

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL

England & Wales · Charity number 1172916

Details

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Status	Registered
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Legal form	CIO
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Registered	2017-05-08
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Register	View on the Charity Commission register
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Activities

Objects: 3.1. THE PURPOSES OF THE CIO ARE:3.1.1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH AND THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES WITHIN GREATER LONDON AND KENT AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; 3.1.2. TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN GREATER LONDON AND KENT AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH AND DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES;3.1.3. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH AND DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE INCLUDING BY MEANS OF ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING ANY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ESTABLISHMENTS IN GREATER LONDON AND KENT AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; AND3.1.4. SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES, AS SHALL IN THE OPINION OF THE TRUSTEES FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE FELLOWSHIP, PROVIDED THAT SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH AND DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES.

Activities: The primary aims of the Charity are to fulfill the roles of a Christian church in the Biggin Hill area and to provide help to others in promoting the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- South Africa
- Bromley
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£380,263	£395,962	-	-
2024-03-31	£355,013	£397,422	-	-
2023-03-31	£327,474	£331,513	-	-
2022-04-05	£286,887	£305,816	-	-
2021-04-05	£297,423	£275,830	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Diane Goodson		2023-04-05
DAVID WHITE		2017-05-08
Isaac Mark Smith		2021-06-03
NEIL ALEXANDER JAMES HARDWICK		2017-05-08

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Year ended 31 March 2025

Stewardship 
Active generosity

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NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	C Goodson N Hardwick J Price (resigned October 2025) I Smith S Turner (resigned September 2025) G Wales D White J Wicking
Key Staff	S Turner (Elder) (resigned September 2025) M Thornett (Staff - Operations) T Lewis (Staff - Pastoral) I Smith (Elder) R Lewis (Elder)
Governing Document	CIO – Constitution dated 12 December 2016
Charity Registration Number	1172916
Principal Address	Main Road Biggin Hill TN16 3BB
Independent Examiner	Stephen Mathews FCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	National Westminster bank PLC (Main Account) Station Road, Paddock Wood Tonbridge TN12 6EP Kingdom Bank (Savings Account for Reserves) Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2RS

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The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Our main objectives - as a church and a charity are to promote the Christian Faith in Biggin Hill, the UK and in other Countries around the world.

Our Vision – is to make known to the local community, the love of Christ and the grace of God demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Our strategy in achieving these objectives continues by:

- Gathering people from any background, any situation, and any age group.
- Restoring New Testament principles via education, evangelism, caring for our local community and for people within the Church.
- Being a community committed to love and care for each other and to bring blessing to the area in which we live in response to the teachings of the Bible.
- Engaging members of the church to serve. We are blessed to have many unpaid volunteers who choose to serve our community without formal recognition. They lend their time and often their equipment freely giving to our wonderful community in “salt and light” by praying, visiting the sick, training others, organising worship events and in administration. The value and number of hours that these volunteers give is not quantifiable. We feel that it is the service of every member of our church whether employed or not in showing the unconditional love of Christ through good deeds that have a positive effect on our community.
- Contributing financially-The financial resources of the church are given by the members freely and willingly and their private assets are regularly used for the work of the church.

Public Benefit

In undertaking the planning of the many activities organised during this year, we have considered the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular in relation to the guidance relating to the advancement of religion. We have sought to ensure that all our activities are available and open to all within the community in which we serve, both in the provision of services of worship and in provision of community activity and support.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and the Baptist Union and is established within Regions Beyond - part of the Newfrontiers family of Churches. Directions relating to the charity are made by the Trustees in consultation with the Elders, who are responsible for governing the life and teaching of the church. Day-to-day decisions on expenditure and activities are decided by the staff and volunteers in charge of different areas of the church, with budgets set and monitored by the Trustees. In general, the responsibility for the appointment of Trustees rests with the Elders. New Trustees are primarily selected from the members of the church and from leaders of other local churches sharing the same vision, since this means the Trustee body is wholeheartedly involved in seeing the mission of the church worked out in practice. On being appointed, new Trustees will spend time with the existing

Trustees and undertake a training course for trustees run by respected charity advisers who are involved in church and Christian charity leadership to ensure they understand their responsibilities and the legal and financial framework in which the church operates.

Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Acknowledgment

The Trustees extend their thanks for the hard work and faithful service of the Elders and those who served during this year in many ways, particularly to the staff, who have, once again, served the community of the Church. They also express their gratitude for the generosity of those supporting the objectives and vision of the Church.

Pastor's notes for the year

It is great to end another year reflecting on all that we have been involved in both locally within Biggin Hill, further afield in our wider borough and internationally too. Held within this report you will see how we work out our value of being 'a local church with an international vision' as we provide for and serve our local community through events, groups and finance, whilst also being active across the nations.

We are an evangelical Church built upon apostolic and prophetic foundations to display and express the love and grace of God within the spheres of influence that we have. We are committed to worship, prayer, evangelism, discipleship and maintaining an environment where all can grow in their Christian faith.

We believe the Bible is entirely relevant to today's troubled world and gives us hope for the future and eternal life to all who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.

Our elders, working alongside our leadership team and trustees have faithfully discharged their responsibilities during the last year and we continue to look forward to all God has planned for us.

Specifically, we are pleased to report as follows:

Church Staffing – Trustees and Paid Staff

- There have been no changes to our board of trustees during this reporting period.
- In March 2025 our Administrative Support Assistant left us for full-time work elsewhere. It was decided that her duties would be redistributed amongst the other full-time members of church staff and volunteers. We are grateful to her for the service she gave during her period of employment.
- In September 2024 a member of staff, who had been temporarily employed, left us to take up a church leadership role. Together with his wife, they will be serving full-time in Thornton Heath, London. We are extremely grateful for all his skills and for the valuable input he has had in the life of our church. He, and his wife will be both missed.
- In September 2024 we had a new female intern start her 11 months of service at NLC. As part of this internship she will be engaged in the ID (Intentional Discipleship) course which provides theological training via Zoom every Monday, and week long training blocks every other month. Her main role at NLC will be management of the church's social media, youth leadership and other administrative duties and serving opportunities.

Priorities Identified in 2023 - 2024 report and how they have progressed

1. To continue to build on gathering the community together in growing group life:

We have continued through 2024/2025 with 3 active House groups meeting regularly in mid week evenings, in member's homes. These groups get together for fellowship, worship and Bible study.

Added to this there are now a few other groups who meet together during the day, at the church building on different days of the week, and at different times. This facilitates access to Bible study and fellowship for those members who are mainly only available during the day.

The 'Big Small Group' which began in the summer of 2023, meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at the church building. It is well attended and provides a mid-week focus for teaching, discipleship, and friendship. Being more fluid and slightly less formal than the main House groups, it has proved to be a good introduction for those new to the church allowing them to get to know others and experience more of church life. Additionally it allows those whose life style may not allow regular attendance at a smaller House Group, to benefit from Bible teaching and fellowship.

2. To plan for the future of leadership at NLC:

We continue to grow our leadership team and to build into the training and equipping of those in whom we recognize the potential for leadership, at all stages and ages. In September 2024, 4 church members embarked on a 2 year church leadership training course.

Our Pastoral Community Outreach Leader, together with her husband, have now taken on some responsibility on the management committee for the annual Biggin Hill Carnival. This is a key high-profile community event and will boost the church's profile with the wider community.

3. To continue to help other churches in the UK and around the world with prayer and financial support:

In 2024/2025 these support projects have included,

- Regular financial grants to the 'Hope for Tomorrow Global' charity, which works with the largely destitute community in Burundi, to lift them out of poverty and empower them towards self-sufficiency.
- Support to our wider family of churches through Regions Beyond. We provide a regular grant to Regions Beyond UK, to help with Church planting and leadership training in the UK. We take up a Special Offering each year to help with Overseas Church planting and development, particularly in poorer nations.
- This year, in particular, we have committed to supporting a new church plant in Penang, Malaysia, which is a part of our wider family of churches, within Regions Beyond (as above).

Other achievements and performance

Ongoing pastoral/ outreach and discipleship groups and events-

- **Weekly Worship** – Each Sunday, we gather to worship at the Church building. Our services are open to all the community and include prayer and worship, the spoken Word, Youth and Children's' Ministry, and a time for fellowship.
- **Family Meetings** – Two meetings were held during the year, to provide the membership with progress updates on our plans, vision and finances.
- **Fortify Men's Breakfast** – we hosted several men's breakfast events with guest speakers and testimonies. These events were open to the wider community and provided an opportunity for Church members to invite friends and relatives.
- **Magnify Groups** – These study groups have focused this year on:
Renewing Your Mind, a once a month group meeting to give biblical teaching and discussion on aspects and problems connected to Mental Health.
- **Small Groups** – our Small Groups have continued to run with 3 main groups meeting in homes during the week, with the addition of the slightly less formal 'Big Small Group' meeting at the

main church building on Wednesday evenings. In addition, other groups meet in the church building during the day, on different days of the week.

- **Stay and Play** – a Friday morning activity group aimed at mothers, and toddlers, which has been instigated by some of our young mothers. This is open to the wider community and held in the main church hall. It is extremely well attended by mums, dads, carers and grandparents alike, plus their little ones.
- **Youth Group and Newday** – Our Youth Group, meets on a Friday evening, and for teaching on Sunday mornings. It has continued to grow, providing a much needed, secure place for our young people aged 11 – 18 to meet and share time together. In August 2024 a number of our young people and our youth leaders, attended Newday, the young people's evangelistic outreach camp, in Norwich. This was a marvelous opportunity for them to encounter God in a personal way, whilst doing life together and having a lot of fun. We are grateful to our youth leaders, and others who gave up time to go with them and serve in this way. In January 2025 a further weekend away, at a residential centre in Ashdown Forest, was organised with the intention of building on the experiences, and gospel seeds sown in their young lives during Newday.
- **Other Groups include - Connect** – a meeting place in the church for retired members of the church and local community. **Board Games Café** – This meets on the first Saturday of the month and is open to any in the community who enjoy playing various board games. **Ladies Dance-Fit class** – Friday evenings and open to the community.
- **Courses throughout 2024/25 have included - The Alpha Course** – helping those wanting to know more about Christianity and answering their questions. 5 people attended the course run in April'24, which included a home cooked meal. Of those 5, 1 made a commitment of faith, 1 was baptised, 1 is still connected with the church through a weekday activity. **Freedom in Christ** – a 10 week course with a focused study guide. It was attended by 15 members of the church. This ran in March '25.

Administration and Maintenance

- **Policies** – We have continued with the general revision and review of all church policies, prioritizing, **Risk Management**, including **Health and Safety**.
- **Sound Desk and Equipment** – we have enlarged our sound desk and updated and overhauled the technical equipment giving us a much more effective and robust system.
- **Food Hygiene** – we have had several people who are responsible for catering, complete a food hygiene and kitchen safety course.

Events involving our Regions Beyond/New Frontiers Apostolic family and World Nations

- **Sponsorship Support for Dihlabeng Christian School, South Africa**– New Life Church has had a long association with Dihlabeng Christian School which serves an impoverished area in Clarens, SA. We continue to administer financial support for the school through the UK Sponsorship Programme which facilitates funds for the school from over 80 sponsors, and other donations and contributions. Visits are made to the school at least annually and regular contact is maintained via online technology.
- **Partnering with Regions Beyond** – We pride ourselves as being a local Church but with an International vision. In the latter regard, we partner with **Regions Beyond** – a worldwide 'family' of Churches, as we believe more is achieved by working together. Through this Global network

we have been able to help finance church planting and leadership training in developing nations across the world. Via Regions Beyond UK, we regularly give finance to support church planting and training in the UK.

- **Team to South Africa** — In March '25 a multi-aged team of 10 people, including one child, from New Life Church travelled to South Africa. They first attended a 3 day 'Simunye' ('Fellowship') conference in Johannesburg, then travelled on to Clarens, Free State, to spend time with the people and projects associated with Dihlabeng Christian Church and Dihlabeng Christian School. Some of the team took a day trip across into Lesotho to meet with the leaders of the church there and learn about successful subsistence farming projects under the teaching of 'Farming God's Way', which have been developed in the village of Reobotho. It was a wonderful time of meeting other members of God's wider family. Much was learnt about the culture and the challenges of life in South Africa. For all but a few, this was their first visit to the country.
- **Regions Beyond Hub Meetings** – Hub meetings took place in Hull (National Hub – May '24), Worthing (National Hub – Oct '24) and Dubai (Global Hub – Nov '24).
- **Other Overseas Visits** – visits were also made by our Pastor to encourage and support churches and projects in Egypt and India (Jan '25) and Penang (March '25).

Events involving the Biggin Hill Community

We continually seek to understand the needs of the surrounding community and how we can actively engage with them.

- We again hosted the Residents Association Annual General meeting – a wonderful opportunity to warmly welcome the whole community into our church building.
- The Annual Remembrance Day Service was held this year at St Mark's church in Biggin Hill in early November with many members of New Life Church attending.
- Our Thursday Shopping service, in conjunction with Biggin Hill Community Care, is well attended and open to local elderly people. They are provided with transport, assistance with their shopping in the supermarket next door to our building, refreshments and a chance to sit and chat for a while and meet each other.
- **Biggin Hill Carnival** - was held in June '24 – once again we helped serve the wider community by providing Marshalls to help with the car parking, helping to set up and take down the stalls, serving the stall holders with hot and cold refreshments and snacks, manning an information and chat area for the Church. Each year people who live in Biggin Hill comment favorably on how well we serve them and it is the perfect setting for showing God's encouragement to be like "salt and light".
- **Biggin Hill Outside Gym** – In April 2024 the community group, 'Friends of the Park' provided an area in our local park containing outside gym equipment for the use and health benefits of all users. As a church we contributed towards the cost of this venture, with our name being included on the plaque next to the equipment, alongside other community groups.
- **Christmas Light Switch On** - we hosted the annual 'Christmas Lights Switch On' ceremony at the end of November '24. The event was well supported by the local community, with participation from each of the local Primary Schools. We received much positive feedback.
- **Christmas Eve Carol Service and Christmas Day Service** - both services were well attended and full of joy, as we celebrated together the full meaning of the Christmas Season.
- **Christmas Outreach Celebrations for the Community** – In early December we invited Doug Hurley, a Christian children's entertainer to host a fun-filled afternoon for young children. This was attended by over 100 members of the community and church. It was particularly targeted

to the young families who attend 'Stay and Play' but entertained many others too. It successfully communicated the Christmas message in a most enjoyable way.

- **Quiz Night** – In October '24 we hosted a quiz night to raise funds for Dihlabeng Christian School. This was to specifically to provide First Aid equipment, and funds to support staff training in First Aid at the school, and to enable a volunteer nurse from the UK to provide first aid assistance to the children and staff, plus health education to the children's families within the wider community. This was open to church members and friends from the community. It was well attended and a very enjoyable evening.
- **Westerham Food Bank** - this necessary service has continued to be supported both practically and financially by NLC through 2024/2025.

Other Church Events

- **Baptisms** – We had the pleasure of baptising 2 people at Easter '24.
- **May '24** – we held a dedication service for a young family with their first child.
- **January '25** – We held a 24/7 Week of Prayer. We met together at various time allocated slots throughout the week, in a designated room, to pray for our Church, our local Community and issues in the wider world.
- **Come Dine With Us** – This is an evening set across various houses with people from the Church meeting to share a simple meal with others whom they didn't know particularly well. It has proved to be a lot of fun and a simple but effective way to bring people together, especially those who are new to church or living on their own. Building on the success of last year, we held two 'Come Dine with Us' evenings, in June '24 and March '25.

Plans for the future

1. As our lead pastor resigned from the church in September 2025, the current eldership have taken on the responsibility for oversight of our activities until more permanent plans can be established.
2. We will continue to build and strengthen our Home Group network to help gather the community together in small groups to hear and study the Good news of The Bible
3. Through our partnership with Regions Beyond, we will continue to help other churches in the UK and around the world, with prayer, financial support and active mentoring.
4. We will continue to engage with the local Community in order to understand and meet their needs for spiritual guidance
5. To continue to engage and empower our membership to help achieve our vision and strategy. We will actively encourage our members to participate fully in church activities and take on volunteer roles to help serve the Church and develop their own gifts .

Finances and Reserves

The Church finances are kept under regular review by the Trustees ; during the financial year under report, our membership continued to give both faithfully and generously.

Our Income from General Giving increased by c£6,000 for the period. We also benefited from a legacy of nearly £39,000 from the Estate of a Church member.

Income for the year also included 'grants' totalling £11,540 from Grace Community Church, Edenbridge and Regions Beyond UK, both in recognition of support given to them by New Life Church staff .

Total Income for the year thus showed an increase of £27,503 from the previous reporting period.

Our main operational expenditure for the period were staff costs and 'overheads' such as building maintenance, energy costs and insurances. In line with staff changes (see Pastor's Notes) our salary costs although high for the reporting period in question, are forecast to reduce for the next financial year. In 2024 we invested in a major upgrade to our Sound desk and equipment which will benefit our worship Services

We were pleased to continue our outward financial support programme with regular gifts and support for mission, outreach and community projects in both the UK and Africa.

The shortfall between Income and Expenditure for 2024/25, was borne from reserves. We do recognise that we need to assess our costs against likely future Income and a detailed review of our Finances is planned ahead of the 2026 reporting period.

At the end of the Financial year 2024/25, free reserves amounted to approximately £252,000.

The Trustees set a policy of retaining sufficient reserves to cover at least 3 months general expenditure i.e to cover the normal day to day costs of running the Church and keeping the building open.

At the end of the Financial Year 2024/25, our Reserves Policy was fully reviewed and agreed at a level of £75,000 . Going forward, we will continue to review this figure regularly in conjunction with the Elders.

The current excess of around £175,000 (between Reserve Policy level and actual amount available) is expected to be used for developing the staff and leadership team. The Trustees are very conscious of the uncertainties in the operating and funding environment at the present time and wish to ensure that they can maintain and potentially develop activities to advance the Christian faith, relieve poverty and hardship both within the church, the community and abroad, hence why the amount held is temporarily higher than the policy figure.

Since the end of the financial year 2024/25, regular Giving from Church members averages about £13,000 per month which largely covers our operational costs. Our Reserves are strong; the Trustees thus continue to believe the Charity will be in operation and able to meet all liabilities as they fall due, for at least 12 months from the date of the signing of the 2024/25 Accounts.

On behalf of the Trustees:

Isaac Smith
Isaac Smith (Jan 7, 2026 12:29:50 GMT)

Trustee: Isaac Smith

Neil Hardwick
Neil Hardwick (Jan 7, 2026 15:12:11 GMT)

Trustee: Neil Hardwick

Jan 7, 2026
Date of approval of Trustee Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 11 to 19 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 13 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

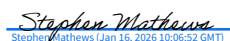
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.


Stephen Mathews (Jan 16, 2026 10:06:52 GMT)

Stephen Mathews FCA
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: Jan 16, 2026

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	254,108	91,894	346,002	345,398
Charitable activities	4	31,725	-	31,725	9,176
Investments	5	825	-	825	-
Other income		1,711	-	1,711	439
Total income and endowments		<u>288,369</u>	<u>91,894</u>	<u>380,263</u>	<u>355,013</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	6	302,821	93,141	395,962	397,422
Total expenditure		<u>302,821</u>	<u>93,141</u>	<u>395,962</u>	<u>397,422</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(14,452)	(1,247)	(15,699)	(42,409)
Transfers between funds	14	469	(469)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(13,983)</u>	<u>(1,716)</u>	<u>(15,699)</u>	<u>(42,409)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		265,079	60,116	325,195	367,604
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>251,096</u>	<u>58,400</u>	<u>309,496</u>	<u>325,195</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on page 13 - 18 form part of these accounts.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	17,333		17,333	9,907
		<u>17,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,333</u>	<u>9,907</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	45,785		45,785	51,931
Cash at bank and in hand	11	198,882	58,400	257,282	278,155
		244,667	58,400	303,067	330,086
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	10,904		10,904	14,798
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>233,763</u>	<u>58,400</u>	<u>292,163</u>	<u>315,288</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>251,096</u>	<u>58,400</u>	<u>309,496</u>	<u>325,195</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>251,096</u>	<u>58,400</u>	<u>309,496</u>	<u>325,195</u>
FUND BALANCES	14				
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		91,165	-	91,165	131,668
Designated funds		159,931	-	159,931	133,411
		<u>251,096</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251,096</u>	<u>265,079</u>
Restricted Funds		-	58,400	58,400	60,116
		<u>251,096</u>	<u>58,400</u>	<u>309,496</u>	<u>325,195</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

James Wicking

TRUSTEE

James Wicking

James Wicking (Jan 7, 2026 15:22:17 GMT)

SIGNED

Jan 7, 2026

DATE

Charity number: 1172916

The notes on page 13 - 18 form part of these accounts.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP")", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact on net income will not be material.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £2,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Equipment	Over 5 years
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The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

3 Donations and legacies

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	258,701	275,992
Legacies receivable	38,989	10,000
Income tax recoverable	48,112	54,156
Other grants receivable	200	5,250
	<u>346,002</u>	<u>345,398</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Church activities	20,185	9,176
Services delivery	11,540	-
	<u>20,185</u>	<u>9,176</u>

5 Investment income

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Bank interest	825	-
	<u>825</u>	<u>-</u>

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6 Charitable expenditure

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
<u>Church activity</u>		
Salaries and pastoral support	165,347	144,003
Pastoral expenses and conferences	33,127	24,312
Mission teams and travel	17,622	5,125
Evangelism	1,456	3,207
Youth work and events	11,920	15,259
Grants payable (Note 5c)	119,505	145,654
	<u>348,977</u>	<u>337,560</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
<u>Governance costs</u>		
Accounts preparation and independent examiner's fee	4,020	3,600
	<u>4,020</u>	<u>3,600</u>
<u>Church activity</u>		
Property and office	29,460	42,092
Insurance	4,217	4,028
Sundry expenses	6,261	8,159
Depreciation	3,027	1,982
	<u>46,985</u>	<u>59,861</u>
Total expenditure	<u>395,962</u>	<u>397,421</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts is detailed above; in addition the charity paid £766 (2024: £756) and £210 (2024: £150) to Stewardship for payroll bureau and consultancy helpline membership respectively.

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2025 £	2024 £
Mission support	32,240	5,800	38,040	59,406
Relief of poverty	3,950	4,500	8,450	14,036
Educational grants	72,777	-	72,777	70,976
Other grants	238	-	238	1,235
	<u>109,204</u>	<u>10,300</u>	<u>119,504</u>	<u>145,654</u>
<i>For 2023/24</i>				
	Institutions £	Individuals £	2024 £	2023 £
Mission support	47,156	12,250	59,406	42,451
Relief of poverty	13,556	480	14,036	8,391
Educational grants	70,976	-	70,976	75,900
Other grants	1,235	-	1,235	200
	<u>132,924</u>	<u>12,730</u>	<u>145,654</u>	<u>128,942</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2025 £	2024 £
Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS), South Africa	72,777	70,776
Regions Beyond UK (Church planting and relief of poverty)	25,400	35,479
Stewardship (Church plant in Birmingham)	3,600	-
Hope For Tomorrow (Education and poverty relief in Burundi)	2,400	7,469
Beulah Family Church	2,000	-
Westerham Food Bank	1,550	500
Cornerstone Penang	1,000	-
Kings Arms Lydney	-	12,000
Biggin Hill Friends of the Parks	-	1,000
Keystone Church, South Africa	-	3,600
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	478	2,100
	<u>109,204</u>	<u>132,924</u>

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7 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	147,100	121,372
Social security	9,756	7,999
Pension costs	7,609	14,594
Other employment costs- relocation		
	<u>164,465</u>	<u>143,965</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 4 (2024: 4). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2025 £
Trustees:				
S Turner	50,952	-	3,530	<u>54,482</u>
				<u>54,482</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2024 £
Trustees:				
G Wales	29,491	-	8,993	38,484
S Turner	48,479	-	3,335	<u>51,814</u>
				<u>90,298</u>

During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £142,851 (2023: £90,298).

S Turner served as church leader and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

No other trustees received employment benefits in either the current or those that acted as trustees in the preceding year.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Vehicles £	Total 2025 £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	19,815	-	19,815
Additions	10,453	-	10,453
At 31 March 2025	<u>30,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,268</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	9,908	-	9,908
Charge for the year	3,027	-	3,027
At 31 March 2025	<u>12,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,935</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>17,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,333</u>
At 1 April 2024	<u>9,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,907</u>

The charity uses the building at Main Road, Biggin Hill, Kent. The charity does so on the basis of the trust deed between The London Baptist Property Board Limited and Biggin Hill Baptist Church, Kent dated 19 August 1963. The cost of repair and improvements are met by the funds of the charity.

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10 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Falling due within one year:		
Tax recoverable	45,785	51,931
	<u>45,785</u>	<u>51,931</u>
Total debtors	<u>45,785</u>	<u>51,931</u>

11 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	231,674	278,155
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	25,608	-
	<u>257,282</u>	<u>278,155</u>

12 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2025 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	6,166	10,381
Accruals	4,738	4,417
	<u>10,904</u>	<u>14,798</u>

13 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £14,756 (2024: £15,594) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. Pension contributions of £718 (2024: £817) were owing at the balance sheet date.

14 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2025 £	Incoming resources 2025 £	Outgoing resources 2025 £	Transfers in the year 2025 £	Closing balance 2025 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Legacy	133,411	38,989	(2,016)	(10,453)	159,931
	<u>133,411</u>	<u>38,989</u>	<u>(2,016)</u>	<u>(10,453)</u>	<u>159,931</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	131,668	249,380	(300,805)	10,922	91,165
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>265,079</u>	<u>288,369</u>	<u>(302,821)</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>251,096</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS)	53,519	72,521	(76,098)	-	49,942
Burundi	-	675	(600)	-	75
Regions Beyond UK Fund	3,616	10,329	(13,402)	-	543
Regions Beyond Grant	-	833	(521)	-	312
Special offering - Kingdom 2025	-	6,498	(1,000)	-	5,498
Special Offering - Newday	-	538	-	-	538
Catering van fund	469	-	-	(469)	-
Crisis Care	992	-	-	-	992
Warm Space Fund	500	-	(500)	-	-
2023 Special Offering fund	1,020	-	(1,020)	-	-
2024 Mission fund	-	500	-	-	500
	<u>60,116</u>	<u>91,894</u>	<u>(93,140)</u>	<u>(469)</u>	<u>58,400</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>325,195</u>	<u>380,263</u>	<u>(395,961)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>309,496</u>

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<i>Comparative figures for 2024</i>	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Designated Funds					
Legacy	130,570	10,000	(7,159)	-	133,411
	130,570	10,000	(7,159)	-	133,411
Unrestricted general funds	170,619	225,752	(264,431)	(272)	131,668
	301,189	235,752	(271,590)	(272)	265,079
Restricted Funds					
Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS)	55,141	71,438	(73,694)	633	53,519
Regions Beyond UK Fund	1,397	21,959	(19,740)	-	3,616
Regions Beyond India Fund	-	2,725	(2,725)	-	-
Missionary support fund	7,193	-	(7,193)	-	-
Dihlabeng Church support	633	-	-	(633)	-
Catering van fund	469	-	-	-	469
Crisis Care	1,582	-	(590)	-	992
Warm Space Fund	-	500	-	-	500
2023 Special Offering fund	-	6,042	(5,022)	-	1,020
2024 Mission fund	-	16,597	(16,869)	272	-
	66,415	119,261	(125,832)	-	60,116
Aggregate of funds	367,605	355,013	(397,422)	(272)	325,195

Designated funds

The Legacy fund is a designated fund set aside from legacies received. Amounts held are for major long term projects

Restricted funds

Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS) fund is for sponsorship of children who are unable to afford schooling for education at Dihlabeng School in South Africa

The Regions Beyond fund is for the support of projects and church planting under the auspices of the Regions Beyond family of churches. The funds are normally granted to Regions Beyond UK (registered charity number 1152827).

The Biggin Hill projects fund is for projects associated with refurbishing and improving the church's premises.

The purpose of the Crisis Care fund is to support local people experiencing problems in the current financial crises.

The Missionary Support Fund is to assist funding of mission workers in the UK and abroad.

The Warm Space fund was created over the winter period 2022/23 to provide a 'Community warm space' in the Church building. Although open to anyone, it was aimed particularly at those who may have been struggling to heat their homes.

All other funds arise from offerings and other gifts for specific projects as indicated by the fund name.

15 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £33,782 (2024: £43,241) from related parties (which includes trustees, anyone closely connected to them and key management).
- b) Mr G Wales (a trustee) received £250 for travel costs and for providing teaching services to the church.
- c) Miss A Turner, who is closely related to Simon Turner, a trustee, undertook a training program including an internship with the church during the year. She was paid a bursary and other expenses of £3,977 during the year.
- d) paid no other expenses (2024: £nil) to trustees whilst carrying out duties associated with being trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds - General		Unrestricted Funds - Designated		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	215,119	216,137	38,989	10,000	91,894	119,261	346,002	345,398
Other charitable activities	4	31,725	9,176			-	-	31,725	9,176
Investments	5	825	-			-	-	825	-
Other income		1,711	439			-	-	1,711	439
Total income and endowments		249,380	225,752	38,989	10,000	91,894	119,261	380,263	355,013
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	6	300,805	264,431	2,016	7,159	93,141	125,832	395,962	397,422
Total Expenditure		300,805	264,431	2,016	7,159	93,141	125,832	395,962	397,422
Net gains/(losses) on investments								-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(51,425)	(38,679)	36,973	2,841	(1,247)	(6,571)	(15,700)	(42,409)
Transfers between funds	14	10,922	(272)	(10,453)		(469)	272	-	-
Net movement in funds		(40,503)	(38,951)	26,520	2,841	(1,716)	(6,299)	(15,700)	(42,409)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		131,668	170,619	133,411	130,470	60,117	66,415	325,196	325,196
Total funds carried forward	14	91,165	131,668	159,931	133,411	58,400	60,117	309,496	282,786

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CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	C Goodson N Hardwick J Price (resigned October 2025) I Smith S Turner (resigned September 2025) G Wales D White J Wicking
Key Staff	S Turner (Elder) M Thornett (Staff - Operations) T Lewis (Staff - Pastoral) I Smith (Elder) R Lewis (Elder)
Governing Document	CIO – Constitution dated 12 December 2016
Charity Registration Number	1172916
Principal Address	Main Road Biggin Hill TN16 3BB
Independent Examiner	Stephen Mathews FCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	National Westminster bank PLC (Main Account) Station Road, Paddock Wood Tonbridge TN12 6EP Kingdom Bank (Savings Account for Reserves) Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2RS

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Trustees	N Hardwick J Price T Stirk (resigned 25 January 2024) G Wales D White S Turner I Smith J Wicking C Goodson (appointed 5 April 2023)
Key Staff - Church Elders	S Turner G Wales Until 31 December 2023
Governing Document	CIO - Constitution dated 12 December 2016
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The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

Our main objectives as a church and a charity are to promote the Christian Faith in Biggin Hill, the UK and in other Countries around the world.

Our Vision – is to make known to the local community, the love of Christ and the grace of God demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our strategy in achieving these objectives continues by:

- Gathering people from any background, any situation, and any age group.
- Restoring New Testament principles via education, evangelism, caring for our local community and for people within the Church.
- Being a community committed to love and care for each other and to bring blessing to the area in which we live in response to the teachings of the Bible.
- Engaging members of the church to serve. We are blessed to have many unpaid volunteers who choose to serve our community without formal recognition. They lend their time and often their equipment freely giving to our wonderful community in “salt and light” by praying, visiting the sick, training others, organising worship events and in administration. The value and number of hours that these volunteers give is not quantifiable. We feel that it is the service of every member of our church whether employed or not in showing the unconditional love of Christ through good deeds that have a positive effect on our community.
- Contributing financially-The financial resources of the church are given by the members freely and willingly and their private assets are regularly used for the work of the church.

Public Benefit In undertaking the planning of the many activities organised during this year, we have considered the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular in relation to the guidance relating to the advancement of religion. We have sought to ensure that all our activities are available and open to all within the community in which we serve, both in the provision of services of worship and in provision of community activity and support.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and the Baptist Union and is established within Regions Beyond - part of the Newfrontiers family of Churches. Directions relating to the charity are made by the Trustees in consultation with the Elders, who are responsible for governing the life and teaching of the church. Day-to-day decisions on expenditure and activities are decided by the staff and volunteers in charge of different areas of the church, with budgets set and monitored by the Trustees. In general, the responsibility for the appointment of Trustees rests with the Elders. New Trustees are primarily selected from the members of the church and from leaders of other local churches sharing the same vision, since this means the Trustee body is wholeheartedly involved in seeing the mission of the

church worked out in practice. On being appointed, new Trustees will spend time with the existing Trustees and undertake a training course for trustees run by respected charity advisers who are involved in church and Christian charity leadership to ensure they understand their responsibilities and the legal and financial framework in which the church operates.

Responsibilities of trustees under charity law -The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Acknowledgment

The Trustees extend their thanks for the hard work and faithful service of the Elders and those who served during this year in many ways, particularly to the staff, who have, once again, served the community of the Church. They also express their gratitude for the generosity of those supporting the objectives and vision of the Church.

Pastor's notes for the year

In summary, 2023/24 saw a number of significant moments for us as a church which were both exciting, because they affirmed part of our mission to be a resourcing church, but also brought with them some of the challenges that change presents.

We are an evangelical Church built upon apostolic and prophetic foundations to display and express the love and grace of God to the community around us. We are committed to worship, prayer, evangelism, discipleship and maintaining an environment where all can grow in their Christian faith.

We believe the Bible is entirely relevant to today's troubled world and gives us the only hope for the future and eternal life to all who call on the name of the Lord Jesus

Our leadership team and our trustees have faithfully discharged their responsibilities during the last year and we continue to look forward to all God has planned for us.

Specifically, we report as follows

Church staffing – Trustees and Paid Staff

- Theresa Stirk resigned as a Trustee in January 2024 after 7 years of service. We thank her for her dedicated support and input over these years.
- A long standing Church Leader, left us in December 2023 to lead Kings Arms Church, Lydney, in the Forest of Dean. We gratefully acknowledge the dedicated service he and his wife have given the church in Biggin Hill; our level of thanks and gratitude do not do it justice. His exemplary faith and dedication as an Elder, worship leader, supporter of the church, and the wider Biggin Hill community has been outstanding. He will be greatly missed by all .
- In September 2023 we appointed our first Pastoral Community Outreach Leader , working full time and based at the church building, to provide an important link between the church and our community. Already much important groundwork has been laid in this area and we are excited about the opportunities this will bring, to strengthen our relationship with our local community.
- Our Administrative Support Assistant , returned from maternity leave in February 2024 to work part-time. Previously, she had been employed full-time. She has settled down well since her return and we are seeing the benefits as she takes on more of the day to day administrative tasks.
- In November 2023, we welcomed back our former intern who together with his wife had served Dihlabeng Christian Church in Clarens, South Africa for 2 years. We have re-employed him temporarily, in an administrative/pastoral role. We anticipate that he and his wife will move onto a church leadership role sometime in the near future. In the meantime, we are grateful for the many skills and talents he brings to serving in our church.
- In March 2024, and to fill a vacancy in the core Leadership team, we were pleased to recruit an experienced Church leader who joined us from Apex church on the Isle of Wight. His many years in church leadership will bring a wealth of knowledge and skill to the team and the community at NLC.

Priorities Identified in 2022 - 2023 report and how they have progressed:

- 1) *To update the church building's boiler and electrical systems:* Throughout the year work has been carried out and completed to replace the Church's boilers and overhaul the heating system. Likewise, there has been a complete overhaul and maintenance of the building's electrical systems. All certification has been updated.
2. *To continue to build on gathering the community together in growing group life:* We began the year with three active cell groups meeting during the week in homes. Augmenting these smaller groups, the 'Big Small Group' which began in the summer of 2023, has continued to be well attended and provides a mid-week focus for teaching, discipleship, friendship and a place for new people to get to know each other and experience more of church life. This has been a successful venture, being more fluid and less personal than a home cell group.
3. *To plan for the future of leadership at NLC:* We continue to grow our leadership team and to build into the training and equipping of those in whom we recognize the potential for leadership, at all stages and ages.
4. *To continue to help other churches in the UK and around the world with prayer and financial support:* in 2023/2024 these support projects have included,
 - Grace City Church, Birmingham. We have provided financial support and overall guidance to this newly planted Church.
 - We were pleased to support (financially) the leadership training for a new Pastor to equip him to lead the Lakeland Church in Malawi.
 - Support to our wider family of churches through Regions Beyond. We provide a regular grant to Regions Beyond UK, to help with Church planting and leadership training in the UK. We take up a Special Offering each year to help with Overseas Church planting and development, particularly in poorer nations.

Other achievements and performance: -

Ongoing pastoral/ outreach and discipleship groups and events-

- **Weekly Worship** – Each Sunday, we gather to worship at the Church building. Our services are open to all the community and include prayer and worship, the spoken Word, Youth and Childrens' Ministry and a time for fellowship.
- **Family Meetings** – Two meetings were held during the year, to provide the membership with progress updates on our plans, vision and finances.
- **Fortify Men's Breakfast** – we hosted several Men's breakfast events with guest speakers and testimony, including on one occasion the ex-boxer Nigel Benn who spoke on his journey of faith. Each event focused on a different aspect of the role of men, for example as, single individuals, husbands, fathers etc. These events were open to the wider community and provided an opportunity for Church members to invite friends and relatives.
- **Magnify Groups** – These study groups have focused this year on: **Theology**, a 10 week course led by our Pastoral Assistant. **Renewing Your Mind**, a once a month group meeting to give biblical teaching and discussion on aspects and problems connected to Mental Health.

- **Small Groups** – our Small Groups have continued to run with 3 main groups meeting in homes during the week, with the addition of the ‘Big Small Group’ meeting at the main church building on Wednesday evenings.
- **Together ’23** – Over the August 2023 Bank Holiday weekend, as a church, we attended the Together ’23 camp at Ardingly Show Ground, in Sussex. This was organized by Hope Church, Bromley, and brought together the churches within our local sphere of Regions Beyond, UK (RBUK). It was a wonderful time of praise and worship.
- **Stay and Play** – this is a new group on a Friday morning aimed at mothers and toddlers, which has been instigated by some of our young mothers. Open to the wider community, It has proved so popular that we have had to move the group to the main church building to give sufficient room for all the children, mothers, grandparents and carers who attend.
- **Greg Downes** – in April 2023 Rev. Greg Downes from Kingfisher Ministries spent a weekend with us providing training to help better equip us to spread God’s love for this world.
- **Youth Group and Newday** – Our Youth Group, meet on a Friday evening, and for teaching on Sunday mornings. It has continued to grow, providing a much needed, secure place for those aged 11 – 18 to meet and share time together. In August 2023 a number of our young people (plus a few from other fellowships) and our youth leaders, attended Newday, the young people’s evangelistic outreach camp, in Norwich. This was a marvelous opportunity for them to encounter God in a personal way, whilst doing life together and having a lot of fun. We are grateful to our youth leaders, and others who gave up time to go with them and serve in this way. In January 2024 a further weekend away, at a residential centre in Ashdown Forest, was organised with the intention of building on the experiences and gospel seeds sown in their young lives during New Day.
- Other Groups include- **Connect** – a meeting place in the church for retired members of the church and local community.
- Courses throughout 2023/24 have included **The Alpha Course** – helping those wanting to know more about Christianity and answering their questions. 7 people attended the course run in October ’23, which included a home cooked meal. Of those 7, 5 made a commitment to Christ, with 3 of them being baptised on March 31st 2024.

Administration and Maintenance

- **Policies** – We have continued with the general revision and review of all church policies, prioritising **Safeguarding** and **Risk Management**, including **Health and Safety**.
- **First Aid** – In July 2023 we ran a First Aid Course which qualified 20 of our church members who work/volunteer in activities operating throughout our church calendar.
- **Boilers and Electrics** – As planned, our church boilers have been replaced and maintenance carried out on the heating and water systems. Our complete electrical system has been overhauled and improved. All certification has been updated.
- **Re configuring of Rooms** – We have changed the layout and use of some of our smaller internal rooms, giving better working space for our staff, better functionality and safer storage of tables, screens etc. The alterations to the front office have enabled a more visible presence of staff at the front of the building, providing accessible contact with members of the community.

Events involving other World Nations:

- **Sponsorship Support for Dihlabeng Christian School, South Africa**– New Life Church has had a long association with Dihlabeng Christian School in Clarens, SA, We continue to administer financial support for the school through the UK Sponsorship Programme which facilitates funds from over 80 sponsors, and other donations and contributions. Visits are made to the school at least annually and regular contact is maintained via online technology.
- **Partnering with Regions Beyond** – We pride ourselves as being a local Church but with an International vision. In the latter regard, we partner with **Regions Beyond** – a world wide ‘family’ of Churches, as we believe more is achieved by working together. Through this Global network we have been able to help finance church planting and leadership training in developing nations across the world. Via Regions Beyond UK, we give finance regularly to support church planting and training in the UK.
- **‘Hope for Tomorrow’ Burundi** - We provided regular financial grants to the ‘Hope for Tomorrow Global’ charity ,which works with the largely destitute community in Burundi to help lift them out of poverty and empower them towards self sufficiency .

Events involving the Biggin Hill Community

We continually seek to understand the needs of the surrounding community and how we can actively engage with them.

- We again hosted the Residents annual general meeting – a wonderful opportunity to warmly welcome the whole community into our church building.
- The Annual Remembrance Day Service was held this year at St Mark’s church in Biggin Hill on the 12th November with many members of New Life Church attending.
- Our Friday Shopping service in conjunction with Biggin Hill Community Care, is well attended and open to local elderly people. They are provided with transport, assistance with their shopping in the supermarket next door to our building, refreshments and a chance to sit and chat with each other.
- **Biggin Hill Carnival** was held in July 2023 – once again we helped serve the wider community by providing Marshalls to help with the car parking, helping to set up and take down the stalls, serving the stall holders with hot and cold refreshments and snacks, manning an information and chat area for the Church and organising a ‘Beat the Goalkeeper’ game! Each year people who live in Biggin Hill comment favorably on how well we serve them and it is the perfect setting for showing God’s encouragement to be like “salt and light”.
- **Christmas Light Switch On** – We hosted the annual Christmas Lights Switch On ceremony at the end of November 2023. We included a wonderful Christmas Grotto and a ‘walk-through’ Christmas experience, both of which were staged in our church building. The event was well supported by the local community and we received much positive feedback
- **Christmas Eve Carol Service and Christmas Day Service** – both services were well attended and full of joy, as we celebrated together the full meaning of the Christmas Season.

- **Music Quiz Night** – in January 2024 we ran a Music Quiz Night, with a fish and chip supper, to raise funds for our young people to attend Newday, later in the year. This was well supported by both church and members of the community.
- **Westerham Food Bank** - this necessary service has continued to be supported both practically and financially by NLC through 2023/2024.

Other Church Events

- **Baptisms** – We had the pleasure of baptizing people on two occasions during the year. A total of 10 people were baptised across the two services.
- **June '23** – we held a dedication service for a young family with their first child.
- **January '24** – We held a Week of Prayer, meeting together each evening to pray for our Church, our local Community and issues in the wider world.
- **Come Dine With Us** – In March '24 we experimented with a new way to bring members of the church together and help them get to know each other better, by hosting 'Come Dine With Us', This was an evening set across various houses with people meeting to share a simple meal with others whom they didn't know particularly well beforehand. This proved to be a lot of fun and a simple but effective way to bring people together, especially those who are new to church or living on their own.

Plans for the future

1. To continue to build our Home Group network to help gather the community together in small groups to hear and study the Good news of The Bible
2. To plan for the future of Church leadership at New Life and intentionally look to bring through the younger generation. This will help us meet the changing needs of Society and increase our meaning and relevance in today's world. We intend to recruit an intern for training and equipping for one year, starting September 2024.
3. Through our partnership with Regions Beyond, we will continue to help other churches in the UK and around the world, with prayer, financial support and active mentoring.
4. To continue to engage with the local Community in order to understand and meet their needs for spiritual guidance
5. To engage and empower our membership to help achieve our vision and strategy. We will actively encourage members to participate fully in church activities and take on volunteer roles to help serve the Church and develop their own gifts.

Finances and Reserves

The Church finances are kept under regular review; during the financial year, our membership continued to give faithfully and generously and our Income from such donations saw an increase of approximately £17,000 from the previous Financial period.

Our main operational expenditure for the period were staff costs and 'overheads' such as building maintenance and insurances. In line with planned staff changes (see Pastor's Notes) our salary costs increased but this increase had been budgeted for and was in line with forecasts. We have invested in our building with major upgrades to the heating, water and electrical systems undertaken.

We were pleased to be able to increase our outward financial support programme with regular gifts and support for mission, outreach and community projects in both the UK and Africa.

Our income covered most of our operational costs for 2023/24, with the shortfall being covered from reserves.

At the end of the Financial year 2023/24, free reserves amounted to approximately £265,000.

The Trustees set a policy of retaining sufficient reserves to cover at least 3 months general expenditure i.e to cover the normal day to day costs of running the Church and keeping the building open.

At the end of the Financial Year 2023/24, our Reserves Policy was fully reviewed and a more conservative view was taken. It was agreed to increase our level of general reserves to £90,000 . Going forward, we will continue to review this figure regularly in conjunction with the Elders.

Currently there are no plans for large scale capital expenditure although we intend to upgrade the Church Sound system in the autumn of 2024. In the longer term we have faith that opportunities will arise for Church planting.

Since the end of the financial year 2023/24, regular Giving from Church members averages about £14,000 per month which largely covers our operational costs. Our Reserves are strong; the Trustees thus continue to believe the Charity will be in operation and able to meet all liabilities as they fall due, for at least 12 months from the date of the signing of the 2023/24 Accounts.

On behalf of the Trustees:

(signed) *S Turner*
S.Turner (Jan.10. 2025 12:03 GMT).....

Trustee: Simon Turner

(signed) *Neil Hardwick*
Neil Hardwick (Jan.10. 2025 12:10 GMT).....

Trustee: Neil Hardwick

Date of approval of Trustee Report Jan 10, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 on pages 11 to 19 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 13 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.


Stephen Mathews (Jan 16, 2025 11:38 GMT)

Stephen Mathews FCA
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Jan 16, 2025

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	226,137	119,261	345,398	322,642
Charitable activities	4	9,176	-	9,176	4,702
Other income		439	-	439	130
Total income and endowments		235,752	119,261	355,013	327,474
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	271,590	125,832	397,422	331,513
Total expenditure		271,590	125,832	397,422	331,513
Net income/(expenditure)		(35,838)	(6,571)	(42,409)	(4,039)
Transfers between funds	12	(272)	272	-	-
Net movement in funds		(36,110)	(6,299)	(42,409)	(4,039)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		301,189	66,415	367,604	371,643
Total funds carried forward	12	265,079	60,116	325,195	367,604

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on page 13 - 18 form part of these accounts.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2024

	Note	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	9,907		9,907	11,889
		<u>9,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,907</u>	<u>11,889</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	51,931		51,931	47,596
Cash at bank and in hand	9	218,039	60,116	278,155	318,461
		269,970	60,116	330,086	366,057
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	14,798		14,798	10,342
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>255,172</u>	<u>60,116</u>	<u>315,288</u>	<u>355,716</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>265,079</u>	<u>60,116</u>	<u>325,195</u>	<u>367,604</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>265,079</u>	<u>60,116</u>	<u>325,195</u>	<u>367,604</u>
FUND BALANCES	12				
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		131,668	-	131,668	170,619
Designated funds		133,411	-	133,411	130,570
		<u>265,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>265,079</u>	<u>301,189</u>
Restricted Funds		-	60,116	60,116	66,415
		<u>265,079</u>	<u>60,116</u>	<u>325,195</u>	<u>367,604</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

TRUSTEE: James Wicking

SIGNED: J Wicking
J Wicking (Jan 10, 2025 13:30 GMT)

DATE: Jan 10, 2025

Charity number: 1172916

The notes on page 13 - 18 form part of these accounts.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP")", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact on net income will not be material.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £2,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Equipment	Over 5 years
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The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

3 Donations and legacies

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	275,992	258,978
Legacies receivable	10,000	10,000
Income tax recoverable	54,156	47,672
Other grants receivable	5,250	5,992
	<u>345,398</u>	<u>322,642</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Church activities	9,176	4,702
	<u>9,176</u>	<u>4,702</u>

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5 Charitable expenditure

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
<u>Church activity</u>		
Salaries and pastoral support	144,003	126,668
Pastoral expenses and conferences	24,312	23,572
Mission teams and travel	5,125	2,612
Evangelism	3,207	2,142
Youth work and events	15,259	7,858
Grants payable (Note 5c)	145,654	126,942
	<u>337,560</u>	<u>289,794</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Governance costs</u>		
Accounts preparation and independent examiner's fee	3,600	3,600
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>
<u>Church activity</u>		
Property and office	42,092	25,170
Insurance	4,028	3,681
Sundry expenses	8,159	7,285
Depreciation	1,982	1,982
	<u>59,861</u>	<u>41,718</u>
Total expenditure	<u>397,421</u>	<u>331,513</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts is detailed above; in addition the charity paid £756 (2023: £635) and £150 (2023: £150) to Stewardship for payroll bureau and consultancy helpline membership respectively.

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2024 £	2023 £
Mission support	47,156	12,250	59,406	42,451
Relief of poverty	13,556	480	14,036	8,391
Educational grants	70,976	-	70,976	75,900
Other grants	1,235	-	1,235	200
	<u>132,924</u>	<u>12,730</u>	<u>145,654</u>	<u>128,942</u>
<i>For 2022/23</i>	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £	2022 £
Mission support	26,201	16,250	42,451	24,740
Relief of poverty	8,305	87	8,391	6,560
Educational grants	75,900	-	75,900	68,809
Other grants	200	-	200	175
	<u>110,605</u>	<u>16,337</u>	<u>126,942</u>	<u>100,284</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2024 £	2023 £
Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS), South Africa	70,776	75,900
Regions Beyond UK (Church planting and relief of poverty)	35,479	26,942
Kings Arms Lydney	12,000	-
Hope for tomorrow (Education and poverty relief in Burundi)	7,469	2,614
Biggin Hill Friends of the Parks	1,000	-
Catalyst Network of Churches	-	1,649
Keystone Church, South Africa	3,600	1,200
Breakthrough Trust	200	1,200
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	2,400	1,100
	<u>132,924</u>	<u>110,605</u>

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6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	121,372	104,664
Social security	7,999	6,481
Pension costs	14,594	15,523
	<u>143,965</u>	<u>126,668</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 4 (2023: 3). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Gareth Wales was part of key management until he resigned at the end of December 2023. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2024
				£
Trustees:				
G Wales	29,491	-	8,993	38,484
S Turner	48,479	-	3,335	51,814
				<u>90,298</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2023
				£
Trustees:				
G Wales	37,464	-	11,863	49,327
S Turner	46,063	-	3,160	49,223
				<u>98,550</u>

During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £90,298 (2023: £98,550).

G Wales and S Turner served as church leaders and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

No other trustees received employment benefits in either the current or those that acted as trustees in the preceding year.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Vehicles £	Total 2024 £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	19,815	-	19,815
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>19,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,815</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	7,926	-	7,926
Charge for the year	1,982	-	1,982
At 31 March 2024	<u>9,908</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,908</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>9,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,907</u>
At 1 April 2023	<u>11,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,889</u>

The charity uses the building at Main Road, Biggin Hill, Kent. The charity does so on the basis of the trust deed between The London Baptist Property Board Limited and Biggin Hill Baptist Church, Kent dated 19 August 1963. The cost of repair and improvements are met by the funds of the charity.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
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8 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Falling due within one year:		
Tax recoverable	51,931	47,596
	<u>51,931</u>	<u>47,596</u>
Total debtors	<u>51,931</u>	<u>47,596</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	278,155	318,461
	<u>278,155</u>	<u>318,461</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2024 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	10,381	5,423
Accruals	4,417	4,919
	<u>14,798</u>	<u>10,342</u>

11 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £15,594 (2023: £15,523) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. Pension contributions of £817 (2023: £1,319) were owing at the balance sheet date.

12 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Legacy	130,570	10,000	(7,159)	-	133,411
	<u>130,570</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(7,159)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133,411</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	170,619	225,752	(264,431)	(272)	131,668
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>301,189</u>	<u>235,752</u>	<u>(271,590)</u>	<u>(272)</u>	<u>265,079</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS)	55,141	71,438	(73,694)	633	53,519
Burundi	-	-	-	-	-
Regions Beyond UK Fund	1,397	21,959	(19,740)	-	3,616
Regions Beyond India Fund	-	2,725	(2,725)	-	-
Missionary support fund	7,193	-	(7,193)	-	-
Overseas church funds	-	-	-	-	-
Dihlabeng Church support	633	-	-	(633)	-
Catering van fund	469	-	-	-	469
Biggin Hill projects fund	-	-	-	-	-
Crisis Care	1,582	-	(590)	-	992
Ukraine	-	-	-	-	-
Warm Space Fund	-	500	-	-	500
2023 Special Offering fund	-	6,042	(5,022)	-	1,020
2024 Mission fund	-	16,597	(16,869)	272	-
	<u>66,415</u>	<u>119,261</u>	<u>(125,831)</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>60,116</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>367,605</u>	<u>355,013</u>	<u>(397,421)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>325,195</u>

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<i>Comparative figures for 2023</i>	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Designated Funds					
Legacy	130,570	-	-	-	130,570
	130,570	-	-	-	130,570
Unrestricted general funds	170,151	222,046	(221,578)	-	170,619
	300,721	222,046	(221,578)	-	301,189
Restricted Funds					
Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS)	47,565	83,985	(76,408)	-	55,141
Burundi	214	-	(214)	-	-
Regions Beyond UK Fund	1,421	12,518	(12,542)	-	1,397
Missionary support fund	15,551	7,011	(15,370)	-	7,193
Overseas church funds	773	-	(773)	-	-
Dihlabeng Church support	633	-	-	-	633
Catering van fund	469	-	-	-	469
Biggin Hill projects fund	2,627	-	(2,627)	-	-
Crisis Care	1,669	-	(87)	-	1,582
Ukraine	-	265	(265)	-	-
Turkey & Syria earthquake fund	-	1,649	(1,649)	-	-
	70,921	105,428	(109,934)	-	66,415
Aggregate of funds	371,643	327,475	(331,512)	-	367,605

Designated funds

The Legacy fund is a designated fund set aside from legacies received. Amounts held are for major long term projects

Restricted funds

Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS) fund is for sponsorship of children who are unable to afford schooling for education at Dihlabeng School in South Africa

The Regions Beyond fund is for the support of projects and church planting under the auspices of the Regions Beyond family of churches. The funds are normally granted to Regions Beyond UK (registered charity number 1152827).

The Biggin Hill projects fund is for projects associated with refurbishing and improving the church's premises.

The purpose of the Crisis Care fund is to support local people experiencing problems in the current financial crises.

The Missionary Support Fund is to assist funding of mission workers in the UK and abroad.

The Warm Space fund was created over the winter period 2022/23 to provide a 'Community warm space' in the Church building. Although open to anyone, it was aimed particularly at those who may have been struggling to heat their homes.

All other funds arise from offerings and other gifts for specific projects as indicated by the fund name.

13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- received donations totalling £43,241 (2023: £34,388) from related parties (which includes trustees, anyone closely connected to them and key management).
- paid expenses for Mr & Mrs G Wales and Mr & Mrs S Turner to attend a church leadership strategic conference with costs of £388 in connection with their responsibilities as key management and volunteers in the church.
- paid no other expenses (2023: £nil) to trustees whilst carrying out duties associated with being trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

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		Unrestricted Funds - General		Unrestricted Funds - Designated		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	216,137	207,214	10,000	10,000	119,261	105,428	345,398	322,642
Other charitable activities	4	9,176	4,702			-	-	9,176	4,702
Other income		439	130			-	-	439	130
Total income and endowments		225,752	212,046	10,000	10,000	119,261	105,428	355,013	327,474
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	264,431	221,578	7,159	-	125,832	109,935	397,422	331,513
Total Expenditure		264,431	221,578	7,159	-	125,832	109,935	397,422	331,513
Net gains/(losses) on investments								-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(38,679)	(9,532)	2,841	10,000	(6,571)	(4,507)	(42,409)	(4,039)
Transfers between funds	12	(272)	-			272	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(38,951)	(9,532)	2,841	10,000	(6,299)	(4,507)	(42,409)	(4,039)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		160,619	170,151	140,570	130,570	66,415	70,922	367,604	371,643
Total funds carried forward	12	121,668	160,619	143,411	140,570	60,117	66,415	325,195	367,604

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NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees	J Chambers (resigned 10 November 2022) N Hardwick J Price T Stirk G Wales D White S Turner I Smith J Wicking C Goodson (appointed 5 April 2023)
Key Staff - Church Elders	S Turner G Wales
Governing Document	CIO - Constitution dated 12 December 2016
Charity Registration Number	1172916
Principal Address	Main Road Biggin Hill TN16 3BB
Independent Examiner	Stephen Mathews FCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc Station Rd, Paddock Wood Tonbridge TN12 6EP

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The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period 6th April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Our main objectives as a church and a charity are to promote the Christian Faith in Biggin Hill, the, local community, the UK and in other Countries around the world.

Our Vision – is to make known to the local community, the love of Christ and the grace of God demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our strategy in achieving these objectives continues by:

- Gathering people from any background, any situation, any age group.
- Restoring New Testament principles via education, evangelism, caring for our local community and for people within the Church.
- Being a community committed to love and care for each other and to bring blessing to the area in which we live in response to the teachings of the Bible.
- Engaging members of the church to serve. We are blessed to have many unpaid volunteers who choose to serve our community without formal recognition. They lend their time and often their equipment freely giving to our wonderful community in “salt and light” by praying, visiting the sick, training others, organising worship events and in administration. The value and number of hours that these volunteers give is not quantifiable. We feel that it is the service of every member of our church whether employed or not in showing the unconditional love of Christ through good deeds that have a positive effect on our community.
- Contributing financially-The financial resources of the church are given by the members freely and willingly and their private assets are regularly used for the work of the church.

Public Benefit In undertaking the planning of the many activities organised during this year, we have considered the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular in relation to the guidance relating to the advancement of religion. We have sought to ensure that all our activities are available and open to all within the community in which we serve, both in the provision of services of worship and in provision of community activity and support.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and the Baptist Union and is established within Regions Beyond - part of the Newfrontiers family of Churches. Directions relating to the charity are made by the Trustees in consultation with the Elders, who are responsible for governing the life and teaching of the church. Day-to-day decisions on expenditure and activities are decided by the staff and volunteers in charge of different areas of the church, with budgets set and monitored by the Trustees. In general, the responsibility for the appointment of Trustees rests with the Elders. New Trustees are primarily selected from the members of the church and from leaders of other local churches sharing the same vision, since this means the Trustee body is wholeheartedly involved in seeing the mission of the church worked out in practice. On being appointed, new Trustees will spend time with the existing Trustees and undertake a training course for trustees run by respected charity advisers who are involved in church and Christian charity leadership to ensure they understand their responsibilities and the legal and financial framework in which the church operates.

Responsibilities of trustees under charity law -The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Acknowledgement

The Trustees extend their thanks for the hard work and faithful service of the Elders and those who served during this year in many ways, particularly to the staff, who have, once again, served the community of the Church. They also express their gratitude for the generosity of those supporting the objectives and vision of the Church.

Pastor's notes for the year

This past year has continued to be a time of regathering and rebuilding following the global pandemic. Some areas of church life have really found momentum whilst other areas are still finding their way forward. It's been a real joy and privilege to see 'Stay and Play', our parent and toddler group, grow from strength to strength and our youth group starting to rebuild. However, it's also been clear that for some of the church the 'routine' and 'habit' of church attendance has changed. We've seen a significant increase in the number of guests attending our Sunday morning gatherings, mainly from within our community. People for whom this season of history has made them ask significant questions about life, death and their purpose. As a church we have been forced to consider how we meet these fresh needs from within our community.

For the leadership Team of New Life, it's been a time of building together after appointing new Elders in March 22. The eldership team went on a retreat together in January 2023 to pray and plan for the upcoming year which was an excellent 2 days together. We continue to look to invest in and develop the next generation of leaders for New Life and are excited for what this next season has in store for us. Leading a local church is never boring and rarely are there any two days the same. There are highs and lows, challenges and joys and I am so thankful that God has put a great group of people around me and the church. Our leadership team and our trustees have faithfully discharged their responsibilities and we continue to look forward to all God has planned for us.

Church staffing

John Chambers, a dedicated trustee, stepped down after nearly 10 years of faithful service in September 2022 and we wish him well for the future. We were blessed to have Carol Goodson offer to take his place, bringing a wealth of wisdom from previous Christian charitable work. She will be formally taking up the position on 5th April 2023 with the full agreement of the elders and other trustees.

The role of our administration officer during her maternity leave, which started in February 2023, is being covered internally with existing staff members and Elders.

Priorities Identified in 2022 and how they have progressed:

- 1) *To continue to rebuild faith and togetherness within the church and community after the pandemic:* As the national restrictions were lifted after the COVID pandemic and the Church fully reopened, it found a community that was scarred, hurting and in fear. New members started attending (some who had never been to church before); some had left and were attending other churches; some members had struggled with their faith and others were so keen to return and reconnect. The focus over the past few months has

been on “regathering” and “rediscovering” who we are as a church. There has been encouragement to “recommit” to who God is and what He wants to do in Biggin Hill through our church.

Multiple gatherings were organised (in July, November 2022, and January 2023) with bring and share lunches with the idea of welcoming anyone new to the church to meet and form bonds with people in the church family but also to reconnect those who may not have seen each other during the long isolation of the pandemic. Later in the year a “census” was taken of the members so that records could be updated and to find out where people resided on membership within the church community. This gave an opportunity to tighten our information governance, especially on social media.

- 2) *Focus on the youth with restarting youth meetings and a potential trip to Newday (if circumstances allow):* Restarting the youth meetings was a top priority with the local youth having missed out in a big way socially and spiritually over the previous 2 years. New Life youth was relaunched with a team of four new and vibrant youth leaders. Their focus is with children from school years 7-13 and is open to church members and children from the local community on Fridays evenings 7.30- 9pm. This remains a safe place for young people and their friends to hang out, have fun and get to know Jesus!

Members of the church gave a special offering to assist financially with sending eighteen young people to the Newday Christian festival in the Norfolk showground. Their enormous generosity meant that families only had to pay a small fraction of the cost (inclusive of food, accommodation, entry fee and transport). Any family that was unable to afford it at all, was covered in full. Not all the young people had families in the church – some were from the Biggin Hill community and had become involved via the Friday Youth group. Newday started a new journey in Christianity for five of the young people who were subsequently baptised at New Life Church.

A Youth Cafe was organised by our wonderful Youth leaders for the Summer and October 2022 half terms, to provide a safe meeting place for teenagers to drop in, bring friends and have a chat and to build relationships. The pool table and table tennis tables were used, and different themes given to days e.g., pizza or milkshake day!

- 3) *To restart the “Friday shoppers” group that benefited the elderly in the community allowing them to sit and have a chat with drinks and cakes after their weekly shop whilst waiting for transport home.*

It was wonderful to be able to give this service back to the community early this year.

- 4) *To be able to restart Baptisms in our Baptismal pool (that sadly had to stop due to the COVID pandemic due to health and safety reasons)*

The first baptism held in the church for 2 years was on Easter Sunday 2022 – with another five people being baptised after Newday in November 2022.

Other achievement and performance: -

Ongoing pastoral/ outreach and discipleship groups and events-

- **Men's Weekend away** 9-11th September- 6 men from NLC joined another fifty men from Eastbourne (King's Church) for a weekend of prayer and fellowship and fun at Carrotty Wood residential activity centre in Tonbridge.
- **10@10 zoom meetings**-these were a quick "10 minute" style check in on our private Facebook page at 10am most mornings that started during the COVID pandemic but carried on due to the popularity and ability to help those that continued in isolation after the pandemic seclusion ended. Little by little, old and new community groups started up and the need for this method of outreach lessened. They stopped finally in September 2022 having been a wonderful support to so many.
- **Magnify Group**- this group restarted in 2021 after the pandemic left many feeling broken, depressed and in need of support spiritually and psychologically. Gareth Wales (one of our Pastors) having suffered a difficult period of low mood himself in the past, felt he wanted to share his ability to help others reshape their thinking. It was remarkably successful and has continued to meet since, once a month, on a Saturday, with the group sharing their feelings and providing support to one another with prayer, discussions and challenges.
- **Home Church Groups**- like many things over the pandemic, home groups suffered due to the inability to meet in person. Some people who were not able to attend groups due to other commitments e.g., childcare, benefited from online meetings. There has been a revival in the groups during the past year with new vibrant group leaders and for those unable to attend regularly a "Big Small Group" was devised in the church so that there is always a "drop in" group to attend on a weekly basis. The groups continue to be a mixture of amiable fun, chat, support, prayer and bible study.
- Other Groups include- **Connect** - a meeting place in the church for retired members of the church and local community. Also **Rambling club, running club, Women's group, Model club, Board games club** and many others - all of which are open to local community as well as church members.
- Courses throughout 2022 included – **Freedom in Christ, Alpha Course** – (helping those wanting to know more about Christianity and answering their questions. For each course of between 5-8 members volunteers provided a hot meal.) **Marriage Course**- (10 couples attended a weekly course over 6 weeks.)

Achievements and Performance

- **Safeguarding**- in response to changes within safeguarding standards- last year a new team of very experienced volunteers was able to update procedures and monitor them throughout the year.

- **Risk management** -In 2021 a new risk management software was obtained – since it's initial use, highlighting areas of potential concern, it has been used successfully as a risk assessment tool for all manner of events within the church.

An Action programme is underway to mitigate the major risks identified.

Events involving other World Nations:

- **Celebrating the Nations-** day on 23/4/22 – a day where all the nations within our church members were celebrated showing our diversity and community. Everyone was encouraged to dress in their own “national” costume and pray for their country in their own language – included were Sierra Leone, Ghana, Germany, South Africa, America, among others.
- **Ukraine appeal-** when the devastating Ukraine war began there were many in community keen to send supplies to those in need. We were visited by a Ukrainian Pastor in June 2022 for a prayer meeting -from this we were able to join with other local churches in sending blankets, sanitary products, nappies and other items to Poland where it was distributed to aid agencies taking them to Ukraine. Also, in April 2022 a very generous financial offering was given by the church community that went towards food and equipment.
- New Life Church has been partnering with **Regions Beyond** in its wider ministry across the world. Two of our Pastors, Simon Turner and Gareth Wales, participate regularly with zoom meetings with others from around the world, including Mexico, UAE, India, Africa and Australia with up to 160 people online. Gareth and his wife, Lesley, met with the global leadership team in Dubai during October to plan and participate in a local conference. The church continues to give finance regularly to support church planting and training in the UK and to support the wider international work elsewhere through the Regions Beyond charity in the UK. We continue to benefit and contribute to our Regions Beyond UK churches, offering and receiving ministry and support with regular gatherings. We met at Worthing during May and then in Birmingham in November. Simon and Gareth were asked to attend the Regions Beyond Legacy and Next Generation gathering in Africa in March - they were able to contribute to the planning for 2023 and participate in the two conferences. Additionally, Simon was able to meet up with David Ndowera, who we agreed to support during his training year in Johannesburg, ahead of returning to Malawi to plant churches.

Events involving the Biggin Hill Community

- NLC (October 19th) has for the past 5 years hosted the **Residents annual general meeting** – a wonderful opportunity to warmly welcome the whole community into our church.
- The Annual **Remembrance Day Service this year** was held this year at St Marks church in Biggin Hill on the 13th November with many members of New Life Church attending.

- The **Jubilee Street Party** on 3rd June volunteers from NLC entertained and served Biggin Hill with free food, games for Kids, a treasure hunt and Face painting.
- **Biggin Hill Carnival** was held on 2/7/2022- as in previous years the focus was on serving the community by providing Marshalls to help with the car parking, helping to set up and take down the stalls, serving the stall holders with hot and cold refreshments and snacks, manning an information and chat area for the Church and organising a Beat the Goalkeeper game! Each year people who live in Biggin Hill comment on how kind the servers are, and it is the perfect setting for showing God's encouragement to be like "salt and light".
- Each year NLC provides an **Alternative Halloween party** on 31st October with a Christian perspective. This year's theme was superheroes with Jesus being the ultimate Superhero!
- **Christmas Light Switch** on- was a joyful gathering held at the church for the local community. Members of the church help set up the stage and sound to host community and school choirs and other entertainment in the church car park.
- The **Christmas Eve carol service** was full with mulled wine served and merriment with a Christmas choir joining the community with lessons and carols.

Plans for the future

- 1) To update the Church building's boiler and electrical system.
- 2) To continue to build on gathering the community together in growing Group life.
- 3) To plan for the future of Church leadership at New Life.
- 4) To continue to help other churches in the UK and around the world with prayer and financial support.

Finances and Reserves

The Church finances are kept under regular review as a matter of course; our membership continued to give faithfully and generously with monthly giving averaging over £13,000 per month.

Our main operational expenditure for the period were staff costs and 'overheads' such as building maintenance and insurances. Our salary costs were actually, down from the previous year, due to a temporary reduction in staff numbers. We continued to invest in equipment to improve our capability to stream services and prayer meetings online.

We were pleased to be able to increase our outward financial support programme with regular gifts and support for mission and outreach projects in both the UK and Africa. We also took up Special Offerings for the relief effort in Ukraine and in the aftermath of the Turkey/Syria earthquake.

Our income from general Giving covered most of our Operational costs for 2022/23, with the shortfall being covered from reserves.

Reserves and plans for the future

The level of general reserves is monitored regularly in conjunction with the Elders. At the end of the Financial year 2022/23, free reserves amounted to approximately £300,000.

The Trustees have set a policy of retaining sufficient reserves to cover at least 3 months general expenditure i.e., to cover the normal day to day costs of running the Church and keeping the building open. In the Financial Year 2022/23, £55,000 was considered a prudent level of general reserve to be held. However, a full review of Reserve policy is planned to be held in 2023/24 to ensure that general reserves will be sufficient so that in the event of a significant drop in funding, the Church's current activities will be able to continue, whilst consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised

In the short term, we are mindful that one of our employed Pastors will be leaving in late 2023 to take over leadership of a Church in Lydney. Thus, there will be changes to the leadership team and the likely recruitment of an experienced Church leader as well as another member of staff. This will mean an increase in staff costs (early estimate is an additional £22,000 for 2023/24) but as the various staff changes planned will be taking place over a period of several months, the increases in costs will not be fully seen until the financial year 2024/25.

Our Income from General Giving may cover the forecast increase in salary costs for 2023/24 but £22,000 will be designated in the Reserves, for these extra costs, as a precaution.

Plans are also in place for new boilers to be installed at the Church building in late 2023 together with an up grade to our electrical system. Alongside that, there will be additional P.Cs purchased for staff use. We estimate the costs of these improvements and upgrades will be circa £20,000 and this amount has been designated within our Reserves for these purposes.

Looking to the longer term, there remain outline plans to use some of the remaining reserves for further church development and local church planting.

Since the end of the last Financial year, regular giving averages about £14,000 per month which continues to largely cover our operational costs. Our Reserves are strong; the Trustees thus continue to believe the Charity will be in operation and able to meet all liabilities as they fall due, for at least 12 months from the date of the signing of the 2022/23 Accounts.

Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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On behalf of the Trustees:

(signed) *Simon Turner*

Trustee Simon Turner

(signed) *Neil Hardwick*

Trustee Neil Hardwick

Date of approval of Trustee Report 15 January 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 on pages 12 to 20 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 14 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Stephen Mathews

Stephen Mathews FCA
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 17 January 2024

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	217,214	105,428	322,642	281,803
Charitable activities	4	4,702	-	4,702	5,085
Other income		130	-	130	-
Total income and endowments		<u>222,046</u>	<u>105,428</u>	<u>327,474</u>	<u>286,887</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	221,578	109,935	331,513	305,816
Total expenditure		<u>221,578</u>	<u>109,935</u>	<u>331,513</u>	<u>305,816</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		468	(4,507)	(4,039)	(18,929)
Transfers between funds	12	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>468</u>	<u>(4,507)</u>	<u>(4,039)</u>	<u>(18,929)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>300,721</u>	<u>70,922</u>	<u>371,643</u>	<u>390,571</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u>301,189</u>	<u>66,415</u>	<u>367,604</u>	<u>371,643</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on page 14 - 19 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2023

	Note	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	11,889		11,889	13,870
		<u>11,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,889</u>	<u>13,870</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	47,596		47,596	42,355
Cash at bank and in hand	9	252,046	66,415	318,461	320,354
		299,642	66,415	366,057	362,710
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	10,342		10,342	4,937
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>289,300</u>	<u>66,415</u>	<u>355,716</u>	<u>357,773</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>301,189</u>	<u>66,415</u>	<u>367,604</u>	<u>371,643</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>301,189</u>	<u>66,415</u>	<u>367,604</u>	<u>371,643</u>
FUND BALANCES	12				
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		170,619	-	170,619	170,151
Designated funds		130,570	-	130,570	130,570
		<u>301,189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,189</u>	<u>300,721</u>
Restricted Funds		-	66,415	66,415	70,921
		<u>301,189</u>	<u>66,415</u>	<u>367,604</u>	<u>371,643</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

James Wicking

TRUSTEE

James Wicking

SIGNED

14 January 2024

DATE

Charity number: 1172916

The notes on page 14 - 19 form part of these accounts.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP")", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact on net income will not be material.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £2,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Equipment	Over 5 years
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The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

3 Donations and legacies

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations of cash and similar	258,978	234,385
Legacies receivable	10,000	-
Income tax recoverable	47,672	42,426
Other grants receivable	5,992	4,992
	<u>322,642</u>	<u>281,803</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Church activities	4,702	5,085
	<u>4,702</u>	<u>5,085</u>

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5 Charitable expenditure

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
<u>Church activity</u>		
Salaries and pastoral support	126,668	136,377
Pastoral expenses and conferences	23,572	17,792
Mission teams and travel	2,612	7,470
Evangelism	2,142	4,541
Youth work and events	7,858	2,111
Grants payable (Note 5c)	126,942	100,284
	<u>289,794</u>	<u>268,575</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration	Total	Total
	2023	2022
<u>Governance costs</u>	£	£
Accounts preparation and independent examiner's fee	3,600	3,600
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>
<u>Church activity</u>		
Property and office	25,170	22,721
Insurance	3,681	3,472
Sundry expenses	7,285	5,467
Depreciation	1,982	1,982
	<u>41,718</u>	<u>37,241</u>
Total expenditure	<u>331,513</u>	<u>305,816</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts is detailed above; in addition the charity paid £635 (2022: £875) and £150 (2022: £150) to Stewardship for payroll bureau and consultancy helpline membership respectively.

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £	2022 £
Mission support	26,201	16,250	42,451	24,740
Relief of poverty	8,305	87	8,391	6,560
Educational grants	75,900	-	75,900	68,809
Other grants	200	-	200	175
	<u>110,605</u>	<u>16,337</u>	<u>126,942</u>	<u>100,284</u>
<i>For 2021/22</i>	Institutions	Individuals	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Mission support	14,040	10,700	24,740	25,507
Relief of poverty	5,560	1,000	6,560	3,832
Educational grants	68,809	-	68,809	66,958
Other grants	175	-	175	222
	<u>88,584</u>	<u>11,700</u>	<u>100,284</u>	<u>96,518</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2023 £	2022 £
Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS), South Africa	75,900	68,809
Regions Beyond UK (Church planting and relief of poverty)	26,942	14,400
Hope for tomorrow (Education and poverty relief in Burundi)	2,614	3,400
Jubilee Church Hull	-	600
Catalyst Network of Churches	1,649	-
Keystone Church, South Africa	1,200	-
Breakthrough Trust	1,200	1,200
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	1,100	175
	<u>110,605</u>	<u>88,584</u>

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6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	104,664	112,861
Social security	6,481	7,204
Pension costs	15,523	16,170
	<u>126,668</u>	<u>136,235</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 3 (2022: 4). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2023
				£
Trustees:				
G Wales	37,464	-	11,863	49,327
S Turner	46,063	-	3,160	49,223
				<u>98,550</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2022
				£
Trustees:				
G Wales	37,150	-	11,820	48,970
S Turner	45,750	-	3,120	48,870
				<u>97,840</u>

During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £98,550 (2022: £97,840).

G Wales and S Turner served as church leaders and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

No other trustees received employment benefits in either the current or those that acted as trustees in the preceding year.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Vehicles	Total
	£	£	2023
			£
Cost			
At 6 April 2022	19,815	-	19,815
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>19,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,815</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 6 April 2022	5,945	-	5,945
Charge for the year	1,982	-	1,982
At 31 March 2023	<u>7,927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,927</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>11,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,889</u>
At 6 April 2022	<u>13,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,870</u>

The charity uses the building at Main Road, Biggin Hill, Kent. The charity does so on the basis of the trust deed between The London Baptist Property Board Limited and Biggin Hill Baptist Church, Kent dated 19 August 1963. The cost of repair and improvements are met by the funds of the charity.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

8 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Falling due within one year:		
Tax recoverable	47,596	42,355
	<u>47,596</u>	<u>42,355</u>
Total debtors	<u>47,596</u>	<u>42,355</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	318,461	320,354
	<u>318,461</u>	<u>320,354</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2023 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	5,423	-
Accruals	4,919	4,937
	<u>10,342</u>	<u>4,937</u>

11 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £15,523 (2022: £16,170) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. Pension contributions of £1,319 (2022: £1,337) were owing at the balance sheet date.

12 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Legacy	130,570	-	-	-	130,570
	<u>130,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,570</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	170,151	222,046	(221,578)	-	170,619
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>300,721</u>	<u>222,046</u>	<u>(221,578)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,189</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS)	47,565	83,985	(76,408)	-	55,141
Burundi	214	-	(214)	-	-
Regions Beyond UK Fund	1,421	12,518	(12,542)	-	1,397
Missionary support fund	15,551	7,011	(15,370)	-	7,193
Overseas church funds	773	-	(773)	-	-
Dihlabeng Church support	633	-	-	-	633
Catering van fund	469	-	-	-	469
Biggin Hill projects fund	2,627	-	(2,627)	-	-
Crisis Care	1,669	-	(87)	-	1,582
Ukraine	-	265	(265)	-	-
Turkey & Syria earthquake fund	-	1,649	(1,649)	-	-
	<u>70,921</u>	<u>105,428</u>	<u>(109,934)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,415</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>371,643</u>	<u>327,475</u>	<u>(331,512)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>367,605</u>

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<i>Comparative figures for 2022</i>	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Designated Funds					
Legacy	143,241	-	(12,671)	-	130,570
	143,241	-	(12,671)	-	130,570
Unrestricted general funds	192,933	187,769	(209,525)	(1,025)	170,151
	336,174	187,769	(222,196)	(1,025)	300,721
Restricted Funds					
Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS)	47,366	74,043	(73,844)	-	47,565
Burundi	214	-	-	-	214
Regions Beyond UK Fund	1,421	-	-	-	1,421
Missionary support fund	1	25,076	(9,526)	-	15,551
Overseas church funds	773	-	-	-	773
Dihlabeng Church support	508	-	-	125	633
Catering van fund	469	-	-	-	469
Biggin Hill projects fund	2,627	-	-	-	2,627
Crisis Care	1,018	-	(250)	900	1,669
	54,398	99,119	(83,619)	1,025	70,921
Aggregate of funds	390,572	286,888	(305,815)	-	371,643

Designated funds

The Legacy fund is a designated fund set aside from legacies received. Amounts held are for major long term projects

Restricted funds

Sponsorship Dihlabeng Christian School (SDCS) fund is for sponsorship of children who are unable to afford schooling for education at Dihlabeng School in South Africa

The Regions Beyond fund is for the support of projects and church planting under the auspices of the Regions Beyond family of churches. The funds are normally granted to Regions Beyond UK (registered charity number 1152827).

The Biggin Hill projects fund is for projects associated with refurbishing and improving the church's premises.

The purpose of the Crisis Care fund is to support local people experiencing problems in the current financial crises.

The Missionary Support Fund is to assist funding of mission workers in the UK and abroad.

All other funds arise from offerings and other gifts for specific projects as indicated by the fund name.

13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £34,388 (2022: £33,634) from related parties (which includes trustees, anyone closely connected to them and key management).
- b) paid no expenses (2022: £nil) to trustees whilst carrying out duties associated with being trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

14 Change of accounting date

The charity has changed its accounting date from 5 April to 31 March, and therefore the figures in these accounts cover the period from 6 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The change in date has had no material impact on the numbers in these accounts and therefore the numbers for the prior year have not been restated.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted Funds - General		Unrestricted Funds - Designated		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	207,214	182,684	10,000	-	105,428	99,119	322,642	281,803
Other charitable activities	4	4,702	5,085			-	-	4,702	5,085
Other income		130	-			-	-	130	-
Total income and endowments		212,046	187,769	10,000	-	105,428	99,119	327,474	286,887
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	221,578	209,525	-	12,671	109,935	83,619	331,513	305,816
Total Expenditure		221,578	209,525	-	12,671	109,935	83,619	331,513	305,816
Net gains/(losses) on investments								-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(9,532)	(21,757)	10,000	(12,671)	(4,507)	15,499	(4,039)	(18,929)
Transfers between funds	12	-	(1,025)			-	1,025	-	-
Net movement in funds		(9,532)	(22,782)	10,000	(12,671)	(4,507)	16,524	(4,039)	(18,929)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		170,151	192,933	130,570	143,241	70,922	54,398	371,643	390,572
Total funds carried forward	12	160,619	170,151	140,570	130,570	66,415	70,922	367,604	371,643

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CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

Trustees	J Chambers (resigned 10 November 2022) N Hardwick J Price T Stirk G Wales D White S Turner I Smith (appointed 3 June 2021) J Wicking (appointed 3 June 2021)
Key Staff - Church Elders	S Turner G Wales
Governing Document	CIO - Constitution dated 12 December 2016
Charity Registration Number	1172916
Principal Address	Main Road Biggin Hill TN16 3BB
Independent Examiner	Stephen Mathews FCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc Station Rd, Paddock Wood Tonbridge TN12 6EP

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The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period April 2021 to April 2022.

Our main objectives as a church and a charity are to promote the Christian Faith in Biggin Hill, the UK and in other Countries around the world.

Our Vision – is to make known to the local community, the love of Christ and the grace of God demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our strategy in achieving these objectives continues by:

- Gathering people from any background, any situation, any age group.
- Restoring New Testament principles via education, evangelism, caring for our local community and for people within the Church.
- Being a community committed to love and care for each other and to bring blessing to the area in which we live in response to the teachings of the Bible.
- Engaging members of the church to serve. We are blessed to have many unpaid volunteers who choose to serve our community without formal recognition. They lend their time and often their equipment freely giving to our wonderful community in “salt and light” by praying, visiting the sick, training others, organising worship events and in administration. The value and number of hours that these volunteers give is not quantifiable. We feel that it is the service of every member of our church whether employed or not in showing the unconditional love of Christ through good deeds that have a positive effect on our community.
- Contributing financially-The financial resources of the church are given by the members freely and willingly and their private assets are regularly used for the work of the church.

Public Benefit In undertaking the planning of the many activities organised during this year, we have taken into account the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular in relation to the guidance relating to the advancement of religion. We have sought to ensure that all our activities are available and open to all within the community in which we serve, both in the provision of services of worship and in provision of community activity and support.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and the Baptist Union and is established within Regions Beyond - part of the Newfrontiers family of Churches. Directions relating to the charity are made by the Trustees in consultation with the Elders, who are responsible for governing the life and teaching of the church. Day to day decisions on expenditure and activities are decided by the staff and volunteers in charge of different areas of the church, with budgets set and monitored by the Trustees. In general, the responsibility for appointment of Trustees rests with the Elders. New Trustees are primarily selected from the members of the church and from leaders of other local churches sharing the same vision, since this means the Trustee body is wholeheartedly involved in seeing the mission of the church worked out in practice. On being appointed, new Trustees will spend time with the existing Trustees and also undertake a training course for trustees run by respected charity advisers who are involved in church and Christian charity leadership to ensure they understand their responsibilities and the legal and financial framework in which the church operates.

Responsibilities of trustees under charity law -The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

- 1 Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:
 - 1 select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
 - 1 observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
 - 1 make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
 - 1 state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
 - 1 prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Acknowledgement

The Trustees extend their thanks for the hard work and faithful service of the Elders and those who served during this unusual and challenging year in many different ways, particularly to the staff, who have, once again, served the community of the Church. They also express their gratitude for the generosity of those supporting the objectives and vision of the Church.

Church staffing

In 2019 Jordan Brown was appointed on a 2 year fixed term contract for the purpose of training in church leadership. When this came to an end in September 2021 Jordan and his wife felt a calling to pursue further work at Dihlabeng Church and school in Clarens, South Africa, linked to us via the Regions Beyond group of churches. Many of the church members were extremely faithful in their generosity to help fund their year. Jordan's work load at New Life Church has been divided between a number of other paid and volunteer members of the church. Megan Park who had been employed as administrative staff has taken on much of this work especially youth work in which she excels.

Volunteer members have taken over the sound, website management and online Sunday service responsibilities.

Two new trustees were appointed by the elders in March 2021 -Isaac Smith and James Wicking. They both completed the training course -and have already become highly valued members of the trustee team.

With great joy two new Church Elders were appointed on 27/3/22:- Isaac Smith and Rob Lewis. The role of an elder is similar to that of a father in a family. An elder should bring direction, discipleship (and discipline) devotion and doctrine to the family of God in the church. Elders are not served by the church, but serve the church with leadership gifts. Rob and Isaac will bring their own particular blend of gifting to the church in this way.

Priorities Identified in 2021

- 1) How, through demonstrations of our faith, can we begin to correct the negative effect COVID has had on our local community
- 2) The effect COVID has had on people's mental health and the need for the church in their pastoral role to help those suffering and bring hope with faith and fellowship.
- 3) Undertaking a full Risk review and acting on the findings
- 4) Looking at how the leadership team could be expanded
- 5) Consider the need to reach out to other people and Churches within the Regions Beyond group who were struggling due to COVID or other reasons and also to find ways to keep in contact with our Church families across the world whilst travel restrictions apply.

Progress made on these priorities:

The COVID pandemic has had such far reaching effects on the community with not only illness and loss but the inability to meet as a church. As taught in the Bible the Church is not a building but a gathered people and this inability to meet led to isolation and in some people despair and weakening of faith. Although the church officially reopened in November 2020 the Elders and Trustees felt the need to protect vulnerable people and thus proceeded cautiously. A booking system was used so that numbers in the room would not go above 50 and tables and chairs were spaced to allow social distancing. Worship restarted joyfully (although cautiously with masks on!) in July 2021. As restrictions lifted nationally, the Elders were careful in allowing time for nervous, vulnerable members to gain confidence to attend and seating has continued to be well spaced. Initially many still preferred to view Church from home, and so the online service on Sundays and the "10 at 10" (daily Devotionals) continued. These services have allowed elderly, infirm and other vulnerable individuals, as well as visitors locally and abroad, to have an ongoing connection with the Church. The services have been viewed by some as far away as Africa, India and Australia. Zoom has still featured strongly in many meetings locally and across the world and is expected to continue to do so for some time.

Mental health - Following the pandemic, and as mental health has been such an issue, a Group was started (called Magnify: Renewing Your Mind) in September led by one of our Pastors and focusing on mental health issues. Meeting monthly for a couple of hours, the Group has been for those who feel the weight of unhelpful thoughts affect their walk with God and the way they feel about themselves. The Group has addressed the need to know biblical truth that sets us free, provided strategies to help our relationships with other people and encouraged attendees to reflect on their thinking about God and His plans and purposes for their lives. It has included some teaching, discussion, prayer and a task to be completed each month to help people to change and overcome fears and other difficulties. The group has been very successful, has grown considerably and was most welcomed by those who attended.

Kids and Youth Work-

New Life Youth was back up and running after the pandemic on Friday evenings in October with youth members from year 7 through to year 13 meeting at the building. It remains a great, safe place for our young people and their friends to hang out, play games and reconnect. Historically many young people from the community who have not grown up in a church family, have come to know Christ this way.

New Life Kids Devotionals -During August and September 2021 the youth leaders sent the kids home with devotionals encouraging them to do these at home with their families.. They were to be a resource to encourage discussion, prayer and to help our New Life Kids grow in their own relationships with God.

Risk management -A full risk review was undertaken by the Church staff in late 2021. This has resulted in a report highlighting the key areas where action needs to be taken to minimise our risks. An action plan has been put together and this is being implemented by the relevant Elders, administrative, leadership and trustees teams.

Leadership team - As well as the two new Elders we have also been able to expand the leadership team to include 6 members who have started a course in leadership funded by the church that began in January 2021 and will continue for 3 years. These leaders are stewards of the church who are committed to serving the church and bringing enthusiasm, empathy and faithfulness to the Church community.

Achievements and Performance

- **Safeguarding-** in response to changes within safeguarding standards a new safeguarding procedure has been implemented that meets all the required standard new application process for serving. This covers all ministry areas with children, youth, vulnerable adults and even small groups. The team has been re-organised and strengthened by addition of church members who work professionally in different sectors of safeguarding, and are thus helping to ensure all the necessary administration for our safeguarding procedures is completed and all relevant checks are up to date.
- **Foodbank** -The food bank that ran so successfully during the pandemic isolation was closed locally when need reduced and the stock was donated to Westerham food bank. Westerham food bank continues to support the community with donations from New Life Church that are collected weekly from the church foyer. We also provide volunteers for them from within our church family.
- Most of our “in- house” **Home Church groups** managed to continue during the Covid lockdown period by meeting online. For many this has been a real lifeline especially for those who were shielding. For the most part these started to meet in person again towards the end of 2021. Fun, faith and friendship were the main focus. Other regular groups restarting included – **Connect** (for retired) members of the church and community, **Women's group, walking for fitness, Running club** among many others.
- The **Sunday morning services** On Sunday 19th September our in person meetings restarted; initially, no Kids clubs were held so families were encouraged to sit together at tables where pre-prepared children's activities were available. The full Sunday service for New Life Kids club and Youth reopened in mid November 2021.
- **Gather to Pray** on Wednesdays. Gather to Pray continued on Zoom throughout the pandemic and restarted in person meetings the first of which had a Youth Focus on 15th September 2021 in order to pray specifically for our youth ministry. These meetings include prayer and worship for local, national and personal reasons.
- **Transform Bromley** For a number of years a group of churches from across the London Borough of Bromley have been joining together to pray and practically serve Bromley. There have been some wonderful 'joint initiatives' and a real sense of togetherness. These gatherings continued online but also in person to share vision, celebrate what God is doing and pray for our communities.
- **Alpha course** –We welcomed 5 people who wanted to find out more about the Christian faith, in person, at the church with a hot meal provided by volunteers on Wednesday evenings throughout September and October 2021. There was also a **Youth Alpha Course** in June and July 2021. We were so encouraged by the consistency of our young people through-out the course and believe that it will bear much fruit in the coming months and years.
- The Annual **Remembrance Day Service** at the Biggin Hill War memorial was a much smaller affair due to COVID numbers but a small gathering of local dignitaries, people from our church and other churches in the area was organised which was streamed online live for the benefit of community members who could not attend this year.

- **Global Prayer Meetings** were held on two occasions where people gathered online with brothers and sisters from all over the world joining together regardless of the time zone to pray for specific parts of the world.
- The group of churches that we relate to, known as **Regions Beyond**, has been severely restricted during this past year. The leadership team have met every 2 to 3 weeks on Zoom (with leaders from the UK, the Middle East, Africa, India and Australia). Regions Beyond operates as a separate charity and has continued to run on a minimal budget but towards the end of the year re-gathered the leadership team in South Africa with Simon Turner attending on behalf of NLCBH. An offering will be taken up during 2022 to support Regions Beyond's church planting programme and ministry amongst the poor.
- **Biggin Hill Carnival** was held on 4th September 2021. The church helped to serve the community by providing stewards for the car parking and 'Carnival Pastors' who cared for the stall holders all day providing them with hot and cold drinks and snacks. There was also a New Life Church stall where there were people on hand to give information about the church with a friendly welcome. Many community members subsequently commented on the generosity and kindness they experienced through New Life and it created many opportunities for conversations as to our motivation and love for God and our community.
- The church hosted **The Christian Institute** in November as they spoke on 'Identity Matters...' The meeting explored topics such as "how we live depends on our answer to the question "who am I?" It showed a biblical perspective on how identity determines how Christians should respond to many contemporary issues, such as radical gender ideology and challenges to the sanctity of all human life from conception.
- **Christmas Light Switch on-** held at the church for the local community was back as a joyful in-person gathering in late November.
- **Christmas Grotto and Marketplace** - It is a longstanding and very well received event in our community bringing everyone together selling cakes, crafts and gifts by local community members and organisations along with a Christmas crib.
- **Christmas Eve Carol Service and the Christmas Day service** were able to be in-person this year as well as being streamed to the live Facebook page. Festive drinks and snacks were also served.
- **Church Weekend Away** It was wonderful to be able to reconnect as a Church with 80 members gathering together on a weekend away near Tonbridge in April 2022, for a family time of fellowship, fun and faith building! Teaching was carried out on a theme from John's Gospel with Bible verses about "light". There was much enthusiasm with adults and children working together to discuss the teachings and decorate the hall with the Bible verses. The weekend went well. High points were seeing all generations enjoying meals and fun times together, times spent enjoying outdoor activities managed by the staff at Carrotty Wood, and having church meetings in a relaxed 'Sunday School for grown-ups' type of setting which was accessible for all of us together rather than our usual adults/youth/children's groups. Feedback from those who attended was very positive.

Plans for the future

- 1) To continue to rebuild faith and togetherness within the church and community after the pandemic
- 2) Focus on the youth with restarting youth meetings and a potential trip to Newday (if circumstances allow).
- 3) To try and restart the “Friday shoppers” group that benefited the elderly in the community allowing them to sit and have a chat with drinks and cakes after their weekly shop whilst waiting for transport home.
- 4) To be able to restart Baptisms in our Baptismal pool (that sadly had to stop due to the COVID pandemic due to health and safety reasons)

Finances and Reserves

As we emerged from the COVID 19 pandemic, a cautious approach continued to be taken to the management of the Church finances.

The Church finances are kept under regular review as a matter of course; our membership continued to give faithfully and generously with monthly giving averaging over £12,000 per month.

As it was largely a season of ‘re-gathering’, there were no overseas mission trips and our outreach programme was necessarily curbed in a number of areas as we were generally cautious in arranging large scale events. Therefore, our main operational expenditure for the period were staff costs and ‘overheads’ such as building maintenance and insurances. There was continued investment in equipment to improve our capability to stream services, prayer meetings and daily devotionals online.

We were pleased to maintain our full outward financial support programme with regular gifts for mission and outreach projects in both the UK and Africa.

Our income from general giving covered most of our operational costs for 2021/22, with the shortfall being covered from reserves.

The Trustees have set a policy of retaining sufficient reserves to cover at least 3 months general expenditure i.e to cover the normal day to day costs of running the Church and keeping the building open. In the Financial Year 2021/22, £55,000 was considered a prudent level of general reserve to be held.

The level of general reserves continues to be monitored regularly in conjunction with the Elders. Currently there are no plans for large scale capital expenditure.

At the end of the financial year 2021/22, free reserves amounted to approximately £300,000. These funds have not been specifically designated yet; nonetheless there are outline plans to use some of the reserves for longer term church development and strengthening of the Leadership team as well as for local church planting.

Since the end of the financial year, regular giving continues to average about £12,000 per month which is largely covering our operational costs. Our reserves are strong; the Trustees

thus continue to believe the Charity will be in operation and able to meet all liabilities as they fall due, for at least 12 months from the date of the signing of the 2021/22 Accounts.

On behalf of the Trustees:

(signed) *Simon Turner*

Trustee: Simon Turner

(signed) *Neil Hardwick*

Trustee: Neil Hardwick

Date of approval of Trustee Report: 11 January 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2022 on pages 11 to 19 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 13 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Stephen Mathews

Stephen Mathews FCA
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
London
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Date: 12 January 2023

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	182,684	99,119	281,803	298,196
Charitable activities	4	5,085	-	5,085	(773)
Total income and endowments		<u>187,769</u>	<u>99,119</u>	<u>286,887</u>	<u>297,423</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	222,196	83,619	305,816	275,830
Total expenditure		<u>222,196</u>	<u>83,619</u>	<u>305,816</u>	<u>275,830</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(34,428)	15,499	(18,929)	21,593
Transfers between funds	12	(1,025)	1,025	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(35,453)</u>	<u>16,524</u>	<u>(18,929)</u>	<u>21,593</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		336,174	54,397	390,571	368,979
Total funds carried forward	12	<u>300,721</u>	<u>70,921</u>	<u>371,643</u>	<u>390,572</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on page 13 - 18 form part of these accounts.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

	Note	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	13,870		13,870	15,852
		<u>13,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,870</u>	<u>15,852</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	42,355		42,355	40,791
Cash at bank and in hand	9	249,433	70,921	320,354	340,970
		291,788	70,921	362,710	381,761
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	4,937		4,937	7,041
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>286,851</u>	<u>70,921</u>	<u>357,773</u>	<u>374,720</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>300,721</u>	<u>70,921</u>	<u>371,643</u>	<u>390,572</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>300,721</u>	<u>70,921</u>	<u>371,643</u>	<u>390,572</u>
FUND BALANCES	12				
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		170,151	-	170,151	192,933
Designated funds		130,570	-	130,570	143,241
		<u>300,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300,721</u>	<u>336,174</u>
Restricted Funds		-	70,921	70,921	54,398
		<u>300,721</u>	<u>70,921</u>	<u>371,643</u>	<u>390,572</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

James Wicking

TRUSTEE: James Wicking

DATE: 11 January 2023

Charity number: 1172916

The notes on page 13 - 18 form part of these accounts.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP")", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact on net income will not be material.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The Charities SORP requires charities with income over £500,000 to allocate costs to the various activities undertaken by the charity. The nature of the work of the church is considered to be so integrated that the core charitable activity costs are considered to be for the one activity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £2,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Equipment	Over 5 years
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The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

3 Donations and legacies

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations of cash and similar	234,385	243,368
Legacies receivable	-	10,200
Income tax recoverable	42,426	40,830
Government grants (note 3a)	-	2,212
Other grants receivable	4,992	1,586
	<u>281,803</u>	<u>298,196</u>

a Government grants comprise:

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Job Retention Scheme grants	-	2,212
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,212</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Church activities	5,085	(773)
	<u>5,085</u>	<u>(773)</u>

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5 Charitable expenditure

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
<u>Church activity</u>		
Salaries and pastoral support	136,377	141,097
Pastoral expenses and conferences	17,792	2,861
Mission teams and travel (2021 flight refunds)	7,470	(794)
Evangelism	4,541	775
Youth work and events	2,111	1,577
Grants payable (Note 5c)	100,284	96,518
	<u>268,575</u>	<u>242,033</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
<u>Governance costs</u>		
Accounts preparation and independent examiner's fee	3,600	4,000
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<u>Church activity</u>		
Property and office	22,721	18,964
Insurance	3,472	3,473
Sundry expenses	5,467	5,378
Depreciation	1,982	1,982
	<u>37,241</u>	<u>33,797</u>
Total expenditure	<u>305,816</u>	<u>275,830</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts is detailed above; in addition the charity paid £875 (2021: £875) and £150 (2021: £120) to Stewardship for payroll bureau and consultancy helpline membership respectively.

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2022 £	2021 £
Mission support	14,040	10,700	24,740	25,507
Relief of poverty	5,560	1,000	6,560	3,832
Educational grants	68,809	-	68,809	66,958
Other grants	175	-	175	222
	<u>88,584</u>	<u>11,700</u>	<u>100,284</u>	<u>96,518</u>
<i>For 2020/21</i>				
	Institutions £	Individuals £	2021 £	2020 £
Mission support	21,907	3,600	25,507	60,750
Relief of poverty	2,160	1,672	3,832	5,051
Educational grants	66,958	-	66,958	79,503
Other grants	222	-	222	762
	<u>91,246</u>	<u>5,272</u>	<u>96,518</u>	<u>146,066</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2022 £	2021 £
Dihlabeng Nursery School, South Africa	68,809	66,958
Regions Beyond UK (Church planting and relief of poverty)	14,400	14,400
Hope for tomorrow (Education and poverty relief in Burundi)	3,400	2,400
Jubilee Church Hull	600	2,400
Gateway Church (Segamat Malaysia)	-	2,028
Salvation Army, Athens (refugee relief)	-	1,439
Breakthrough Trust	1,200	1,200
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	175	422
	<u>88,584</u>	<u>91,246</u>

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6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	112,861	119,664
Social security	7,204	7,341
Pension costs	16,170	13,074
	<u>136,235</u>	<u>140,079</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 4 (2021: 5). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2022 £
Trustees:				
G Wales	37,150	-	11,820	48,970
S Turner	45,750	-	3,120	48,870
				<u>97,840</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2021 £
Trustees:				
G Wales	34,567	-	9,305	43,872
S Turner	44,625	-	3,030	47,655
				<u>91,527</u>

During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £97,840 (2021: £91,527).

G Wales and S Turner served as church leaders and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

No other trustees received employment benefits in either the current or those that acted as trustees in the preceding year.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Vehicles £	Total 2022 £
Cost			
At 6 April 2021	19,815	-	19,815
Additions	-	-	-
At 05 April 2022	<u>19,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,815</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 6 April 2021	3,964	-	3,964
Charge for the year	1,982	-	1,982
At 05 April 2022	<u>5,945</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,945</u>
Net book value			
At 05 April 2022	<u>13,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,870</u>
At 6 April 2021	<u>17,834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,834</u>

The charity uses the building at Main Road, Biggin Hill, Kent. The charity does so on the basis of the trust deed between The London Baptist Property Board Limited and Biggin Hill Baptist Church, Kent dated 19 August 1963. The cost of repair and improvements are met by the funds of the charity.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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8 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Falling due within one year:		
Tax recoverable	42,355	40,791
	<u>42,355</u>	<u>40,791</u>
Total debtors	<u><u>42,355</u></u>	<u><u>40,791</u></u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	320,354	340,970
	<u>320,354</u>	<u>340,970</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	-	1,649
Accruals	4,937	5,392
	<u>4,937</u>	<u>7,041</u>

11 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £16,170 (2021: £13,074) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. Pension contributions of £1,337 (2021: £1,391) were owing at the balance sheet date.

12 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Legacy	143,241	-	(12,671)	-	130,570
	<u>143,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,671)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,570</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	192,933	187,769	(209,525)	(1,025)	170,151
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>336,174</u>	<u>187,769</u>	<u>(222,196)</u>	<u>(1,025)</u>	<u>300,721</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Child sponsorship fund	47,366	74,043	(73,844)	-	47,565
Burundi	214	-	-	-	214
Regions Beyond UK Fund	1,421	-	-	-	1,421
Missionary support fund	1	25,076	(9,526)	-	15,551
Overseas church funds	773	-	-	-	773
Dihlabeng support	508	-	-	125	633
Catering van fund	469	-	-	-	469
Biggin Hill projects fund	2,627	-	-	-	2,627
Crisis Care	1,018	-	(250)	900	1,669
	<u>54,397</u>	<u>99,119</u>	<u>(83,619)</u>	<u>1,025</u>	<u>70,921</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u><u>390,571</u></u>	<u><u>286,887</u></u>	<u><u>(305,816)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>371,643</u></u>

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<i>Comparative figures for 2020</i>	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Designated Funds					
Legacy	99,210	10,200	(19,141)	52,972	143,241
	99,210	10,200	(19,141)	52,972	143,241
Unrestricted general funds	214,215	217,435	(185,745)	(52,972)	192,933
	313,425	227,635	(204,886)	-	336,174
Restricted Funds					
Child sponsorship fund	47,661	66,663	(66,958)		47,366
Burundi	214	-	-		214
Regions Beyond UK Fund	1,421	-	-		1,421
Regions Beyond	0	-	-		-
Missionary support fund	1	-	-		1
Overseas church funds	773	-	-		773
Dihlabeng support	508	-	-		508
Athens appeal fund	1,440	-	(1,439)		-
Catering van fund	469	-	-		469
Biggin Hill projects fund	3,068	-	(441)		2,627
Crisis Care	-	3,125	(2,107)		1,018
	55,554	69,788	(70,945)	0	54,397
Aggregate of funds	368,979	297,423	(275,830)	-	390,571

Designated funds

The Legacy fund is a designated fund set aside from legacies received. Amounts held are for major long term projects

Restricted funds

Child sponsorship fund is for sponsorship of children who are unable to afford schooling for education at Dihlabeng School in South Africa

The Regions Beyond fund is for the support of projects and church planting under the auspices of the Regions Beyond family of churches. The funds are normally granted to Regions Beyond UK (registered charity number 1152827).

The Biggin Hill projects fund is for projects associated with refurbishing and improving the church's premises.

The purpose of the Crisis Care fund is to support local people experiencing problems in the current financial crises.

The Missionary Support Fund is to assist funding of mission workers in the UK and abroad.

All other funds arise from offerings and other gifts for specific projects as indicated by the fund name.

13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- received donations totalling £33,634 (2021: £29,525) from related parties (which includes trustees, anyone closely connected to them and key management).
- paid no expenses (2021: £nil) to trustees whilst carrying out duties associated with being trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
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		Unrestricted Funds - General		Unrestricted Funds - Designated		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	182,684	218,208	-	10,200	99,119	69,788	281,803	298,196
Other charitable activities	4	5,085	(773)			-	-	5,085	(773)
Total income and endowments		187,769	217,435	-	10,200	99,119	69,788	286,887	297,423
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	209,525	185,745	12,671	19,141	83,619	70,945	305,816	275,830
Total Expenditure		209,525	185,745	12,671	19,141	83,619	70,945	305,816	275,830
Net gains/(losses) on investments								-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(21,757)	31,690	(12,671)	(8,941)	15,499	(1,156)	(18,929)	21,593
Transfers between funds	12	(1,025)	(52,972)		52,972	1,025	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(22,782)	(21,282)	(12,671)	44,031	16,524	(1,156)	(18,929)	21,593
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		192,933	214,215	143,241	99,210	54,398	55,555	390,573	368,980
Total funds carried forward	12	170,152	192,933	130,570	143,241	70,922	54,398	371,644	390,573

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CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Trustees	J Chambers N Hardwick J Price T Stirk G Wales D White S Turner I Smith (appointed 3 June 2021) J Wicking (appointed 3 June 2021)
Key Staff - Church Elders	S Turner G Wales
Governing Document	CIO - Constitution dated 12 December 2016
Charity Registration Number	1172916
Principal Address	Main Road Biggin Hill TN16 3BB
Independent Examiner	Stephen Mathews FCA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc Station Rd, Paddock Wood Tonbridge TN12 6EP

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The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period 5th April 2020 to 4th April 2021.

Our main objectives as a church and a charity are to promote the Christian Faith in Biggin Hill, the UK and in other Countries around the world.

Our Vision – is to make known to the local community, the Love of Christ and the Grace of God demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our strategy in achieving these objectives continues by:

- Gathering together ordinary people from any background, any situation, any age group.
- Restoring New Testament principles via education, evangelism, caring for our local community and for our own within the Church.
- Being a community committed to love and care for each other and to bring blessing to the area in which we live as we have been taught in The Bible.
- Engaging members of the church to serve. We are blessed to have many unpaid volunteers who choose to serve our community without recognition. They lend their time and often their equipment freely giving to our wonderful community in “salt and light” by praying, visiting the sick, training others, organising worship and in administration. The value and number of hours that these volunteers give is not quantifiable. We feel that it is the work of every member of our church whether employed or not that showing the unconditional love of Christ through good deeds has a positive effect on our community.
- Contributing financially-The financial resources of the church are given by the members and their private assets are regularly used in the work of the church.

Public Benefit In the planning of the many activities undertaken during this year, we have taken into account the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit and in particular in relation to the guidance relating to the advancement of religion. We have sought to ensure that all our activities are available and open to all within the community in which we serve, both in the provision of services of worship and in provision of community activity and support.

Structure, Governance and management

The charity is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and the Baptist Union and is established within Regions Beyond - part of the Newfrontiers family of Churches. Directions relating to the charity are made by the Trustees, in consultation with the Elders, who are responsible for governing the life and teaching of the church. Day to day decisions on expenditure and activities are decided by the staff and volunteers in charge of different areas of the church, with budgets set and monitored by the Trustees. In general, the responsibility for appointment of Trustees rests with the Elders. New Trustees are primarily selected from the members of the church and from leaders of other local churches sharing the same vision, since this means the Trustee body is wholeheartedly involved in seeing the mission of the church worked out in practice. On being appointed, new Trustees will spend time with the existing Trustees to ensure they understand their responsibilities and the legal and financial framework in which the church operates.

Responsibilities of trustees under charity law -The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

- ☐ Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:
 - ☐ select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
 - ☐ observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
 - ☐ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
 - ☐ state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
 - ☐ prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Acknowledgement

The Trustees extend their thanks for the hard work and faithful service of the Elders and those who served during this unusual and challenging year in many different ways, particularly to the staff, who have, once again, served the community of the Church. They also express their gratitude for the generosity of those supporting the objectives and vision of the Church.

The Year in Summary

The 12 months from April 2020 to March 2021 was one dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic. It changed communities and it changed how churches worked.

The Church is not a building, but a gathering of ordinary people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The New Testament reveals the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, who by loving and serving Jesus Christ, were also committed to love and care for each other and to bring a blessing to the area in which they lived.

As a result the trustees, elders and members of the church were committed to supporting the community and each other in a very difficult year.

Priorities Identified in 2020

- 1) With the advent of the COVID-19 the main priority was focusing on how to maintain contact with all our church members and the community in a way that was accessible and helpful for building faith and in practical ways.
- 2) COVID-19 again further highlighted the needs of our community and the need to respond to those requiring help for example those isolated in the community needing food and medicines.
- 3) The closure of 'in person' church meetings involved updating the social media for the church and upgrading the website.
- 4) The aim to continue the events we as a church usually participate in within the community without any infection risk - eg Christmas lights event and Remembrance Sunday etc.
- 5) The need to reach out to other people and Churches within the Regions Beyond group who were struggling due to COVID or other reasons and also to find ways to keep in contact with our Church families across the world without being able to travel.

Progress made on these priorities:

- 1) **Covid19 Crisis Response-** During the initial national lockdown in March 2020 we recognised that there was a significant need to provide a vital link for those who are especially vulnerable in our community. The need for essential shopping, collection and delivery of prescriptions and emotional support was extensive so we set about establishing a Mutual Aid group consisting of church members and members of our local community. We established a recruitment process for the volunteers and a method to remove as much risk as possible from providing this service. We dealt with 755 members of our community during this time and completed over £16,000 worth of shopping.

- 2) Alongside this service we also established a short term **foodbank** to be able to provide crisis food packages for families and individuals who were in need. We relied on food donations and donations of finance from within the church and the community and were able to help 43 different households with this ministry. As the need reduced we donated all of our stock to the food bank in Westerham and continue to support them.
- 3) Staff and volunteers were able to play a significant part in the church life and in wider areas of the community with setting up the kids work online (during COVID lockdown), organising the live feed for our Sunday worship, keeping the Youth social media pages updated, posting daily devotionals on our Facebook page, manning the foodbank. In addition they were also part of the Sunday preaching team, undertaking a Bible & Leadership course and running a community church group.
- 4) **The virtual church & Social Media-** The church, like many others, had to learn how to become “virtual” during the lockdown periods. This began simply by using Facebook to broadcast, but we soon became more sophisticated and utilised YouTube for those who were unable to use Facebook. For those without the internet, we produced DVDs. Our worship songs were produced using musicians in their own homes, collaborating together and emailing their contributions to bring together choral and instrumental parts. Although this was time consuming the church responded very well to the task. Preaching was also recorded and transmitted successfully and together with the musical side of things, new skills were developed during a hard time that have benefited us going forward. We made extensive use of Zoom to connect together as much as possible. We also managed to reach out to a much wider group through broadcasting with engagement from far and wide, including Africa, India and even Australia. Our numbers engaging live online fluctuated from as many as 130 down to at least 80, with total weekly viewing in the average region of 500. We also began a daily devotional “10@10” - 10 minutes at 10am each day to help and encourage people, especially alone, during lockdown. Here is a response from a thankful participant *“During lockdown 10@10 was a lifeline giving both biblical teaching and social contact in a time of need. It became the centrepiece of our days and was much appreciated”*

Achievements and Performance

- Most of our “in- house” **Community groups** managed to continue during the Covid lockdown period by meeting online. For many this has been a real lifeline especially for those who were shielding.
- The **Sunday morning services** continued every week without fail and even though we were unable to meet in person we still met and encouraged each other online during the service. Some kids services were also able to be held via zoom before the main service.
- **Prayer meetings** were also held weekly on zoom with up to 40 people meeting together - these were loud, fun, encouraging and prayerful and were a wonderful way of catching up with each other.
- **Alpha course** – 3 courses were held throughout the year with 2 of them being for the local community to find out more about the Christian faith and one was run for church members. Although we couldn’t share a meal together, the course was able to go ahead online.

- The **Remembrance Day Service** at the Biggin Hill Cenotaph was a much smaller affair but there was able to be a small gathering from our church along with other churches in the area which was streamed online live.
- The church has for the past few years engaged with like-minded churches in the organisation known as **Regions Beyond**. Like all other aspects of pandemic life, this has been a challenge, but again there have been attempts to gather online and through Zoom and using other broadcast facilities. There have been special prayer meetings and also offerings taken up among the churches for international work among the poor, who have been disproportionately hit hard by COVID, and this has been distributed through the Regions Beyond Charity.
- Sadly many of the “usual” meetings, visits and events within the church or the community were either cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic - however some events still went ahead- (even if they were mostly online!)
 - Christmas- During the winter lockdown period, we facilitated a community wide online **virtual light switch-on for our Christmas** lights. This involved very many people right across our community from many organisations. Each one contributed and we managed to include the schools who were still operating at that time. This was viewed by 7.8k people. You can find it here <https://www.facebook.com/newlifebh/videos/687083322243113>
 - We also managed to coordinate and produce a **Christmas online carol service**. This again involved very many people from the community and these events gained thousands of “views” (online engagement) across our community and were very well received. This was a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the support and stability of a local church.

Plans for the future

To continue reaching out to everyone in the church during this challenging time during the COVID pandemic with online services and encouragement for all that need it.

The intention is to be flexible and responsive to the needs of the community as they arise and specific plans have not been made given the uncertainties over what will be the situation in 2021 and 2022 in the United Kingdom and the other parts of the world which are specifically supported by the church.

There will need to be further updates to the audio-visual system to allow for this to occur.

Finances and Reserves

As reported elsewhere, the period under review was dominated by the COVID 19 pandemic.

At the onset of the pandemic, we were blessed that our reserves and our finances as a whole, were in a strong position. The Church finances are kept under regular review as a matter of course, but as the possible impact of COVID 19 became clearer, a detailed financial risk review was undertaken, taking the pessimistic starting point that our income from general Giving would be severely impacted. Against that scenario, planned expenditure was pruned back to help

counter the possible drop in income. In practice, the membership continued to give both faithfully and generously so that our general income for 2020/21 (including one-off gifts) was slightly ahead of the previous financial year.

Our expenditure, particularly outreach projects, was necessarily curbed in a number of areas due to lock downs and bans on overseas travel. Therefore, our main operational expenditure for the period were staff costs and 'overheads' such as building maintenance and insurances. There was additional investment in equipment to enable services, prayer meetings and daily devotionals to be streamed online.

The Government's Furlough scheme was used to cover some staff costs where appropriate.

We were pleased to maintain our full outward financial support programme with regular gifts for mission and outreach projects in both the UK and Africa.

With our income from general Giving easily covering our Operational costs for 2020/21, there was no need to dip into our reserves.

The Trustees have set a policy of retaining sufficient reserves to cover at least 3 months general expenditure i.e to cover the normal day to day costs of running the Church and keeping the building open. In the Financial Year 2020/21, £55,000 was considered a prudent level of general reserve to be held.

The level of general reserves continues to be monitored regularly in conjunction with the Elders. Currently there are no plans for large scale capital expenditure.

At the end of the financial year 2020/21, unrestricted reserves amounted to approximately £336,000, with £143,000 designated for specific longer-term purposes (such as church planting, technology resources and developmental staffing) and £193,000 not specifically designated yet. Nonetheless there are outline plans to use some of the reserves for longer term church development including possible strengthening of the Leadership team, as well as for local church planting.

Since the end of the financial year, regular Giving has averaged about £12,500 per month which is covering our operational costs. The Trustees continue to believe the Charity will be in operation and able to meet all liabilities as they fall due, for at least 12 months from the date of the signing of the 2020/21 Accounts.

On behalf of the Trustees:

(signed)

Trustee: Gareth Wales

(signed)

Trustee: Neil Hardwick

Date of approval of Trustee Report: 1 February 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NEW LIFE CHURCH BIGGIN HILL
(‘the Charity’)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2021 on pages 9 to 17 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 11 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Stephen Mathews FCA
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Stewardship
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Date: 2 February 2022

NEW LIFE CHURCH BIGGIN HILL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	228,408	69,788	298,196	349,680
Charitable activities	4	(773)	-	(773)	5,537
Total income and endowments		<u>227,635</u>	<u>69,788</u>	<u>297,423</u>	<u>355,216</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	204,886	70,945	275,830	370,745
Total expenditure		<u>204,886</u>	<u>70,945</u>	<u>275,830</u>	<u>370,745</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		22,749	(1,156)	21,593	(15,529)
Transfers between funds	12	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>22,749</u>	<u>(1,156)</u>	<u>21,593</u>	<u>(15,529)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		313,425	55,554	368,979	384,507
Total funds carried forward	12	<u>336,174</u>	<u>54,398</u>	<u>390,572</u>	<u>368,979</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on page 11 - 16 form part of these accounts.

NEW LIFE CHURCH BIGGIN HILL
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

	Note	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	15,852		15,852	17,834
		<u>15,852</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,852</u>	<u>17,834</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	40,791		40,791	43,941
Cash at bank and in hand	9	286,573	54,398	340,970	314,763
		327,364	54,398	381,761	358,704
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	7,041		7,041	7,560
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>320,323</u>	<u>54,398</u>	<u>374,720</u>	<u>351,145</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>336,174</u>	<u>54,398</u>	<u>390,572</u>	<u>368,978</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>336,174</u>	<u>54,398</u>	<u>390,572</u>	<u>368,978</u>
FUND BALANCES	12				
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds		192,933	-	192,933	214,214
Designated funds		<u>143,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,241</u>	<u>99,210</u>
		336,174	-	336,174	313,424
Restricted Funds		-	54,398	54,398	55,554
		<u>336,174</u>	<u>54,398</u>	<u>390,572</u>	<u>368,978</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

TRUSTEE: Neil Hardwick

SIGNED

DATE: 1 February 2022

Charity number: 1172916

The notes on page 11 - 16 form part of these accounts.

NEW LIFE CHURCH BIGGIN HILL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP")", with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. In making this assessment the trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact on net income will not be material.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The Charities SORP requires charities with income over £500,000 to allocate costs to the various activities undertaken by the charity. The nature of the work of the church is considered to be so integrated that the core charitable activity costs are considered to be for the one activity.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

NEW LIFE CHURCH BIGGIN HILL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Equipment	Over 5 years
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The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

g) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

h) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

3 Donations and legacies

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations of cash and similar	243,368	297,233
Legacies receivable	10,200	10,000
Income tax recoverable	40,830	42,446
Government grants (note 3a)	2,212	-
Other grants receivable	1,586	-
	<u>298,196</u>	<u>349,680</u>

a Government grants comprise:

Job Retention Scheme grants

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	2,212	-
	<u>2,212</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Church activities (conference refunds 2021)	(773)	5,537
	<u>(773)</u>	<u>5,537</u>

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5 Charitable expenditure

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
<u>Church activity</u>		
Salaries and pastoral support	141,097	135,180
Pastoral expenses and conferences	2,861	16,518
Mission teams and travel (2021 flight refunds)	(794)	12,140
Evangelism	775	1,735
Youth work and events	1,577	5,300
Grants payable (note 5c)	96,518	154,561
	<u>242,033</u>	<u>325,435</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
<u>Governance costs</u>		
Accounts preparation and independent examiner's fee	4,000	4,020
	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,020</u>
<u>Church activity</u>		
Property and office	18,964	25,730
Insurance	3,473	3,678
Sundry expenses	5,378	9,900
Depreciation	1,982	1,982
	<u>33,797</u>	<u>45,310</u>
Total expenditure	<u>275,830</u>	<u>370,745</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts is detailed above; in addition the charity paid £875 (2020: £948) and £120 (2020: £120) to Stewardship for payroll bureau and consultancy helpline membership respectively.

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2021 £	2020 £
Mission support	21,907	3,600	25,507	60,750
Relief of poverty	2,160	1,672	3,832	5,051
Educational grants	66,958	-	66,958	79,503
Other grants	222	-	222	762
	<u>91,246</u>	<u>5,272</u>	<u>96,518</u>	<u>146,066</u>
<i>For 2019/20</i>				
	Institutions £	Individuals £	2020 £	2019 £
Mission support	48,153	12,597	60,750	87,350
Relief of poverty	4,908	143	5,051	540
Educational grants	79,503	-	79,503	64,081
Other grants	182	580	762	5,100
	<u>132,746</u>	<u>13,320</u>	<u>146,066</u>	<u>157,071</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2021 £	2020 £
Dihlabeng Nursery School, South Africa	66,958	79,173
Regions Beyond UK (church planting and relief of poverty)	14,400	32,720
Hope for Tomorrow	2,400	2,000
Jubilee Church Hull	2,400	2,000
Gateway Church (Segamat Malaysia)	2,028	-
Salvation Army, Athens (refugee relief)	1,439	-
Breakthrough Trust	1,200	1,000
Dihlabeng Church, South Africa	-	2,030
Grace Community Church Edenbridge	-	10,000
Gateway Church Wrexham	-	2,400
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	422	923
	<u>91,246</u>	<u>132,246</u>

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6 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	119,664	116,761
Social security	11,341	7,820
Pension costs	13,074	5,687
	<u>144,079</u>	<u>130,268</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 5 (2020: 5). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees and the key staff named on the Charity Information page. Total employment benefits payable to key management for the year were as follows:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2021 £
Trustees:				
G Wales	34,567	-	9,305	43,872
S Turner	44,625	-	3,030	<u>47,655</u>
				<u>91,527</u>

The following amounts were payable in the previous year:

	Wages & salaries	Other employment benefits	Employer pension contributions	2020 £
Trustees:				
G Wales	33,927	-	2,150	36,077
S Turner	42,000	-	2,880	<u>44,880</u>
				<u>80,957</u>

During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £91,527 (2020: £80,957).

G Wales and S Turner served as church leaders and received the above payments for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

No other trustees received employment benefits in either the current or those that acted as trustees in the preceding year.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Vehicles £	Total 2021 £
Cost			
At 6 April 2020	19,815	-	19,815
Additions	-	-	-
At 05 April 2021	<u>19,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,815</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 6 April 2020	1,982	-	1,982
Charge for the year	1,982	-	1,982
At 05 April 2021	<u>3,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,964</u>
Net book value			
At 05 April 2021	<u>15,852</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,852</u>
At 6 April 2020	<u>17,834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,834</u>

The charity uses the building at 168 Main Road, Biggin Hill, Kent. The charity does so on the basis of the trust deed between The London Baptist Property Board Limited and Biggin Hill Baptist Church, Kent dated 19 August 1963. The cost of repair and improvements are met by the funds of the charity.

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8 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Falling due within one year:		
Tax recoverable	40,791	43,941
	<u>40,791</u>	<u>43,941</u>
Total debtors	<u>40,791</u>	<u>43,941</u>

9 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	340,970	314,302
Petty cash	-	461
	<u>340,970</u>	<u>314,763</u>

10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	1,649	2,220
Accruals	5,392	5,340
	<u>7,041</u>	<u>7,560</u>

11 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £16,011 (2020: £5,687) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2020: £nil).

12 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2021 £	Incoming resources 2021 £	Outgoing resources 2021 £	Transfers in the year 2021 £	Closing balance 2021 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Legacy	99,210	10,200	(19,141)	52,972	143,241
	<u>99,210</u>	<u>10,200</u>	<u>(19,141)</u>	<u>52,972</u>	<u>143,241</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	214,215	217,435	(185,745)	(52,972)	192,933
	<u>214,215</u>	<u>217,435</u>	<u>(185,745)</u>	<u>(52,972)</u>	<u>192,933</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>313,425</u>	<u>227,635</u>	<u>(204,886)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>336,174</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Child sponsorship fund	47,661	66,663	(66,958)		47,366
Burundi	214	-	-		214
Regions Beyond UK Fund	1,421	-	-		1,421
Regions Beyond	-	-	-		-
Missionary support fund	1	-	-		1
Overseas church funds	773	-	-		773
Dihlabeng support	508	-	-		508
Athens appeal fund	1,440	-	(1,439)		0
Catering van fund	469	-	-		469
Biggin Hill projects fund	3,068	-	(441)		2,627
Crisis Care	-	3,125	(2,107)		1,018
	<u>55,554</u>	<u>69,788</u>	<u>(70,945)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>54,398</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>364,086</u>	<u>297,423</u>	<u>(275,830)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390,572</u>

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<i>Comparative figures for 2020</i>	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers in the year £	Closing balance £
Designated Funds					
Legacy	4,938	10,000	(41,686)	125,958	99,210
	4,938	10,000	(41,686)	125,958	99,210
Unrestricted general funds	313,379	224,311	(197,518)	(125,958)	214,215
	318,317	234,311	(239,204)	-	313,425
Restricted Funds					
Child sponsorship fund	42,980	84,578	(79,898)		47,661
Burundi	-	214	-		214
Tajikistan support fund	415	-	(415)		-
Regions Beyond UK Fund	3,451	11,490	(13,520)		1,421
Regions Beyond	-	10,000	(10,000)		-
Missionary support fund	144	-	(143)		1
Overseas church funds	773	-	-		773
Dihlabeng support	-	2,538	(2,030)		508
Athens appeal fund	70	1,370	-		1,440
Catering van fund	469	-	-		469
Biggin Hill projects fund	9,223	10,714	(16,870)		3,068
Edenbridge Church fund	8,666	-	(8,666)		0
	66,190	120,905	(131,541)	-	55,554
Aggregate of funds	384,507	355,216	(370,745)	-	368,979

Designated funds

The Legacy fund is a designated fund set aside from legacies received. Amounts held are for major long term projects

Restricted funds

Child sponsorship fund is for sponsorship of children who are unable to afford schooling for education at Dihlabeng School in South Africa

The Regions Beyond fund is for the support of projects and church planting under the auspices of the Regions Beyond family of churches. The funds are normally granted to Regions Beyond UK (registered charity number 1152827).

The Biggin Hill projects fund is for projects associated with refurbishing and improving the church's premises.

The purpose of the Crisis Care fund is to support local people experiencing problems in the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown.

All other funds arise from offerings and other gifts for specific projects as indicated by the fund name.

13 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £29,525 (2020: £30,797) from related parties (which includes trustees, anyone closely connected to them and key management).
- b) did not pay any expenses to trustees (2020: £nil) whilst carrying out duties associated with being trustees. Reimbursement for expenses incurred, when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee, are not included in this disclosure.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
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		Unrestricted Funds - General		Unrestricted Funds - Designated		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	218,208	219,729	10,200	10,000	69,788	119,951	298,196	349,680
Other charitable activities	4	(773)	4,582			-	954	(773)	5,537
Total income and endowments		217,435	224,311	10,200	10,000	69,788	120,905	297,423	355,216
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	5	185,745	197,518	19,141	41,686	70,945	131,541	275,830	370,745
Total Expenditure		185,745	197,518	19,141	41,686	70,945	131,541	275,830	370,745
Net gains/(losses) on investments								-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		31,690	26,794	(8,941)	(31,686)	(1,156)	(10,636)	21,593	(15,529)
Transfers between funds	12	(52,972)		52,972		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(21,282)	(99,164)	44,031	94,272	(1,156)	(10,636)	21,593	(15,529)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		214,215	313,379	99,210	4,938	55,555	66,191	368,980	384,508
Total funds carried forward	12	192,933	214,215	143,241	99,210	54,398	55,555	390,573	368,980