

2023 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 2023:

Jenny James [Chair]
Lee Gallaher
Lydia Gallaher
Susan Chappell
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 Retro House, Swingbridge Road, 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' during the week. These groups take place on different days and times during the week, in homes and other locations. Our Lifegroups 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.

Serving the Community:

Dysart Park:

Faith Life Church members form a large part of the team which organises and runs events in a local park. Pastor Lydia is the Chairperson of the Dysart Park Action Group, and she works closely with our local authority Parks Manager and Parks Community Engagement Officer. The main event we organise is a Family Fun day in July, a free event, that attracts around 6,000 people.

Schools Work:

Pastor Lee has continued to lead collective worship at Little Gonerby Infant School on a bi-monthly basis.

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 2023 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 £1300 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 £1000 through offerings. We have also started hosting their trustee meetings at our church.

NEW premises:

This has been our first full year in our current location, renting from Gardner Douglas Sports Cars Ltd, on Swingbridge Rd, in Grantham. We began the year with two large offices and a storage room and by the end of the year we had added another storage room and another office to our rental agreement, which we use as a dedicated space for our children's church.

Having space that we rent full-time, instead of just one morning a week, we have been able to run church training seminars, host meetings for local church leaders and run Lifegroup meetings, prayer meetings and social events in our own place.

Faith Life Church Grantham

Financial Activities

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
4030 Gift Aid	3,932.61
4040 Tithes & Offerings	31,870.31
Tithes & Offerings 2022 (deleted)	628.70
Total 4040 Tithes & Offerings	32,499.01
Total Income	£36,431.62
TOTAL	£36,431.62
Expenditures	
5000 Running Costs	
5000/1 Rent	7,786.71
5000/2 Bills & Insurance	1,320.51
5000/3 Equipment & Furnishings	3,716.95
5000/4 Accounting & Banking	492.90
5000/5 Hospitality & Refreshments - Adults	926.72
5000/6 Hospitality & Refreshments - FLKids	1,481.60
5000/7 Media & IT	1,044.53
5000/8 Office Expenditures	654.33
5000/9 Other Miscellaneous Running Costs	29.50
Total 5000 Running Costs	17,453.75
5010 Outreach	
5010/1 FLCG Events	734.63
5010/2 Dysart Park Events	497.56
5010/3 FLCG Social Events	164.85
5010/5 Other Outreach Expenses	23.30
Total 5010 Outreach	1,420.34
5020 Discipleship	
5020/1 Adult Training & Resources	500.23
5020/2 FLKids Training & Resources	348.91
5020/4 Other Discipleship Expenses	184.88
Total 5020 Discipleship	1,034.02
5030 Leadership Costs	
5030/1 Pastoral Support	3,967.62
5030/2 Senior Leader Retainer	6,000.00
5030/3 Leadership Training & Resources	1,148.80
5030/4 Other Miscellaneous Leadership Costs	79.40
Total 5030 Leadership Costs	11,195.82
5040 Sowing	
5040/3 Church Sowing	9,045.70
5040/4 Support Gifts	2,109.71
Total 5040 Sowing	11,155.41
Total Expenditures	£42,259.34
NET OPERATING INCOME	£ -5,827.72
Other Income	
4010 Cashback Credit	10.23

	TOTAL
4020 Events	
4020/1 Dysart Park Events	692.05
Total 4020 Events	692.05
4050 Bank Interest	182.55
4060 Miscellaneous Income	393.44
Total Other Income	£1,278.27
NET OTHER INCOME	£1,278.27
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£ -4,549.45

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 2023.

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: 6th November 2024