

# NEW GROWTH MINISTRY

England & Wales · Charity number 1172546

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-04-11

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

## Contact

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**Address** 27 Peto Avenue  
Colchester  
CO4 5WG

**Phone** 01206841044

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:-1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION.2) THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

**Activities:** The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Essex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£34,320	£35,026	-	-
2023-12-31	£32,414	£33,588	-	-
2022-12-31	£27,816	£26,668	-	-
2021-12-31	£28,246	£26,889	-	-
2020-12-31	£21,749	£27,115	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REVD LYNSEY JANE HESLEGRAVE	Chair	2017-04-01
Jon Jarratt		2024-06-30
Lesley Ann Walder		2017-04-01
Pauline Dorothy Heron		2024-06-30

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# Accounts

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	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Home Misson Grant	£14,300	£13,250
Regular Giving	£4,135	£4,372
Donations	£1,488	£1,551
A M N	£6,366	£6,945
C M D Grant	£450	£500
Supervision	£320	
Spiritual Direction	£630	£1,045
Preaching	£245	£265
C Y O	£926	£3,422
Gift Aid	£4,993	
Make lunch	£467	£1,064
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£34,320</b>	<b>£32,414</b>

<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Stipend	£20,862	£24,670
Pension	£5,356	
Rent/Rates/Water	£6,298	£5,901
Insurance	£345	£237
Mileage/Other expenses	£560	£1,160
Training/Supervision	£520	£186
BUGB donation	£61	£52
Bank Charges	£42	
Forest Church resources	£157	
Make Lunch	£825	£1,382
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£35,026</b>	<b>£33,588</b>

General surplus (Defecit) align="right">-£706 align="right">-£1,174

**Balance sheet as at 31st Dec 2024**

<b><u>Current assets</u></b>		
Cash in bank	£2,484	£4,203
Creditors		£2,371
		£1,832
Debitors		£1,358
Net assets	£2,484	£3,190

**General reserve**

Opening Balance	£3,190	£4,364
Movement in current Year	£706	£1,174

**Closing balance** align="right">**£2,484** align="right">**£3,190**

*Pauline D Heron*  
6/7/2025

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**

**Report to the Trustees of New Growth Ministry – Charity No. 1172546**

**Accounts for Year Ended December 2024**

### **Responsibilities and basis of report:**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Trust”) for the year ended 31/12/2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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 Examiners Statement:**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair’ view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.

### **Independent examiner:**



**Signed:**

**Date: 5 August 2025**

## **New Growth Ministry (Charity no. 1172546) – Trustees’ Annual Report for 2024**

**Charity Address: 27 Peto Avenue, Colchester, Essex**

### **Trustees as of December 2024**

Michael Baker, Lesley Walder, Lynsey Heslegrave, Jon Jarratt, Pauline Heron

### **Board and Membership**

The New Growth Ministry (NGM) board consists of 4-5 trustees. Trustees are active Christians who have an interest in or are involved with the ministry of NGM. A balance is sought of different skills and professional or voluntary experience related to the work of NGM or governance of an organisation, such as finance, pastoral ministry and education. NGM has a small membership who, along with the trustees, make decisions by consensus about the everyday activities of the ministry as well as issues such as finance and safeguarding. NGM members are all practising Christians who are a regular attenders at NGM activities. Membership is reviewed each year. Lesley Walder is the Church Secretary, Pauline Heron became Treasurer in 2024, taking over from Mike Baker, and Lynsey Heslegrave is NGM’s minister.

### **Gatherings for worship, prayer and discipleship**

NGM is a small Christian Church and a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. It aims to enable people to explore faith and grow as Christian disciples, particularly through alternative ways of worship – meeting in homes, local community spaces and nearby woodland. NGM uses contemplative approaches to spirituality and is interested in styles of prayer, worship and discipleship that support each person’s day-to-day emotional well-being as well as their spiritual development. It also provides opportunities for those interested in finding out more about the Christian faith to do so in a welcoming and non-judgmental environment. Gatherings are facilitated so that all can share, ensuring that worship, prayer and study is multi-voiced. Throughout 2024 NGM has met weekly as a small home-based Christian community, exploring faith and the Bible through books, videos and other media, and using Christian meditative and mindful prayer practices. Most notably in 2024, the group used the TV series *The Chosen* to provoke discussion and exploration of the stories of Jesus in the Gospels.

### **Forest Church**

NGM has continued to run monthly Forest Church sessions for families and individuals, exploring themes from the Bible and the Christian faith through different activities in the woods. Forest Retreat sessions were also launched in the autumn of 2024, encouraging Christian contemplation in the natural world. There have also been Forest Fun sessions for families from the local community, run as a free holiday activity with lunch provided to particularly support families on a low income.

### **Drop-in, Warm Space and Community Pantry**

Throughout 2024 NGM has been running a weekly warm space drop-in and a fortnightly community pantry in partnership with and hosted at The Well Methodist Church. The pantry and warm space are open to all members of the community and the purpose is to both save surplus food from going to waste and to support people struggling with the cost of living. It also provides friendship, food and a place to find support in life’s challenges. One family who visits has a child who is home-schooled and so we have provided informal baking sessions for them, as well as a chance to play games and do puzzles and experience social engagement with others. Other families have received support in various ways, such as clothes and equipment that are

passed on or advice from those who have had similar experiences. Often we simply provide a listening ear at difficult times. The weekly drop-in also allows visitors to ask any questions about faith or to ask for prayer for situations in their life. Some visitors to the pantry have begun to attend NGM activities and/or the Well Methodist Church services.

### **MakeLunch**

MakeLunch ran through school holidays up until the summer of 2024, when we decided to finish running this club. Instead of hot meals over the summer, we experimented with our first holiday Forest Fun event, providing free packed lunches during each of the sessions which run three times over the holidays. The Methodist church was also open once a week for free packed lunches. The Forest Fun sessions were well received and are going to continue into 2025. Another Forest Fun session was run in the autumn half term holidays. As well as providing free activities and food for families on a low income, these sessions are introducing families to the concept of Forest Church, to which they have been invited.

### **School Chaplaincy and Mentoring**

Lynsey and another member of NGM have continued to provide chaplaincy and mentoring in a local secondary school. Between them they have provided a one-to-one listening space for four students each week, usually for about 6-12 sessions per student. Lynsey has also been connecting with staff members in the school. In Spring 2024, Lynsey organised a Prayer Space in the school for all year 8 students with volunteers from NGM and CYO, NGM's partner organisation for school chaplaincy. Students were able to engage with thoughtful, interactive prayer stations and learn about what prayer means to people of faith. In the earlier part of 2024 Lynsey joined a member of pastoral staff to run an after-school club called Soul Space, giving students time to relax, play games and discuss life issues. Lynsey also volunteers in a local primary school each week, helping with their Forest School group. Through this connection she was invited to run Christingle sessions for the two Year 3 classes in the school. Here she shared the Christmas story and the Christian values which are expressed through the Christingle service.

### **Connections in the neighbourhood and with other churches**

Sometimes members of NGM are approached by neighbours and others in the community for support and conversations about faith and prayer. Our vision is to be available to anyone we meet in the neighbourhood. We have also been seeking to build relationships with the other churches in the area. Lynsey attends the regular meeting of Churches Together for the area and members of NGM regularly engage with activities and worship in the other churches to strengthen relationships and give support. NGM members also participated in the annual gathering for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Lynsey spoke at the Palm Sunday service at the local Catholic Church, to which all the churches in the area are invited.

### **Funding**

NGM was funded in 2024 through grants (particularly Baptist Home Mission) as well as regular and one-off donations from individuals, organisations and churches. In 2024 Lynsey provided ministry support to two charities, the Anabaptist Mennonite Network and Christian Youth Outreach, Colchester. These charities in turn have given funding to NGM's work.

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**New Growth Ministry (Charity no. 1172546) – Trustees Annual Report for 2023**  
**Charity Address: 27 Peto Avenue, Colchester, Essex**

**Trustees as of December 2023**

Michael Baker  
Lesley Walder  
Lynsey Heslegrave  
John Pulford

**Trustees as of October 2024**

Michael Baker  
Lesley Walder  
Lynsey Heslegrave  
Jon Jarratt  
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**Forest Church**

NGM also runs a monthly Forest Church in the local country park. In 2023, NGM pastor Lynsey qualified as a Level 3 Forest School Leader, this has enabled more activities to be included in Forest Church sessions. Forest Church runs in a similar style to Forest School and allows people to explore Christian themes out in the natural world. Several new families from the community joined the Forest Church in 2023 and most of the children who attend have additional needs or are neurodivergent. The sessions give freedom to children (and adults) who struggle in traditional church environments to find their own way of connecting with God as well as building physical and social confidence.

**Drop-in, Warm Space and Community Pantry**

NGM also seeks to serve the local community of Myland, Colchester in a number of ways. In November 2022, in partnership with the local Methodist Church, NGM established a drop-in, warm space and Community Pantry. Throughout 2023 the Methodist Church building was open for weekly sessions, for a drop-in with lunch and refreshments and surplus supermarket food – supplied in conjunction with Fareshare Go and Neighbourly. Fortnightly, the drop-in also included the Community Pantry, where for a donation of £2 a session people can collect a bag or more of food

provided by Fareshare East Anglia. By the end of 2023 the community pantry had 50 members from the local community. Anyone from the Myland area is able to become a pantry member but over half of the members have indicated that they are in receipt of benefits or are on a low income. As well as providing food for individuals and families and reducing food waste, each week at the drop-in and pantry people are supported, signposted to local agencies, experience friendship and have a listening ear. The drop-in is also a hub where members of the community can get to know each other, share their experiences and advice, and sometimes pass on items such as children's clothes and equipment. Each week the drop-in is open at the end of the school day, so that parents and carers can bring their children for snacks, games and friendship.

### **MakeLunch**

Another project that ran throughout 2023 was MakeLunch, again in partnership with the Well Methodist Church. MakeLunch Myland provided free freshly prepared hot lunches and activities for families in the school holiday. MakeLunch ran one session a week in the summer and once in each of the other school holidays through that year. In the summer alone, well over 100 hot lunches were provided, as well as other food provision from surplus food collections. Families value the warm welcome and friendship at the group and the children feel valued and cared for. Some of the families who come to MakeLunch are facing difficult circumstances or are at crisis point and appreciate the care and support they receive at the group.

### **School Chaplaincy and Mentoring**

NGM's pastor, Lynsey, has provided chaplaincy at a local secondary school since 2020, offering weekly one to one mentoring sessions for student, support to staff and input into the spiritual life of the school. In 2022 another member of NGM became a volunteer mentor at the school. Both roles are supported by a local Christian school's work charity, CYO. At the beginning of 2023 Lynsey and ran sessions for all year 11 students to explore the theme of soul, including thinking about what is important to them and what makes them who they are.

### **Pastoral Care in the neighbourhood**

Members of NGM seek to use all they have learnt and experienced in their gatherings together to enable them to be a non-anxious presence in the local community. Much of the work of NGM is difficult to quantify but has involved people finding more peaceful ways to deal with conflict and supporting others they know do the same, to provide a compassionate and non-judgment listening ear to those who need it, to explore spirituality and the Christian faith with those who are interested and have questions, and simply being good neighbours. NGM is a member of Churches Together in Myland and seeks to contribute to the ministry of the family of churches in the area as they offer spiritual care within the community.

### **Funding**

NGM is funded through grants (particularly Baptist Home Mission) as well as regular and one-off donations from individual, organisations and churches.

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Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

2022

	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations/giving				
HMF	13,250			9,468
Grants	500			500
Other donations	1,551			1,146
Regular giving	4,372	19,673		5,207
Income from activities				
Annabaptists	6,945			7,018
CYO	3,422			1,739
Spiritual Director	1,045			733
Preaching	265	11,677		755
<b>Total Income</b>			31,350	26,566
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Stipend/pension		24,670		18,341
Housing allowance/rates		5,901		4,043
Travel/telephone/expenses		1,160		921
Training		186		1,525
Insurance		237		214
BUGB donation		52		59
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			32,206	25,103
General surplus/(deficit)			(856)	1,463
<b>Make Lunch</b>				
Income		1,064		1,250
Expenditure		(1,382)	(318)	(1,565)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>			<b>(1,174)</b>	<b>1,148</b>
<b>Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank	4,203			3,484
Debtors	1,358	5,561		1,102
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Creditors		(2,371)		(222)
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>3,190</b>	<b>4,364</b>
<b>General reserve</b>				
Opening balance			4,364	3,216
Movement in current year			(1,174)	1,148
Closing balance			<b>3,190</b>	<b>4,364</b>

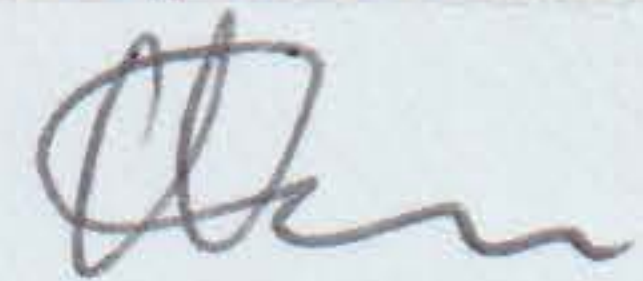
Trustee:

Independent reviewer:

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LIZZIE CHINGATI-PHIRI

## New Growth Ministry

### Accounts and Report 2023

#### Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination of New Growth Ministry accounts for 2023, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reason to believe that in any material respects:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements of the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner: LIZZIE CHINGATI-PHIRI



Dated: 24/11/2024

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# Accounts

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New Growth Ministry

Charity Number 1172546

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

2022

	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations/giving				
HMF	13,250			9,468
Grants	500			500
Other donations	1,551			1,146
Regular giving	<u>4,372</u>	19,673		5,207
Income from activities				
Annabaptists	6,945			7,018
CYO	3,422			1,739
Spiritual Director	1,045			733
Preaching	<u>265</u>	11,677		755
<b>Total Income</b>			<u>31,350</u>	<u>26,566</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Stipend/pension		24,670		18,341
Housing allowance/rates		5,901		4,043
Travel/telephone/expenses		1,160		921
Training		186		1,525
Insurance		237		214
BUGB donation		<u>52</u>		59
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<u>32,206</u>	<u>25,103</u>
General surplus/(deficit)			(856)	1,463
Make Lunch				
Income		1,064		1,250
Expenditure		<u>(1,382)</u>	<u>(318)</u>	<u>(1,565)</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>			<u><u>(1,174)</u></u>	<u><u>1,148</u></u>
<b>Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank	4,203			3,484
Debtors	<u>1,358</u>	5,561		1,102
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Creditors		<u>(2,371)</u>		<u>(222)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>3,190</u></u>	<u><u>4,364</u></u>
<b>General reserve</b>				
Opening balance			4,364	3,216
Movement in current year			<u>(1,174)</u>	<u>1,148</u>
Closing balance			<u><u>3,190</u></u>	<u><u>4,364</u></u>

Trustee:

*M. A. Baker*

05/03/2024

Mike Baker

Independent reviewer:

*R. Goldring*

5-3-2024

Richard Goldring

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# Accounts

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## New Growth Ministry

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Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

	£	£	£	2020 £
<b>Income</b>				
Donations/giving				
HMF	9,188			8,856
Grants	-			-
Other donations	1,022			850
Regular giving	<u>5,220</u>	15,430		4,355
Income from activities				
Annabaptists	3,710			
CYO	384			1,609
Spiritual Director	1,015			390
Retreat	-			-
Supervision				686
Preaching	<u>355</u>	5,464		805
Furlough receipts		<u>2,133</u>		356
Total Income			23,027	17,907
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Stipend/pension		18,060		17,747
Housing allowance/rates		4,321		4,709
Travel/telephone/expenses		690		614
Insurance		214		179
BUGB donation		<u>43</u>		37
Total Expenditure			<u>23,328</u>	23,286
General deficit			(301)	(5,379)
Make Lunch				
Income		5,219		3,842
Expenditure		<u>3,561</u>	1,658	(3,829)
Surplus/(Deficit)			<u>1,357</u>	<u>(5,366)</u>
<b>Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank	4,211			5,424
Debtors	<u>4,211</u>	4,211		356
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Creditors		<u>(995)</u>		(3,921)
Net assets			<u>3,216</u>	<u>1,859</u>
General reserve			<u>3,216</u>	<u>1,859</u>

Trustee: *M. G. Baker**M. G. Baker*

Independent reviewer:

*Richard Goldring**28th October 2022*

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Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

2019

	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations/giving				
HMF	8,856			7,600
Grants	-			7,500
Other donations	850			810
Regular giving	<u>4,355</u>	14,061		5,502
Income from activities				
CYO	1,609			
Spiritual Director	390			370
Retreat	-			130
Supervision	686			195
Preaching	<u>805</u>	3,490		436
Furlough receipts		<u>356</u>		
Total Income			17,907	22,543

Expenditure

Stipend/pension		17,747		15,810
Housing allowance/rates		4,709		3,949
Travel/telephone/expenses		614		711
Insurance		179		179
BUGB donation		<u>37</u>		37
Total Expenditure			<u>23,286</u>	20,686
General deficit			(5,379)	
Make Lunch				
Income		3,842		
Expenditure		<u>3,829</u>	13	
Surplus/(Deficit)			<u>(5,366)</u>	<u>1,857</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

Current assets				
Cash at bank	5,424			9,363
Debtors	<u>356</u>	5,780		
Current liabilities				
Creditors		<u>(3,921)</u>		(2,138)
Net assets			<u>1,859</u>	<u>7,225</u>
General reserve			<u>1,859</u>	<u>7,225</u>

Trustee:

M. C. Baw

28/10/21

Independent reviewer:

Richard Goldring

28-10-21