

New Life Baptist Church CIO

2025

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Statutory Information

Registered Charity Number

Registered as a charity in England & Wales with number 1212691

Registered Address

37 Abbey Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 5NG

Trustees

The CIO was incorporated on 26 March 2025. The first trustees are listed below together with changes up to the date of this report

Mr H Williams (retired 8 February 2026)

Mr D Mellen

Mrs A Williams (retired 8 February 2026)

Revd P Muir (retired 29 December 2025)

Mrs R Handy (retired 8 April 2026)

Mrs S Wall

Mrs K Paterson (appointed 8 February 2026)

Mr N Twomey (appointed 8 February 2026)

Mr M Godden (appointed 8 February 2026)

Bankers

Cooperative Bank

Delf House,

Southway,

Skelmersdale,

Lancashire WN8 6NY

Independent Examiner

Debbie Caine

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The trustees present their Report and financial statements for 2025.

Charitable Object

The Charity is governed by the constitution approved by the members and registered with the charity commissioners on 26 March 2025. The constitution states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith.

Organisational Structure and Decision making processes

Members of the church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which required them to publicly profess their faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The members meeting takes place several times a year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the constitution, the members appoint the Minister and other Leaders who are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. The Leaders, including the minister, elect a Treasurer and Church Secretary from the body of Leaders. The Leaders, Minister, Treasurer and Church Secretary are the Charity Trustees. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the church meeting by the trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in church meeting for further consideration by the trustees. Though the constitution permits decisions to be made at church meetings by appropriate majorities, the church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

The church meets as a whole on Sunday mornings for worship and throughout 2025 the church continued to livestream services for those unable to attend in person. Recordings of most services were then made available through the website. We run a private Facebook group which provides an opportunity for members to share and connect. The church also runs a public-facing Facebook page with information about our services and events. The church holds monthly breakfast services, to which members are encouraged to invite family and friends.

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The church holds several regular weekly prayer meetings and there are a variety of small groups that meet weekly for Bible study, prayer, fellowship and discipleship.

The church runs a wellbeing café, “Renew 37”, which provides a safe space for those in the community who are lonely or suffering with mental health problems.

The church runs a friendship group meeting at Morrisons and a study group at Burton Manderfield, a sheltered housing complex located in the Meadows. The church also runs a monthly service at Burton Manderfield.

The church holds social activities monthly, including coach trips. These are open to users of Renew 37 and others connected with the church as well as the members. They provide a valuable sense of community.

The church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and adults at risk are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure Barring Service. All Renew 37 hosts and small group leaders have attended Level 2 training in safeguarding.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

The church does not only measure the success of its programmes in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, community involvement and encouragement.

In 2025 there were no baptisms and the number of members was 67.

The church’s wellbeing café, Renew 37, continues to be busy and is well regarded by professional agencies who frequently signpost people to the café.

A number of our members are involved in other community activities such as Safe Families. The church also actively supports The Friary in West Bridgford, which provides much needed assistance for deprived members of our community.

Transfer of Activities

In common with many charities, a decision was taken by the church members in 8 December 2024 to create a new legal structure for the church. This new structure is called a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The new organisation was registered with the Charity Commissioner for England and Wales on 26 March 2025. A formal transfer of the assets and liabilities from the

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previous charity to the CIO was made on 31 December 2025. The Objectives and Activities of the new CIO are unchanged from the previous charity, it is just the type of legal entity that has changed

Financial Review

During the period under review (26 March to 31 December 2025) very little financial activity took place. That is because the bulk of the financial transactions were undertaken in the name of the previous charitable trust. It has taken several months to complete the administrative processes required to set up the new CIO, but this had all been completed by 31 December when a transfer of assets and liabilities was made from the previous charitable trust to the new CIO.

The financial results for the year, such as they are, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

Approval and declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- the trustees have approved the above report and attached accounts; and
- have authorised me to sign them on their behalf



Michael Godden
38 St Austell Drive
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2/7/2026

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 3 to 5

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 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 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.



Debbie Caine

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2 Peveril Drive, West Bridgford,

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10 April 2026

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Receipts and Payments account

		Period to 31 Dec 2025
	Note	£
Receipts:		
General Offering		295
Rental income		400
Total Receipts		695
Payments:		
Office & admin costs		25
Total payments		25
(Deficit) / Surplus		670
Transfer from Trust	2	125,907
Funds at the end of the period:		126,577
General Funds:		126,577

The notes on page 5 form part of this Statement

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Statement of assets and liabilities

Assets:

The balance reported as total funds is made up of the following assets:

	At 31-Dec-2025
Cash on deposit with the BU	88,278
Cash at Co-Operative Bank	38,284
Cash in hand	15
	<u>126,577</u>

In addition to the assets above, the following items should be taken into consideration to understand the financial status of the church:

Equipment (at insured value)	53,484
Gift aid tax recoverable	-
Rental deposit (on 37 Abbey Road)	-
	<u>53,484</u>
Total Cash bank and other assets	<u><u>180,061</u></u>

Prepared by

Assisted by

Independent Examiner

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 16 April 2026

The notes on pages 5 to 5 form part of this Statement

Huw Williams

Mhel Handy

Rob Moss

Debbie Caine

Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011

2 Transfer to CIO

For various reasons mostly relating to the liability of trustees (that is the leadership team of the church) should a serious financial problem arise in the church even if the problem was outside the control of the trustees, a decision was taken to transfer the church to an incorporated body and the corporation chosen was a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Some time was taken up in 2024 and early 2025 deciding on a suitable constitution to adopt and this CIO was incorporated in March 2025.

With the help of legal advisers an agreement was drawn up to transfer the church and (because the same trustees were involved in both the existing trust and this CIO) permission was requested from the charity commissioners to make the transfer and permission was granted in October 2025.

With permission in place, a church meeting in November 2025 decided to make the transfer on 31 December 2025 – in line with the church's financial year.

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