

New Life Bournemouth

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2024

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NEW LIFE BOURNEMOUTH
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	40 Cranleigh Road Bournemouth BH6 5JH
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO Foundation registered 13 February 2023
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1201915
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Timothy Cologne Colin Howard (resigned May2024) Frederick Potgieter Desmond Tham
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc
LEGAL	Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP
BOOKKEEPING	Connect Supply Ltd.
SAFEGUARDING	Thirty-one Eight
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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New Life Bournemouth
Trustees' Annual Report for the period
1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document: Charitable Incorporated Organisation, 13 February 2023.

How the charity is constituted: CIO

Trustee selection methods: New Trustees are selected and appointed by remaining trustees in consultation with the church leadership.

Additional governance issues:

All Charity Trustees must subscribe to and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Faith. The trustees require that the leadership team of New Life Bournemouth (NLB) ensure that the church premises and the adjacent property are adequately repaired and insured against risk. The trustees permit the hall and associated buildings to be used by the fellowship of believers under the guidance and direction of the church leaders. A team of elders provide spiritual leadership for NLB and manages the practical affairs of the church.

NLB is an independent, charismatic evangelical church belonging to no denomination or "stream". It is a member of the Evangelical Alliance of the United Kingdom. Over the last few years, NLB engaged with Every Nation Ministries (www.everynation.org), a church movement with eighty-one churches worldwide, to become part of the church movement. We received news in November 2024 that we would be adopted by Every Nation, pending completion of due diligence matters.

Training is available to trustees to cover any specific needs. The trustees regularly review the significant risks faced by the charity and have established systems to mitigate any that are significant. The trustees believe that the financial controls and regular reporting of income and expenditure provide sufficient and timely information to respond to adverse trends and ensure that the trust's financial liabilities are adequately covered.

The trustees operate a proactive child protection policy, accompanied by detailed procedures. A similar policy has been established to cater for vulnerable adults. We obtain Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearances for anyone with regular contact with our children, young people and other vulnerable people. We receive these through Thirty-one Eight. We have established links with our local Social Services and utilise them, along with other recommended experts, to provide relevant training.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the charity's objectives as set out in its governing document.

The Object of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.

Summary of the main activities related to these objectives.

NLB exists to serve the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of its members, associates, and community, and to engage in Christian mission. To this end, it organises and promotes activities that facilitate Christian worship and service and supports several initiatives that serve the practical needs of our community, which include:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith through preaching, teaching and counselling based on the moral and ethical framework established in the Holy Scripture (Christian Bible) to develop individuals' spirituality and their spiritual well-being.
2. The provision of sacred spaces and worship services is open to all.
3. The provision of public rituals, prayer and services.
4. Contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children and young people.
5. Contributing towards a better society by running activities to address specific needs in our local community.
6. Provide pastoral care to our members and community members who seek help and support from us.
7. Providing comfort to the bereaved.
8. Helping to provide social care to those in need.

Most of its activities are organised and run by volunteers drawn from its membership and close associates who freely give their time and energies in response to their love for God.

Summary of the activities of Charity during the year 2024

During the reporting period, the church has maintained a vibrant calendar of religious and community activities designed to foster spiritual growth, fellowship, and community engagement. The following key activities were conducted:

Weekly Sunday Services: Held every Sunday, these services provide opportunities for worship, teaching, and fellowship. Average attendance was 30-45 members, with several visitors also attending.

Prayer Meetings: The church held regular prayer meetings, typically mid-week, where members gathered to pray for the church, the community, and the broader world. These meetings were essential for maintaining the spiritual health of the congregation.

Bible Study and Life Groups: (1) Life groups (small home-based fellowship groups) met to encourage relational discipleship and personal growth. (2) NLB engaged in **Leadership 215**, Every Nation's 12-module foundational leadership training program. Delivered entirely online via Pathwright, it equips emerging leaders in theology, biblical interpretation, ministry practice, and personal character. The cohort met once a week for structured lessons, reflections, quizzes, and discussions. Globally, around 3,000 lay leaders from 40 nations participated in 2024, receiving recognised credentials toward future seminary studies.

With no cost, the programme represents an investment in developing well-grounded leaders for our church's ongoing mission.

Special Events

Men's and Ladies' Events: Both the men's and ladies' groups organised special events to foster stronger relationships among members. These events were focused on discipleship, encouragement, and spiritual growth.

Baptisms and Salvations: The church experienced spiritual growth, with several baptisms (9 in total), and witnessed at least eight people committing their lives to Christ over the reporting period. These were celebrated publicly during Sunday services and were a source of joy for the congregation.

Pastoral Activities: Pastoral care remained a central focus, with the elders providing counselling and support to church members. They also led key ministries, such as Bible teaching, prayer, and home visits to members in need of personal care.

Build Conference – Warsaw, May 22–25, 2024

New Life Bournemouth was represented at Every Nation Europe's Build Conference in Warsaw in May 2024. Designed for senior pastors, campus directors, and emerging leaders, the event provided attendees with clarity of mission, relational leadership models, and practical strategies for campus and church ministry. Our delegate returned with a refreshed vision, relational networks, and valuable tools. This participation supports NLB's strategic leadership development and ongoing mission alignment across Europe.

Outreach to Finland – Tampere, Nov 4-7, 2024

In November 2024, NLB supported Every Nation's strategic outreach into Finland by participating in the Evangelist Summit, part of the global *Mission 2029* initiative and one of eight active national outreaches that year. We were honoured to send a delegate with a unique cultural connection—born in the UK, raised in South Africa, and a Finnish parent—which significantly enriched relational engagement and local gospel witness. This involvement underscores NLB's commitment to international mission, advancing our role in church planting and cross-cultural ministry in Finland.

Impact and Public Benefit

In compliance with the UK Charity Commission's public benefit requirement, the trustees confirm that all activities undertaken by the church are in line with its charitable purpose of advancing the Christian faith. The church continues to serve both its members and the broader community through its diverse range of religious and social activities.

The Sunday services and Bible study groups provide spiritual enrichment for the congregation while also welcoming non-members and visitors. The baptisms and salvations during this period demonstrate the impact of the church's outreach and discipleship efforts. The prayer meetings and pastoral care initiatives address the emotional and spiritual needs of both church members and the broader community. The worship weekend and other special events helped foster community, develop leadership, and encourage deeper worship and a closer connection to God.

Church Governance and Oversight

The church is governed by a board of trustees responsible for overseeing the operations of the church and ensuring compliance with the Charity Commission's guidelines for CIOs. The trustees meet quarterly to review the charity's progress and ensure the church is meeting its charitable objectives. The trustees consider that they have complied with the duty to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Key governance actions during this period included:

- Ensuring that all activities align with the church's mission of advancing the Christian faith.
- Monitoring the church's financial health to ensure that donations and funds are used appropriately to support ministry activities.
- Maintaining up-to-date safeguarding policies, with all relevant staff and volunteers undergoing safeguarding training.

Transition from Cranleigh Community Church (CCC) to New Life Bournemouth (NLB)

During the year, the trustees continued the process of transferring the assets and activities of Cranleigh Community Church (CCC) into New Life Bournemouth (NLB). This transition has taken longer than initially anticipated, primarily due to the legal requirements associated with transferring property ownership. Although our solicitors have confirmed that the transfer has been approved, we are still awaiting the final documentation from the Land Registry to complete the process.

In practical terms, the activities and financial operations of CCC have now mainly been transferred to NLB. As a result, the majority of income and expenditure for the year has been recorded in NLB's accounts, with CCC operating at a minimal level. Significant property expenditure has also been incurred during the year, reflecting both ongoing maintenance and investment in facilities to support the charity's work.

The trustees expect that the transfer will be fully completed in the near future, enabling the deregistration of CCC by the end of this calendar year. We will continue to keep the Charity Commission updated as the process progresses.

Financial Review

The church's financial health remains stable. The church is primarily funded through tithes and offerings from its members, which are used to support the ministry, cover operational costs, and fund charitable initiatives. No significant financial challenges were reported during this period. The treasurer presents the financial reports at trustee/elder meetings, to church members at the August AGM, and the accounts are examined annually to ensure transparency and accountability.

Reserves Policy

The trustees recognise the importance of establishing a formal reserves policy for New Life Bournemouth. Currently, both Cranleigh Community Church (Cranleigh Hall Road Trust) and NLB remain operational, with the same trustees overseeing the activities of both charities during the transition period. As a result, the reserves of the combined organisation are effectively managed on a consolidated basis, pending the completion of the asset transfer from CCC to NLB.

Once the Land Registry has finalised the property transfer and CCC has been deregistered, the trustees will adopt a formal reserves policy specifically for NLB. This will take into account the charity's operational needs, future commitments, and the trustees' responsibility to ensure the long-term financial stability of NLB.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details

The funds that support the charity primarily come from the offerings and gifts made by members and friends of the church and are entirely voluntary. Occasionally, individuals or organisations using the church facilities make a small financial gift to the church.

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 are provided herewith, having been subject to independent examination before approval by the trustees and subsequent filing with the Charity Commission.

Conclusion

The trustees are encouraged by the spiritual and numerical growth of the church over the past year. The activities, both regular and special, have made a significant contribution to the advancement of the church's charitable mission. As we move forward, the trustees remain committed to ensuring that NLB continues to serve its members and the broader community while upholding the principles of accountability, transparency, and faithfulness to its Christian mission.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Desmond Tham

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Desmond Tham

Date: Oct 7, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NEW LIFE BOURNEMOUTH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of New Life Bournemouth ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 9 to 11 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

J. Young
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Jaimée Young
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Date: Oct 14, 2025

NEW LIFE BOURNEMOUTH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2024	Total for period 13Feb to 31Dec 2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>						
Donations		39,934	-	390	40,324	4,303
Gift aid receipts		-	-	-	-	-
Other grants		-	-	-	-	530
Rental income		5,500	-	-	5,500	-
Other		2,000	-	-	2,000	-
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>47,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>47,824</u>	<u>4,833</u>
<i>Payments</i>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	48,092	-	-	48,092	-
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	873	-	-	873	-
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>48,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,965</u>	<u>-</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		(1,531)	-	390	(1,141)	4,833
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net movement in funds</i>		<u>(1,531)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>(1,141)</u>	<u>4,833</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		4,303	-	530	4,833	-
<i>Cash funds at this year end</i>	A	<u>2,771</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>920</u>	<u>3,691</u>	<u>4,833</u>

The notes on page 11 form part of these accounts.

NEW LIFE BOURNEMOUTH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2024	13Feb to 31Dec 2023
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		2,771	-	920	3,691	4,833
		<u>2,771</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>920</u>	<u>3,691</u>	<u>4,833</u>
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		2,312	-	-	2,312	-
		<u>2,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,312</u>	<u>-</u>
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Pension due		118	-	-	118	-
Fee for Independent Examination		1,080	-	-	1,080	420
		<u>1,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,198</u>	<u>420</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

The charity does not yet own any assets.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Desmond Tham
Desmond Tham (Oct 7, 2025 16:26:49 GMT+1)

Desmond Tham

Date: Oct 7, 2025

The notes on page 11 form part of these accounts.

NEW LIFE BOURNEMOUTH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2024	13Feb to 31Dec 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs	27,444	-	-	27,444	-
Ministry expenses and training	1,107	-	-	1,107	-
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	8,895	-	-	8,895	-
Insurance	3,120	-	-	3,120	-
Utilities and phone	5,843	-	-	5,843	-
Governance, professional fees and bank charges	420	-	-	420	-
Administration, office and support	1,263	-	-	1,263	-
	<u>48,092</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,092</u>	<u>-</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Other small grants to organisations	873	-	-	873	-
	<u>873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>873</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	4,303	47,434	(48,965)	-	2,771
Restricted funds					
Parents and Toddlers	530	390	-	-	920
	<u>530</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>920</u>
Total funds	<u>4,833</u>	<u>47,824</u>	<u>(48,965)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,691</u>