

2022 Trustees Report

Charity Name: FAITH LIFE CHURCH – GRANTHAM

Charity number: 1176246

Primary address: 41 Castlegate
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Trustees for the year ending 31 December 2022:

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.

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

Children's Events:

This year we organised both Easter and Christmas and alternative Halloween (light party) children's celebrations. This year the numbers had increased again following a slight dip last year because of coming out of COVID.

Serving the Community:**Dysart Park:**

After a break following the COVID-19 pandemic, we again provided most of the organisation and manpower for running the Dysart Park Family Fun Day in July. Pastor Lydia is now the Chairperson of the Dysart Park Action Group.

Schools Work:

Pastor Lee has continued to lead collective worship at Little Gonerby Infant School on a bi-monthly basis. Sadly this year the Christian Union at the King's Grammar School closed because of lack of interest from pupils.

Chaplaincy:

Pastor Lee continued his work as a Volunteer Chaplain for Lincolnshire Police Force. 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.

Overseas Support:

In 2022 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 2022 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.

NEW premises:

Since 2012, Faith Life Church - Grantham, has been renting space from Grantham Christian Fellowship, one morning per week.

On 1st November we signed the lease to rent a couple of large offices from Gardner Douglas Sports Cars Ltd, on Swingbridge Rd, in Grantham.

We have laid out one of the offices as a meeting room with rows of seats and the other office we have created an informal lounge / hospitality area.

We spent a month decorating and furnishing the spaces and had our first service in the building on Sat 3rd December. We have also already used the lounge to host a number of meetings, including our own leadership team meetings, Lifegroup meetings, and Lightspace Schools Ministry have used it for a meeting.

Faith Life Church Grantham

Financial Activities

January - December 2022

| | TOTAL |
|---|-------------------|
| Income | |
| 4040 Tithes & Offerings | |
| Tithes & Offerings 2022 | 32,642.35 |
| Total 4040 Tithes & Offerings | 32,642.35 |
| Total Income | £32,642.35 |
| TOTAL | £32,642.35 |
| Expenditures | |
| 001 RUNNING COST 2022 (deleted) | |
| Accounting/Banking 2022 (deleted) | 445.18 |
| Buildings Costs 2022 (deleted) | 5,606.49 |
| Business Rates 2022 (deleted) | 139.80 |
| Equipment 2022 (deleted) | 1,789.09 |
| Hospitality 2022 (deleted) | |
| Other Hospitality 2022 (deleted) | 378.38 |
| Refreshments - Church Meetings 2022 (deleted) | 786.46 |
| Total Hospitality 2022 (deleted) | 1,164.84 |
| Insurance 2022 (deleted) | 533.49 |
| Media/Web 2022 (deleted) | 229.94 |
| Office Expenditures 2022 (deleted) | 259.20 |
| Rent 2022 (deleted) | |
| GCF Rent 2022 (deleted) | 3,900.00 |
| Retro House Rent 2022 (deleted) | 990.40 |
| Total Rent 2022 (deleted) | 4,890.40 |
| Storage 2022 (deleted) | 888.48 |
| Total 001 RUNNING COST 2022 (deleted) | 15,946.91 |
| 002 OUTREACH 2022 (deleted) | |
| FLC Event 2022 (deleted) | |
| Christmas Party 2022 (deleted) | 83.73 |
| Dysart Park Fun Day 2022 (deleted) | 549.77 |
| Film Night 2022 (deleted) | 3.99 |
| FLCG Event Clothing 2022 (deleted) | 1,458.24 |
| Kids Easter/Christmas Party 2022 (deleted) | 186.78 |
| Light Party 2022 (deleted) | 255.92 |
| Total FLC Event 2022 (deleted) | 2,538.43 |
| Other Outreach Events 2022 (deleted) | 303.00 |
| Youth Work 2022 (deleted) | 10.58 |
| Total 002 OUTREACH 2022 (deleted) | 2,852.01 |
| 003 DISCIPLESHIP 2022 (deleted) | |
| Adult Training & Resources 2022 (deleted) | 291.60 |
| FLKids Training & Resources 2022 (deleted) | 2,687.58 |
| Grace & Faith Conference 2022 (deleted) | 762.60 |
| Rock Academy 2022 (deleted) | 163.65 |
| Total 003 DISCIPLESHIP 2022 (deleted) | 3,905.43 |

| | TOTAL |
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| 004 LEADERSHIP COSTS 2020 (deleted) | |
| Training & Resources 2020 (deleted) | 338.00 |
| Total 004 LEADERSHIP COSTS 2020 (deleted) | 338.00 |
| 004 LEADERSHIP COSTS 2022 (deleted) | |
| Accidental Purchase 2022 (deleted) | 65.02 |
| Pastoral Support 2022 (deleted) | 3,956.70 |
| Senior Leader Retainer 2022 (deleted) | 6,730.00 |
| Training & Resources 2022 (deleted) | 880.53 |
| Total 004 LEADERSHIP COSTS 2022 (deleted) | 11,632.25 |
| 005 SOWING 2022 (deleted) | |
| Ministry Gifts Sown (deleted) | |
| BFI 2022 (deleted) | 1,300.00 |
| Church Sowing 2022 (deleted) | 906.45 |
| Lightspace 2022 (deleted) | 1,700.00 |
| Support Gift 2022 (deleted) | 4,147.63 |
| Total Ministry Gifts Sown (deleted) | 8,054.08 |
| Total 005 SOWING 2022 (deleted) | 8,054.08 |
| Total Expenditures | £42,728.68 |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | £ -10,086.33 |
| Other Income | |
| 4000 Asset Sales | 384.94 |
| 4010 Cashback Credit | 39.89 |
| 4020 Events | |
| 4020/1 Dysart Park Events | 452.50 |
| Total 4020 Events | 452.50 |
| Accidental Purchase Refund 2022 | 27.35 |
| Gift Aid Income | 4,403.84 |
| Refund Income | 473.48 |
| Total Other Income | £5,782.00 |
| Other Expenditures | |
| Reconciliation Discrepancies | 6,652.15 |
| Total Other Expenditures | £6,652.15 |
| NET OTHER INCOME | £ -870.15 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | £ -10,956.48 |

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 2022.

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: 7th November 2023