

# NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES

England & Wales · Charity number 1187160

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-12-30

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN MILTON KEYNES AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.

**Activities:** 1. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Milton Keynes and the surrounding neighbourhood; and 2. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Milton Keynes

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£165,230	£165,759	-	-
2024-03-31	£128,341	£151,927	-	-
2023-03-31	£127,732	£149,726	-	-
2022-03-31	£102,005	£126,169	-	-
2021-03-31	£115,307	£107,238	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Richard Philip Wardman</b>	Chair	2019-12-30
Gavin Lloyd Naylor		2019-12-30
Paul Lawrence Sherwood		2019-12-30
Rev Mark Sewall		2020-08-01
Stephen Kristen Riisnaes		2019-12-30

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# Accounts

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# NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES

Trustees' Annual Report

and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2025

New City Church Milton Keynes  
Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement  
for the year ended 31 March 2025  
Registered Charity Number: 1187160

## **AIM AND PURPOSES**

The main purpose of New City Church Milton Keynes is the advancement of the Christian faith primarily but not exclusively within Milton Keynes and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the church.

## **BACKGROUND**

New City Church Milton Keynes began as an unincorporated charity in 2003 under the name Britten Grove Baptist Church. To reflect a change in location and purpose the name of the church was changed to New City Church Milton Keynes in 2013. New City Church Milton Keynes is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) (Registered Charity Number 263354).

In the year 2018-2019 the church decided that it was in its best interest to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in December 2019. A new charity was duly established with the Charity Commission in December 2019 and all the assets of the previous charity were transferred to the new CIO with effect from 30 March 2020.

The church is an independent church that welcomes people from all denominational backgrounds and none. Membership of the church is on the basis of adherence to core gospel beliefs as set out in the Statement of Faith contained in the Church Constitution signed on 1 December 2019. The members of the church come from a variety of church backgrounds and none.

The church is led by a team of pastors and elders who are equal in status. Under the Constitution (clause 12.4) the pastors and elders are also Trustees. The elders make decisions collectively, whilst certain matters as set out in the Church Handbook are decided by the church members during business meetings held. The elders as at 31 March 2025 were Richard Wardman (Chair), Gavin Naylor, Stephen Riisnaes, Mark Sewall and Paul Sherwood.

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

When planning our activities for the year 2024-25, the elders considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We endeavoured to enable ordinary people to live out their Christian faith as part of our church community through:

- worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and faith in the Lord Jesus;
- the provision of pastoral care for people living in the local community and attending the church; and
- missionary and outreach work.

## **CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES**

### **Sunday Meetings**

During the year our weekly Sunday morning and evening services were held at Monkston Primary School, which we hired for the purpose.

Sermons were recorded and provided to the congregation after the service. All these meetings were open to the general public, whom we invited regularly by means of the word of mouth, social media and other advertisements. The aim of the activities was to strengthen the Christian faith of those who were already Christians, and to promote, teach and live out the Christian faith for those who wished to know more. All of these activities were provided free of charge. The church also continued to support the promotion of the Christian faith throughout the UK and in other countries.

### **New City Kids (Sunday School)**

Our weekly Sunday School groups (known as New City Kids) continued to take place during the Sunday morning meetings for children aged 4-11. There was also a creche for children aged 0-3. These groups, which are run by a team of volunteers, were open to all families attending the meetings and operated under the church's Safeguarding Policy.

### **New City Youth (Youth Group)**

Our youth group met every two weeks in the homes of members on Thursday evenings. These were run in accordance with the church's Safeguarding Policy by a team of volunteers.

### **Dadtime**

Dadtime was a group aimed at pre-school children and their male carers, which has continued to run on one Saturday per month. The church hired Kents Hill Community Centre for both this group.

### **Safeguarding**

All those working directly with children and young people are required to apply for a Disclosure Statement through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The church requires these statements to be renewed every three years, and these are verified by our Safeguarding Officer or Deputy Safeguarding Officer. Everyone working with children and young people is also required to undergo Safeguarding Training every three years to ensure up to date compliance and awareness.

Anyone helping in children's groups who does not have a DBS check is supervised at all times when working with children.

The Church also received advice and training from Christian Safeguarding Services.

### **Prayer Meetings**

The church continued to run a monthly prayer meeting, taking place at Monkston Primary School on the first Tuesday evening of the month. The aim of this group is to bring the

members of the church together to pray for the needs of the church, the local community, and the wider world.

### **Home Groups**

Weekly Home Group meetings continued to provide the focus for basic pastoral care and discipleship. Over the year these groups met on Tuesday evenings in members' homes, with some groups also offering the chance to join online to those unable to attend in person.

### **Women's Bible Study**

A weekly meeting for women ran during the year in members' homes on Wednesday mornings. This is run by a team of volunteers and is open to all women in the church and community.

### **Young Adults Group**

This group continued to run for those in their 20s and 30s, meeting in members' homes once a month on Saturday evenings. This provided a time for socialising, as well as encouragement in the Christian life and praying together.

### **Pastoral Care**

The Church offers and provides help and support for anyone who may encounter difficulty in their life. Such support may come from one of the Pastors or Elders, but everyone in the church is encouraged to show compassion and care to others. Anyone connected with the church continued to be able to request contact from a Pastor or Elder.

### **Care Fund**

The Church has a Care Fund to provide financial support for members of the church or those known to the church. Church members are encouraged to donate specifically for this purpose and several people have been helped as a result. The fund is used at the discretion of the elders who collectively decide when financial support would be appropriate.

### **Mission and evangelism**

In addition to ensuring that our Sunday services were accessible to people who would not normally engage with the church, other evangelistic events were organised during the year, including Easter and Christmas services, Christmas Carol Singing, a Quiz Night and courses aimed at introducing people to the Christian faith.

## **FULL-TIME WORKERS**

The church continues to support two full-time workers in the role of Pastor. These are supported by means of funds raised by the members of the church via regular and one-off donations.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Receipts and Payments**

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Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £154,782. This came mainly from regular donations provided through standing orders and cash offerings. There were also restricted receipts of £10,448. This gave a total of £165,230 funds received.

£116,427 was spent on stipendiary costs in support of two full-time pastors, including the rent of two houses for the use of the pastors and their families. A total of £10,268 was spent on the hiring of venues for Sunday meetings and other meetings.

Other expenses totalled £39,064 including £17,925 in donations to the FIEC; to full-time gospel workers in Japan (Overseas Mission Fellowship) and North-East England (UCCF); to a church planting network in Scotland (20Schemes); and a partnership of local churches (Four Counties Gospel Partnership).

The total unrestricted payments for the year were £145,596. The total restricted payments for the year were £20,163.

The net result was a deficit of receipts over payments of £529 (comprised of a surplus of unrestricted receipts over unrestricted payments of £9,186, and a deficit of restricted receipts over restricted payments of £9,715).

### **Reserves Policy**

The total cash fund balance as of 31 March 2025 was £143,420 of unrestricted funds, and £2,199 of restricted funds.

The unrestricted funds were made up of the General Fund of £104,350 and the following designated funds: an External Causes fund of £740; an Equipment Fund of £830; and a Contingency Fund of £37,500.

The restricted funds were made up of the Care Fund of £2,193 and a Ministries fund of £6.

It is the policy of the church to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, where possible, which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The method of appointing church members is set out in the Church Handbook. The elders are appointed by the members of the church in accordance with the policies and procedures set out in the Handbook.

The elders meet once a fortnight. They are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church, and these are presented to the church during regular general meetings.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity Number: 1187160

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Trustees of the charity as at 31 March 2025 were:

Gavin Naylor  
Stephen Riisnaes  
Mark Sewall  
Paul Sherwood  
Richard Wardman (Chair)

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full Name: Richard Wardman

Date: 25 September 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES

No (if any)  
1187160

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & legacies	154,440	-	-	154,440	122,319
Charitable Activities	-	806	-	806	-
Care Fund	-	1,425	-	1,425	-
Weekend Away	-	1,483	-	1,483	-
External causes and mission partners	-	6,734	-	6,734	-
Investments (bank interest)	312	-	-	312	260
Trading Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other	30	-	-	30	5,762
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>154,782</b>	<b>10,448</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>165,230</b>	<b>128,341</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>154,782</b>	<b>10,448</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>165,230</b>	<b>128,341</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Administration (incl. IT and regulatory)	3,523	-	-	3,523	3,345
Care Fund	-	980	-	980	1,423
Catering and Hospitality	106	-	-	106	371
Comms	231	-	-	231	893
Equipment and consumables	394	-	-	394	312
External causes and mission partners	10,228	7,697	-	17,925	10,514
Learning and development	2,736	480	-	3,216	2,498
Ministries (incl. weekend away)	608	11,006	-	11,614	3,668
Outreach and Events	1,064	-	-	1,064	3,310
Staffing (incl. stipends, pensions and manse)	116,426	-	-	116,426	116,846
Sundries	11	-	-	11	85
Venue hire	10,268	-	-	10,268	8,662
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>145,596</b>	<b>20,163</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>165,759</b>	<b>151,927</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>145,596</b>	<b>20,163</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>165,759</b>	<b>151,927</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,186</b>	<b>- 9,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 529</b>	<b>- 23,586</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 4,971</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>139,205</b>	<b>6,943</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,148</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>143,420</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>145,619</b>	<b>146,148</b>

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General (unrestricted)	104,350	-	-
	Care fund (restricted)	-	2,193	-
	Contingency fund (designated)	37,500	-	-
	Equipment fund (designated)	830	-	-
	External causes and mission (designated)	740	-	-
	External causes and mission (restricted)	-	-	-
	Books and resources (restricted)	-	-	-
	Ministries (restricted)	-	6	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>143,420</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

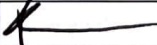
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Cancellation period for Monkston Primary venue hire (one school term as per hire agreement)	General	2,113	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	RICHARD WARDMAN	09/10/25

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the Trustees of New City Church Milton Keynes on accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

## **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **Independent Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention examiner's statement

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date

24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Name

Dudley Peacham

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## **Appendix 1 – Analytical Overview**

### Section A1 - Receipts

Income totalling £165,230 - £154,782 to unrestricted funds and £10,448 to restricted funds.

CAF and Stripe bank statements viewed to evidence income. Largely from standing orders of individual givers.

This represents a year-on-year increase of £36,889 (28.5%).

### Section A3 – Payments

Expenditure totalling £165,759 - £145,596 from unrestricted funds and £20,163 from restricted funds.

This represents a year-on-year increase of £13,832 (9%).

### Section B1 – Cash Funds


Total assets at year-end were £145,619.

No other fixed or current assets detailed on financial statements, all of the assets of the church are cash in the bank or card payments held in a Stripe or Sum Up merchant account.

CAF bank statement evidences a balance as at 31/03/25 of £144,068.82, the Stripe balance as at 31/3/25 was £1,510.00 and the Sum Up balance was £40.29.

## Appendix 2 – Copies of Accounts

Set out using the Charity Commission's recommended template

 <b>CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	Charity Name <b>NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES</b>		No (if any) <b>1187160</b>		<b>CC16a</b>
	<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
	For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025	
<b>Section A Receipts and payments</b>					
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b> to the nearest £	<b>Restricted funds</b> to the nearest £	<b>Endowment funds</b> to the nearest £	<b>Total funds</b> to the nearest £	<b>Last year</b> to the nearest £
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	-	-	-	-	-
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	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
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			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval

### **Appendix 3**

Financial records are recorded using Expenseplus software, entries are uploaded from bank statements and allocated to the correct funds and categories.

PDF copies of those payments made in respect of the charities activities as well as scanned copies of handwritten counts and reconciliations of cash collections were evidenced as well as copies of payslips for two employees.

Gift aid declarations were not viewed, it should be noted that these must be retained. It is good practice to ensure that these are kept up to date with old or deceased donors records being stored separately and then destroyed after a period.

Again, this year the Charity Commission template has been completed, the accounts include details of designated, restricted, unrestricted and endowment funds, giving the opening balance, movement throughout the year and the closing balance.

It was noted some of the income from ministries that the church ran such as men's breakfasts, women's ministry and children's clubs were classed as donations and some as charitable activities. It was recommended that this be standardised and as the income is from activities in line with the charities stated objectives that this is classed as charitable activities.

This was done.

### **Appendix 4**

The church meets in rented premises at Monkston Primary School, there is a one term rolling contract in place and so there is a maximum liability at any one time is £2,113, there are more than sufficient cash reserves available to meet that liability.

There are also occasions when the venue is rented for additional meetings and at times the monthly liability can rise to around £900, there are still more than sufficient reserves in place to meet this.

The church employs two full time pastors and rents individual properties in the local area for each of them at a cost of £1,700 and £2,300 per month. An annual lease is signed and so the maximum liability is £48,000 ((£1,700 + £2,300) x 12), again there are sufficient reserves to cover this liability.

## **Appendix 5**

### Income

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CAF BACS credit £597.28 from 'Stripe Payments UK' dated 5<sup>th</sup> August. Included in Expenseplus as Regular Donation from several donors with the card fees deducted. .

CAF BACS payment £15,000.00 from 'FP GIFT Frost Catherine' dated 7<sup>th</sup> October. Included in Expenseplus as a One-Off gift 'from Tassie Frost.

CAF BACS payment £375.00 from 'FP Naylor Clare Naylor' dated 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Included in Expenseplus as 'Regular Donation from Clare Naylor.

CAF BACS payment £11.80 from 'FP MCA PID944620 SumUp Payments Acc 'dated 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. Included in Expenseplus as 'Transfer to CAFCash. Sum Up entries noted with a few Kids Club payments with fees deducted.

CAF BACS payment £74.88 from 'INTEREST TO DATE' dated 26<sup>th</sup> Mar. Included in Expenseplus as General Fund Bank Interest.

### Expenditure

Online Transfer to 'Online Transfer to Clare Naylor P1449 expenses' £77.69 dated 7<sup>th</sup> June. Included in Expenseplus as 'New City Kids digital curriculum', receipt for box set evidenced as 'The Biggest Story Curriculum: Box Set, under Ministries: New City Kids.

Standing Order to 'MK Council – CTAX 11088288286' £301.00 dated 1<sup>st</sup> August. Included in Expenseplus as 'Council Tax 1 Ripley Road' under 'Staffing: Manse.

FP to 'Online transfer to Adam Gledhill P1636 expenses £29.31 dated 30<sup>th</sup> Sep. Included in Expenseplus as CE course materials under 'Outreach and events: Other'.

POS to 'SQ \*10OFTHOSE LTD Mr C Owen' for £48.90 dated 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. Included in Expenseplus as 'Music Team Devotionals' under 'Learning and development: Books and resources'

Direct Debit to 'UCCF C358TP8' £275.00 dated 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Included in Expenseplus as 'Monthly donation to G Sewall UCCF' under 'Mission Partners: George Sewall'.

Online Transfer to 'Jonathan NewtonWebb P2040 gift' £160.00 dated 27<sup>th</sup> Mar. Included in Expenseplus as Newton-Webb gift' under 'One-off donations and appeals: Newton Webb collection'.

**NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1187160

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# Accounts

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# NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES

Trustees' Annual Report  
and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2024

Registered Address: 1 Ripley Road, Broughton, Milton Keynes, MK10 7BE

Registered Charity Number: 1187160

## **AIM AND PURPOSES**

The main purpose of New City Church Milton Keynes is the advancement of the Christian faith primarily but not exclusively within Milton Keynes and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the church.

## **BACKGROUND**

New City Church Milton Keynes began as an unincorporated charity in 2003 under the name Britten Grove Baptist Church. To reflect a change in location and purpose the name of the church was changed to New City Church Milton Keynes in 2013. New City Church Milton Keynes is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) (Registered Charity Number 263354).

In the year 2018-2019 the church decided that it was in its best interest to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in December 2019. A new charity was duly established with the Charity Commission in December 2019 and all the assets of the previous charity were transferred to the new CIO with effect from 30 March 2020.

The church is an independent church that welcomes people from all denominational backgrounds and none. Membership of the church is on the basis of adherence to core gospel beliefs as set out in the Statement of Faith contained in the Church Constitution signed on 1 December 2019. The members of the church come from a variety of church backgrounds and none.

The church is led by a team of pastors and elders who are equal in status. Under the Constitution (clause 12.4) the pastors and elders are also Trustees. The elders make decisions collectively, whilst certain matters as set out in the Church Handbook are decided by the church members during business meetings held. The elders as at 31 March 2024 were Richard Wardman (Chair), Gavin Naylor, Stephen Riisnaes, Mark Sewall and Paul Sherwood.

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

When planning our activities for the year 2023-24, the elders considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We endeavoured to enable ordinary people to live out their Christian faith as part of our church community through:

- worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and faith in the Lord Jesus;
- the provision of pastoral care for people living in the local community and attending the church; and
- missionary and outreach work.

## **CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES**

### **Sunday Meetings**

During the year our weekly Sunday morning and evening services were held at Monkston Primary School, which we hired for the purpose. Sermons were recorded and uploaded to YouTube.

All these meetings were open to the general public, whom we invited regularly by means of the word of mouth, social media and other advertisements. The aim of the activities was to strengthen the Christian faith of those who were already Christians, and to promote, teach and live out the Christian faith for those who wished to know more. All of these activities were provided free of charge. The church also continued to support the promotion of the Christian faith throughout the UK and in other countries.

### **New City Kids (Sunday School)**

Our weekly Sunday School groups (known as New City Kids) continued to take place during the Sunday morning meetings for children aged 4-11. There was also a creche for children aged 0-3. These groups, which are run by a team of volunteers, were open to all families attending the meetings and operated under the church's Safeguarding Policy.

### **New City Youth (Youth Group)**

Our youth group met every two weeks in the homes of members on Thursday evenings. These were run in accordance with the church's Safeguarding Policy by a team of volunteers.

### **Playtime and Dadtime**

The church ran a weekly parent and toddler group known as Playtime up until July 2023, at which point it was decided that the group was no longer meeting the needs of the community. Similarly, Dadtime was a monthly group aimed at pre-school children and their male carers, which has continued. The church hired Kents Hill Community Centre for both these groups.

### **Safeguarding**

All those working with children and young people are required to apply for a Disclosure Statement through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The church requires these statements to be renewed every three years and these are verified by our Safeguarding Officer or Deputy Safeguarding Officer. Everyone working with children and young people is also required to undergo Safeguarding Training every three years to ensure up to date compliance and awareness.

The Church also received advice and training from Christian Safeguarding Services.

### **Prayer Meetings**

The church began a new prayer meeting, taking place at Monkston Primary School on the first Tuesday evening of the month. The aim of this group is to bring the members of the

church together to pray for the needs of the church, the local community, and the wider world.

### **Home Groups**

Weekly Home Group meetings continued to provide the focus for basic pastoral care and discipleship. Over the year these groups met on Tuesday evenings in members' homes, with some groups also offering the chance to join online to those unable to attend in person.

### **Women's Bible Study**

A weekly meeting for women ran during the year in members' homes. This is run by a team of volunteers and is open to all women in the church and community.

### **Young Adults Group**

A new group was started for those in their 20s and 30s, which met in members' homes once a month on Saturday evenings. This provided a time for socialising, as well encouragement in the Christian life and praying together.

### **Pastoral Care**

The Church offers and provides help and support for anyone who may encounter difficulty in their life. Such support may come from one of the Pastors or Elders, but everyone in the church is encouraged to show compassion and care to others. Anyone connected with the church continued to be able to request contact from a Pastor or Elder.

### **Care Fund**

The Church has a Care Fund to provide financial support for members of the church or those known to the church. Church members are encouraged to donate specifically for this purpose and several people have been helped as a result. The fund is used at the discretion of the elders who collectively decide when financial support would be appropriate.

### **Mission and evangelism**

In addition to ensuring that our Sunday services were accessible to people who would not normally engage with the church, other evangelistic events were organised during the year, including Easter and Christmas services, Christmas Carol Singing, a Quiz Night and courses aimed at introducing people to the Christian faith.

We also marked the King's Coronation with a lunch following a morning service, and we held a Summer Fair for members of the local community.

### **FULL-TIME WORKERS**

The church continues to support two full-time workers in the role of Pastor. These are supported by means of funds raised by the members of the church via regular and one-off donations.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Receipts and Payments**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £118,317. This came mainly from regular donations provided through standing orders and cash offerings. There were also restricted receipts of £9,482. This gave a total of £128,341 funds received.

£116,846 was spent on stipendiary costs in support of two full-time pastors, including the rent of two houses for the use of the pastors and their families. A total of £8,662 was spent on the hiring of venues for Sunday meetings and other meetings.

Other expenses totalled £26,419 including £9,771 in donations to the FIEC; to full-time gospel workers in Japan (Overseas Mission Fellowship), Greece (UFM Worldwide) and Kenya (Africa Inland Mission); to a church planting network in Scotland (20Schemes); and a partnership of local churches (Four Counties Gospel Partnership).

The total unrestricted payments for the year were £146,404. The total restricted payments for the year were £5,523.

The net result was a deficit of receipts over payments of £23,586 (comprised of a deficit of unrestricted receipts over unrestricted payments of £27,545, and a surplus of restricted receipts over restricted payments of £3,959).

### **Reserves Policy**

The total cash fund balance as of 31 March 2024 was £139,205 of unrestricted funds, and £6,943 of restricted funds.

The unrestricted funds were made up of the General Fund of £99,038 and the following designated funds: an External Causes fund of £1,566; an Equipment Fund of £1,101; and a Contingency Fund of £37,500.

The restricted funds were made up of the Care Fund of £1,748; the External Causes fund of £2, the Books and Resources fund of £14; and a Ministries fund of £5,179 (largely made up of payments set aside for a Church Weekend Away planned for Summer 2024).

It is the policy of the church to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, where possible, which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The method of appointing church members is set out in the Church Handbook. The elders are appointed by the members of the church in accordance with the policies and procedures set out in the Handbook.

The elders meet once a fortnight. They are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church, and these are presented to the church during regular general meetings.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Registered Charity Number: 1187160

Correspondence address: 1 Ripley Road, Broughton, Milton Keynes, MK10 7BE

Phone: 07977 986358

Email: [info@newcitychurch.co.uk](mailto:info@newcitychurch.co.uk)

Website: [www.newcitychurch.co.uk](http://www.newcitychurch.co.uk)

Trustees of the charity as at 31 March 2023 were:

Gavin Naylor  
Stephen Riisnaes  
Mark Sewall  
Paul Sherwood  
Richard Wardman (Chair)

### **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full Name: Richard Wardman

Date: 10 October 2024

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	4/1/2023	To	3/31/2024
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & legacies	118,317	4,002	-	122,319	127,528
Investments (bank interest)	260	-	-	260	184
Other	282	5,480	-	5,762	20
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>118,859</b>	<b>9,482</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,341</b>	<b>127,732</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>118,859</b>	<b>9,482</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,341</b>	<b>127,732</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Administration (incl. IT and regulatory)	3,345			3,345	3,688
Care Fund		1,423		1,423	1,409
Catering and Hospitality	371			371	375
Comms	893			893	940
Equipment and consumables	312			312	2,811
External causes and mission partners	9,771	743		10,514	15,031
Learning and development	2,165	333		2,498	2,742
Ministries	644	3,024		3,668	2,909
Outreach and Events	3,310			3,310	840
Staffing (incl. stipends, pensions and manse)	116,846			116,846	108,967
Sundries	85			85	-
Venue hire	8,662			8,662	10,014
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>146,404</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>151,927</b>	<b>149,726</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>146,404</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>151,927</b>	<b>149,726</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 27,545</b>	<b>3,959</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 23,586</b>	<b>- 21,994</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 2,557</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>169,307</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>169,734</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>139,205</b>	<b>6,943</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,148</b>	<b>169,734</b>

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General (unrestricted)	99,038	-	-
	Care fund (restricted)	-	1,748	-
	Contingency fund (designated)	37,500	-	-
	Equipment fund (designated)	1,101	-	-
	External causes and mission (designated)	1,566	-	-
	External causes and mission (restricted)	-	2	-
	Books and resources (restricted)	-	14	-
	Ministries (restricted)	-	5,179	-
		<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>139,205</b>	<b>6,943</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

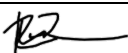
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Cancellation period for Monkston Primary venue hire (one school term as per hire agreement)	General	2,113	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Richard Wardman	2 Dec 2024

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

Report to the Trustees of New City Church Milton Keynes on accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

## **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **Independent Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention examiner's statement

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Address

## **Appendix 1 – Analytical Overview**

### Section A1 - Receipts

Income totalling £128,341 - £118,859 to unrestricted funds and £9,482 to restricted funds.

CAF and Stripe bank statements viewed to evidence income. Largely from standing orders of individual givers.

This represents a year-on-year increase of £609 (0.5%).

### Section A3 – Payments

Expenditure totalling £151,927 - £146,404 from unrestricted funds and £5,523 from restricted funds.

This represents a year-on-year increase of £2,201 (1.5%).

### Section B1 – Cash Funds

Total assets at year-end were £146,148.

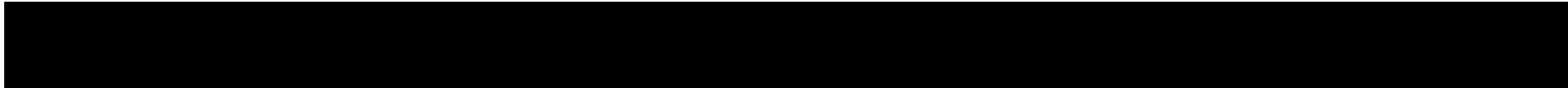
No other fixed or current assets detailed on financial statements, all of the assets of the church are cash in the bank or card payments held in a Stripe merchant account.

CAF bank statement evidences a balance as at 31/03/24 of £144,978.80 and the Stripe balance as at 31/3/24 was £1169.90.

**Appendix 2 – Copies of Accounts**

Set out using the Charity Commission’s recommended template

Charity Name <b>NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES</b>		No (if any) <b>1187160</b>		<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	4/1/2023	To	3/31/2024	



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	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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### A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>146,404</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>151,927</b>	<b>149,726</b>
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Categories

**B1 Cash funds**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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Equipment fund (designated)	1,101	-	-
External causes and mission (designated)	1,566	-	-
External causes and mission (restricted)	-	2	-
Books and resources (restricted)	-	14	-
Ministries (restricted)	-	5,179	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>139,205</b>	<b>6,943</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-

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**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Cancellation period for Monkston Primary venue hire (one school term as per hire agreement)	General	2,113	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

### **Appendix 3**

Financial records are recorded using Expenseplus software, entries are uploaded from bank statements and allocated to the correct funds and categories. PDF copies of those payments made in respect of the charities activities as well as scanned copies of handwritten counts and reconciliations of cash collections were evidenced as well as copies of payslips for two employees.

Gift aid declarations were not viewed, it should be noted that these must be retained. It is good practice to ensure that these are kept up to date with old or deceased donors records being stored separately and then destroyed after a period.

Again, this year the Charity Commission template has been completed, the accounts include details of designated, restricted, unrestricted and endowment funds, giving the opening balance, movement throughout the year and the closing balance.

One entry was noted for £1,100, listed as a returned deposit for a property rental. It was recommended that the accounts be adjusted to remove this entry in line with the SORP as it do not form part of the church's income. This was done.

### **Appendix 4**

The church meets in rented premises at Monkston Primary School, there is a one term rolling contract in place. The premises are rented for £175.70 per week so the maximum liability at any one time is £2,284, there are more than sufficient cash reserves available to meet that liability. There are also occasions when the venue is rented for additional meetings and at times the monthly liability can rise to around £900, there are still more than sufficient reserves in place to meet this.

The church employs two full time pastors and rent individual properties in the local area for each of them at a cost of £1,700 and £2,300 per month. An annual lease is signed and so the maximum liability is £48,000 ( $(£1,700 + £2,300) \times 12$ ), again there are sufficient reserves to cover this liability.

## **Appendix 5**

### Income

CAF BACS payment £160.00 from 'GA55 P Elliott' dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Included in Expenseplus as Regular Donation from Peter Elliott.

CAF BACS credit £500.00 from 'GA& M Pastoor Hendrick' dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Included in Expenseplus as Regular Donation from Henk Pastoor.

CAF BACS payment £154.95 from 'NCCMK-SQEGVFSHY3BE GC C1' dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Included in Expenseplus as 'Transfer from Go Cardless'.

CAF BACS payment £34.50 from 'Church Weekend L Sewall' dated 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. Included in Expenseplus as '2024 Weekend Away: Balance Payments' into restricted fund – Church weekend away.

CAF BACS payment £495.56 from 'Stripe Payments UK' dated 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. Included in Expenseplus as 'Transfer from Stripe'. Stripe entries noted with a variety of payments.

CAF BACS payment £210.00 from 'So Grateful S Mitchell' dated 25<sup>th</sup> Mar. Included in Expenseplus as Regular Donation from Shirley Mitchell.

### Expenditure

Online Transfer to 'Steve and Hannah Riisnaes' £421.64 dated 27<sup>th</sup> Apr. Included in Expenseplus as £378.00 to 'Outreach and events', receipt for T-shirts evidenced and £43.64 to 'Comms: Design and Print', receipt for flyers for May event evidenced.

POS to 'Ten Of Those Mr C Owen' £7.89 dated 28<sup>th</sup> July. Included in Expenseplus as 'Ministries: New City Kids', receipt for books evidenced.

Standing Order to 'Anglo American Letting' £1,650.00 dated 4<sup>th</sup> Sep. Included in Expenseplus as 'Staffing: Manse'

Faster Payment to 'Dan Baldwin' £343.69 dated 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. Included in Expenseplus as 'Regular Donations' debit entry. Refund for duplicate donation.

Direct Debit to 'MK Council- C Tax 11087857619' £227.00 dated 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. Included in Expenseplus as 'Staffing: Manse' for council tax.

POS to 'Expenseplus' £25.00 dated 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Included in Expenseplus as 'Admin: IT support and software'.

**NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES**

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# Accounts

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# NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES

Trustees' Annual Report  
and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2023

Registered Address: 1 Ripley Road, Broughton, Milton Keynes, MK10 7BE

Registered Charity Number: 1187160

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### **Safeguarding**

All those working with children and young people are required to apply for a Disclosure Statement through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The church requires these statements to be renewed every three years and these are verified by our Safeguarding Officer or Deputy Safeguarding Officer. Everyone working with children and young people is also required to undergo Safeguarding Training every three years to ensure up to date compliance and awareness.

The Church also received advice and training from Christian Safeguarding Services.

### **Home Groups**

Weekly Home Group meetings continued to provide the focus for basic pastoral care

and discipleship. Over the year these groups met on Tuesday evenings in members' homes, with some groups also offering the chance to join online to those unable to attend in person.

### **Women's Bible Study**

A weekly meeting for women ran during the year in members' homes. This is run by a team of volunteers and is open to all women in the church and community.

### **Pastoral Care**

The Church offers and provides help and support for anyone who may encounter difficulty in their life. Such support may come from one of the Pastors or Elders, but everyone in the church is encouraged to show compassion and care to others. Anyone connected with the church continued to be able to request contact from a Pastor or Elder.

### **Care Fund**

The Church has a Care Fund in order to provide financial support for members of the church or those known to the church. Church members are encouraged to donate specifically for this purpose and several people have been helped as a result. The fund is used at the discretion of the elders who collectively decide when financial support would be appropriate.

### **Mission and evangelism**

In addition to ensuring that our Sunday services were accessible to people who would not normally engage with the church, other evangelistic events were organised during the year, including Easter and Christmas services, Christmas Carol Singing, a Quiz Night and courses aimed at introducing people to the Christian faith.

## **FULL-TIME WORKERS**

The church continues to support two full-time workers in the role of Pastor. These are supported by means of funds raised by the members of the church via regular and one-off donations.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Receipts and Payments**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £123,053. This came mainly from regular donations provided through standing orders and cash offerings. There were also restricted funds of £4,679. This gave a total of £127,732 funds received.

£108,967 was spent on stipendiary costs in support of two full-time pastors, including the rent of two houses for the use of the pastors and their families. A total of £10,014 was spent on the hiring of venues for Sunday meetings and other meetings, such as Playtime and Dadtime.

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Other expenses totalled £30,745, including £10,433 in donations to the FIEC; to full-time gospel workers in Japan (Overseas Mission Fellowship), Greece (UFM Worldwide) and Kenya (Africa Inland Mission); to a church planting network in Scotland (20Schemes); to student Christian Union events at Newcastle University; and a partnership of local churches (Four Counties Gospel Partnership).

The total unrestricted payments for the year were £140,564. The total restricted payments for the year were £9,162.

The net result was a deficit of unrestricted receipts over unrestricted payments of £17,511, and a deficit of restricted receipts over restricted payments of £4,483. This is line with our plan to run down reserves in support of a second full-time worker.

### **Reserves Policy**

The total cash fund balance as of 31 March 2023 was £169,307 of unrestricted funds, and £427 of restricted funds.

The unrestricted funds were made up of the General Fund of £134,601 and the following designated funds: an External Causes fund of £944; an Equipment Fund of £1,262; and a Contingency Fund of £32,500.

It is the policy of the church to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, where possible, which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The method of appointing church members is set out in the Church Handbook. The elders are appointed by the members of the church in accordance with the policies and procedures set out in the Handbook.

The elders meet once a fortnight. They are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church, and these are presented to the church during regular general meetings.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Registered Charity Number: 1187160

Correspondence address: 1 Ripley Road, Broughton, Milton Keynes, MK10 7BE

Phone: 07977 986358

Email: [info@newcitychurch.co.uk](mailto:info@newcitychurch.co.uk)

Website: [www.newcitychurch.co.uk](http://www.newcitychurch.co.uk)

Trustees of the charity as at 31 March 2023 were:

Gavin Naylor  
Stephen Riisnaes  
Mark Sewall  
Paul Sherwood  
Richard Wardman (Chair)

### **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full Name: Richard Wardman

Date: 28/09/2023



Charity Name <b>NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES</b>	No (if any) <b>1187160</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & legacies	122,849	4,679	-	127,528	101,312
Investments (bank interest)	184	-	-	184	-
Other	20	-	-	20	693
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>123,053</b>	<b>4,679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,732</b>	<b>102,005</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>123,053</b>	<b>4,679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,732</b>	<b>102,005</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Administration (incl. IT and regulatory)	3,688			3,688	3,173
Care Fund		1,409		1,409	1,425
Catering and Hospitality	375			375	219
Comms	940			940	-
Equipment and consumables	2,811			2,811	1,729
External causes and mission partners	10,433	4,599		15,031	8,266
Learning and development	2,008	733		2,742	697
Ministries	488	2,421		2,909	2,711
Outreach and Events	840			840	770
Staffing (incl. stipends, pensions and manse)	108,967			108,967	98,575
Venue hire	10,014			10,014	8,604
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>140,564</b>	<b>9,162</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>149,726</b>	<b>126,169</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>140,564</b>	<b>9,162</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>149,726</b>	<b>126,169</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 17,511</b>	<b>- 4,483</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 21,994</b>	<b>- 24,164</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 4,222</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>191,040</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>191,728</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>169,307</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>169,734</b>	<b>191,728</b>

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General (unrestricted)	134,601	-	-
	Care fund (restricted)	-	338	-
	Contingency fund (designated)	32,500	-	-
	Equipment fund (designated)	1,262	-	-
	External causes and mission (designated)	944	-	-
	External causes and mission (restricted)	-	89	-
	Books and resources (restricted)	-	-	-
	Ministries (restricted)	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>169,307</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Cancellation period for Monkston Primary venue hire (one school term as per hire agreement)	General	2,113	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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

Report to the Trustees of New City Church Milton Keynes on accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

## **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **Independent Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention examiner's statement

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date

Name:

Address

Income totalling £127,732 - £123,053 to unrestricted funds and £4,679 to restricted funds.

Barclays (200574 10369306) and CAF (405240 00033623) bank statements viewed to evidence income. Largely from standing orders of individual givers.

This represents a year on year increase of £25,727 (25.2%).

#### Section A3 - Payments

Expenditure totalling £149,726 - £140,564 from unrestricted funds and £9,162 from restricted funds.

This represents a year on year increase of £23,557 (18.7%).

#### Section B1 - Cash Funds

Total assets at year-end were £169,734.

No other fixed or current assets detailed on financial statements, all of the assets of the church are cash in the bank.

Barclays bank statement evidences a balance as at 31/03/23 of £51,494.91 and CAF bank statement evidences a balance as at 31/3/23 of £117,333.52. A cash total of £168828.43 with the balance of £905.60 held in the Stripe account.

Following the recommendation two years ago, a second bank account was opened. Care should be taken to ensure that, as much as possible, the balances stay within the FSCS limit, currently £85,000.

## Appendix 2 - Copies of Accounts

Set out using the Charity Commission's recommended template

Charity Name NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES		No (if any) 1187160		<b>CC16a</b>
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		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
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**B3 Investment assets**

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

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		-	-
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### **Appendix 3**

Financial records are recorded using Expenseplus software, entries are uploaded from bank statements and allocated to the correct funds and categories.

PDF copies of those payments made in respect of the charities activities as well as scanned copies of hand written counts and reconciliations of cash collections were evidenced as well as copies of payslips for two employees.

Gift aid declarations were not viewed, it should be noted that these must be retained. It is good practice to ensure that these are kept up to date with old or deceased donors records being stored separately and then destroyed after a period of time.

Again this year the Charity Commission template has been completed, the accounts include details of designated, restricted, unrestricted and endowment funds, giving the opening balance, movement throughout the year and the closing balance.

### **Appendix 4**

The church meets in rented premises at Monkston Primary School, there is a one month rolling contract in place. The premises are rented for £150 per week so the maximum liability at any one time is £600, there are more than sufficient cash reserves available to meet that liability.

The church employ two full time pastors and rent individual properties in the local area for each of them at a cost of £1,500 and £1,395. An annual lease is signed and so the maximum liability is £34,740 ( $£1,500 + £1,395 \times 12$ ), again there are sufficient reserves to cover this liability.

## **Appendix 5**

### Income

Barclays BACS payment £30.00 from 'Stanley Marks dated 25th April. Included in Expenseplus as Regular Donation.

CAF BACS credit £285.00 from 'J S Harrison' dated 29th June. Included in Expenseplus as Regular Donation.

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CAF BACS payment £195.92 from 'Stripe Payments UK' dated 28th Nov. Included in Expenseplus as 'Transfer from Stripe'.

Barclays Giro Credit £19.53 from 'Printer Cartridge 'dated 14th Oct. Included in Expenseplus as 'Other Income'

CAF BACS payment £500.00 from 'T R Brewer' dated 1st Feb. Included in Expenseplus as Regular Donation.

### Expenditure

Online Transfer to 'Monkston Primary School' £600.00 dated 31st May. Included in Expenseplus as 'Primary Venue Hire'.

Standing Order to 'Anglo American Letting' £1,650.00 dated 3rd Aug. Included in Expenseplus as 'Staffing: Manse'

Faster Payment to 'Stephen Riisnaes' £9.85 dated 29th Sep. Included in Expenseplus as 'Ministries: Crèche'.

Online Transfer to 'Queeny Iroanya' £500.00 dated 28th Nov. Included in Expenseplus as 'Care Fund Outgoings'

POS to 'thomann.de' £175.00 dated 30th Jan. Included in Expenseplus as 'AV Equipment Fund'.

POS to 'Slavic Gospel Assoc' £4,325.00 dated 28th Mar. Included in Expenseplus as 'One off Donations & Appeals.

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## **CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES**

### **Sunday Meetings**

During the year our weekly Sunday morning services were held at Monkston Primary School, which we hired for the purpose. As the COVID-19 restrictions lifted we made adjustments to how our meetings were conducted, creating additional room for people to attend and particularly the reintroduction of corporate singing. Services were live streamed to YouTube until Spring 2022. Sermons are now recorded and uploaded later.

We continued to hold Sunday evening meetings on Zoom during the year, as this was of some benefit to those who may not otherwise have been able to attend. These meetings were primarily for prayer but also included sermons, talks and discussions on various topics.

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The church ran a weekly parent and toddler group known as Playtime. The group provided toys, crafts, songs and Bible stories for the many local families that attended. The church hired Kents Hill Community Centre for this purpose. Similarly, Dadtime was a monthly group aimed at pre-school children and their male carers. Both groups have restarted following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

### **Safeguarding**

All those working with children and young people are required to apply for a Disclosure Statement through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The church requires these statements to be renewed every three years and these are verified by our Safeguarding Officer or Deputy Safeguarding Officer. Everyone working with children and young people is also required to undergo Safeguarding Training every three years to ensure up to date compliance and awareness.

This year, the Church also received advice and training from Christian Safeguarding Services. In particular, the Trustees received training concerning their safeguarding responsibilities.

### **Home Groups**

Weekly Home Group meetings continued to provide the focus for basic pastoral care and discipleship. Over the year these groups met on Tuesday evenings in members' homes, with some groups also offering the chance to join via Zoom to those unable to attend in person.

### **Women's Bible Study**

A weekly meeting for women ran during the year. This had been taking place at Wavendon Community Centre which was hired for this purpose, but has been meeting in a member's home.

### **Pastoral Care**

The Church offers and provides help and support for anyone who may encounter difficulty in their life. Such support may come from one of the Pastors or Elders, but everyone in the church is encouraged to show compassion and care to others. Anyone connected with the church continued to be able to request contact from a Pastor or Elder.

### **Care Fund**

The Church has a Care Fund in order to provide financial support for members of the church or those known to the church. Church members are encouraged to donate specifically for this purpose and several people have been helped as a result. The fund is used at the discretion of the elders who collectively decide when financial support would be appropriate.

### **Mission and evangelism**

In addition to ensuring that our Sunday services were accessible to people who would not normally engage with the church, other evangelistic events were organised during the year, including Easter and Christmas services, Christmas Carol Singing, and courses aimed at introducing people to the Christian faith. These were all conducted in line with government requirements at the time, where appropriate.

We also participated in a nationwide initiative known as *A Passion for Life*, which encouraged churches to engage their local communities with the good news about Jesus Christ. As part of this initiative, we held a meeting which included an interview with a Christian man living with terminal cancer who shared how his faith has helped him during severe illness. This event was advertised locally and was also streamed online.

### **FULL-TIME WORKERS**

The church continues to support two full-time workers in the role of Pastor. These are supported by means of funds raised by the members of the church via regular and one-off donations.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Receipts and Payments**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £99,842. This came mainly from regular donations provided through standing orders and cash offerings. There were also restricted funds of £2,163. This gave a total of £102,005 funds received.

£60,113 was spent on stipendiary costs in support of two full-time pastors. A further £38,362 went towards the rent of two houses for the use of the pastors and their families. A total of £8,603 was spent on the hiring of venues for Sunday meetings and other meetings, such as Playtime/Dadtime and the Women's Bible Study.

Other expenses totalled £19,091, including £7,278 in donations to the FIEC; to full-time gospel workers in Japan (Overseas Mission Fellowship); to a church planting network in Scotland (20Schemes); to a UK-based Christian Youth camp charity (Contagious Bible Conferences); and to a local hospice (Willen Hospice). We also put funds towards the support of refugees from Afghanistan.

The total unrestricted payments for the year were £121,319. The total restricted payments for the year were £4,850.

The net result was a deficit of unrestricted receipts over unrestricted payments of £21,478, and a deficit of restricted receipts over restricted payments of £2,687. This is line with our plan to run down reserves in support of a second full-time worker.

### **Reserves Policy**

The total cash fund balance as of 31 March 2022 was £191,040 of unrestricted funds, and £688 of restricted funds.

The unrestricted funds were made up of the General Fund of £151,858 and the following designated funds: an External Causes fund of £3,031; a Training Fund of £3,350 which is for any training needs that may occur; an Equipment Fund of £301; and a Contingency Fund of £32,500.

It is the policy of the church to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, where possible, which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. The balance of £191,040 clearly exceeds this. However, for several years the trustees have been accumulating reserves in anticipation of calling a second full-time worker, which we did in the summer of 2020.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The method of appointing church members is set out in the Church Handbook. The elders are appointed by the members of the church in accordance with the policies and procedures set out in the Handbook.

The elders meet once a fortnight. They are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church, and these are presented to the church during regular general meetings.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Registered Charity Number: 1187160

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Trustees of the charity as at 31 March 2022 were:

Gavin Naylor  
Stephen Riisnaes  
Mark Sewall  
Paul Sherwood  
Richard Wardman (Chair)

### **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full Name: Richard Wardman

Date: 1 July 2022



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
General Offering (non Gift Aidable)	14,671			14,671	9,003
General Offering (Gift Aidable)	68,788			68,788	59,298
Gift Aid Tax Return	16,383			16,383	42,514
Restricted Offerings		759		759	-
Dadtime Donations		-		-	-
Playtime Donations		-		-	-
Care Fund		711		711	3,380
Other		693		693	1,112
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>99,842</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,005</b>	<b>115,307</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>99,842</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,005</b>	<b>115,307</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Administration (incl. IT and regulatory)	2,986			2,986	3,599
Care Fund		1,425		1,425	2,067
Catering and Hospitality	219			219	11
Children and Youth - General	441	1,328		1,769	364
Children and Youth - Dadtime		176		176	18
Children and Youth - Playtime		766		766	216
Equipment	1,599			1,599	764
Employees - Wages and National Insurance	53,039			53,039	41,468
Employees - Pension Contributions	6,607			6,607	5,212
Employees - Expenses	467			467	144
External Causes (general offerings)	7,278			7,278	8,389
External Causes (restricted offerings)		988		988	609
Insurance	187			187	184
Learning and Development Resources	530	167		697	1,316
Outreach and Events	770			770	541
Property and Venue Hire	46,966			46,966	38,969
Sundry	130			130	3,118
Visiting Speakers	100			100	250
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>121,319</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,169</b>	<b>107,239</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>121,319</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,169</b>	<b>107,239</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 21,477</b>	<b>- 2,687</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 24,164</b>	<b>8,068</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 1,852</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>214,369</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>215,892</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>191,040</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>191,728</b>	<b>-</b>



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General Fund	151,858		
	Designated Fund - External Causes	3,031		
	Designated Fund - Training Fund	3,350		
	Designated Fund - Equipment Fund	301		
	Designated Fund - Contingency Fund	32,500		
	Restricted Fund - Restricted Offerings		89	
	Restricted Fund - Dadtime		-	
	Restricted Fund - Playtime		-	
	Restricted Fund - Care Fund		599	
	Restricted Fund - Other		-	
		<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>191,040</b>	<b>688</b>

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

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	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	General	2,100	
Cancellation notice period for Monkston Primary venue hire as per hire agreement (one school term)		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Richard Wardman	1 July 2021

**NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1187160

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# Accounts

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# NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES

Trustees' Annual Report  
and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2021

Registered Address: 62 Eridge Green, Kents Hill, Milton Keynes, MK7 6JE

Registered Charity Number: 1187160

## **AIM AND PURPOSES**

The main purpose of New City Church Milton Keynes is the advancement of the Christian faith primarily but not exclusively within Milton Keynes and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the church.

## **BACKGROUND**

New City Church Milton Keynes began as an unincorporated charity in 2003 under the name Britten Grove Baptist Church. To reflect a change in location and purpose the name of the church was changed to New City Church Milton Keynes in 2013. New City Church Milton Keynes is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) (Registered Charity Number 263354).

In the year 2018-2019 the church decided that it was in its best interest to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in December 2019. A new charity was duly established with the Charity Commission in December 2019 and all the assets of the previous charity were transferred to the new CIO with effect from 30 March 2020.

The church is an independent church that welcomes people from all denominational backgrounds and none. Membership of the church is on the basis of adherence to core gospel beliefs as set out in the Statement of Faith contained in the Church Constitution signed on 1 December 2019. The members of the church come from a variety of church backgrounds and none.

The church is led by a team of pastors and elders who are equal in status. In accordance with the Constitution (clause 12.4) the pastors and elders are also Trustees. The elders make decisions collectively, whilst certain matters as set out in the Church Handbook are decided by the church members during business meetings held. The elders as at 31 March 2021 were Richard Wardman (Chair), Gavin Naylor, Stephen Riisnaes, Mark Sewall and Paul Sherwood.

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

When planning our activities for the year 2020-21, the elders considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we endeavoured to enable ordinary people to live out their Christian faith as part of our church community through:

- worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and faith in the Lord Jesus;
- the provision of pastoral care for people living in the local community and attending the church; and
- missionary and outreach work

## **CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF NEW CITY CHURCH MILTON KEYNES**

### **Sunday Meetings**

At the beginning of 2020, the church held worship services every Sunday at the premises of the Milton Keynes Special Need Access Project (MK SNAP), another charity in Milton Keynes. This continued until the first lockdown of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, after which all meetings were conducted online via YouTube or Zoom. This continued until October 2020 when Sunday meetings began to be held at Monkston Primary School where they currently continue.

All these meetings were open to the general public, whom we invited regularly by means of social media and other advertisements. The aim of the activities was to strengthen the Christian faith of those who were already Christians, and to promote, teach and live out the Christian faith for those who wished to know more. All of these activities were provided free of charge. The church also continued to support the promotion of the Christian faith throughout the UK and in other countries.

### **New City Kids (Sunday School)**

Until March 2020 the church organised weekly Sunday School groups (known as New City Kids) during the Sunday morning meetings for children aged 4-11. There was also a creche for children aged 0-3. These groups were open to all families attending the meetings and operated under the church's Safeguarding Policy. These groups have not been operating since the start of the pandemic in March 2020.

### **New City Youth (Youth Group)**

During the year, the church also ran a regular youth group designed to provide fun and social interaction as well as discipleship. From March 2020 onwards, these meetings were delivered via Zoom.

### **Playtime and Dadtime**

In the early part of 2020, the church ran a weekly parent and toddler group known as Playtime. The group provided toys, crafts, songs and Bible stories for the many local families that attended. The church hired Kents Hill Community Centre for this purpose. Similarly, Dadtime was a monthly group aimed at pre-school children and their male carers. Neither groups has been operating since March 2020.

### **Safeguarding**

All those working with children and young people are required to apply for a Disclosure Statement through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The church requires these statements to be renewed every three years and these are verified by our Safeguarding Officer or Deputy Safeguarding Officer. Everyone working with children and young people is also required to undergo Safeguarding Training every three years to ensure up to date compliance and awareness.

### **Home Groups**

Weekly Home Group meetings continued to provide the focus for basic pastoral care

and discipleship. Over the year these groups met on Tuesday evenings in members' homes. Since March 2020 these meetings have been delivered via Zoom.

### **Women's Bible Study**

A weekly meeting for women was running prior to March 2020. This had begun to take place at Wavendon Community Centre which was hired for this purpose. These meetings have been taking place on Zoom since the start of the pandemic.

### **Prayer Meetings**

During the year, the church ran regular meetings on Sunday evenings devoted to prayer for the church, for the world and for each other. From March 2020 onwards, these meetings were also delivered via Zoom.

### **Pastoral Care**

The church continued to run via Zoom a range of weekly daytime groups for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Where members of the church were ill, or prevented from engaging with the church for other reasons, regular contact was organised by the elders or members of the church in accordance with government requirements. Anyone connected with the church continued to be able to request contact from an elder.

### **Care Fund**

At the beginning of the pandemic, a Care Fund was established in order to provide financial support for members of the church impacted by the crisis. Church members were encouraged to donate specifically for this purpose and a several people were helped as a result. The fund is used at the discretion of the elders who collectively decide when financial support would be appropriate. It is the intention of the elders to continue the Care Fund beyond the pandemic.

### **Mission and evangelism**

In addition to ensuring that our Sunday services were accessible to people who would not normally engage with the church, other evangelistic events were organised during the year, including Easter and Christmas services, Christmas Carol Singing, and courses aimed at introducing people to the Christian faith. These were all conducted in line with government requirements at the time.

## **FULL-TIME WORKERS**

The church already supported one full-time pastor at the inception of the CIO, which was amply supplied by current receipts at the time. The church took the decision to seek a second full-time pastor during this year, which we did in accordance with the Church Handbook. This second pastor took up office in August 2021.

The elders presented a five-year financial model to church members that outlined the need for increased giving over this time in order for this to be a long-term post. This model includes the use of existing unrestricted funds which have been set aside over several years alongside increased giving from existing and anticipated future church members.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Receipts and Payments**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £110,815. This came mainly from regular donations provided through standing orders and cash offerings. The church also received a Gift Aid return which was higher than normal due to a large gift received in the previous year. There were restricted funds of £4,492, which largely included the Care Fund established this year. This gave a total of £115,307 funds received.

£46,823 was spent on stipendiary costs in support of two full-time pastors. A further £34,868 went towards the rent of two houses for the use of the pastors and their families. A total of £4,100 was spent on the hiring of venues for Sunday meetings and other meetings, such as Playtime/Dadtime and the Women's Bible Study.

Other expenses totalled £21,447, including £8,389 in donations to the FIEC; to full-time gospel workers in Japan (Overseas Mission Fellowship); to a church planting network in Scotland (20Schemes); to a UK-based Christian Youth camp charity (Contagious Bible Conferences); to a local hospice (Willen Hospice); a one-off gift to another mission organisation (United For Mission); and a one-off gift to a missionary couple in the Middle East.

The total unrestricted payments for the year were £102,908. The total restricted payments for the year were £4,330.

The net result was an excess of unrestricted receipts over unrestricted payments of £7,907, and an excess of restricted receipts over restricted payments of £161.

### **Reserves Policy**

The total cash fund balance as of 31 March 2021 was £214,370 of unrestricted funds, and £1,523 of restricted funds.

The unrestricted funds were made up of the following designated funds: the General Fund of £145,806; a Training Fund of £1,963 which is for any training needs that may occur; a Ministry Fund of £43,750 which had been saved over several years in anticipation of taking on a second full-time worker; and a Contingency Fund of £20,000.

It is the policy of the church to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, where possible, which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. The balance of £214,370 clearly exceeds this. However, for several years the trustees have been accumulating reserves in anticipation of calling a second full-time worker, which we did in this year (see above).

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The method of appointing church members is set out in the Church Handbook. The elders are appointed by the members of the church in accordance with the policies and procedures set out in the Handbook.

The elders meet once a fortnight. They are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church, and these are presented to the church during regular general meetings. Physical members' meetings have not been possible since mid-March 2020. Members' meetings have been taking place online via Zoom, in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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Trustees of the charity as at 31 March 2021 were:

Gavin Naylor  
Stephen Riisnaes  
Mark Sewall  
Paul Sherwood  
Richard Wardman (Chair)

### **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee 's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full Name: Richard Wardman

Date: 28 May 2021



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	30/12/2019	To	31/03/2021
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
General Offering (non Gift Aidable)	9,003			9,003	-
General Offering (Gift Aidable)	59,298			59,298	-
Asset Transfer	-			-	-
Gift Aid Tax Return	42,514			42,514	-
Restricted Offerings		-		-	-
Dadtime Donations		-		-	-
Playtime Donations		-		-	-
Care Fund		3,380		3,380	-
Other		1,112		1,112	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>110,815</b>	<b>4,492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>115,307</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>110,815</b>	<b>4,492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>115,307</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Administration (incl. IT and regulatory)	3,599			3,599	-
Care Fund		2,067		2,067	-
Catering and Hospitality	11			11	-
Children and Youth - General	364			364	-
Children and Youth - Dadtime		18		18	-
Children and Youth - Playtime		216		216	-
Equipment	764			764	-
Employees - Wages and National Insurance	41,468			41,468	-
Employees - Pension Contributions	5,212			5,212	-
Employees - Expenses	144			144	-
External Causes (general offerings)	8,389			8,389	-
External Causes (restricted offerings)		609		609	-
Insurance	184			184	-
Learning and Development Resources	1,145	171		1,316	-
Outreach and Events	541			541	-
Property and Venue Hire	38,969			38,969	-
Sundry	1,868	1,250		3,118	-
Visiting Speakers	250			250	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>102,908</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,238</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>102,908</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,238</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,907</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,068</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 659</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Sub-total cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7,248</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,068</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A7 Asset transfer<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>207,122</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>214,370</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>215,893</b>	<b>-</b>



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General Fund	145,806		
	Designated Fund - External Causes	1,963		
	Designated Fund - Training Fund	2,850		
	Designated Fund - Ministry Fund	43,750		
	Designated Fund - Contingency Fund	20,000		
	Restricted Fund - Restricted Offerings		-	
	Restricted Fund - Dadtime		-	
	Restricted Fund - Playtime		-	
	Restricted Fund - Care Fund		1,313	
	Restricted Fund - Other		210	
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>214,370</b>	<b>1,523</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Richard Wardman	28 May 2021

**NOTES TO ACCOUNTS**

<sup>1</sup> Asset Transfer

As per a Pre-Merger Vesting Declaration dated 7th April 2020, in accordance with s310 of the Charities Act 2011, all assets of New City Church Milton Keynes were transferred effective 30th March 2020 to New City Church Milton Keynes, a charitable incorporated organisation (registered charity number: 1187160).

This transfer was part of the process by which New City Church Milton Keynes effected the change from being a charitable unincorporated organisation, excpeted from registration with the Charity Commission, to becoming a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

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

Report to the Trustees of New City Church Milton Keynes on accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**


My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention examiner's statement

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

2/6/21

Name:

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