mr Andrew Halloway (Editor)

Mr Paul Olise *

Mr Stephen Leedham

Mr Ian White

Mr Keith Tripp

Mr Paul Taylor

The trustees and team met three times through the year in March, June and November, either face to face or by Zoom. Any interim decisions are made by email or telephone. Rev Trevor Dickerson took on the role of chairing meetings whilst the Trustees continue to look to appoint another chair as soon as possible.

Teresa Jackman continued as administrator which involved responsibilities for email campaigns and communications with supporters.

Julie Reeves, continued as Finance Officer, attending meetings and reporting on the finances.

Rev Trevor Dickerson *, Area Field Manager for Outreach UK, acted as an adviser for the work, is consulted on articles proposed for publication until September 2025, chairs team meetings and is on the remuneration committee. Mark Perkins, National Field Director for Outreach UK, took on the adviser role for content in the newspaper in October 2025. Mark is also supporting the promotion of Good News newspaper through monthly reviews with an evangelist, Colin Johnson, and also by supporting the Editor at exhibitions. He is reimbursed for his time and expenses on an ad hoc basis.

* Members of the remuneration committee (2 trustees, 1 independent adviser, none paid)

Other committed people actively involved in the Good News ministry but who aren't required to attend meetings are:

Mr Rolf Burnie – prison correspondence counsellor

Mrs Sheila Johnson – general correspondence counsellor

David & Cath Thompson and Dorothy Yeates – pack and post the prison papers

Abbi Halloway – social media

Heather Tomlinson – proofreader

Kevin Raddy – designer (to be replaced by Richard Blaikie in 2026)

The following people continue to be on the Council of Reference:

Rev David Cole, Rev Dr Sam Gordon, Mr Terry Puttick

Finance and Governance

The financial statement for the year ending 31st October 2025 is attached. The accounts were examined and approved by Mr Neil Towers, an accountant with vast experience with charity accounts.

Designated income for the prison ministry was £6,214 plus £596 tax reclaimed and for the general operation was £130,172. There was a small deficit for the year of £1,811, whereas we had budgeted a deficit of £12,446, for which we thank God. We were able to keep the price per copy at 20p in spite of mailing price increases. Reserves at the year-end were £72,637 (£19 prison ministry, £72,618 general funds). We are thankful to God and several churches and individuals who gave specific gifts for the ongoing work of Good News, totalling £1,203 in the year.

The trustees are mindful of continued cost pressure with raw materials, energy and transport/delivery. The proposed 2026 budget is based on a circulation of 53,000 average per month (although we are working for some growth) and plans for a deficit of £7,112 for the year ending 31st October 2026, which will be met from the reserves, or an increase in sales, or a price increase. We believe this to be a wise course of action given the uncertainties around price rises. The actions and finances will be reviewed monthly, and changes made as needed.

The Good News Fellowship UK is accepted by HMRC for reclaiming gift aid tax from donors completing a declaration. Such gifts were received throughout the year.

The Trustees continued to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Looking forward

The Trustees are aware that the ministry of Good News is God’s work under His guidance. The plans for 2026 major on:

1. Promotion of Good News, especially through emails, social media and our newsletter to existing customers and supporters, some selected Christian conventions and exhibitions, speaking at churches, limited advertising in Christian publications. (A £12,000 budget has again been set and will be reviewed throughout the year.)
2. Maintaining our current customers, and looking to extend personal outreach with new customers, to support them in personal evangelism.
3. Implement a new business management system (Xero) to improve interpersonal communication and data between team members, enable better reports for review and decision making and to enable card payments through the website
4. Continued work in cooperation with Outreach UK and Pocket Testament League on the Casting Your Nets programme.
5. Continue to promote the ‘Jesus Unmasked’ booklet and the ‘Good News for Everyone’ tract.
6. Contact the minority of UK prisons who currently do not take the paper each month and offer to send to chaplains freely, particularly newly opened prisons and look to expand cooperation with other Christian organisations working in prisons.
7. Ensuring the monthly publication of the Good News paper meets the needs of those using the paper as well as those reading about the Christian faith.

Phillip Bounds

..... Phillip Bounds Chairman on behalf of the Trustees
6th November 2025

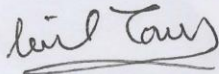
GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

Charity No 1167287

Receipt and Payment accounts for year ended 31st October 2025

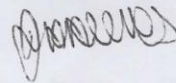
	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Sales of Good News paper	£126,496.77	£136,974.50
Sales of tracts	£894.35	£868.45
Refunds on promotional events	£0.00	£0.00
Advertising revenue and other income	£0.00	£250.00
Investment general income	£1,578.55	£1,193.76
Investment income designated prisons	£17.25	£65.35
Tax refund	£596.04	£543.74
Designated Gifts for General Funds	£1,203.00	£1,459.50
Designated Gifts for Prison Ministry	<u>£6,196.82</u>	<u>£5,722.29</u>
Total	£136,982.78	£147,077.59
<u>Payments</u>		
Contract Services (Editor, Finance, Admin, Promotion)	£61,061.52	£54,028.40
Honararia (Advisors, Orders)	£1,906.00	£1,857.00
Distribution costs Prison Ministry	£3,779.02	£3,674.70
Distribution Costs (Parcel Hub, Post)	£24,664.59	£26,061.99
Printing Costs (Newsquest and Iliffe)	£23,085.26	£29,559.87
Editorial Costs (contributors, design, proof read)	£13,795.46	£14,831.97
Administration (team meetings, legal, insurance, new equip etc)	£2,242.08	£2,824.62
Bank charges	£0.00	£0.00
Promotion	£7,480.60	£11,754.48
Commission and Gifts and Refunds	£247.78	£96.79
Counselling/follow up	<u>£531.96</u>	<u>£781.70</u>
Total	£138,794.27	£145,471.52
Surplus/deficit on year	-£1,811.49	£1,606.07
<u>Statement of Assets</u>		
Santander Operational (Current)	£14,926.29	£19,118.80
Santander Operational (Savings) inc £19.15 Prison Ministry	£12,951.20	£11,991.27
Kingdom Bank Bond	£0.00	£33,339.06
Kingdom Bank 120 day	<u>£44,760.15</u>	<u>£10,000.00</u>
	£72,637.64	£74,449.13

The above statement reflects the true financial position of Good News Fellowship UK as of 31st October 2025 based on the bank statements, receipts and records examined by us.



Neil Towers
Independent Examiner

Date 9.12.25



Julie Reeves
Finance Officer - Good News Fellowship UK

Date 24.11.25

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

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Charity Name: Good News Fellowship UK

Charity No. 1167287

Accounts for year ending:31st October 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity above ("the Trust") for the year stated above.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The charities gross income did not exceed £250,000. I can meet the criteria for independent examination being an accountant and having experience as a charity treasurer and accounts examiner.

I have completed my examination. This involved examination of bank statements, computer records, invoices, receipts, cheque and paying to bank stubs together with explanations. 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. The accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act, or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. The accounts are presented, as permitted by the Act, as simple receipts, and payments accounts.

Signed.....Neil Towers..... Date.....9-12-25.....

NameNeil Towers.....

Address.....63 Spring Meadow, Leyland, Lancashire.....Post Code.....PR25 5UR

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Activities

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We had a stand at the Christian Resources Exhibitions at Milton Keynes, and were encouraged by new people asking about the paper and positive feedback from customers.

We continued to advertise in several publications: the CRE Handbook, Evangelical Alliance and the Baptist Together. We didn't advertise through Christian radio having assessed responses from the previous year which created very few enquiries.

The gospel leaflet we produce, 'Good News For Everyone', (not to be confused with the new name for Gideons UK using the same title) continued to be well received, but sales of copies were low with around 400 in the year. It is intended to promote this leaflet by e-campaigns going forward.

We continued to work in co-operation with two other Christian charities, Outreach UK (OUK) and Pocket Testament League (PTL), on a programme titled 'Casting Your Nets', which aims to train and encourage Christians and churches in personal evangelism for all. OUK lead this, with the training involving the use of the Good News paper and a PTL edition of the Gospel of John.

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The paper has continued to be printed by Newsquest and packed and mailed by Parcel Hub. Both businesses provided excellent service and worked well with Good News.

On the first Sunday in March, we held a national day of prayer we call Good News Sunday, when Christians were involving their churches to report on our ministry and to take time to pray. The latest promotional video was made available to show in meetings. As an addition in 2024 we held a prayer zoom time during the afternoon for those who didn't have a church prayer time or were housebound. It was encouraging to hear of many praying and knowing that God answered prayers, and this is now an annual event.

A national supporters on-line Zoom evening was held on October 14th with around 54 delegates attending, with a variety of contributions from team members, Outreach UK evangelists and those using the paper. It concluded with a time of open prayer led by Rev Trevor Dickerson, General Manager of Outreach UK. This was a great encouragement and is now an annual event with varying formats.

At the start of January, we wrote again to around 50 prisons where they were not taking advantage of our offer of free Good News newspapers each month. The response this year was again very encouraging and within days several more enthusiastically requested papers. In September another prison in the northwest also requested papers monthly, so we now supply 104 prisons, three half-way houses and two Christian rehab centres each month totalling 2,988 copies. Free-will gifts, both regular and occasional, make this ministry possible and we thank donors and God, for providing the funds to carry out this work.

The gifts for the ministry, including interest and gift aid, during the year came to £6,331, a decrease from 2023 (£11,349). Gifts designated for the prison ministry are ring fenced so they can only be used for this work and as a charity, we are able to reclaim gift aid tax on gifts from donors who have signed a declaration. We never fundraise or approach people to ask for gifts. 100% of all such gifts are used 100% for the cost of the prison papers and postage out. We are grateful to a team of volunteers from a church in north-east England, who faithfully pack and post the papers each month. We will be contacting the remaining prisons again in 2025 and be offering the paper.

Follow-up correspondence was carried out by Rolf Burnie with prisoners (Rolf is a member of the Prison Fellowship) and Sheila Johnson, a Christian writer, with the general public and a retired trustee, Donald Banks, sending copies of the Jesus video when requested.

The bi-monthly newsletter was distributed to customers and prayer supporters by email or hard copy to keep them updated with the work.

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The trustees throughout the year were:

Mr Phillip Bounds (Chairman and prison ministry) *

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Mr Ian White

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Mr Paul Taylor (from June 2024)

The trustees and team met three times through the year in November, March and June, either face to face or by Zoom. Any interim decisions are made by email or telephone. The chairman looked to handover the chair role to another Trustee in March 2024 due to age, but with no-one available to take on the duties, he continued till the end of October. He will continue as a Trustee through 2025 and lead the prison ministry. The Trustees look to appoint another chair as soon as possible.

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Designated income for the prison ministry was £5,787 plus £543 tax reclaimed and for general operation was £140,746. There was a surplus for the year of £1,606, where we had budgeted a deficit of £17,370, for which we thank God. We were able to keep the price per copy at 20p in spite of further printing and mailing price increases. Reserves at the year-end were £74,449 (£3,299 prison ministry, £71,150 general funds). We are thankful to God and several churches and individuals who gave specific gifts for the ongoing work of Good News, totalling £1,459 in the year.

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..... Phillip Bounds
8th November 2024

Chairman on behalf of the Trustees

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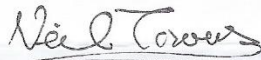
Receipt and Payment accounts for year ended 31st October 2024

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
Sales of Good News paper	£136,974.50	£127,506.55
Sales of tracts	£868.45	£567.33
Refunds on promotional events	£0.00	£0.00
Advertising revenue and other income	£250.00	£607.75
Investment general income	£1,193.76	£327.69
Investment income designated prisons	£65.35	£43.38
Tax refund	£543.74	£345.04
Designated Gifts for General Funds	£1,459.50	£923.03
Designated Gifts for Prison Ministry	<u>£5,722.29</u>	<u>£10,961.12</u>
Total	£147,077.59	£141,281.89
<u>Payments</u>		
Contract Services (Editor, Finance, Admin, Promotion)	£54,028.40	£57,776.00
Honararia (Advisors, Orders)	£1,857.00	£1,731.00
Distribution costs Prison Ministry	£3,674.70	£3,102.89
Distribution Costs (Parcel Hub, Post)	£26,061.99	£22,406.45
Printing Costs (Newsquest)	£29,559.87	£31,730.48
Editorial Costs (contributors, design, proof read)	£14,831.97	£14,127.41
Administration (team meetings, legal, insurance, new equip etc)	£2,824.62	£2,747.06
Bank charges	£0.00	£0.00
Promotion	£11,754.48	£10,064.61
Commission and Gifts and Refunds	£96.79	£758.24
Counselling/follow up	<u>£781.70</u>	<u>£444.00</u>
Total	£145,471.52	£144,888.14
Surplus/deficit on year	£1,606.07	-£3,606.25

Statement of Assets

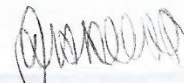
Santander Operational (Current)	£19,118.80
Santander Operational (Savings) inc £3,299.83 Prison Ministry	£11,991.27
Kingdom Bank Bond	£33,339.06
Kingdom Bank 120 day	<u>£10,000.00</u>
	£74,449.13

The above statement reflects the true financial position of Good News Fellowship UK as of 31st October 2024 based on the bank statements, receipts and records examined by us.



Neil Towers
Independent Examiner

Date 12-12-24



Julie Reeves
Finance Officer - Good News Fellowship UK

Date 28-11-24

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Charity Name: Good News Fellowship UK

Charity No. 1167287

Accounts for year ending:31st October 2024

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity above ("the Trust") for the year stated above.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The charities gross income did not exceed £250,000. I can meet the criteria for independent examination being an accountant and having experience as a charity treasurer and accounts examiner.

I have completed my examination. This involved examination of bank statements, computer records, invoices, receipts, cheque and paying to bank stubs together with explanations. 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. The accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act, or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records

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Signed..... Neil Towers Date..... 12-12-24

NameNeil Towers.....

Address.....63 Spring Meadow, Leyland, Lancashire.....Post Code.....PR25 5UR

Disclosure

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GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

England & Wales - Charity number 1167287

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GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation
1167287**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2023



GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1167287

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31stOCTOBER 2023

The work of producing and distributing the Good News newspaper, our main ministry, continued through the year and we thank God for His leading and provision.

Our priorities for 2023 were:

1. Promotion of Good News, especially through some selected Christian conventions and exhibitions, speaking at churches, limited advertising in Christian publications and promotions on Christian radio. (A £12,000 budget had been set and was reviewed throughout the year.)
2. Maintaining our current customers, restarting the paused customers, and looking to extend personal outreach with new customers
3. Work in cooperation with Outreach UK and Pocket Testament League on the Casting Your Nets programme
4. Continue to promote the 'Jesus Unmasked' booklet and the "Good News for Everyone" tract
5. Contact the UK prisons who currently do not take the paper each month and offer to send to chaplains freely
6. Ensuring the monthly publication of the Good News paper meets the needs of those using the paper as well as those reading about the Christian faith.

Activities

The Good News newspaper was produced each month and sold to missions, churches and individuals as a means of helping them in Christian witness, testimony and outreach. Sales of the newspaper were largely similar to 2022 with marginal growth at around 53,000 per month, with the Christmas, Easter and harvest editions being stronger. It has been thrilling to receive many encouraging reports of lives being changed by God as people receive the paper and talk about articles it contained. The paper continues to be widely used as an aid to personal evangelism.

We had stands at fewer Christian exhibitions and events, which included the Christian Resources Exhibitions at Sandown Park (the regional Liverpool event was cancelled), and the Baptist Churches convention in Telford. Our UK representative was able to attend some Evangelists conferences as well as speak in churches about the paper.

We continued to advertise in several publications the CRE Handbook, Evangelical Alliance and through interviews with the UK representative on two Christian radio stations.

The gospel leaflet we produce, 'Good News For Everyone', (not to be confused with the new name for Gideons UK using the same title) continued to be well received and sales of copies were encouraging at over 2,000 in the year.

We continued to work in cooperation with two other Christian charities, Outreach UK (OUK) and Pocket Testament League (PTL), on a programme titled 'Casting Your Nets', which aims to train and encourage Christians and churches in personal evangelism for all. OUK lead this, with the training involving the use of the Good News paper and a PTL edition of the Gospel of John.

A monthly video review of the Good News newspaper is produced by an evangelist from Outreach UK supported by either our UK representative or other Outreach UK colleagues. These have been well received with very encouraging viewing figures.

Our presence on Facebook and X (formally Twitter) we see as a means of outreach and raising awareness of the paper and postings were strong throughout 2023 with a good number of followers, "likes" and "shares". We were not able to continue posts on Instagram.

The paper was printed by Newsquest and packed and mailed by Parcel Hub. Both businesses provided excellent service and worked well with Good News.

On the first Sunday in March, we held a national day of prayer we call Good News Sunday, when Christians were involving their churches to report on our ministry and to take time to pray. The latest promotional video was made available to show in meetings. It was encouraging to hear of many praying and knowing that God answered prayers, and this is now an annual event.

A national supporters on-line Zoom evening was held in October with around 35 delegates attending, with a variety of contributions from both team members, Outreach UK evangelists and those using the paper. Dr Chris Sinkinson, a lecturer at Moorlands College and specialist in Biblical archaeology, gave an excellent talk. This was a great encouragement and will now become an annual event with varying formats.

At the start of January, we wrote to around 55 prisons where they were not taking advantage of our offer of free Good News newspapers each month. We had been supplying 84 prisons and wanted to reach as many of the remaining prisons as possible. The response was very encouraging and within days several more enthusiastically requested papers. In the late summer another prison in London also requested papers monthly, so we now supply 94 prisons, three half-way houses and two Christian rehab centres each month totalling 2,750 copies. Free-will gifts, both regular and occasional, make this ministry possible and we thank donors and God, for providing the funds to carry out this work.

The gifts for the ministry, including interest and gift aid, during the year came to £11,349, a significant increase from 2022 (£6,620). Gifts designated for the prison ministry are ring fenced so they can only be used for this work and as a charity, we are able to reclaim gift aid tax on gifts from donors who have signed a declaration. We never fundraise or approach people to ask for gifts. 100% of all such gifts are used 100% for the cost of the prison papers and postage out. We are grateful to a team of volunteers from a church in north-east England, who faithfully pack and post the papers each month. We look forward to contacting the remaining prisons again in 2024 and offering the paper.

Follow-up correspondence was carried out by Rolf Burnie with prisoners (Rolf is a member of the Prison Fellowship) and Sheila Johnson, a Christian writer, with the general public and a retired trustee, Donald Banks, sending copies of the Jesus video when requested.

The bi-monthly newsletter was distributed to customers and prayer supporters to keep them updated with the work.

People

The trustees throughout the year were:

Mr Phillip Bounds (Chairman and prison ministry) *

Mr Andrew Halloway (Editor)

Mr Paul Olise *

Mr Stephen Leedham

Mrs Susan Cuthbert (till March 2023)

Mr Ian White

Mr Keith Tripp (from March 2023)

The trustees and team met three times through the year in November, March and June, either face to face or by Zoom. Any interim decisions are made by email or telephone.

Teresa Jackman became administrator in August 2022 and has settled well into the role, making changes to internal processes to streamline her operation.

Julie Reeves, continued as Finance Officer, attending meetings and reporting on the finances.

Rev Trevor Dickerson *, National Field Director for Outreach UK, acts as an adviser for the work, is consulted on articles proposed for publication, attends meetings and is on the remuneration committee.

Rev Andy Godfrey, who was UK representative on a contract basis, also attended meetings and contributed to the promotional strategy as well as being actively involved in promotional work. Rev Godfrey tendered his resignation in July 2023 and left his role on October 12th. The Trustees are considering what kind of promotional support is needed going forward and what qualities are needed in a replacement.

* Members of the remuneration committee (2 trustees, 1 independent adviser, none paid)

Other committed people actively involved in the Good News ministry but who don't attend meetings are:

Mr Rolf Burnie – prison correspondence counsellor

Mrs Sheila Johnson – general correspondence counselling and social media support

David & Cath Thompson plus a team of helpers – pack and post the prison papers

The following people continue to be on the Council of Reference:

Rev David Cole, Rev Dr Sam Gordon, Mr Terry Puttick Mr Victor Jack (till August 2023)

Finance and Governance

The financial statement for the year ending 31st October 2023 is attached. The accounts were examined and approved by Mr Neil Towers, an accountant with vast experience with charity accounts.

Designated income for the prison ministry was £11,004 plus £345 tax reclaimed and for general operation was £129,932. There was a deficit for the year of £3,608, where we had budgeted a deficit of £12,701. We were able to keep the price per copy at 20p in spite of further printing and mailing price increases. Reserves at the year-end were £72,843 (£6,655 prison ministry, £66,188 general funds). We are thankful to God and several churches and individuals who gave specific gifts for the ongoing work of Good News, totalling £923 in the year.

The trustees are mindful of continued cost pressure with raw materials, energy and transport/delivery. The proposed 2023 budget is again based on a circulation of 53,000 average per month (although we are striving for some growth) and plans for a deficit of £17,370 for the year ending 31st October 2024 being met from the general fund reserves. We believe this to be a wise course of action given the uncertainties around price rises. The actions and finances will be reviewed monthly, and changes made as needed. The deficit will be met from reserves, a price increase, or from a circulation increase.

The Good News Fellowship UK is accepted by HMRC for reclaiming gift aid tax from donors completing a declaration. Such gifts were received throughout the year.

The Trustees continued to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Looking forward

The Trustees are aware that the ministry of Good News is God's work under His guidance. The plans for 2023 major on:

1. Promotion of Good News, especially through mailshots to existing customers and supporters, some selected Christian conventions and exhibitions, speaking at churches, limited advertising in Christian publications. (A £12,000 budget has been set and will be reviewed throughout the year.)
2. Maintaining our current customers, restarting the paused customers, and looking to extend personal outreach with new customers, to support them in personal evangelism
3. Continued work in cooperation with Outreach UK and Pocket Testament League on the Casting Your Nets programme
4. Continue to promote the 'Jesus Unmasked' booklet and the "Good News for Everyone" tract
5. Contact the UK prisons who currently do not take the paper each month and offer to send to chaplains freely, particularly newly opened prisons.
6. Ensuring the monthly publication of the Good News paper meets the needs of those using the paper as well as those reading about the Christian faith.

Phillip Bounds

..... Phillip Bounds Chairman on behalf of the Trustees
14th November 2023

GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

Charity No 1167287

Receipt and Payment accounts for year ended 31st October 2023

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Receipts		
Sales of Good News paper	£127,506.55	£131,601.96
Sales of tracts	£567.33	£898.70
Refunds on promotional events	£0.00	£392.32
Advertising revenue and other income	£607.75	£1,147.50
Investment general income	£327.69	£79.64
Investment income designated prisons	£43.38	£2.12
Tax refund	£345.04	£972.25
Designated Gifts for General Funds	£923.03	£3,175.25
Designated Gifts for Prison Ministry	<u>£10,961.12</u>	<u>£5,648.00</u>
Total	£141,281.89	£143,917.74
Payments		
Contract Services (Editor, Finance, Admin, Promotion)	£57,776.00	£54,034.00
Honararia (Advisors, Orders)	£1,731.00	£1,876.00
Distribution costs Prison Ministry	£3,102.89	£2,610.08
Distribution Costs (Parcel Hub, Post)	£22,406.45	£23,354.98
Printing Costs (Newsquest)	£31,730.48	£28,420.52
Editorial Costs (contributors, design, proof read)	£14,127.41	£13,458.64
Administration (team meetings, legal, insurance, new equip etc)	£2,747.06	£3,910.39
Bank charges	£0.00	£3.00
Promotion	£10,064.61	£11,532.35
Commission and Gifts and Refunds	£758.24	£273.47
Counselling/follow up	<u>£444.00</u>	<u>£468.00</u>
Total	£144,888.14	£139,941.43
Surplus/deficit on year	-£3,606.25	£3,976.31
Statement of Assets		
Santander Operational (Current)	£17,228.73	£13,160.60
Santander Operational (Savings) inc £6,655.46 Prison Ministry	£23,324.68	£31,191.64
Kingdom Bank Bond	<u>£32,289.65</u>	<u>£32,097.07</u>
	£72,843.06	£76,449.31

The above statement reflects the true financial position of Good News Fellowship UK as of 31st October 2023 based on the bank statements, receipts and records examined by us.

Neil Towers
Independent Examiner

Date 18.12.23

Julie Reeves
Finance Officer Good News Fellowship UK

Date

4.12.23

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

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Signed.......... Date 19-1-2024.....

NameNeil Towers.....

Address.....63 Spring Meadow, Leyland, Lancashire.....Post Code.....PR25 5UR

GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

England & Wales - Charity number 1167287

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GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2022



GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1167287

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31stOCTOBER 2022

The work of producing and distributing the Good News newspaper, our main ministry, continued through the year as we continued to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, and we thank God for His leading and provision.

Our priorities for 2022 were:

1. Expanding promotional efforts, especially through some Christian conventions and exhibitions, speaking at churches, limited advertising in Christian publications and promotions on Christian radio. (A £12,000 budget was proposed and was reviewed throughout the year.)
2. Maintaining our current customers, restarting the paused customers, and looking to extend personal outreach with new customers
3. Work in cooperation with Outreach UK and Pocket Testament League on the Casting Your Nets programme
4. Bring the new booklet 'Jesus Unmasked' to publication and promote through contacts
5. Continue to grow the ministry to prisons, Christian half-way houses and rehabilitation centres working through Christian chaplains
6. Ensuring the monthly publication of the Good News paper meets the needs of those using the paper as well as those reading about the Christian faith.

Activities

The Good News newspaper was produced each month and sold to missions, churches and individuals as a means of helping them in Christian witness, testimony and outreach. Some city missions, and a number of churches and individuals, were still unable to restart outreach but sales volumes had recovered to around 53,000 per month by October 2022 – as we anticipated in our budget. The Christmas, Easter and harvest editions were well received with improved circulation. It has been thrilling to receive many encouraging reports of lives being changed by God as people receive the paper and talk about articles it contained. The paper continues to be widely used as an aid to personal evangelism.

Two national events featured in the paper during the year, the platinum jubilee celebrations of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth in June, and in the October edition, a tribute to her strong personal Christian faith when she passed away. These were very well received. Earlier in the year we had featured testimonies from both Ukraine and Russia about how Christian churches were demonstrating God's love by reaching out to those badly affected by the war.

We were able to have stands at several Christian exhibitions and events, including the Christian Resources Exhibitions at Exeter and Sandown Park, Spring Harvest (Skegness), Baptist Churches

convention in Bournemouth, and Cliff College convention in May. Our UK representative was able to attend some Evangelists conferences as well as speak in churches about the paper.

We continued to advertise in several publications including Keeping the Faith magazine, the CRE Handbook, Evangelical Alliance and through interviews with the UK representative on two Christian radio stations. In November 2021 we had a 30 second advert for the paper on a new Christian radio station, Konnect Radio and this was repeated in October 2022, aimed at church leaders and evangelists about the Christmas edition.

The gospel leaflet we produced, 'Good News For Everyone', continued to be well received and sales of copies of the second printing were encouraging.

We continued to work in cooperation with two other Christian charities, Outreach UK (OUK) and Pocket Testament League (PTL), on a programme titled 'Casting Your Nets', which aims to train and encourage Christians and churches in personal evangelism for all. OUK lead this, with the training involving the use of the Good News paper and a PTL edition of the Gospel of John.

A monthly video review of the Good News newspaper is produced by our UK representative and an evangelist from Outreach UK. These have been well received with very encouraging viewing figures. Going forward, two versions will be produced, one aimed at Christians explaining the benefits of the paper and the other for those seeking God to point them to Jesus Christ.

Our presence on Facebook and Twitter we see as a means of outreach and raising awareness of the paper and postings were strong throughout 2022 with a good number of followers, "likes" and "shares"

The paper was printed by Newsquest and packed and mailed by Parcel Hub. Both businesses provided excellent service and worked well with Good News.

At the start of March, we held a National Day of Prayer when Christians were involving their churches to report on our ministry and to take time to pray. The latest promotional video was made available to show in meetings. It was encouraging to hear of many praying and knowing that God answered prayers.

A second supporters on-line Zoom evening was held in October with around 25 delegates attending, with a variety of contributions from both team members, Outreach UK evangelists and those using the paper. This was a great encouragement; this will now become an annual event with varying formats.

The prison ministry work continued to grow with 2 new prisons requesting papers and others increasing their quantity and another rehab centre. With the help of free-will gifts and a grant, both regular and occasional, papers are sent free of charge to Christian chaplains at UK prisons. By the end of October 2022, we were supplying 2,455 copies to 84 prisons, youth offenders' institutions and repatriation centres, one secure training centre and three Christian half-way houses run by the Langley House Trust and a Christian rehab centre.

The gifts and a grant for the ministry during the year came to £6,620, an increase from 2021. Gifts designated for the prison ministry are ring fenced so they can only be used for this work and as a charity, we are able to reclaim gift aid tax on gifts from donors who have signed a declaration. We never fundraise or approach people to ask for gifts. 100% of all such gifts are used 100% for the cost of the prison papers and postage out. We are grateful to a team of volunteers from a church in north-east England, who faithfully pack and post the papers each month. It was encouraging to meet chaplains at events and receive emails saying how the Good News newspaper has been a blessing to inmates and a means of opening spiritual conversations.

Follow-up correspondence was carried out by Rolf Burnie with prisoners (Rolf is a member of the Prison Fellowship) and Sheila Johnson, a Christian writer with the general public and a retired trustee, Donald Banks, sending copies of the Jesus video when requested.

The bi-monthly newsletter was distributed to customers and prayer supporters to keep them updated with the work.

People

The trustees throughout the year were:

Mr Phillip Bounds (Chairman and prison ministry)

Mr Andrew Halloway (Editor)

Mr Paul Olise

Mr Stephen Leedham

Mrs Susan Cuthbert

Mr Ian White

The trustees and team met three times through the year in November, March and June, either face to face or by Zoom. Any interim decisions are made by email or telephone. The trustees are prayerfully looking to add to the number with one or two people committed to this form of Gospel outreach.

Mrs Amanda Halloway was the Good News Fellowship administrator until 31st July, and attended Trustees meetings and acted as minutes secretary. After receiving applications and carrying out interviews by Zoom, the trustees appointed Teresa Jackman to take on this vital role and she commenced 1st August 2022.

Mrs Julie Reeves, who commenced as Finance Officer on 1st November 2021, attends meetings reporting on the finances.

Rev Trevor Dickerson, National Field Director for Outreach UK, acts as an adviser for the work, is consulted on articles proposed for publication, and attends meetings.

Rev Andy Godfrey, who is UK representative on a contract basis, also attends meetings and contributes to the promotional strategy as well as being actively involved in promotional work.

We thank God for leading us to our new team members and for what they bring to the ministry.

Other committed people actively involved in the Good News ministry but who don't attend meetings are:

Mr Rolf Burnie – prison correspondence counsellor

Mrs Sheila Johnson – general correspondence counselling and social media support

Mr Kevin McCadden – honorary representative in the Tyne & Wear area, contacting churches, and also sends Good News to those on our complimentary copies list. Kevin will be stepping down at the end of 2022

David & Cath Thompson plus a team of helpers – pack and post the prison papers

The following people continue to be on the Council of Reference:

Rev David Cole

Mr Victor Jack

Rev Dr Sam Gordon

Mr Terry Puttick

Finance and Governance

The financial statement for the year ending 31st October 2022 is attached. The accounts were examined and approved by Mr Neil Towers, an accountant with vast experience with charity accounts.

Designated income for the prison ministry was £5,648 plus £972 tax reclaimed and for general operation was £137,297. There was a surplus for the year of £3,976, where we had budgeted a deficit of £7,263. We considered it necessary to increase the price per copy by 5p during the year as a result of price increases and to recover a deficit situation. Reserves at the year-end were £76,449 (£3,370 prison ministry, £73,079 general funds). We are thankful to God and several churches and individuals who gave specific gifts for the ongoing work of Good News, totalling £3,175 in the year.

The trustees are mindful of cost pressure with raw materials, energy and transport/delivery, all increasing significantly. The proposed 2022 budget is again based on a circulation of 53,000 average per month and plans for a deficit of £12,700 for the year ending 31st October 2023. We believe this to be a wise course of action given the uncertainties around price rises of newsprint paper and deliveries. The actions and finances will be reviewed monthly, and changes made as needed. The deficit will be met from reserves, a price increase, or from a circulation increase.

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The Trustees continued to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Looking forward

The Trustees are aware that the ministry of Good News is God's work under His guidance. The plans for 2023 major on:

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Phillip Bounds

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Phillip Bounds Chairman on behalf of the Trustees

14th November 2022

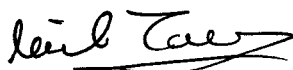
GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

Charity No 1167287

Receipt and Payment accounts for year ended 31st October 2022

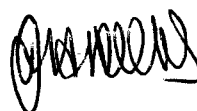
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Sales of Good News paper	£131,601.96	£98,200.88
Sales of tracts	£898.70	£129.05
Refunds on promotional events	£392.32	£1,795.00
Advertising revenue and other income	£1,147.50	£510.00
Investment general income	£79.64	£270.19
Investment income designated prisons	£2.12	£0.52
Tax refund Prison Ministry	£972.25	£317.70
Designated Gifts for General Funds	£3,175.25	£7,398.30
Designated Gifts for Prison Ministry	<u>£5,648.00</u>	<u>£5,869.03</u>
Total	£143,917.74	£114,490.67
<u>Payments</u>		
Contract Services (Editor, Finance, Admin, Promotion)	£54,034.00	£47,222.00
Honararia (Advisors, Orders)	£1,876.00	£4,827.01
Distribution costs Prison Ministry	£2,610.08	£2,421.07
Distribution Costs (Parcel Hub, Post)	£23,354.98	£19,537.51
Printing Costs (Newsquest)	£28,420.52	£25,100.08
Editorial Costs (contributors, design, proof read)	£13,458.64	£15,211.02
Administration (team meetings, legal, insurance, new equip etc)	£3,910.39	£2,241.37
Bank charges	£3.00	£0.00
Promotion	£11,532.35	£8,279.63
Commission and Gifts and Refunds	£273.47	£1,145.41
Counselling/follow up	<u>£468.00</u>	<u>£467.51</u>
Total	£139,941.43	£126,452.61
Surplus/deficit on year	£3,976.31	-£11,961.94
<u>Statement of Assets</u>		
Santander Operational (Current)	£13,160.60	£8,545.87
Santander Operational (Savings) inc £3,370.51 Prison Ministry	£31,191.64	£31,894.13
Kingdom Bank Bond	<u>£32,097.07</u>	<u>£32,033.00</u>
	£76,449.31	£72,473.00

The above statement reflects the true financial position of Good News Fellowship UK as of 31st October 2022 based on the bank statements, receipts and records examined by us.



Neil Towers
Independent Examiner

Date 13.12.22



Julie Reeves
Finance Officer - Good News Fellowship UK

Date 2.12.22

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

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Charity No. 1167287

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Signed  Date 13.12.22

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2021



GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31stOCTOBER 2021

The work of producing and distributing the Good News newspaper has continued consistently for another year as we continued to navigate through the Covid-19 pandemic, and we thank God for His leading and provision.

Our priorities for 2021 were:

1. Continue promotional efforts, especially through some Christian conventions and exhibitions, speaking at churches, limited advertising in Christian publications and promotions on Christian radio.
2. Maintaining our current customers, restarting the paused customers and looking to extend personal outreach with new customers
3. Work in cooperation with Outreach UK and Pocket Testament League on the Casting Your Nets programme
4. Continue to grow the ministry to prisons, Christian half-way houses and rehabilitation centres, working through Christian chaplains
5. Ensuring the monthly publication of the Good News paper meets the needs of those using the paper as well as those reading about the Christian faith

Activities

The Good News newspaper was produced each month and sold to missions, churches and individuals as a means of helping them in Christian witness, testimony and outreach. Some city missions, plus a number of churches and individuals, were unable to restart outreach and volumes only recovered to around 49,000 per month by October 2021 – lower than anticipated in our budget. Before Covid the average monthly circulation was 78,000. However, there have again been many encouraging reports of lives being changed by God as people receive the paper and talk about articles it contained.

As part of our thrust to grow the work, we planned stands at a number of Christian exhibitions and events. Due to Covid, the only event which went ahead was the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park in October, which proved a worthwhile time with many requests for papers, contacts made and at the end of October, several new orders.

We advertised in several publications including Keeping the Faith, CRE Handbook, Evangelical Alliance and through interviews with the UK representative, on two Christian radio stations.

We are indebted to a friend of Good News, Martin Hodder, for producing a promotional video with the UK representative, Rev Andy Godfrey. This is a short introduction to Good News and is used on

the website www.goodnews-paper.org.uk and on the stand at events, and is available on YouTube. Copies on DVD are also available to send to individuals.

The gospel leaflet we produced, 'Good News For Everyone', continued to be well received and a second printing was required. We are grateful for the team at Outreach UK for assisting in posting orders to customers. The feedback continues to be very encouraging.

We continued to work in cooperation with two other Christian charities, Outreach UK (OUK) and Pocket Testament League (PTL), on a programme titled 'Casting Your Nets', which aims to train and encourage Christians and churches in personal evangelism for all. OUK lead this, with the training involving the use of the Good News paper and a PTL edition of the Gospel of John. The take-up of the paper from churches receiving training, which moved online during Covid, has been steady.

We continued to maintain an active presence on Facebook and Twitter, seeing it as a means of outreach and raising awareness of the paper. These social media posts were carried out by a new provider in August when the previous provider changed career.

The paper was printed by Newsquest and packed and mailed by Parcel Hub. Both businesses provided excellent service and worked well with Good News.

Instead of holding a regional supporters' day in person we decided to hold an on-line supporters' evening at the start of September. Around 50 delegates attended, with a variety of contributions from both team members and those using the paper. This was a great encouragement, and it is planned to hold another in 2022.

The prison ministry work continued to grow with 4 new prisons requesting papers and others increasing their quantity. With the help of free-will gifts, both regular and occasional, papers are sent free of charge to Christian chaplains at UK prisons. By the end of October 2021, we were supplying 2,375 copies to 82 prisons, youth offenders' institutions and repatriation centres, one secure training centre and three Christian half-way houses run by the Langley House Trust.

The gifts for this ministry during the year were higher than 2020 at £5,869, and we are grateful to a number of churches who asked for their regular standing order to be allocated for this ministry whilst they had paused ordering the paper. Two churches which were closing also sent gifts as they dispersed remaining funds. Gifts designated for the prison ministry are ring fenced so they can only be used for this work and as a charity, we are able to reclaim gift aid tax on gifts from donors who have signed a declaration. We never fundraise or approach people to ask for gifts. 100% of all such gifts are used 100% for the cost of the prison papers and postage out. We are grateful to a team of volunteers from a church in north-east England, who faithfully pack and post the papers each month. It was encouraging to receive a report through one of our retired trustees about a prisoner he has been able to help through correspondence, and how the man's life has been changed by God. We also receive many letters from prisoners over the year, some of which tell of how Good News has helped to develop their Christian faith.

Our longstanding correspondence counsellor, Brian Ward, had to stand down from August 2021 because of his health and age. We are indebted to Brian for faithfully responding to letters from readers over many years, whether in prisons or generally. We are thankful that this important follow-up work is now being carried out by Rolf Burnie with prisoners (Rolf is a member of the Prison Fellowship) and Sheila Johnson, a Christian writer.

Roger & Jenny Crates have supported the distribution of the Good News newspapers each month by packing and posting copies to customers who pay an annual subscription for a handful of copies. Due to poor health, the Crates asked if we could find someone else to take on this work and one of our trustees, Ian White, took over the subscriptions posting from early 2021. We are grateful to Roger and Jenny for the many years of support and to Ian for becoming more involved.

The trustees have agreed to publish a short booklet explaining who Jesus Christ was and is. Whilst other booklets exist, we considered an easy to read, attractive but simple booklet at an affordable price would meet a need. Having assessed content written by the editor and costs, the booklet is at the design stage with publication expected early 2022.

A bi-monthly newsletter is distributed to customers and prayer supporters to keep them updated with the work.

A customer survey was carried out between August and October 2021 giving valuable feedback on satisfaction (high), content (high), quality (high) and how customers use the paper personally. A separate survey was sent to prison chaplains and all responses have been collated and summarised for the trustees and editor to consider actions.

People

The trustees throughout the year were:

Mr Phillip Bounds (Chairman and Finance Officer)

Mr Andrew Halloway (Editor)

Mr Paul Olise

Mr Stephen Leedham

Mrs Susan Cuthbert

Mr Ian White

Mrs Amanda Halloway, the Good News Fellowship administrator, attends Trustees meetings and acts as minutes secretary.

Rev Trevor Dickerson, National Field Director for Outreach UK, acts as an adviser for the work, is consulted on articles proposed for publication, and attends meetings.

Rev Andy Godfrey, who is UK representative on a contract basis, also attends meetings and contributes to the promotional strategy as well as being actively involved in promotional work.

Other committed people actively involved in the Good News ministry but who don't attend meetings are:

Mr & Mrs Roger & Jenny Crates - dealt with all subscription orders
Mr Rolf Burnie – prison correspondence counsellor
Mrs Sheila Johnson – general correspondence counselling and social media support
Mr Kevin McCadden – honorary representative in the Tyne & Wear area, contacting churches, and also sends Good News to those on our complimentary copies list
David & Cath Thompson plus a team of helpers – pack and post the prison papers
Mr Brian Ward – dealt with all correspondence with enquirers about the Christian faith till August
Mr Donald Banks – deals with requests for the ‘So Who is This Jesus?’ DVDs we give to enquirers

The following people continue to be on the Council of Reference:

Rev David Cole
Mr Victor Jack
Rev Dr Sam Gordon
Mr Terry Puttick

Finance and Governance

The financial statement for the year ending 31st October 2021 is attached. The accounts were examined and approved by Mr Neil Towers, an accountant with vast experience with charity accounts.

Designated income for the prison ministry was £5,869 plus £317 tax reclaimed and for general operation was £108,303. There was a deficit for the year of £11,961, less than 2020 but higher than budgeted. The deficit was met from reserves. Reserves at the year-end were £72,473 (£4,051 prison ministry, £68,422 general funds). The deficit is slightly more than was budgeted because circulation had not recovered from the Covid-19 pandemic as well as expected. We are thankful to God and several churches and individuals who gave specific gifts for the ongoing work of Good News, totalling £7,398 in the year.

The trustees will take additional steps to improve finances by increasing the cost of the paper by 5p per copy from February 2022 and have budgeted to increase promotional activity to regrow the circulation. The proposed 2022 budget is based on a circulation of 53,000 average per month and plans for a reduced deficit of £7,263 for the year ending 31st October 2022. We believe this to be a wise course of action given the uncertainties around Covid and expected price rises of newsprint paper and deliveries. The actions and finances will be reviewed monthly, and changes made as needed. The deficit will be met from reserves or from a circulation increase.

During this fiscal year, the trustees advertised for a new Finance Officer to take over the duties carried out by the Chairman. Having interviewed and taken references, the trustees appointed Mrs Julie Reeves to the position from 1st November 2021. Julie has experience as a church treasurer and has been employed in the finance industry.

The Good News Fellowship UK is accepted by HMRC for reclaiming gift aid tax from donors completing a declaration. Such gifts were received throughout the year.

The Trustees continued to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Looking forward

The Trustees are aware that the ministry of Good News is God’s work under His guidance. The plans for 2022 major on:

1. Expanding promotional efforts, especially through some Christian conventions and exhibitions, speaking at churches, limited advertising in Christian publications and promotions on Christian radio. (A £12,000 budget is proposed but will be reviewed mid-year.)
2. Maintaining our current customers, restarting the paused customers, and looking to extend personal outreach with new customers
3. Work in cooperation with Outreach UK and Pocket Testament League on the Casting Your Nets programme
4. Bring the new booklet ‘Jesus Unmasked’ to publication and promote through contacts
5. Continue to grow the ministry to prisons, Christian half-way houses and rehabilitation centres working through Christian chaplains
6. Ensuring the monthly publication of the Good News paper meets the needs of those using the paper as well as those reading about the Christian faith.

Phillip Bounds

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Phillip Bounds Chairman on behalf of the Trustees
10th November 2021

GOOD NEWS FELLOWSHIP UK

Charity No 1167287

Receipt and Payment accounts for year ended 31st October 2021

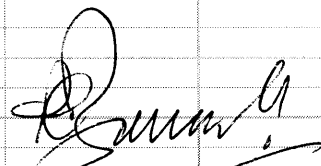
Receipts	2020-2021	2020
Sales of Good News paper	£98,200.88	£94,569.14
Sales of tracts	£129.05	£173.55
Refunds on promotional events +	£1,795.00	£1,770.88
Advertising revenue and other income	£510.00	£340.00
Investment income general	£270.19	£649.62
Investment income designated prisons	£0.52	£17.74
Tax refund Prison Ministry	£317.70	£241.84
Designated Gifts for General funds	£7,398.30	£2,176.45
Designated Gifts for Prison Ministry	£5,869.03	£5,601.38
Total	£114,490.67	£105,540.60
Payments		
Contract Services (Editor, Admin, Promotion)	£47,222.00	£48,678.00
Honoraria (Finance, advisors, orders)	£4,827.01	£4,558.00
Distribution costs prison ministry	£2,421.07	£1,910.92
Distribution costs (Parcel Hub, post +)	£19,537.51	£19,819.58
Printing cost (Newsquest)	£25,100.08	£24,376.57
Editorial costs (contributors, design, proof read)	£15,211.02	£12,672.79
Administration (team meetings, legal, insurance, new equip etc)	£2,241.37	£2,195.03
Bank charges	£0.00	£0.00
Promotion	£8,279.63	£11,205.84
Commission & Gifts & refunds	£1,145.41	£378.25
Counselling/follow up	£467.51	£451.00
	£126,452.61	£126,245.98
Surplus/deficit on year	-£11,961.94	-£20,705.38
Statement of Assets	31/10/2021	2020
Santander Operational (Current)	£8,545.87	£8,684.44
Santander Operational (Savings) incl £4,051.33 Prison Ministry	£31,894.13	£13,549.11
Kingdom Bank Bond 1	£32,033.00	£51,851.74
Kingdom Bank Bond 2	£0.00	£10,349.65
	£72,473.00	£84,434.94

The above statement reflects the true financial position of Good News Fellowship UK as of 31st October 2021 based on the bank statements, receipts and records examined by us.



Neil Towers
Independent Examiner

Dated 6-12-2021



Phillip Bounds
Finance Officer - Good News Fellowship UK

Dated 28/11/2021

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Charity Name: Good News Fellowship UK

Charity No. 1167287

Accounts for year ending:31st October 2021

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity above ("the Trust") for the year stated above.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

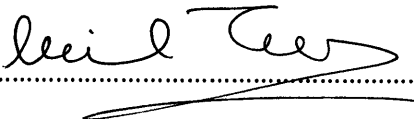
Independent Examiner's Statement

The charities gross income did not exceed £250,000. I can meet the criteria for independent examination being an accountant and having experience as a charity treasurer and accounts examiner.

I have completed my examination. This involved examination of bank statements, computer records, invoices, receipts, cheque and paying to bank stubs together with explanations. 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. The accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act,
or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. The accounts are presented, as permitted by the Act, as simple receipts, and payments accounts.

Signed.......... Date.....6-12-2021.....

NameNeil Towers.....

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