



## ANNUAL REPORT

**1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021**

New Life Community Church Loughborough  
2 De Montfort Cose, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 4RL

Registered charity no. 1172260

# MANAGING TRUSTEES REPORT

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This was, as ever, a busy year for New Life Community Church with great encouragements along the way accompanied by great difficulties. The difficulties mainly being caused by Covid and the measures brought in to deal with that. The church moved to online services for worship every Sunday, and physical services only took place where lockdown regulations allowed. The prayer and Home Groups either continued online or happened physically where restrictions allowed.

The demand for food parcels grew rapidly. The foodbank moved to a model of delivering food parcels to reduce physical contact. We were grateful to all the volunteers who made this possible.

The CAP debt centre has become busier as more clients are referred to us from CAP. It has been a challenge for the team to work remotely with clients to reduce physical contact. Fundraising and grants continues to cover the cost of salaries and expenditure.

This year we have been encouraged to see new attendees to the church. Because of social distancing we have held a morning and an evening service.

Youth work continues initially online but then in person where restrictions allowed. Sunday School ran when the church was open. The parents' and toddlers group ran where restrictions allowed.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

The church continued to hold services of public worship every Sunday morning throughout the year either online or physically. We have a wide variety of people attend from all walks of life and countries spanning the globe. Congregation numbers are usually around 70–80 each week including children. The CAP and foodbank centres continue to attract people to the services.

The church has not held physical services where lockdown has prevented it, but when the church has been able to meet then the Sunday School has met. During the service children under the age of 11 meet for activities, Bible

lessons and worship separately from the main church. A crèche is also held for the very young children.

Approximately once a month we normally meet together for a family service where the children stay in with the adults. After this service we would have lunch together which is open for anyone to join. Due to Covid restrictions we have not been able to do this.

Sunday evenings became a service where possible to allow more people to attend church.

## **YOUTH WORK**

The Sunday School, the Parent and Toddlers' group and the Youth club for the older young people have had to adapt to keep in line with changing Covid restrictions.

We have a desire to increase the amount of youth work that we run, but have had to concentrate on maintaining what we had.

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

A number of home groups would meet at various times during the week but these have either gone online or stopped.

The foodbank cafe had to close because of Covid restrictions and food parcels were being delivered. When restrictions eased people were able to have a drink and cake while waiting for their food parcels to be made up.

## **CAP DEBT CENTRE**

The church has continued to act as a CAP debt centre although much of the work was moved online.

Members of the church congregation are involved in helping to befriend those needing debt help whilst the centre manager arranges paperwork to be sent to the CAP head office to put together a debt recovery plan. As expected, there seems to be a large demand for debt help across the town.

## LOUGHBOROUGH AREA FOODBANK

Our full time Foodbank Manager continues to coordinate the running of the foodbank and lead a team of volunteers. We are grateful for the grants we have received to make this possible.

The church is now open three times per week, two afternoons and one evening, for distribution of food. A number of people, both from within and without the church, are involved in all aspects of running the centre. This has been a difficult year trying to continue the service whilst following Covid guidelines.

## BUILDING PROJECT

Due to Covid there has been little progress on the building project during this year, though it is still desperately needed.

The new space is necessary for meetings on Sunday mornings, and with the addition of the foodbank the current building has become very limiting. Discussing food poverty is a sensitive topic for many people attending and there are currently no areas where this can be had privately. This issue has grown as the foodbank and CAP centres have developed.

## LOCAL EVENTS

The church was unable to have a community barbecue in the summer, or a homeless Christmas meal, because of Covid restrictions.

## GRANTS AND SUPPLIERS

We are very grateful to many organisations who have helped the church over this year by providing donations, grants or discounted supplies, in particular in the running of the foodbank. We have received grants from the following organisations:

The Trussell Trust

Leicestershire County Council 'SHIRE Community Grants'

Coronavirus Community Support Fund

Charnwood Borough Council

## OVERSEAS SUPPORT

The church continues to have links with and support a small church in Mindanao in the Philippines. We send a small financial contribution each month which enables them to employ a pastor.

## MANAGING TRUSTEES

Managing trustees of the church are appointed by the members according to the Church Rules, and are as follows:

Elders: Trevor Allin, Noel Whitesmith, Anthony Glover

Deacon: John-Mark Abbott



## CHURCH ACCOUNTS

**1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021**

2 De Montfort Close, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 4RL

Charity no. 1172260

**NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2021**

	<b>2020-2021</b>		<b>2019-2020</b>	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Freehold	96,486		92,126	
Minibus	5,400		0	
Church equipment	1,616	103,502	2,154	94,279
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<u>103,502</u>		<u>94,279</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Bank accounts</b>				
Current account (HSBC)	6,602		5,702	
Savings account (HSBC)	87,533		30,445	
Savings account (Barclays)	531		531	
Payment cards	39	94,705		36,678
<b>Of which, funds</b>				
General	7,133		6,165	
Building	30,333		18,908	
CAP	99		5,732	
Assistant	0		667	
Foodbank – General	36,500		48	
Foodbank – Food	1,250		0	
<b>grants</b>				
Foodbank startup			659	
Foodbank building	640			
Minibus	0		4,500	
Youth Worker	15,000			
Family Worker	3,750			
Unclaimed Gift Aid		967 <sup>1</sup>		2,353
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>95,672</u>		<u>39,031</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>199,174</u>		<u>133,311</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Payroll liabilities	100		360	
Other liabilities		100		360
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>100</u>		<u>360</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>199,074</u>		<u>132,951</u>

**NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Receipts and Payments 1 Apr 2020 to 31 Mar 2021**

	<b>2020-2021</b>		<b>2019-2020</b>	
<b>Income</b>				
Regular giving	33,630		37,323	
Irregular giving	2,075		5,093	
Activity donations	0	35,705	351	42,767
Tax refunds (Gift Aid + GASDS)	11,887		12,180	
Less restricted funds	(4,899)		(3,630)	
Interest	24	7,012	22	8,572
Community projects	7,280	7,280	2,340	2,340
<b>Total general fund income</b>		<b>49,997</b>		<b>53,679</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Building fund	10,624		19,164	
Foodbank	77,564		21,048	
CAP Debt Centre	6,657		5,508	
Pastoral Assistant	12,713		13,454	
Youth Worker grant	15,000			
Other grants	28,000		4,500	
Acts 435	810	151,368	150	63,824
<b>Total restricted funds income</b>		<b>151,368</b>		<b>63,824</b>
<b>Total income</b>		<b>201,365</b>		<b>117,504</b>



**Expenses****Personnel**

General fund	44,065		34,905	
Assistant fund	12,713		13,454	
Foodbank fund	29,318	86,095	17,512	65,870

**Estate**

Utilities	2,558		2,223	
Insurance	711		670	
Maintenance	557	3,826	317	3,210

**General expenses**

Activities	1,367		3,068	
Travel	1,453		574	
Outreach and training	530		1,518	
Administration and consultancy	4,628	7,978	1,108	6,268

<b>Gifts</b>	3,013	3,013	3,985	3,985
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**Total general fund expenses****100,912****79,333****Restricted funds**

Building fund	180		259	
Foodbank	17,016		4,129	
CAP Debt Centre	12,600		136	
Acts 435	810	30,606	144	4,669

**Total restricted funds expenses****30,606****4,669**

Depreciation		2,338		718
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**Total expenses****133,856****84,720**

**LOUGHBOROUGH AREA FOODBANK**  
**Receipts and Payments 1 Apr 2020 to 31 Mar 2021**

		<b>2020-2021</b>		<b>2019-2020</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Personal gifts	25,478		3,066	
Via give.net	2,179		401	
Collection tins	604	28,262	635	4,101
Company and charity donations	18,336		2,097	
Donations and grants towards salaries	17,500		13,850	
Other grants	31,466	67,303	1,000	16,947
<b>Total income</b>		<b>95,564</b>		<b>21,048</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
General expenses	6,488		1,789	
Personnel costs	29,318		17,512	
Food	3,248		0	
Overheads	7,280	46,334	2,340	21,641
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>46,334</b>		<b>21,641</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>49,231</b>		<b>(592)</b>

**NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Notes on the accounts 2020 – 2021**

- 1 Gift Aid on £3150 is £788 and GASDS on £718 is £179

<b>List of grants</b>		
	Allocated	Received
Trussell Trust Apr 2020 Foodbank general – COVID – staff costs	5,000	5,000
Trussell Trust Jul 2020 Foodbank general – COVID – staff costs	5,000	5,000
SHIRE Grants (Leicestershire County Council) Aug 2020 Foodbank general running costs	5,000	5,000
Coronavirus Community Support Fund 'Oct 2020 – Mar 2021 Foodbank general – staff costs Pastoral assistant/CAP – staff costs Foodbank – other general costs	26,000	26,000
Charnwood Borough Council Aug 2020 COVID – CAP debt centre costs	4,500	4,500
Trussell Trust Aug 2020 Foodbank building	5,000	5,000
SHIRE Grants (Leicestershire County Council) 'Feb 2021 (Summer 2021-2022) Youth worker	15,000	15,000
Trussell Trust Feb 2021 Foodbank general running costs	2,600	2,600
Trussell Trust Feb 2021 Fundraising and Family worker	5,000	5,000
Total grants:	73,100	



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

New Life Community Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1172260

**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
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
    - 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.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Tim Oglesby

**Relevant professional  
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