



Trustees Annual Report

Report for period 1st June 2023 - 31st March 2024

New Life Community Church Milnrow is a UK-registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Charity Number:1198289) located at 3 Edmund Street, Milnrow, Rochdale, Lancashire, OL16 4HR.

Governance is through a Board of Trustees which have met 9 times in this reporting period. Daniel Vivash and David Cooper were voted in as Elders and were added as Trustees on 13th August 2023.

The Charity Objectives: New Life Community Church Milnrow aims to

Enthroned the Lord – New Life are a people that live a life of worship.

Equip the Saints – we are a Bible believing and teaching church. We want to invest 'God's best' in people so they have the opportunity to grow in faith and purpose.

Enlarge the Kingdom – we constantly look for opportunities to influence people for Christ and demonstrate the power of the gospel.

New Life Community Church Milnrow is a non-denominational church with a mission to demonstrate the gospel of Jesus Christ. The church has an active community focussed timetable of activities to give each person who comes the opportunity to grow in faith and purpose.

The Trustees are satisfied that these objectives are consistent with the charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit. The following summary of the main activities undertaken by the charity in 2023/24 demonstrates our commitment to this:

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation The most significant development during the year was the establishment of the new CIO, formally set up on 1st June 2023. All Trustees governing on the old charity moved over to the CIO. The change brought a new bank account with Virgin Money, having closed the previous Co-op account.

The newly appointed elders are settling into leadership roles within the church and continue to be a blessing to the existing elders and trustees in taking up those roles and spreading the workload. Ian Lowe is the church's Pastoral Lead, with an unpaid Community Worker, a paid sessional worker, administrator and bookkeeper all on part time hours. We are blessed with a large, willing volunteer base of people with a range of skills and talents.

The community activities continue to grow in numbers and strength with local community stakeholders aware of our offerings and choosing to direct people in need towards us. Our busy weekday timetable offers group activities, counselling and therapies aimed at reducing effects and root causes of poverty, social isolation, loneliness, illness, unemployment, bereavement and negative life experiences. We are a registered Warm Space and provide an ever-popular weekly drop in Coffee Lounge.

Elders Report

2023 / 2024 brought us challenges and changes, but the church is well placed to fulfil the vision God has given us of both spiritual and practical growth and involvement in the local community.

The new eldership continues to function very well and the installation of the new Senior Leadership team is working very well, causing excitement for the future of the church.

The church continues to be fully engaged with the town wide churches, notably the gathering of Churches Together in October. The Church Leaders meet every Thursday morning for prayer. Speakers from these churches come and preach at New Life.

New Life are pleased to continue to be involved with the Ground Level network, and we hosted a Leaders Lunch in November which was attended by over 40 church leaders. Two of our members - Dan and Wayne have completed the Leadership training, with Ground Level Leadership Engine. We have a strong attendance at the Awaken event in August, and some good links are developing there, with admin and

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worship in particular engaging with some of the Ground Level resources now available.

The standard of preaching we receive at New Life is very encouraging, and the Blacksmiths Forge has been significant to equip the Saints to live out this Christian life in difficult and challenging times.

The Christmas Carol Service around the Village Christmas Tree was a huge success. Over 80 people attended on the evening – half from the church and half for the local community. It was agreed to make this an annual event. The congregation and community enjoyed a day at Milnrow Carnival 2023 dressed as bees. Fun in the Park was a great day and the torrential rain parted for the time of the event. Many families now make regular contact through various activities from this event. Messy Church continues to be very well attended by a range of families – some of which we met in the park. This is becoming a regular outreach opportunity as families always go home having learnt a bible story and finished with singing the blessing together. The church had another successful year at Bassenfell weekend away with over 70 people taking part.

5 new members have joined the church bringing membership to 64. 15 children regularly attend Junior Church. Groups with engaging activities are set around their age and ability.

A pastoral team is being established in response to a need for pastoral care at home or in hospital. The voluntary service of the whole church continues to be a strength.

Finances

The finance report for 2023/24 is unusual in that it is for a 10 month period instead of the usual full tax year. This is because the CIO was established in June 2023 and the reporting period is from that date up to the end of the tax year 31st March 2024. Income to this date was £94,547, compared to £83,519 in the 14 month period previously.

Having paid the mortgage off in the previous financial year, that significant outgoing has reduced to zero. There was £22,956 income from a 22 month gift aid claim. Grant funding brought £20,050 of which £13,600 was towards fixing the leak in the roof and £4250 was added to the building work fund for the downstairs renovation. The remained funded running costs of warm space and weekday community activities.

The congregation continue to support with such generosity, both in weekly offertory and the annual Heart for the House renovation collection which

raised £12,000. The work of the church continues to grow as we demonstrate God's love to each other and our community.

Main areas of service

Prayer - The church prayer meeting meets weekly and is supported by an Intercession WhatsApp facility. New Life hosts the monthly townwide prayer gathering and has been represented at other strategic prayer networks across the town over the year including that leading to Pentecost. Our prayers have been led by the Blacksmith's Forge Teaching that the whole church has received.

Worship - There is an expanding team with a diverse group of skilled musicians. The team are fulfilling the vision to amalgamate their God-given musical talents and their spiritual gifts to serve, not only the New Life family, but the wider church particularly in Rochdale. The monthly worship nights at New Life are becoming more popular. There are more opportunities to worship with other churches in the town.

Sound and Lighting - There has been investment into technology over the last year, putting in place platforms that will both streamline and equip multiple teams now and for the future. A number of tools are used now which have improved communication, rotas and CCLI while 'Worship Church' is equipping people in technical skills and musicianship.

Life Groups - these small groups make a significant support network towards one another allowing recognition of spiritual, physical and emotional needs. Each group provides teaching and discussions. The children continue to meet for Kids Lounge a range of fun activities and bible study once a month on a Saturday morning.

Housekeeping - 7 ladies continue to meet weekly on a Tuesday morning to clean and help maintain the building.

Hospitality - Housekeeping plus a wider team organise catered events throughout the year including Christmas Lunch, Long Lunch with church leaders, and many more special occasions, also drinks after each service and providing communion.

Building and facilities - Various re-decorations have been done during the year including the re-painting of the stairwell. There have been updates and replacements to the fire alarm and the burglar alarm. The annual fire risk assessment was completed in July 2023 and a number of minor issues were resolved.

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An additional volunteer member was added to the building maintenance team and several maintenance jobs have already been completed.

The major issue this year has been leaks from the north east side of the roof over the mezzanine (raised area). Quotations have been sought and grant funding applications submitted so that we now have funding available to re-roof that part of the building. Funding from the RMBC Pennine township fund was sought and our bid was successful. Internal water damage will be rectified once the re-roofing is completed.

The problem of access at the front of the building has been investigated but so far no solutions have been found that are viable, given the physical constraints of the narrow footway and the height of the step up into the building.

Administration and Communications - The team has expanded to encompass a wider range of gifts and talents, giving opportunity for a wider reach in community networking and funding which we know is part of our Christian witness. This broader team has allowed for smoother office operations and more consistency in office presence. A team of 5 volunteers manage the website, social media and internal communications of the church.

Family Central - weekday community outreach

Mini Marvels - currently serving 31 children along with parents and grandparents, a fun, vibrant, safe place to play and share life experience. Parents are often signposted to other services.

Coffee Lounge - well established with over 35 visitors each week, offers a warm space and is a lifeline for our lonely elderly visitors. It is a place where special occasions are celebrated, friendships are strengthened, relationships are built, community and practical help, such as making appointments, is offered.

Beneficial connections have been made with the community through regular visits from local police officers and the healthy living initiatives provided by the council. A group of ladies are now trained to carry out regular B.P. monitoring for visitors at Coffee Lounge supporting improving community health.

Ladies Lounge - Wednesday afternoon group of 15 ladies which offers a very wide range of activities using creative skills and high quality

materials and resources. The artistic creations are often displayed in the room to reflect the life and talents in the community.

The ladies group often meet with the Men's Hub for games afternoons or to listen to visiting speakers such as Citizen's Advice.

The depth of relationships being developed is appreciated by all the members. Here are some of their comments when asked about their thoughts about the group:

"it's a place to share"

"it's a reason to get up"

"builds confidence"

"learning new skills"

"a sense of belonging"

"supporting church activities"

On reflection there is a strength in how community work and the life of the church intertwines and works alongside each other. Children and parents from Mini Marvels come to Messy Church, ladies from the mid-week groups helping prepare crafts with our sessional worker. Families from Messy Church came to the Mexican Fundraising event. From washing up to running the sound and visuals, there is somewhere to include everyone who wants to be involved and to encourage their journey of belonging and purpose.

Men's Hub – A befriending group where men are regularly referred through the GP. There is support with dementia sufferers and this allows respite for spouses. There are 8 – 10 men with complex needs meeting each week for a breakfast buffet and a chat.

Discovery Group - A mixed group that have explored faith further – including watching The Chosen together and following the Alpha course.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy forms part of our annual report for the financial year 2023 / 24 and complies with the Charity Commission SORP. Our mission and fellowship initiatives consider future costs and as such we recognise the need to hold reserves which help meet our ongoing needs. We recognise that as charitable Trustees, we are accountable for the prudent use of resources and details of surplus funds held in reserves are as follows:

Our general reserves are held in an account and in petty cash up to the value of £43,994. This is set aside to meet the day to day needs of the

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fellowship. The remaining £13,600 in this current account is specific reserve in grant funding for the roof work required.

Our specific reserves for Family Central are held in a current account to the value of £10,802. This money is set aside for the work of the Family Central Initiative.

Our specific reserves for the Building Fund are held in a current account to the value of £20,478 and are specifically for covering the costs of further building renovations and materials on the downstairs part of the building.

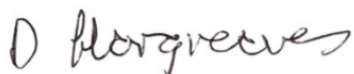
This policy was approved by Trustees at a meeting held on 15th October 2024.

Summary

2023 was a year of positive change for the CIO. The board are satisfied that the charity continues to meet its charitable objectives and has maintained financial integrity. We thank the Lord and give Him all the glory for all who have come to salvation and that lives have been changed as we do the work God has planned for us.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the New Life Community Church CIO Trustees



(Derek Hargreaves, Chair of the Trust)

Date: 11th December 2024

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH MILNROW
Registered Charity Number : 1198289 (previously 104
Accounts for 10 Months Ending 31st March 2024

Income & Expenditure

2024 (10 months)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Income				
Offerings	1	39,277.09	-	13,600.00
Gift Aid	2	20,083.21	-	2,872.50
Building	3	-	-	7,128.40
Family Cer	4	-	-	5,821.12
Other	5	2,008.86	-	3,472.00
Bank Interest		283.57	-	-
Total Income		61,652.73	-	32,894.02
Expenditure				
Wages & NI		16,660.00	-	-
Travel Expenses		-	-	-
Depreciation	6	9,982.00	-	-
Rent		-	-	-
Utilities		8,950.60	-	-
Mortgage Interest				
Insurance		2,100.71	-	-
Repairs & Maintenance		1,945.00	-	-
Sound, Vision & Media		72.96	-	-
Telephone & IT		487.80	-	-
Administration		843.58	-	-
Subscriptions & Licences		1,298.74	-	-
Ministry, M	7	3,653.34	-	-
Events		1,764.04	-	-
Family Central		-	-	15,079.84
Youth & Childrens Work		510.75	-	-
Training & Conferences		1,575.00	-	-
Legal & Professional Fees		1,373.48	-	-
General Premises Expenses		2,832.98	-	-
Catering		548.53	-	-
Literature		-	-	-
Total Expenses		54,599.51	-	15,079.84
Suplus/(Deficit) In Year		7,053.22	-	17,814.18

Assets & Liabilities

Fixed Assets

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Current Assets/Liabilities

Current Account - Virgin
 Current Account - Co-op
 Building Fund Account - Virgin
 Building Fund Account - Co-op
 Family Central Account - Virgin
 Family Central Account - Co-op
 Petty Cash
 Sundry Debtors
 Sundry Creditors

Total Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)

Total Net Assets

Represented by:-

Opening Reserves
 Surplus / (Deficit) In Year

Closing Reserves

New Life Community Church Milnrow**Notes to the Accounts for 10 Months Ending 31st March 2024**

		Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided	Transfer
		£	£	£
1. Offerings				
Unrestricted Funds	- General Offertory	32,952.02	6,325.07	
Restricted Funds	- Pennines Township Capital Fund		9,600.00	
Restricted Funds	- Milnrow & Newhey Ward Fund		4,000.00	
		32,952.02	19,925.07	-

** £600 was transferred to the Kidz Klub & EPIC account in the year and was redefined as restricted funds. S

2. Gift Aid

Income tax recovered via the Gift Aid Scheme is recorded in the accounts when received from HMRC.

		Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided	Transfer
		£	£	£
3. Building Fund				
Restricted Funds	- General Income	1,512.00	1,366.40	
Restricted Funds	- Benefact Trust Ltd		3,250.00	
Restricted Funds	- Groundlevel Grant Community Hub		1,000.00	
		1,512.00	5,616.40	-

* Grants are only included in the accounts when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

		Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided	Transfer
		£		£
4. Family Central				
Restricted Funds	- General Income	3,600.00	21.12	
Restricted Funds	- Action Together Grant		1,000.00	
Restricted Funds	- The ASDA Foundation		1,200.00	
		3,600.00	2,221.12	-

* Grants are only included in the accounts when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

		Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided	Transfer
		£		£
5. Other Income				
Unrestricted Funds	- Solar Panel Income		2,003.67	
Unrestricted Funds	- Virgin Money Cashback on spending		5.19	
Restricted Funds	- ALDI Festive Food Grant Vouchers		420.00	
Restricted Funds	- Church Weekend Deposits		3,052.00	
		-	5,480.86	-

6. Fixed Assets: tangible assets

Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. They are valued at reasonable value on receipt. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The property is at historic cost and is not depreciated as it is considered to have a useful life of greater than 50 years. Proper valuations will be carried out periodically to ensure the market value of the property does not fall below the Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis at the following rates:

Freehold Property 2%, Additions & Improvements to Freehold Property 5%, Fixtures & Fittings 25%.

New Life Community Church Milnrow Notes to the Accounts for 10 Months Ending 31st March 2024

		Freehold Property	Building Improvements	Fixtures & Fittings
		£	£	£
6. Fixed Assets: tangible assets				

Cost

As at 1 June 2023	159,117.05	182,433.81	17,225.94
Additions			
Disposals			
At 31 March 2024	159,117.05	182,433.81	17,225.94

Depreciation

As at 1 June 2023	29,876.67	47,742.56	16,875.36
Charge for the year	2,254.90	7,601.90	125.20
Disposals			
At 31 March 2024	32,131.57	55,344.46	17,000.56

Net Book Value

At 31 March 2024	126,985.48	127,089.35	225.38
At 1 June 2023	129,240.38	134,691.25	350.58

7. Ministry, Missions & Gifts

UK	- NLCCM Gifts
	- Bridges
	- Go & Tell Ministries
	- Groundlevel Network
	- Kidz Klub
	- EPIC
	- Missionary Ventures GB
	- General
Overseas	- Release International
Visiting Ministries / Preachers	

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	2023 (14 months)
Total	Total
Funds	Funds
£	£
###	57,427.58
###	-
7,128.40	10,985.00
5,821.12	12,997.96
5,480.86	2,108.66
283.57	-
###	83,519.20
###	19,036.00
-	-
9,982.00	14,149.95
-	-
8,950.60	21,483.80
	784.77
2,100.71	2,007.44
1,945.00	4,494.00
72.96	697.56
487.80	1,040.76
843.58	1,406.11
1,298.74	2,212.87
3,653.34	4,834.59
1,764.04	2,639.58
###	15,564.00
510.75	331.75
1,575.00	1,827.99
1,373.48	5,017.43
2,832.98	2,729.11
548.53	875.21
-	19.98
69679.4	101152.9
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Total

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Dear Trustees,

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of New Life Community
Church Milnrow 1198289**

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts with accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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- 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:

Clare Smith 

On behalf of Clare Smith Accountancy Ltd

18th April 2024

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