

2021 Trustees Report

Charity Name: FAITH LIFE CHURCH – GRANTHAM

Charity number: 1176246

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Trustees for the year ending 31 December 2021:

Lee Gallaher [Chair]
Lydia Gallaher
Susan Chappell
Jenny James
Jon Lowe
Mark Walmsley

Purpose:

The Purpose of Faith Life Church – Grantham, for the public benefit, is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith, in such ways as the Charity Trustees may decide.

Aims & Objectives:

We want to help our existing members to know God better and also equip them to help others to enjoy a life-transforming relationship with God.

We believe that God is a good God and that we can be like him in our thoughts, words and actions.

Covid Pandemic:

On account of the Global Pandemic and the gradual nature of the return to normal operating, some of our regular 'outreach' activities were curtailed or changed in 2021.

Church Services:

We hold regular, weekly services that are open to all. Our worship services are held every week on Saturday morning, 10.30am - 1pm at Grantham Christian Fellowship, on Belton Avenue, in Grantham.

We provide drinks and biscuits before and after the service, free of charge.

There is a dedicated children's church called 'Superkids' for children up to sixteen years of age.

We also run 'Lifegroups', running on different days and at different times during the week, according to the availability of the group members. These groups provide Christian teaching and time for fellowship.

We also have an 'official' church WhatsApp social media group so members can encourage and pray for each other.

Children's Events:

Following the lifting of restrictions after COVID-19, we again resumed our Easter and Christmas children's celebrations. These were slightly smaller in attendance figures than pre-COVID.

Serving the Community:

Dysart Park:

The outdoor events at the park that we would normally have been involved with were cancelled again in 2021 on account of the fact of uncertainty at the time when planning would have taken place.

Schools Work:

Our pastor currently works in two schools in the town: Little Gonerby Infant School and King's Grammar School.

The pastor takes worship/assemblies bi-monthly at Little Gonerby.

Every week he supports the student-led Christian Union that meets on Friday lunchtime in the King's School.

Chaplaincy:

Our pastor returned to his work as a Chaplain for Lincolnshire Police Force, once the COVID restrictions were lifted. He visits our local police station every Tuesday, taking in home-baked treats and a small dose of care and encouragement. This is another way that we seek to serve our community.

Radio:

For the past several years, members from our church have broadcast a Christian music show every week on our local, community radio station. The show, called 'The SOS,' showcases the latest in Contemporary Christian Music and every week we provide an opportunity for people to give their lives to Christ with a prayer for salvation. Sadly due to the Station losing its broadcasting licence, this outreach came to an end in December.

Overseas Support:

In 2021 Faith Life Church continued its support for Brighter Futures International Trust [Registered Charity in England and Wales No.1110823] to support them financially in their work helping those affected by poverty, disease, disability and prejudice in the Vizianagaram District of India. We raised £1200 through offerings.

Local Support:

In 2021 Faith Life Church continued its support for Lightspace [Registered Charity in England and Wales No.516836]. Lightspace is an independent ecumenical charity working in many of the primary schools in Grantham providing the children an opportunity to hear about

the Christian faith in an approachable and age appropriate way. We raised £1200 through offerings.

Faith Life Church Grantham

Financial Activities

January - December 2021

	TOTAL
Income	
GiftAid Income 2021	5,173.99
Tithes & Offerings	
Tithes & Offerings 2021	28,758.96
Total Tithes & Offerings	28,758.96
Total Income	£33,932.95
TOTAL	£33,932.95
Expenditures	
001 RUNNING COSTS 2021	
Accounting/Banking 2021	1,361.88
Cashback Debit	34.83
Total Accounting/Banking 2021	1,396.71
Equipment 2021	7,597.22
Hospitality 2021	
Other Hospitality 2021	215.40
Refreshments Church Meetings 2021	933.05
Total Hospitality 2021	1,148.45
Insurance 2021	510.71
Media/Wed 2021	402.14
Office Expenditure 2021	297.20
Rent 2021	3,780.00
Storage 2021	888.48
Total 001 RUNNING COSTS 2021	16,020.91
002 OUTREACH 2021	
FLC Events 2021	
Autumn Family Feast 2021	69.39
Christmas 2021	53.75
Film Night 2021	60.00
Kids Easter/Christmas 2021	722.09
Total FLC Events 2021	905.23
Total 002 OUTREACH 2021	905.23
003 DISCIPLESHIP 2021	
Adult Training & Resources 2021	20.83
FLKids Training & Resources 2021	2,763.99
Grace & Faith Conference 2021	2,392.55
Rock Academy 2021	300.00
Total 003 DISCIPLESHIP 2021	5,477.37
004 LEADERSHIP COSTS 2021	
Accidental Purchase 2021	12.29
Pastoral Support 2021	3,298.50
Senior Leader Retainer 2021	4,920.00
Training & Resources 2021	41.62
Total 004 LEADERSHIP COSTS 2021	8,272.41

	TOTAL
005 SOWING 2021	
Ministry Gifts Sown	
BFI 2021	1,500.00
Church Sowing 2021	888.83
Lightspace 2021	900.00
Support Gifts 2021	421.23
Total Ministry Gifts Sown	3,710.06
Total 005 SOWING 2021	3,710.06
Total Expenditures	£34,385.98
NET OPERATING INCOME	£ -453.03
Other Income	
Accidental Purchase Refund 2021	12.99
Cashback Credit	69.65
Refund Income 2021	245.01
Total Other Income	£327.65
NET OTHER INCOME	£327.65
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£ -125.38

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Faith Life Church

Registered Charity no: 1176246

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Faith Life Church for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

Signed:



Name: Mrs Nicola L Whittaker

Date: 24th October 2022
