

2024 Trustees Report

Charity Name: FAITH LIFE CHURCH – GRANTHAM

Charity number: 1176246

Primary address: Retro House
Swingbridge Road
Grantham
Lincolnshire
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Trustees for the year ending 31 December 2024:

Susan Chappell [Chair]
Lee Gallaher
Lydia Gallaher
Jon Lowe
Mark Walmsley
Sarah Caunt

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. This is available to everyone participating in a weekly Lifegroup.

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. We added two more events this year, a 'get your family fit' day called the Gingerbread festival - 'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread man'. We also organised a free Jazz Festival in the park with live bands, food and kids rides.

Schools Work:

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

Harvest festival:

This year, as an outreach into our local community, which is predominantly commercial units, for our harvest festival, instead of collecting veg and tinned goods, we collected biscuits and made 'tea break hampers' for all the surrounding businesses (14 in all).

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 2024 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 2024 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.

Breadhouse @ Retro House:

We continue to rent office space from Gardner Douglas Sports Cars Ltd, on Swingbridge Rd, in Grantham. This year we added another room to our rental agreement. We now have a meeting room, a 'lounge, a dedicated space for children's church and an office for

administrational purposes. Gardner Douglas also have very kindly given us the use of three storage rooms on the premises.

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.

Trustees

We had a change of Trustees this year as our chair of Trustees, Jenny James stepped down because she was moving to another church. Susan Chappell, an existing trustee was voted into the post as Chair and Sarah Caunt joined the trustees team.

Statement of Activity

Faith Life Church Grantham

January 1-December 31, 2024

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
4030 Gift Aid	5,035.78
4040 Tithes & Offerings	33,491.97
Total for Income	£38,527.75
Cost of Sales	
Gross Profit	£38,527.75
Expenses	
5000 Running Costs	0
5000/1 Rent	9,211.20
5000/2 Bills & Insurance	3,422.75
5000/3 Equipment & Furnishings	2,493.98
5000/4 Accounting & Banking	1,200.57
5000/5 Hospitality & Refreshments - Adults	1,082.69
5000/6 Hospitality & Refreshments - FLKids	1,236.29
5000/7 Media & IT	332.95
5000/8 Office Expenditures	193.09
5000/9 Other Miscellaneous Running Costs	£740.36
5000/9/1 Accidental Purchases	922.89
Total for 5000/9 Other Miscellaneous Running Costs	£1,663.25
Total for 5000 Running Costs	£20,836.77
5010 Outreach	0
5010/1 FLCG Events	835.84
5010/2 Dysart Park Events	662.92
5010/3 FLCG Social Events	396.19
5010/5 Other Outreach Expenses	386.36
Total for 5010 Outreach	£2,281.31
5020 Discipleship	0
5020/2 FLKids Training & Resources	190.31
5020/3 The Rock Academy (deleted)	210.00
5020/4 Other Discipleship Expenses	11.22
Total for 5020 Discipleship	£411.53
5030 Leadership Costs	0
5030/1 Pastoral Support	5,316.48
5030/2 Senior Leader Retainer	6,000.00
5030/3 Leadership Training & Resources	1,043.38
5030/4 Other Miscellaneous Leadership Costs	191.48
Total for 5030 Leadership Costs	£12,551.34
5040 Sowing	0
5040/1 LightSpace	1,887.40
5040/2 Brighter Futures	2,982.71
5040/3 Church Sowing	4,551.41

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DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
5040/4 Support Gifts	1,000.00
Total for 5040 Sowing	£10,421.52
Total for Expenses	£46,502.47
Net Operating Income	-£7,974.72
Other Income	
4010 Cashback Credit	
4020 Events	0
4020/1 Dysart Park Events	451.55
4020/2 Hospitality/Social Events	70.00
Total for 4020 Events	£521.55
4050 Bank Interest	38.77
4060 Miscellaneous Income	£0.01
4060/1 Accidental Purchase Income	922.89
Total for 4060 Miscellaneous Income	£922.90
Total for Other Income	£1,483.22
Other Expenses	
Net Other Income	£1,483.22
Net Income	-£6,491.50

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 2024.

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 September 2025