

**Registered charity number: 1186922**

**Life Church**

**Frederick Street, Wigston**

**Leicester LE18 1PJ**

**Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts**

**for the year ended**

**31 December 2021**

**Life Church**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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The Trustees present their report and independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Administration Details**

Life Church is constituted by a Deed of Trust and is a registered charity, No. 1186922. Its registered address is 1 Frederick Street, Wigston, Leicester LE18 1PJ.

**Organisational structure**

The Trustees, who are responsible for controlling the work, management and administration of the charity on behalf of its beneficiaries, holding office during the period, are:

M Buckley  
L D Cole  
M Cowley (resigned 15 May 2022)  
A Harrison  
M Hill  
C Quashie

**Governance and Management**

New Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The Trustees are responsible for making the major decisions regarding the formulation and implementation of its aims and objectives, and for monitoring and controlling all of its financial resources. The Trustees formally meet at least four times a year, and report key issues and decisions to the church membership on a regular basis. Quarterly reports from the treasurer are received for discussion and necessary action. An Annual General Meeting is held each year to present to the church membership the management, departmental and treasurer's reports.

In the pursuit of its charitable activities, the charity has been in fellowship with the Assemblies of God in the UK, and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

**Risk Review**

The trustees review risk periodically, and are satisfied that major risks to which the charity is exposed, are adequately mitigated through insurance, policies and procedures.

**Objectives and activities**

The principal aim of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God. By upholding righteous values and beliefs it is the trustees' conviction that a positive impact into the community can be achieved for the good of all. Activities include:

- A regular programme of meetings is provided in the main centre for worship, prayer and outreach.
- Children and youth work on Sundays and midweek.
- Mid-week groups and activities including Life Groups, held in homes across the city and online.
- Online teaching series, inspiration and resources.
- Community outreach including partnering with local agencies to provide support to those in need.

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### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

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#### Achievements and Performance

The main achievements for the period were:

- Sunday services continued in person, or online when pandemic restrictions applied.
- Sunday teaching series included Little by Little, Believe it or Not, What's the Point? (Ecclesiastes) and Get Real (Corinthians)
- Our first Encounter worship night was held at the church and made available online.
- We launched our iBelieve online teaching resource, equipping people in the Christian faith, and released a series of online teachings entitled The Unstoppable Church Begins.
- We produced a range of engaging children's videos, shown in Sunday services and made available online.
- We held Stronger Team Sundays where ministry came from members of the church.
- We supported mission and missionaries in Greece, Spain and Congo; and through Hope for Justice, HaS Mission and YourMission.
- Relationships with local community partners were extended, including the very successful provision of Christmas hampers for isolated and vulnerable members of the local community.
- The paid roles of cleaner and building maintenance manager continued to be successful in providing excellent Life Church facilities for the church and local community.
- Work was carried out to enhance the church building, including painting and refurbishments.
- We provided support and encouragement to other churches and ministers via Assemblies of God hubs, preaching engagements and mentoring.
- Leaders took part in Assemblies of God leadership events.
- Men from the church attended the Xcel conference in Bradford.
- Life Groups were held in homes across the city, or online when pandemic restrictions applied, enabling relationship building, discipleship, outreach and leadership development.
- Leadership Life training and development continued, including through focused groups for emerging leaders and one-to-one coaching and mentoring.
- The work amongst children and young people continued, focussing on spiritual development and outreach.

The activities are mainly achieved through the faithful work of many church members who act as unpaid volunteers, without whose contributions the aims and objectives could not all be met.

#### Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake.

#### Sources of funds

The vast majority of the finances required to fund the activities are raised through donations from church members, supplemented by the refund of income tax from HM Revenue & Customs through the Gift Aid scheme.

#### Donations

During the year we gave £10,640 (9 months to 31 December 2020: £11,858) to other Christian charities and Missions who help us fulfil our charitable aims and objectives.

#### Related Party Transactions

During the period, salary payments totalling £47,884 were paid to trustees, under contracts of employment for work as pastors. Employer's pension contributions are also paid.

Expenses paid to trustees amounted to £1,204.

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### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)**

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#### **Funds and Reserves Policy**

The net of receipts over payments for the year was £2,246 (9 months to 31 December 2020: £61,234, including balances transferred from Life Church (charity number 1051890)). Total unrestricted funds at 31 December 2021 were £56,890 (9 months to 31 December 2020: £59,900) and restricted funds were £6,590 (9 months to 31 December 2020: £1,334).

The Trustees' aim is to hold surplus funds of approximately 3 months of unrestricted expenditure which equates to £24,700. At this level, the Trustees feel that current activities of the charity would be able to continue in the event of a significant drop in offerings. At 31 December 2021 the unrestricted general fund balance was £56,890, representing 7 months expenditure.

Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees

Matthew Hill  
**Trustee**

**Dated:** 23 June 2022

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Life Church**

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

### **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 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.

### **J Price FCA**

Relevant professional qualification or body:  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Dated: 23 June 2022

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## Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 12 Dec. 2019 to 31 Dec. 2020
	£	£	£	
<b>Receipts</b>				
Tithes and offerings	89,932	-	89,932	61,712
Gift aid tax recovered	17,618	-	17,618	8,320
Special appeals	-	-	-	1,747
Donations to mission and outreach	-	900	900	1,170
Donations for building	-	5,290	5,290	180
Special events	-	225	225	430
Other income	315	-	315	145
Investment income	57	-	57	74
Transfer of funds from Life Church (charity number 1051890)	-	-	-	64,862
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>107,922</b>	<b>6,415</b>	<b>114,337</b>	<b>138,640</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Ministry, including gifts and expenses	58,122	-	58,122	42,443
Missions and outreach	12,199	834	13,033	11,858
Youth and children's work	1,630	225	1,855	490
Events	-	-	-	300
Support costs	2,699	-	2,699	2,029
Subscriptions	3,725	-	3,725	2,575
Licences	1,297	-	1,297	916
Equipment	181	-	181	-
Website	985	-	985	844
Lighting, heating and water	3,763	-	3,763	839
Building repairs and maintenance	5,544	100	5,644	11,692
Cleaning	7,527	-	7,527	822
Insurance	1,134	-	1,134	805
Legal fees	-	-	-	1,793
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>98,806</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>99,965</b>	<b>77,406</b>
<b>Asset purchases</b>	<b>12,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,126</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>110,932</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>112,091</b>	<b>77,406</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(3,010)</b>	<b>5,256</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>61,234</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds brought forward</b>	<b>59,900</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>61,234</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>56,890</b>	<b>6,590</b>	<b>63,480</b>	<b>61,234</b>

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## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
<b>Bank and Cash funds</b>		
General fund	56,890	-
Missions	-	1,038
Special events	-	130
Building fund	-	5,270
CCTV	-	152
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>56,890</b>	<b>6,590</b>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claims due	4,750	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	
Church building, 1 Frederick Street, Wigston, LE18 1PJ	Unrestricted	
Movable fixtures, fittings and equipment	Unrestricted	
	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due £</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
PAYE, NI and pension contributions	Unrestricted	997
Other	Unrestricted	1,143

**Signed on behalf of the trustees**

Matthew Hill  
**Trustee**

**Dated:** 23 June 2022