

NewLife Church Sunderland

England & Wales · Charity number 1178817

Details

Other names NEW LIFE CHURCH SUNDERLAND

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT

Activities: PROMOTING OF CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGH SUNDAY SERVICE, BIBLE STUDIES, SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR KIDS, EVANGALISM THROUGH PREACHING AND TRACT DISTRIBUTION. OOPERATE IN THE NORTH EAST REGION BY REGULAR PRAYER MEETINGS

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- India
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£87,079	£62,644	-	-
2023-12-31	£72,776	£55,182	-	-
2022-12-31	£57,973	£38,728	-	-
2021-12-31	£19,665	£25,808	-	-
2020-12-31	£9,585	£9,097	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PASTOR PRINCE MATHEW	Chair	2018-01-21
Dr Cecil Cherian Lukose		2019-02-10
Feby Thomas		2023-01-29
SUNNY GEORGE		2023-01-29
Shinu Nedumgottu Yohannan		2022-01-01

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NEWLIFE CHURCH SUNDERLAND, UNITED KINGDOM

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT 2024

"As we reflect on the past year 2024, we are reminded of God's unwavering faithfulness and unrelenting love. Despite challenges, our church has experienced growth, transformation and renewed passion for His kingdom. This report highlights our journey, celebrating victories, learning from setbacks and looking forward to the future with hope and expectation."

Warm welcome to everyone presents here in the matchless name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. It is my honor to present this brief report of spiritual, mental and physical growth of NewLife Church, Sunderland, for the year 2024.

Church Services:

Throughout the year God's grace led our church marvelously and miraculously. Under the guidance of Holy Spirit and leadership of Pastor Prince Mathew, NewLife Church, Sunderland has experienced spiritual and physical growth.

We have added 2 additional ministry teams to the existing teams, and we have 15 teams serving with Choir and Worship, Ladies Ministry, Sunday school, Youth Ministry, Young Professionals and Students Ministry, Bible Study, Fasting and Intercessory Prayer, Prayer cell, Hospitality, Building committee, Media and PR team, Transportation, PA system operation, Legal and Administration, Hall Management and Church Trip.

As proposed by the members, we shifted church service hours to morning this year. On Sundays, our church offered English worship service for our youngsters followed by second and fourth Sunday at 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

This year, we witnessed tremendous physical growth in our church members. According to our latest membership forms we have 120 members, including from 31 families and 22 bachelors. Our members attend our church services from various parts of Northeast England covering Durham, Sunderland, Birtley, Chester-Le-Street, Gateshead, Washington and Newcastle.

Our sermons in Malayalam were translated to English by Dr. Cecil Cherian Lukose, Br Rooble Varghese, Sis. Joffy Bestin and Sis Bincy Jithin for the benefit of our young generation.

Our General Church Records are as follows:

Baptisms

We had one baptism this year on 07th September 2024. Pr. Prince Mathew conducted the ceremony at Emmanuel Church, Sunderland.

Birth

Six of our families were blessed with newborn babies last year. Br Jithin and Sis Bincy were blessed with a baby girl Abiah Liz Mathew, Br Thomas and Sis Sherin were blessed with a baby girl Precious Helna Thomas, Br Rejoy and Sis Jeksy were blessed with a baby girl and baby boy Theodore Jekz Rejoy and Hosannah Jekz Rejoy, Br Sobin and Sis Sumi blessed with baby boy Austin John Sobin, Br Rijo and Sis Blessy were blessed baby boy Amadeo Varghese Rijo and Br Blesson and Sis Anitha blessed with baby boy Mateus Varghese Blesson.

Death

By God's grace and protection, we did not have to encounter any death in our church. However, our church members have gone through bereavement of their near and dear ones and church as family was able to offer comfort and condolences.

Membership

We are keeping up with the Assemblies of God membership which needs to be renewed on a yearly basis with £50/month donation. Our Pastor is enrolled in MIT course with AOG.

Our members were always free to bring any concerns, questions, or uncertainties to the attention of the church committee without any hesitation. All those concerns were handled professionally and resolved in accordance with God's word.

Ladies Ministry

Ladies Ministry was Coordinated by Sis Gloria Cecil in a blessed way. A ladies meeting was conducted every alternative Wednesday on zoom platform. They spent time praying for various prayer request of the church and every week a member was chosen to share from the word of God, giving a chance for them to grow spiritually. On 12th April 2024 the sisters conducted a fundraising fair and raised £1200. They held a blessed one-day conference on 18th May 2024, and the theme was "fearfully and wonderfully made-women of God" and was a blessing. This year, the ladies contributed to a collection, from which they donated Rs. 1,00,000 for educational support. In addition, they organized a prayer walk and an in-person gathering on November 23, 2024, in Sunderland.

Sunday School Ministry:

Last year, we had a blessed Sunday School Ministry. Sis. Lucy Prince is continuing as headmistress. We had a great line up of teachers Br. Rejoy Varghese and Sis. Elgiva Ajish, Sis. Jeffy Jobin and Sis. Steffy Saji, Sis. Aksa Merlin and Sis. Jen Rooble, Sis. Blessy Rijo and Sis. Teena Kevin and Sis. Jinu Elwin and Sis. Sini Sijo. We also had Sis. Deepa Andrews and Sis. Sneha Shinu as standby teachers to cover the absence. By the end of the year, we have 22 students divided into 5 different classes according to their age. We have conducted Mid Term Examination in July 2024 and Final Examination at the end of year 2024. Sis. Bincy Jithin is helping the group by leading worship and teaching the children action songs. Sunday School also maintains an attendance record of all students. We had our **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** conducted in collaboration with Timothy Institute on 26th and 27th July

2024. The event was coordinated by Bro Elwin Daniel, Sis. Teena Kevin and Sis. Aksha Merlin. The team organized a wonderful two-day event that was truly a blessing, followed by a rally through the streets of Sunderland, which the young people found very engaging.

As a part of the Sunday Ministry, we have established a Library on 27th October 2024 and Saira Mathews act as a Librarian. This initiative aims to encourage children to read spiritual books and make a habit of reading. We reward those who read the most. Br. Rooble Varghese has begun a special class for the Sunday school children, focusing on their salvation, baptism, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit. A notable highlight of our ministry last year has been a counselling service named **ENRICH** conducted for students and young professionals on 07 th December 2024 by Pr Ajith George and Sis Pheba Ajith George.

Sis. Lucy Prince also serves as our Health and Safety officer, keeping a general information file for each student. This file includes details such as allergies, emergency contact information, consent for hospital visits in case of an emergency, and incident reports. She takes appropriate action to prevent future occurrences of any incidents. In case of fire emergency, Sis Lucy Prince is also trained to be the official fire marshal and will lead the evacuation procedures.

Youth Ministry

Last year, we had a blessed Youth Ministry led by Sis Anitta Kuriakose. The Youth Ministry team organized excellent talent meetings with very interesting and unique programs presented by our youngsters and elders alike.

This past year has been a blessing to our church community. We are grateful for the opportunities to serve and minister to one another. One of the highlights of our church calendar was the Family gathering on 26th December at Whitburn parish hall organized by Br Joel Rajan and Sis Sini Mathew. This event was a great blessing to our members, providing a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, fun and spiritual growth.

Choir and Worship Ministry

Pastor Prince leads our choir team with a great passion and dedication towards Lord and encourages everyone to participate in the worship. We put in place a Rota- based structure to lead the Malayalam worship and for the musicians. Br. Rejoy Varghese leads the English worship. The choir sets a divine atmosphere to experience the presence of the Lord and feel the power of the Holy Spirit.

Young Professional and Students Ministry

We have a service dedicated to our young professionals and university students where they can open and discuss various issues and engage in intercessory prayers. This team was coordinated by Br Athans Babu and after his resignation Br Robin Varghese and then Br. Elwin Daniel was appointed as coordinator in this place from September 2024. This team conducted a one-day youth event FOCUS on 30th March 2024 and was a blessing to all.

Bible Study

Every Saturday, Pastor Prince Mathew, leads an in-depth bible study on the zoom platform and cottage meeting covering various topics in depth. These meetings, giving a chance for members to gather in each other's house and enjoy fellowship together with bible study. To

facilitate cottage meetings, the church family is divided into 4 areas such as Newcastle, Durham and Sunderland 1 and Sunderland 2 and one family from each area hosts cottage meeting each week.

Fasting and Intercessory Prayer

Our church organizes an hour of intercessory prayer on zoom platform on alternate Wednesday from 7:00pm.

We have chain fasting prayer every day. Beyond that, the first weekend of every month, the church organizes a 3 day fasting prayer and members participates in these meetings with great spiritual hunger. Guest pastors are invited for these fasting meetings, and they offered blessed sessions sharing from the word of God.

The Sunday following fasting prayer, Lord's Supper is held, providing an opportunity for people to come closer to God by remembering on the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Evangelism and Outreach Ministry

We were able to do evangelism and outreach services in public. Br Rijo Varghese and Br Joel Abraham led excellently and conducted evangelism across various parts of North East including Durham, Sunderland and Newcastle. The main encouragement is to witness the participation of kids and youngsters who were really excited about sharing their faith without hesitation. We are continuing doing evangelical tracts distribution directly to homes in the immediate area of the church and surrounding areas. We held many blessed outreach programs and seasonal events like Christmas with live music and preaching in various locations last year.

Prayer Cell

Intercessory chain prayer conducted on the Saturday morning is the main spiritual support behind all our events and church services. Sis Merlin Mohan led an amazing ministry, diligently collecting prayer request and sharing to church group.

Hospitality

Hospitality and love feast is another ministry which everyone enjoyed last year right across the age group. Sis Preetha Sunny, Sis Blessy Rijo and Sis Deepa Andrews coordinated the love feast with different members of church and this coordination was much more effective after fasting prayer for preparation of Kanji and Payar.

Building Committee/Hall Management

We dissolved the building committee and established a new committee called 'Hall Management,' coordinated by Br. Jithin Mathew. The responsibility for handling venue rentals and searching for a larger church hall for long-term hire or purchase. Additionally, three groups have been formed to manage the venue arrangements for Sunday services and to clean up afterward.

We also conducted an anonymous vote to determine the preferred timeslot for Sunday service, offering two options: morning or afternoon. Based on the result, it was decided to change the Sunday service to Morning (Sunday School 9.30am-10:30am, Sunday service 10:30am-1pm and it can extend to 1.30pm in the occasion of Holy Communion).

Blessings

God has blessed our church members with the ability to purchase homes in this land. Additionally, some of the young people got married this year.

Media and PR team

We have an excellent team for Media and PR coordination lead by Sis. Elgiva Daniel. Br. Elwin Daniel, Br. Abraham Prince are helping the team in creating posters and other social media activities. Their creativity and expertise helped us to share God's love and improve our social media presence last year.

Transportation

Bro Vino Lukose leads our Transportation team in a blessed way. This has been a blessing to students and members of our church.

Last year we organized a one-day church trip to Lake District on 24th August 2024 and the event was coordinated by Bro Rejoy Varghese. The trip was a great success and gave a good opportunity to strengthen our brotherly bond with various events.

PA system Operations

Our public systems operation team is Led by Br. Kevin Abraham. Br Binny Thomas, Br Abraham Prince are helping this team, and they performed a great service during every meeting.

We added another sub-group named 'Volunteers' to help our PA and Media team for setting up the PA system and controlling the sound mixer and song projection and wrapping up the PA system at the end. We have added a battery powered speaker this year for outreach meetings and other live events.

Special awards and appreciations

Last year, we honored everyone who did exceedingly well in their studies, professional and co-curricular lives. We presented mementos to all our students who graduated from their university courses. We also presented Saira Mathews a memento for having her writing chosen for school publication. We also presented a special memento to Dr Cecil Cherian Lukose for his Chartered Engineer achievement from the Engineering council. By God's grace, Sis. Lucy Prince wrote a devotional song, which was sung by Sis. Sneha Shinu and officially released at the church on October 24, 2024. And finally, we have our prize distribution and appreciation for students and participants of Sunday school examination and talent test program.

Mission Support

God given an opportunity to support missionaries in various states in India.

Counselling

We have conducted pre- marital counselling to those who getting married. On November 9, 2024, they also held a special class on topic biblical womanhood for young ladies by Sis Lucy Prince & Sis Latha Viju.

Core Committee

Last year God enabled Pastor Prince Mathew to lead the church as director along with Dr Cecil Cherian Lukose as church secretary and Bro Shinu Yohannan as church treasurer until February 2024.

We conducted an election in February 2024. Br Thomas Mathunny Rachel and Br Feby Thomas were selected as Church secretary and Treasurer respectively. Now Executive committee consist of following members

Pr. Prince Mathew (President)

Br. Thomas Mathunny Rachel (Secretary)

Br.Feby Thomas (Treasurer)

Br. Jobin Mathew (Assistant Secretary)

Br. Sunny George (Committee member)

Advisory Board

We are blessed to have an advisory board comprising dedicated individuals who provide guidance and support to our church's mission. The board includes:

- Pastor Prince Mathew
- Dr. Cecil Cherian Lukose
- Br. Shinu Nedumgottu Yohannan

The committee held monthly meetings throughout the year to discuss various church matters, and the minutes from these meetings will be stored in an online database for future reference. After final approval, this report, along with other meeting minutes and the detailed treasurer's report for the year, will also be added to the same database.

Financial Overview

Our financial stewardship remains transparent and accountable. Detailed financial statements and annual returns are available for review, reflecting our commitment to integrity in managing the resources entrusted to us.

Looking Ahead

Relying on God's guidance, we look forward to 2025 with excitement as we continue advancing our Mission and Vision. Our plan to introduce new programs aimed at deepening faith, expanding our outreach, and strengthening our community bonds.

Conclusion

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all members, volunteers, and supporters of NewLife Church Sunderland. Your unwavering dedication and faith have been the cornerstone of our success in 2024. Together, we look forward to a future filled with hope, growth, and spiritual fulfillment, to reap the ripe crop, let us cooperate in our Master's Field.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." — Proverbs 16:3

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the period
from

1/1/2024

To

31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Tithes	33,513	-	-	33,513	33,802
Offerings	11,902	-	-	11,902	9,201
Gift Aid Claim	4,126	-	-	4,126	8,865
Mission Support	-	1,060	-	1,060	
Ladies Fund	-	3,330	-	3,330	1,061
Other Income	334	-	-	334	1,013
Interest Free Loan	8,750	-	-	8,750	11,200
Other Donations	7,278	-	-	7,278	
VBS Donations	-	1,330	-	1,330	2,740
Church Building Donations	-	14,805	-	14,805	1,178
Vehicle Donations	-	620	-	620	775
Sunday School Offerings	31	-	-	31	289
Live Music Event					2,381
					270
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	65,934	21,145	-	87,079	72,775
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	65,934	21,145	-	87,079	72,775
A3 Payments					
Building Rent	6,079	-	-	6,079	4,727
Guest Pastor Gift	3,298	-	-	3,298	4,595
Support & Charity	9,536	-	-	9,536	4,995
Audio / Visual Equipment & Licenses	3,802	-	-	3,802	4,281
Books & Stationary	1,962	-	-	1,962	2,521
Provisions	2,701	-	-	2,701	4,976
Gifts	1,023	-	-	1,023	2,123
Vehicle Expenses	-	3,558	-	3,558	3,085
Mission Support	-	2,915	-	2,915	
Ladies Fund	-	2,463	-	2,463	300
VBS Expenses	-	2,452	-	2,452	3,816
Membership Interest Free Loan	17,500	-	-	17,500	11,200
AoG	1,660	-	-	1,660	825
Evangelism	107	-	-	107	1,829
Food	2,563	-	-	2,563	
Legal	1,025	-	-	1,025	963
Live Music Event					4,386
Bank Charges					61
Church Building Refund					500
Sub total	51,256	11,388	-	62,644	55,183
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	51,256	11,388	-	62,644	55,183
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,678	9,757	-	24,435	17,592
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,211	6,882	-	53,093	35,499
Cash funds this year end	60,889	16,639	-	77,528	53,091

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	60889	16,639	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	60,889	16,639	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Sound System	Unrestricted	2,700	-
	Minibus van	Unrestricted	14,600	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	<i>Prince Mathew</i>	Prince Mathew		17/03/2025



**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
NewLife Church Sunderland

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1178817

Set out on pages

1 to 2
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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NEWLIFE CHURCH SUNDERLAND



17th ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023

This report presents a brief summary of the spiritual, mental, and physical growth of NewLife church, Sunderland, for the year 2023.

General Church Report

The last general body meeting was conducted on Sunday the 29th January 2023 and the annual report for previous year was approved and seconded by Brother Binu Mathunni Rachel and Brother Winny Issac, respectively. Since then, the church has experienced significant growth in all the arenas of its services towards God and Christian community. Throughout the year God's grace led our church marvelously and miraculously.

This year our church operated in 17 different ministries, an increase of 4 more departments compared to last year. This bears a testament to our increasing service mentality. We have ministry teams serving church community through Choir and worship, English (Kids/Youth) Worship, Ladies, Sunday School, Youth Talent, Young Professionals and Students, Prayer Cell, Evangelism, Technical and Media, PA System, Hospitality, Purchasing, Church Hall Management, Official and Legal, Transportation, Health and Safety and Magazine Editorial.

Our normal Sunday Services begin with Sunday School for youngsters at 2:15 PM followed by our main church service from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

Similar to last year, we have witnessed a continued physical growth in our church membership due to migrating families and students, settling in various parts of North East England. Our current membership stands at 152 attending members, from 37 families and includes a 30-member strong bachelor community. Our members attend these church services from various parts of North East England covering Newcastle upon Tyne, Sunderland, Durham, Gateshead, Birtley, Chester-Le-Street, North Shields, and Long Benton.

We continued our multilingual worship and live translation provided by our Dr. Cecil Cherian Lukose and Brother Rooble Varghese, for the benefit of our members coming from various language backgrounds.

Fasting and Intercessory Prayer

Our church organizes an hour of intercessory prayer on the zoom platform every alternative Saturday from 7:00 PM onwards.

On the first weekend of every month, the church organizes a 3-day fasting prayer in hybrid Zoom plus in-person format and the members participate in these meetings with great spiritual hunger. Guest pastors are invited for these fasting meetings, and they offer blessed sessions sharing from word of God and this year we had 8 guest pastors.

The Sunday following fasting prayer, Lord supper is conducted offering people a chance to come closer to God by remembering the sufferings of Lord Jesus Christ.

Our general church records are as follows:

Marriages - This year we celebrated the marriage of three godly couples - Brother Jobin Ajith Kumar Smitha and Sister Anp Meledathu Mariyam, Brother Joel Saji Mamen and Sister Akhila Elsa Prince and Brother Jijo Reji and Sister Aleena Sosa Romaji.

Birth - By God's grace our church members were blessed with two new baby births this year. We saw God's care and protection during the birth of Master Jeziel Kaniyadan Linju, son of Brother Linju Eldhose and Sister Christy Mathew, and Master Jonathan Lael Jobin, son of Brother Jobin Antony and Sister Subitha Surendran.

Dedication - This year we had 5 dedication services – Master Samuel Tom Feby, son of Brother Feby Thomas and Sister Ashley Eldhose, Miss Emily Ann Shinu, daughter of Brother Shinu Yohannan and Sister Sneha Shinu, Master Jeziel Kaniyadan Linju, son of Brother Linju Eldhose and Sister Christy Mathew, Miss Lianna Joel, daughter of Brother Joel Padipurackal Abraham and Sister Merlin Mohan and Master Jonathan Lael Jobin, son of Brother Jobin Antony and Sister Subitha Surendran. These dedication services were conducted by Pastor Prince Mathew.

House Purchases - This year 2 of our families were blessed with a home of their own - Brother Rejoy Thoppurathu Varghese and family, Brother Joel P Abraham and family.

Retirement: This year we thanked God for retirement of our Joseph Manadan who successfully completed his secular job at McDonald's fast-food chain of restaurants.

Death - By God's grace and protection we did not have to encounter any death in our church. However, our church members have gone through bereavement of their near and dear ones and church as family was able to offer comfort and condolences.

Baptisms - We didn't have any baptisms this year and this is something we as a church should sincerely pray for in the new year.

Membership - We are continuing with the membership of Assemblies of God Great Britain and we have been given a one-year certificate which was renewed until 1st August 2024

Our members always had the freedom and encouragement to bring any issues, problems, or doubts to the notice of the church committee without any hesitation and all those issues brought to the attention were dealt with in a professional manner and sorted out on the basis of word of God.

Choir and Worship

At the start of this year, our choir was led by Brother Sam George, and he did this with great passion and dedication. During the year, Brother Sam George and family received a call to start a new ministry and decided to resign from their church responsibilities, and terminating their membership with NewLife Church, Sunderland. Thereafter, the worship was led by Pastor Prince Mathew with weekly organization by Brother Feby Thomas, Brother Rijo Varghese and Brother Rejoy Thoppurathu Varghese, on a rotational basis along with support with rest of the choir team. The choir team invested a lot spiritually and physically, to create a divine atmosphere during worship time and help church members to experience the presence of the heavenly father. Our choir leaders and team organized blessed musical evening programs like Focus Youth Retreat 2023 and Nadha Nin Sannidhyam Mathi 2023, where they sang along with blessed servants of God like Dr. Blessan Memana. The choir has developed a development and inclusion pathway to include budding and established musical talents from our church into various forms of worship.

Ladies Ministry

Ladies' ministry was Coordinated by Sister Pretty Mary in a blessed way. A ladies meeting was conducted every alternative week on the Zoom platform. They spent time praying for various prayer requests of the church and for every meeting a member was chosen to share from Word of God, giving a chance for spiritual growth. This year ladies offered a financial support for the education of two children in India from their ladies fund. They are making preparations for a Special Ladies Conference in 2024.

Sunday School Ministry

Last year we had a blessed Sunday School Ministry. Sister Lucy Prince continued her role as Headmistress this year as well and along with her we had a great lineup of teachers. We had Sister Akhila Elsa Prince, , Sister Sini Mathew, Sister Pretty Mary Abraham, Sister Anitta Kuriakose, Sister Jeffy Abraham, Sister Bency Sam George, as main teachers, and Sister Aksa James, Sister Steffy Saji, Sister Blessy K Johnson, Sister Teena Kevin as standby teachers for our 6 classes. By the end of the year, we have 28 students divided in 6 different classes according to their age. We conducted the annual Sunday School examination on 17th December 2023. Last year we compiled children's song into a song book and a printed version was handed over to all of our youngsters to use during their memory verse time. It has proved to be a great blessing for these kids both within and outside the church. A special appreciation to all the Sunday school staff as they managed their teaching lessons by themselves without adding burden onto the Sunday School Headmistress.

In the new Sunday School year, we are planning to increase the number of classes to 7 and planning to add a pre-nursery class as well.

English (Kids/Youth) Worship

The English worship aimed at developing the younger generation was led by Brother Subin Sabu. They implement great atmosphere of worship. They themselves showed an example by preparing word of God tailored for reaching out to our younger crowd and training them to deliver powerful word of God. It was a blessing to see parents give the same importance to English worship as to the Malayalam service.

Youth Talent Ministry

Last year Sister Anitta Kuriakose led the development of youth talent and did an excellent work in bringing out the best in our kids and youngsters. The youth ministry team organized excellent talent meetings on the third Sunday of every month, with very interesting and unique programs presented by our youngsters and elders alike. Last year we had our Vacation Bible School (VBS) done in collaboration with Excel Ministries on 18th and 19th August 2023. The event was coordinated by Sister Anitta Kuriakose and Sister Lucy Prince. The team organized an excellent two-day event which was a blessing to all, followed by an electrifying evangelism rally through the streets of Sunderland which the kids and youngsters found very engaging. The department also worked along with Choir and Media wing to put up an evening of musical blessing under the name of Focus Youth Retreat 2023. This was organized on 26th May 2023, which provided a platform for singing talents.

Young Professional and Students Ministry

We have a service dedicated to our young professionals and university students where they can open up and discuss various issues and engage in intercessory prayers. This team is coordinated by Sister Akhila Prince. Energetic youth have covered a wide variety of activities from presenting lively skit programs to an in-depth discussions on socio-political-spiritual issues.

This year we organized our annual church trip to Whitby and Scarborough, and it was coordinated by Sister Akhila Prince. The trip was a great success to refresh youngsters and parents alike and gave a good opportunity to strengthen our brotherly bond with various sporting events. The highlight of the event was the “Pothichoru” organized by the hospitality team which brought in authentic Kerala recipes in authentic traditional Kerala food packing.

Prayer Cell

At the start of this year, Sister Bency Sam was coordinating the prayer cell responsibilities and later handed over to Sister Merlin Joel. We combined the responsibilities of chain prayer,

area-wise cottage meetings and intercessory prayer into one ministry. The Intercessory chain prayer conducted on Saturday morning is the main spiritual support behind all our events and church services. Both coordinators led an amazing ministry this last year, diligently collecting prayer requests from the Friday testimonies and sharing them to prayer participants on Saturday morning along with their scheduled time slot.

We held our area-wise cottage meeting this year and coordinators made a yearlong plan to give the members advanced notice of the cottage meeting in their area. Area wise meeting takes place in 4 areas as of now: Newcastle 1, Newcastle 2, Durham and Sunderland with one family from each area hosts cottage meeting each week.

Evangelism Ministry

Evangelism Ministry was led by Brother Rijo Varghese in a blessed way. The team conducted a total of 9 tract distribution events in various parts of the North-East UK. This included 5 area wise door to door tract distribution and 4 outreach events. These special outreach events included a beach outreach, 2 special outreaches for musical night event and one special Christmas seasonal outreach program. The Christmas seasonal outreach was especially important as we had councilor Dr. Juna Sathian joining us to share the seasonal greeting to the masses. Evangelism team got themselves self-reliant by purchasing a dedicated power generation system for external events. This year we designed and printed church T shirts and hoodies to be used to make our evangelism outreach even more engaging.

The team launched a new program to develop tract writing talent in-house and as a part of it, three ladies participated in writing tracts as per guidance from holy spirit. Sister Lucy Prince, Sister Merlin, and Sister Blessy Rijo wrote thought thought-provoking tract in a brief format. These tracts were translated into English and both versions of these tracts were printed for tract distribution.

The evangelism and choir team organized a special musical night with the great servant of God Dr. Blessan Memana as special guest on 7th October 2023. This was an important event in the 2023 as a lot of new members joined us to be blessed by the service of dear servant of God through his songs and testimonies. The tracts were released by Dr. Blessan Memana, during this musical evening event. For the first time our program was live telecasted by Powervision TV media, blessing countless other watching us through their social media platform

Technical and Media

Technical and media ministry was led by Brother Jobin Mathew. Brother Abraham prince provided strong support from the Alpha Media Productions Ltd team for various events. We improved our social media coverage and were successful in getting the live video coverage of our events to bigger masses. The team also regularly edits and promotes promotional material edited from our weekly meetings and outreach programs.

This year we also launched a collaborative social media platform with Powervision TV, led by Brother Abraham Prince, Brother Jobin Mathew and Sister Sneha Shinu. This initiative is called Powervision TV Europe Ltd.

The church website was operating on an old platform and this year we undertook a massive project to completely revamp our church website. The new design and development of this website is performed by METS Technologies Ltd. This new revamped website is planned to be launched early in the year 2024.

We also launched a Whatsapp channel for our church to promote church events.

PA System

Our PA system was coordinated by Brother Linju Eldhose and team, and they have coordinated the development of this system with better mixers and powerful speakers.

Our youngsters Master Sharon Thomas and Master Joash Winny have trained well under guidance of PA system coordinators and can successfully operate projectors even for big programs like Nadha Nin Sanidhyam Mathi 2023.

Hospitality

Hospitality and Love Feast is another ministry which everyone enjoyed right across the age group. This year it was led by Sister Preetha Sunny and she was supported by a large number of members in preparing and serving the food. They coordinated the preparation of a love feast with different members of church and this coordination was much more effective after fasting prayer for preparation of Kanji and Payar. Initially the team set out with a vision of one meal per month along with Kanji but were successful in organizing around 2 to 3 meals per month. They also organized a special “pothichoru” program during church annual trip in which families brought in authentic Kerala recipes in authentic traditional Kerala food packing. Another major contribution of the hospitality team was in organizing food rota for families with newborn babies and it was appreciated by all. The team also supported a food rota organized for Mr. Jospeh Manadan when he underwent a fracture in his hand.

One repeated request from the hospitality coordinator is for all the families to partake in meal preparation for Sundays, so that it doesn't become a burdened responsibility of a few.

Purchasing

Our purchasing coordinator Brother Vinod Varughese ensured continuous provision of snacks, covering the Sundays when meal wasn't provided. It was the effort of the purchasing team that members never felt a shortage of cups, plates, spoons, milk, or any other things we took for granted. They execute bulk purchases to save costs for the church, thereby becoming more cost efficient.

Church Hall Management

The church hall management was led by Brother Binu Mathunni Rachel, and he did an exceptional job of delegating the responsibilities of church hall set up and wrapping up, not only for weekly meetings but also for special events. This year we used three different halls to conduct our meetings. We started in City Life Church but because of our growing numbers we felt a need to move our church hall from City Life Church, Sunderland. After much prayer and consideration, we moved out our Sunday Service to Parish Church Hall, Whitburn, from 2nd April 2023 onwards. We also used All Saints Parish Hall, Cleadon for a few weeks during the end of last year. This was due to some refurbishment being carried out in the Parish Church Hall. We also hired out external venues to conduct our special events like Nadha Nin Sannidhyam Mathi 2023 in Seaham Town Hall, Seaham. Also, we required the church hall to be set up and decorated for other events like VBS and Focus Youth Retreat 2023. This meant that the church hall setup was a very impactful ministry throughout last year.

Official and Legal

For all our official and legal requirements, Brother Abraham Prince was working tirelessly behind the scenes. This responsibility included submitting the church report and finance to the Charity Commission and reclaiming the gift aid, submitting DBS for each member working with youngsters. We have started the process to make a church policy in line with the requirements of Assemblies of God, Great Britain.

Transportation

Transport coordination was coordinated by Brother Jobin Antony and team. They undertook a perfect clockwork synchronization to arrange transportation for pick up and drop off to people from all the North-East region. This was very well executed and was a key reason for new people attending our special events like VBS 2023, Focus Youth Retreat 2023 and Nadha Nin Sannidhyam Mathi 2023. Our members also appreciated this service during our church outing and MPA talent competition.

Health and Safety

Sister Lucy Prince also serves as our health and safety coordinator and maintains a general information file on every student with information's such as allergies, the first contact person, and consent to take them to hospital in an emergency. Sunday School also maintains the attendance record of all students. In case of fire emergency, Sister Lucy Prince is also trained to be the official fire marshal and will lead the evacuation procedures. As a church, we are thankful that no significant health and safety-related incident happened this year despite us undertaking multiple special events, outreach programs and church trips. We secured special permission for our Christmas outreach program by reaching out to Councillor Dr. Juna Sathian to show our agreement with the health and safety policies.

Magazine Editorial

This year we also launched a new initiative to collate articles from our church members and publish it as a souvenir magazine for our church members to remember important milestones in our church growth. Brother Agin John Varghese will be spearheading this initiative in the new year with the expected souvenir launch planned for summer 2024.

New Business Ventures and Collaborations

This year by God's grace our members have entered entrepreneurship initiative by starting new business ventures. Brother Jobin Mathew started a catering business named as Swaad Catering Ltd., Sunderland. Brother Abraham Prince launched Alpha Media Productions Ltd, providing sound systems, live streaming, and video editing services for public events. A new wing of Powervision TV called Powervision TV Europe Ltd was registered under the name of Brother Abraham Prince, Brother Jobin Mathew and Sister Sneha Shinu.

Special Awards and Appreciations

Last year we honored everyone who did exceedingly well in their spiritual, studies, professional and cocurricular lives. Our church team – Dr. Jomon Joy and Sister Aksa James won the first prize in the group quiz organized at 20th MPA conference, Manchester and it was a moment of great joy for all of us. We presented mementos to all our students who graduated from their university courses. And finally, we have our prize distribution and appreciation for students and participants of Sunday School examination and Talent Test Program. We also honored the families and individuals leaving North-East region for various reasons with a gift voucher.

Financial Ministry

Last year God blessed us with a positive financial standing and support from each of our church member was crucial in making this happen. The general income of church consist of offering taken during meetings and regular tithe contribution from our members. As a registered charity we are entitled to claim gift aid on the contribution made from the tax paying members. The summary of the church finance is presented in the sections ahead.

Church Accounting: Probooks Accounting Software developed by Alpha Media Productions Ltd. was used to perform all financial services of church finance this year. We also employed the services of Otax Accounting Firm to perform auditing of church finances in line with the legal requirement of the country.

Ministry support: We offer financial support to six christian ministries in various parts of India supporting three ministries in Orissa, two in Punjab and one in Delhi.

Special fund raising: Church members very generously supported all of the special fund raising made for events like VBS 2023, ladies ministry support and Nadhan Nin Sannidhyam Mathi 2023 musical night event.

Equipment donation: One of our brother made a special donation of an Epson projector to the church, which is a great blessing to all of our events.

Sunday school offering: Sunday school started a small offering collection from Sunday school teaching children the importance of generous donation to the next generation.

Core Committee

Last year God enabled Pastor Prince Mathew to lead the church as the president of our church. The previous committee and coordinator group was completely dissolved after report submission. Thereafter, the church members participated in voting for a core committee selecting Dr.Cecil Cherian as church secretary, Brother Shinu Yohannan as treasurer. Brother Sam George, and Brother Sunny George were voted in as executive committee members. Additionally, Brother Jobin Antony and Brother Feby Thomas were selected as Assistant secretary and Assistant treasurer respectively. The executive committee held 7 meeting last year to discuss various matters of church and these meeting minutes will be logged in an online database for future reference. The committee also conducted four combined coordinator meetings with all the departmental coordinators. This report after its final approval, along with other meeting minutes and detailed treasurers report for this year will also be logged in the same database. We want to thank you sincerely for all your spiritual and physical support, engaging discussions and brotherly love during the last year. Let us work together in the field of our master and reap the ripe harvest.

God bless.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH EFFECT FROM
01-01-2023 TO 31-12-2023

INCOME

Sl.No.	Particulars	Amount (GBP)
1	Opening Balance (Brought Forward from 2022)	35501.81
2	Tithes	33801.74
3	Sunday Service Offerings	9201.27
4	Ladies Fund Donations	1061.49
5	Gift Aid Claim	8865.13
6	Live Music Event Donations	2381.00
7	Donations for Van services	775.00
8	Donations for VBS 2023	2740.00
9	Church Building Purchase Donations	1178.25
10	Sunday School Offerings	288.85
11	Support & Charity Donations	270.00
12	Other Income/Donations	586.79
13	Donation for Projector Purchase	426.00
Total Income		97077.33

EXPENDITURE

Sl.No.	Particulars	Amount (GBP)
1	Church Rent	4726.80
2	Gift for Pastors	4595.00
3	Support and Charity (India)	4994.85
4	Ladies Fund Support (India)	300.00
5	PA Equipment's, Media and Software Licenses (Zoom, Website, Accounting, Google Drive and Projector)	4280.79
6	Books, Stationary, Printing & Trophies (Sunday School & Youth)	2520.68
7	Live Music Event Expense	4386.05
8	Van Expense (Insurance & Services)	3084.66
9	VBS 2023 Expense	3816.49
10	Provisions (Food, Cutlery, Cleaning Items)	4975.64
11	Assemblies of God Great Britain affiliation & membership fees	825.00
12	Evangelism Expenses	1829.05
13	Church Building Donation Refund	500.00
14	Legal (External Accountant & DBS)	963.00
15	Bank Charges	60.80
16	Gifts (Memento, Child Dedication, Housewarming, Wedding)	2123.07
Total Expenditure		43981.88
Balance In Bank Account		53095.45
Total		97,077.33

S/d
Pastor Prince Mathew
(President)

S/d
Dr. Cecil Cherian Lukose
(Secretary)

S/d
Br. Shinu Yohannan
(Treasurer)



CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL	2:15 PM to 3:00 PM
SUNDAY SERVICE	3:00 PM to 5:30 PM
YOUTH MEETING	Third Sunday of the Month
COTTAGE MEETING/BIBLE STUDY	7:30 PM to 9:00 PM Friday/Saturday
FASTING PRAYER	First Weekend of the Month
LADIES MEETING	Alternate Wednesday 7:30 PM
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH	Third Saturday of the Month



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the period
from

1/1/2023

To

31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Tithes	33801.74	-	-	33,802	18,565
Offerings	9201.27	-	-	9,201	5,224
Gift Aid Claim	8865.13	-	-	8,865	6,582
Sunday School Offering	288.85		-	289	
Ladies Fund		1061.49	-	1,061	440
Other Income	1012.79	-	-	1,013	86
Interest Free Loan	11,200		-	11,200	21,400
Support & Charity	270			270	
VBS Donations	2,740			2,740	1,085
Church Building Donations		1,178		1,178	2,853
Vehicle Donations	775	-	-	775	1,212
Live Music Event		2,381		2,381	
Anniversary Donations				-	526
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	68,155	4,621	-	72,776	57,973
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	68,155	4,621	-	72,776	57,973
A3 Payments					
Building Rent	4726.8	-	-	4,727	2,310
Guest Pastor Gift	4595	-	-	4,595	1,200
Support & Charity Donations	4994.85	-	-	4,995	1,550
Audio / Visual Equipment & Licenses	4280.79	-	-	4,281	1,183
Books & Stationary	2520.68	-	-	2,521	418
Provisions	4975.64	-	-	4,976	800
Gifts	2123.07	-	-	2,123	958
Vehicle Expenses	3084.66	-	-	3,085	4,799
Live Music Event Expenses	4386.05	-	-	4,386	
Ladies Fund		300	-	300	300
VBS Expenses	3816.49	-	-	3,816	1,685
Membership Interest Free Loan(Refund)	11200			11,200	21,400
AoG	825			825	400
Evangelism	1829.05			1,829	255
Bank Charges	60.8			61	
Church Building (Refund)		500	-	500	-
Legal	963			963	
Anniversary Expenses				-	1,470
Sub total	54,382	800	-	55,182	38,728
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	

Total payments	54,382	800	-	55,182	38,728
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,773	3,821	-	17,594	19,245
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	32,438	3,061	-	35,499	35,499
Cash funds this year end	46,211	6,882	-	53,093	54,744

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	46,211	6,882	-
	Cash in hand	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	46,211	6,882	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-

			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Sound System	Unrestricted	2,700	-
	Minibus van	Unrestricted	14,600	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Prince Mathew		30/10/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
NewLife Church Sunderland

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1178817

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **DD / MM / YYYY**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

[Signature box]

Date:

31/10/2023

Name:

ProBooks Accounting

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

[Qualification box]

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

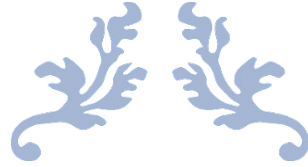
Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NewLife Church Sunderland

England & Wales - Charity number 1178817

Accounts



ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT 2022-23

New Life church, Sunderland



JANUARY 28, 2023
BY CECIL CHERIAN LUKOSE

Warm welcome to everyone present here in the matchless name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. It is my honor to present this brief report of spiritual, mental and physical growth of New life church, Sunderland, for the year 2022-23.

Church services:

Throughout the year God's grace led our church marvelously and miraculously. Recovering from Covid pandemic, God helped us to resume our normal in-person church service and helped us to continue that throughout 2022. Under the guidance of holy spirit and leadership of Pastor Prince Mathew , New life church, Sunderland has experienced spiritual and physical growth.

Currently we have 13 ministry teams serving with Choir and worship, Ladies, Sunday school, Youth talent, Young professionals and students, Bible study, fasting and intercessory prayer, prayer cell, hospitality, building committee, media and PR team, transportation, PA system operation.

This year on Sundays, our church offered English worship service for our youngsters followed by main church service from 3:00 Pm until 5:30.

This year we witnessed a tremendous physical growth in our church members. According to our latest membership forms we have 76 members strong attendance, from 22 families and a 12 member strong bachelor community. Our members attend our church services from various parts of North East England covering Durham, Sunderland, Birtley, Gateshead, Newcastle and Long Benton.

This year we expanded into multilingual worship and live translation provided by our brothers Cecil Cherian lukose and Rooble Varghese, for the benefit of our members who comes from various linguistic back ground which includes Malayalam, English, Hindi and Tamil.

Our general church records are as follows:

Baptisms- We had one baptism this year for our dear Sarah Sam on 5th February. Pr. Prince Mathew conducted the ceremony at Enon Baptist church, Sunderland.

Birth- Two of our families were blessed with newborn babies last year. Brother Shinu Yohanan and Sister Sneha Shinu were blessed with a baby

girl Emily Yohan Shinu. And Brother Feby Thomas and sister Ashley Eldhose were blessed with a baby boy Samuel Tom Feby

Death- By God's grace and protection we did not had to encounter any death in our church. However, our church members have gone through bereavement of their near and dear ones and church as family was able to offer comfort and condolences.

Dedication- We had our first baby dedication service this year for Rafael Reuel Cherian by our Pastor Prince Mathew .

Membership- This year we accepted the membership of Assemblies of God and we have been given a one year certificate which needs to be renewed on an yearly basis with a 50£/month fee.

Our members always had the freedom and encouragement to bring any issues, problems, or doubts to the notice of church committee without any hesitation and all of those issues brought to the attention were dealt with in a professional manner and sorted out on the basis of word of God.

Ladies ministry:

Ladies ministry was Coordinated by Sister Lucy Prince in a blessed way. A ladies meeting was conducted every alternative week on zoom platform. They spent time praying for various prayer request of the church and every week a member was chosen to share form word of god, giving a chance for spiritual growth. This year ladies pooled in an offering and from this offering collection they offered a £300 support for a marriage ceremony in India.

Sunday School ministry:

Last year we had a blessed Sunday school ministry. Brother Binu Mathunni Rachel was appointed a headmaster and after his resignation Sister Lucy prince was appointed as headmistress in his place. Last year we had an great line up of teachers like Sister Anitta Kuriakose, Sister Pretty Jomon, Brother Feby Thomas, Sister Bency Sam, and Sister Akhila Prince who replaced Sister Sneha after her resignation for maternity reasons. We also had Sister Lucy Prince and Sister Subitha Jobin on standby to cover the absence of any teachers. By the end of the year we have 20 students divided in 5 different classes according to their age and at the end of last year we conducted an annual Sunday school examination .

In the new Sunday school year we have increased the number of classes to 6 and added a baby sitting creche to support our teachers with very young kids. We have also added Sister Jeffy Jobin and Sister Sini Mathews to teach year 5 and UKG and have appointed Sister **Teena** and Sister Lucy Prince as standby teachers.

Sister Lucy prince also serves as our health and safety executive and maintains a general information file on every student with information's such as allergies, the first contact person, and consent to take them to hospital in an emergency situation. Sunday School also maintains the attendance record of all students. In case of fire emergency, Sister Lucy Prince is also trained to be the official fire marshall and will lead the evacuation procedures.

Youth talent ministry:

Last year we had a blessed youth talent ministry led at the beginning by Sister Sneha Shinu and after her resignation, Sister Anitta Kuriakose took over the charge. Youth ministry team organized excellent talent meetings with very interesting and unique programs presented by our youngsters and elders alike. Last year we had our Vacation Bible School (VBS) done in collaboration with Excel ministries on 12th and 13th August 2022. The event was coordinated by Brother Feby Thomas and Sister Anitta Kuriakose. The team organized an excellent two day event which was a blessing to all, followed by a first of its kind evangelism rally through the streets of Sunderland which the youngsters found very engaging.

Choir and worship ministry Leader:

Bro Sam George leads our choir team with a great passion and dedication towards Lord and encourages everyone to participate in the worship. Sister Akhila prince leads the English worship before the Malayalam session. Choir sets a divine atmosphere to experience the presence of the lord and feel the power of holy spirit.

Young Professional and Students ministry:

We have a service dedicated to our young professionals and university students where they can open up and discuss various issues and engage in intercessory prayers. This team is coordinated by Bro Joel Saji Mammen and Bro Cecil Cherian Lukose and meets on a monthly basis at brother Cecil's house. The energetic youth have cover wide variety of activities

from presenting lively skit programs for church annual function to in-depth discussions on socio-political-spiritual issues. The team organized a one day spiritual event in collaboration with their counterparts from Leeds Zion Church of God, Leeds, in our church building followed by a tour of Marsden beach and Angel of North sculpture.

Bible study:

Every Friday, Pastor Prince Mathew, leads an in-depth bible study on the zoom platform covering various topic from tabernacle to cities of refuge and currently we are covering the book of Jude in depth. From the month of November bible study was successfully expanded into an in-person area wise cottage meeting, giving a chance for members to gather together in each other's house and enjoy fellowship together with bible study. Church community is divided into 5 areas : Newcastle 1, Newcastle 2 , Gateshead, Durham and Sunderland and one family from each area hosts cottage meeting each week.

Fasting and intercessory prayer:

Our church organizes an hour of intercessory prayer on zoom platform every Saturday from 7:00PM onwards.

First weekend of every month the church organizes a 3 day fasting prayer in hybrid zoom plus in-person format and members participates in these meetings with great spiritual hunger. Guest pastors are invited for these fasting meetings and they offered blessed sessions sharing from word of god.

The Sunday following fasting prayer, Lord supper is conducted offering people a chance to come closer to God by remembering the sufferings of Lord Jesus Christ.

Evangelism and Outreach programs:

One major comeback in the last year after recovering from Covid pandemic was that we were able to do evangelism and outreach services in public again. Brother Feby Thomas led excellently and conducted evangelism outreaching various parts of north east from Durham to Newcastle. The main encouragement is to witness the participation of kids and youngsters who were really excited about sharing their faith with complete strangers without any hesitation. Brother Feby initiated a new program to deliver evangelical tracts directly to the houses in the immediate area surrounding the church and in the last year with the help of other participating

members has managed to complete the entirety of the area surrounding the current church

Prayer Cell:

Intercessory chain prayer conducted on the Saturday morning is the main spiritual support behind all of our events and church services. Sister Deepa Andrews led an amazing ministry this last year, diligently collecting prayer request from the Friday testimonies and sharing them to prayer participants on Saturday morning along with their scheduled time slot.

Hospitality:

Hospitality and love feast is another ministry which everyone enjoyed last year right across the age group. Sister Bency George coordinated the preparation of love feast with different members of church and this coordination was much more effective after fasting prayer for preparation of Kanji and payar. Along with Sister Bency, other members of church who regularly helped with catering services are Brother Sam George, Brother Feby Thomas, Brother Linju Eldhose and others.

With the growth of church an election was performed to understand everyone's opinion about love feast. Two options were given and the church majority agreed to shift toward snacks to reduce the load on working community. (Love feast election result : option 1 : snacks - 15 votes / Option 2: 4 team option to prepare feast - 5 votes)

Building committee:

Last year between the month of September and October we made an offer of £175,000 for the purchase of Hall Garth mission 5 Bright St, Roker, Sunderland SR6 0JQ, as our own church building. Although everyone supported generously in finance and prayer, the purchase couldn't go ahead as the mortgage arrangements with banks couldn't be agreed upon. But through the process we learned a lot and praised god for this.

Thereafter, a Church Building Committee was formed with Brother Sam George, Brother Viju Samuel, Brother Linju Eldhose, Brother Binu Mathunni Rachel and Brother Jobin Ajith Kumar as its members.

With the church growth we are in need of a new bigger hall to rent and the building committee was very energetic in looking out venues for hiring. We looked at many prospective halls like Kings church Gateshead, and other venues in Sunderland.

Last year we also conducted an anonymous voting to know the preference of morning vs evening timeslot for worship and three options were given in this voting :: Morning, Evening or Anytime. Finally from results it was agreed to keep the current evening timeslot until next time. (Voting results Morning : 8 votes, Anytime : 18 votes, evening : 11 votes.)

Media and PR team:

Halfway through the year a new team was sought for Media and PR coordination and we started with Sister Sara Sam and Brother Albin Prince, while also praying for third name. However the need for third name never materialized as Sister Sara and Brother Albin did a good job with media and PR team coordination.

Transportation:

Last year we started with Brother Linju Eldhose as Transportation coordinator , but brother Linju had to resign due to his job circumstances and brother Albin Prince took charge in his stead.

Last year we planned to organize a two day church trip to south Wales, however the plan couldn't be finalized in time to execute it. It was later replaced by a one day trip to Hamsterly forest on 27th August and the event was Coordinated by Sister Akhila Prince. The trip was a great success to refresh youngsters and parents alike and gave a good opportunity to strengthen out brotherly bond with various sporting events.

PA system Operations:

Our public systems operation team consist of Brother Linju Eldhose, Brother Albin Prince, and Brother Sharon Thomas and they performed a great service during every meeting by setting up the PA system, and controlling the sound mixer and song projection and wrapping up the PA system at the end with help of other church members.

Last year a very good feedback speaker worth £500 was donated by one of our member to church choir and requested to be kept anonymous.

Special awards and appreciations:

Last year we honored everyone who did exceedingly well in their studies, professional and cocurricular lives. We presented memento to all our students who graduated from their university courses. We also presented a special memento to Bro Shinu Yohan for his chartered scientist

achievement from Science council. We presented a special memento to our Lego champion Emil Yohan Shinu who made us all proud by setting a world record for being the youngest kid to assemble most number of Lego sets. And finally we have our prize distribution and appreciation for students and participants of Sunday school examination and talent test program.

Core committee:

Last year God enabled Pastor Prince Mathew to lead the church as director along with Brother Cecil Cherian Lukose as church secretary and Brother Shinu Yohan as church treasurer. The committee held 4 quarterly meeting last year to discuss various matters of church and these meeting minutes will be logged in an online database for future reference. This report after its final approval, along with other meeting minutes and detailed treasurers report for this year will also logged in the same database. We want to thank you sincerely for all your spiritual and physical support, engaging discussions and brotherly love during last one year. Let us work together in the field of our master and reap the ripe harvest.

God bless

Church Secretary

Date : 28/01/2022

Cecil Cherian Lukose



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1/1/2022	To	12/31/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Tithes	18,565	-	-	18,565	10,810
Offerings	5,224	-	-	5,224	1,476
Gift Aid refund	6,582	-	-	6,582	5,405
Mission fund	-	-	-	-	1,100
Ladies fund	-	440	-	440	675
Interest free loan	-	21,400	-	21,400	-
Anniversary donations	526	-	-	526	-
VBS Donations	1,085	-	-	1,085	-
Church building donations	-	2,853	-	2,853	-
Vehicle donations	1,212	-	-	1,212	-
Other income	86	-	-	86	199
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	33,280	24,693	-	57,973	19,665
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,280	24,693	-	57,973	19,665
A3 Payments					
Building rent	2,310	-	-	2,310	1,028
Guest Pastor gift	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,199
Support & Charity donations	1,550	-	-	1,550	3,900
Audio/Visual Equipment & licenses	1,183	-	-	1,183	1,282
Books and stationery	418	-	-	418	375
Provisions	800	-	-	800	531
Gifts	958	-	-	958	-
Vehicle expenses	4,799	-	-	4,799	1,187
Mission fund	-	-	-	-	1,706
Ladies fund	-	300	-	300	-
VBS expenses	1,685	-	-	1,685	-
Interest free loan	-	21,400	-	21,400	-
AoG	400	-	-	400	-
Evangelism	255	-	-	255	-
Anniversary expenses	1,470	-	-	1,470	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,028	21,700	-	38,728	11,208
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	14,600
Sub total	-	-	-	-	14,600
Total payments	17,028	21,700	-	38,728	25,808
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,252	2,993	-	19,245	6,143
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,186	68	-	16,254	22,397
Cash funds this year end	32,438	3,061	-	35,499	16,254

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	32,438	3,061	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,438	3,061	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Sound system	Unrestricted	2,700	-
	Minibus	Unrestricted	14,600	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Prince Mathew	10/18/2023
		Shinu Yohannan	10/18/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Newlife Church Sunderland		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2022	Charity no (if any)	1178817
	Set out on pages 1 to 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

Responsibilities and basis of report I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

As the charity's trustees, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: **Date:**

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NewLife Church Sunderland

England & Wales - Charity number 1178817

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Annual Church Trustee Report

01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021

Charity No. 1178817

NewLife Church Sunderland proved its dedication and commitments throughout the past year with core Christian values and continuing this year as well. Our service to our church members and communities are incredibly vibrant and admirable. The church was able to quickly adapt to the lockdown imposed during Covid pandemic and thereafter the easing of lockdown towards later end of 2021. This meant that till August 2021 most of our services were offered via Zoom platform and thereafter we slowly phased into in-person church attendance, strictly following the safety guidelines issued by the government. Sunday service in our church led by our pastor enables us for spiritual nourishment. Our worship is in our language (Malayalam, South Indian Language) but for the main sermon we also offer translation into English for the benefit of our children and other people who do not understand Malayalam. The spirit filled worship during the service is a divine refreshment for the coming week. Every Sunday we also have a session of English worship before Malayalam. In this English worship we have introduced messages and presentations focused on different topics in the bible which enables children and teenagers to learn in depth about the bible and their spiritual empowerment.

Our Sunday school for the children led by well trained teachers deserves appreciation as they are building the new generation in Christian foundation. All Sunday school activities are in English and train the children aged between 5-16. This enables children to learn more about the bible and we are sure that this will have a major positive impact on children on their spiritual developments. Moreover, third Sunday of every month we have Young Peoples Association(YPA) meetings which enables the church members including children with an opportunity to nourish and nurture their potential for the kingdom of God. In 2021 we organised an Online Vacation Bible School and reached out to children's inside and outside church to help them with Christian training and networking, during long summer vacation.

Every Friday, church organises an evening of bible study offering in depth study of various topics from bible, covering their historical significance, spiritual symbolism, practical application etc. Members participate actively in weekly chain prayer on Saturdays where each member dedicates half an hour to pray for various needs of church and fellow church members and this is critical for the spiritual growth. We also have fasting prayer on first week of every month which is Friday to Sunday and is followed by Holy communion when in-person. In 2021 the church started weekly ladies prayer night on Wednesdays where ladies can get together via online platform to help them grow spiritually and be spiritually refreshed.

We have our church members coming from Sunderland, Newcastle, Durham, and Gateshead making wider community involvement. In 2021 we had new members who came in these regions with relation to their job or higher studies and then became a part of our church family. Together with working class families we also

have a strong student community within our church from various universities in north east. In 2021 church invested in the purchase of a 9-seater van to offer free pick-ups and drop offs to church members especially students who are on tighter budget and help with their travel to and from the church services.

The church has regular contribution to charities such as Spring of Hope, which supports Pastors going to Indian villages evangelise. We receive regular updates from the relevant charities thanking us for our support. We also help and support some Indian Churches as part of our Indian Charity work. We were also able to support children in India with their studies financially.

We have regular trustee meetings with our Pastor and all our activities are assessed. Any observed concerns, or improvements needed are addressed and then necessary changes are made for the benefit of the church and community as well. All our trustees are volunteers for the church and do not receive any financial benefits from the church. We are sure that our humble beginnings will be more productive and responsible for the church and the community in the future by the grace of God.

NewLife Church Sunderland				1178817	
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS					
	For the period from	1/1/2021	To	31/12/2021	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest	Restricted fund to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total to the nearest	Last year to the nearest £
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A1 Receipts

Tithes	10,810	-	-	10,810	8,322
Offerings	1,476	-	-	1,476	723
Gift Aid Claim	5,405	-	-	5,405	-
Mission Fund	-	1,100	-	1,100	-
Ladies Fund	-	675	-	675	-
Other Income	199	-	-	199	540
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,890	1,775	-	19,665	9,585

A2 Asset and investment sales

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	17,890	1,775	-	19,665	9,585
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A3 Payments

Building Rent	1,028	-	-	1,028	1,024
Guest Pastor Gift	1,199	-	-	1,199	1,618
Support & Charity Donations	3,900	-	-	3,900	4,866
Audio / Visual Equipment & Licenses	1,282	-	-	1,282	-
Books & Stationary	375	-	-	375	-
Provisions	531	-	-	531	-
Vehicle Expenses	1,187	-	-	1,187	-
Mission Fund	-	1,706	-	1,706	-
Ladies Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	1,589
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,502	1,706	-	11,208	9,097

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicle Purchase	14,600	-	-	14,600	-
Sub total	14,600	-	-	14,600	-

Total payments	24,102	1,706	-	25,808	9,097
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,212	69	-	- 6,143	488
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A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
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A6 Cash funds last year end	22,397	-	-	22,397	21,909
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Cash funds this year end	16,185	69	-	16,254	22,397
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	16,185	69	-
	Cash in hand	-	-	-

	-	-	-
Total cash funds	16,185	69	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

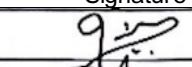
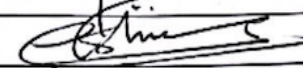
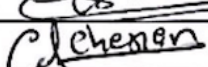
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	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
Details			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which	Cost	Current value
B3 Investment assets		-	-
Details			
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which	Cost	Current value
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Details			
Sound System	Unrestricted	-	-
Minibus van	Unrestricted	14,600	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which	Amount due	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
Details			
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		PRINCE MATHEW	13/3/22
		Shiva Yohannan	13/3/22
		Ceal Chenan	13/3/22

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January - December 2020 Summary

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Balance Brought Forward to 2020	21908.89	Church rent	1024
Tithes	8322.00	Guest Pastor Gift	1618.02
Offerings	723.06	Support & Charity	4866.29
Mission Fund IN	0.00	Mission Fund OUT	0
Other Income	540.00	Miscellaneous	1588.65
<u>Total</u>	31493.95		9096.96
total income from 2020	9585.06		
Balance Brought Forward to 2021			22396.99