

NEW LIFE CHURCH CONGLETON

England & Wales · Charity number 514539

Details

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| Other names | NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, NEW LIFE CHURCH, CONGLETON, NEW LIFE CHURCH, NEW LIFE NURSERY GROUP, VALLEY COUNSELLING SERVICE, VALLEY DEBT ADVICE CENTRE VALLEY COUNSELLING SERVICE, WORDS & MUSIC |
| Status | Registered |
| Legal form | Other |
| Registered | 1983-12-14 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission register |

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. 2. THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK, 3. THE PROVISION OF INSTRUCTION IN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AT ANY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT. (FOR FULL DETAILS SEE THE FIRST SCHEDULE)

Activities: Church services; Christian courses and events; youth work; children's work; pre-school; coffee shop and bookshop; counselling; operation of community centre; schools' work; community work; assisting homeless people; weddings and funerals; support for overseas missionaries and aid workers; assisting people with addictions; providing food parcels and furniture for the destitute.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CHESHIRE AND ELSEWHERE
- Cheshire East

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £731,891 | £804,835 | £807,965 | 38 |
| 2023-12-31 | £705,793 | £728,449 | £880,909 | 38 |
| 2022-12-31 | £616,455 | £643,272 | £903,565 | 31 |
| 2021-12-31 | £554,355 | £563,439 | £930,382 | 30 |
| 2020-12-31 | £624,967 | £563,920 | £939,466 | 28 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| STEPHEN NEIL HODGKINSON MBE | Chair | |
| BARRY WILLIAMSON | | 2025-02-02 |
| GEORGE ANTHONY HURLSTONE | | 2012-08-20 |
| LINDA ELIZABETH HURLSTONE | | 2019-01-27 |
| MICHAEL BURGESS | | 2016-01-31 |
| RACHEL MELLOR | | 2022-02-06 |
| REUBEN OLIVER GITTINGS | | 2024-02-04 |
| Rachel Cam | | 2025-02-02 |
| Ruth Speed | | 2025-02-02 |
| SUSAN KATHRYN SPARKS | | 2012-12-04 |
| Stephen Mark Turner | | 2025-02-02 |

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Accounts

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New Life Church Congleton
Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended
31 December 2024

New Life Church Congleton

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New Life Church Congleton

Reference and administrative information

TRUSTEES

| | |
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| Stephen Neil Hodgkinson MBE | |
| Peter Martin | Resigned 4 February 2024 |
| Giles Osborn Chapman | Resigned 4 February 2024 |
| George Hurlstone | |
| Susan Sparks | |
| Michael Burgess | |
| Linda Hurlstone | |
| Rachel Mellor | |
| Peter Minshull | Resigned 4 February 2024 |
| Reuben Oliver Gittings | Appointed 4 February 2024 |
| Jeff Lewis | Appointed 4 February 2024 and resigned 23 September 2024 |

TRUST ADDRESS

Danesford Community Centre
West Road
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 4EY

LEGAL STATUS

The charity was formed as a trust under a trust deed dated 21 October 1983
(With Deeds of Variation dated 8th April 2000, 13th December 2010 and 19th January 2021)
Registered with the Charity Commission - Registration Number 514539
The charity was formerly known as New Life Christian Fellowship

BANKERS

The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC
Drummond House (GE) Branch, Edinburgh

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

K Salt (FCCA)
BK Plus Audit Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Adventure Place
Hanley
Stoke on Trent
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ANNUAL REPORT

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the trustees' annual report which is published on the same date as these accounts.



Danesford Community Centre
West Road, Congleton
Cheshire, CW12 4EY

Trustees Report

as at 31st December 2024

New Life Church, Congleton.

Registered Charity No. 514539

Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland,
Drummond House (GE) Branch, Edinburgh

Independent Examiner:

K Salt (FCCA)
BK Plus Limited (formerly Walletts)
Chartered Certified Accountants
Adventure Place, Hanley, Stoke on Trent

Solicitors:

Fiona Bruce & Co
Justice House, Stockton Heath
Warrington

History

The church was founded in 1983 and operates as a Charitable Trust under its Trust Deed dated 21st October 1983, which also contains the Statement of Doctrines, and by which the church life and business is conducted.

A subsequent Deed of Variation dated 8th April 2000 was registered with the Charity Commissioners.

Further Deeds of Variation dated 13th December 2010 authorised the change of name from New Life Christian Fellowship, Congleton to New Life Church, Congleton and 19th January 2021 clarifying conflicts of interest procedures of Trustee meetings.

The church began as a small house fellowship, often referred to as a 'House Church'. As it grew and expanded, the church needed larger premises to hold its Sunday Services and to develop other ministries in the local community.

The church acquired the freehold on the premises known as Danesford Community Centre from NCH Action for Children, from whom the premises were previously rented, during the financial year ended 31st October 2000. The cost was £185,000.

Major improvements and refurbishments have taken place and continue to take place as the trustees seek to maintain the facility to a high standard and ensure compliance with all health and safety and hygiene regulations and standards.

A major first floor extension was completed in 2015 and provides four additional rooms and a tea bar. All rooms are being used extensively and are proving a great asset to the community centre, which is recognised as a **Community Hub**.

During 2022, discussions have begun with Cheshire East Council with regard to being included as part of the **Family Hub** network which would release some level of funding Provided by HM Government to support Family Hubs. Fiona Bruce MP is being supportive.

Whilst we are connected and directly involved with Cheshire East Council in this respect it would appear no funds from the £1,000,000 grant from Central Government will be coming our way! This was a great disappointment to both ourselves and Fiona Bruce MP who had worked so hard on our behalf.

Review of centre facilities

The extension to the renamed Family Room which was completed in the summer of 2017 has proved to be a great addition to our centre facilities.

The church's involvement in the community has continued to expand during the year with numerous voluntary organisations, clubs, societies, fundraising bodies, especially those involving children and young people, using the centre. The centre also has a specially designated **Counselling Room** where people with difficult personal issues, including addictions are helped.

New Life Church provides spaces on the car park to house the two Congleton Community Partnership Minibuses and their hire/usage diary and fuel is managed through the church office.

New Life Church is a member of The Evangelical Alliance, Churches Together in Congleton, Congleton Bible Week and closely associated with various local government community partnerships, including the CVS (Council for Voluntary Service Cheshire East), and active member of East Cheshire Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise.

Aims and Objectives

The charity's objectives are as follows:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith.
2. The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick.
3. The provision of instruction in the principles of the Christian faith at any educational establishment.
4. To promote and support such other charitable schemes or projects as may be established to benefit the public and in particular the provision of facilities for a community centre in Congleton for the use and benefit of local residents.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Elders

The governance of the church is under an appointed Eldership, which is responsible for sound doctrine in accordance with scripture, and for the overall vision and direction of the church.

Elders serving during the year under review were:

Stephen Hodgkinson MBE

Peter Martin—(Peter has taken the role of 'Elder Statesman' and reduced his day to day involvement in the eldership).

Jeff Cutts

Joanne Kilbry—The Trustees were unanimous in appointing Joanne Kilbry as a church elder which was endorsed by the whole church.

The Trustees

Under the Trust Deed, trustees are appointed to be responsible and accountable for the financial integrity of the church, including property, equipment, fixtures & fittings, health and Safety and Safeguarding. The trustees serving during the year under review were:

George Hurlstone (Secretary)

Sue Sparks

Linda Hurlstone

Peter Minshull (Resigned 4th Feb 2024)

Rachel Mellor

Reuben Oliver Gittings (appointed 4th Feb 2024)

Jeff Lewis (appointed 4th Feb 2024, resigned 23rd Sept 2024)

Stephen Hodgkinson (Chairman)

Peter Martin (Resigned 4th Feb 2024)

Giles Chapman (Resigned 4th Feb 2024)

Michael Burgess

The trustees are empowered to appoint a treasurer to maintain the accounts of the church. Rory Sanders holds this position following his appointment 1st October 2023.

The trustees normally meet each month, except August, to review and make decisions in all matters relating to the church finances, employment, health and safety, safeguarding/child protection and the general running of the centre. A full financial review is undertaken each quarter. Minutes of the meetings are taken and maintained by the church administrator.

The trustees employ a Church Administrator Louise Davies, whose contract is for 31.5 hours per week for 42 weeks per annum.

None of the trustees receive any financial remuneration or benefits in kind from the Trust, other than a contribution towards out of pocket expenses paid to S Hodgkinson as declared in the accounts.

Governance

The Church holds an Annual General Meeting and for the year under review was held on Sunday 2nd February 2024 at which a summary of income and expenditure was presented, together with a summary of ministry reports.

Marriages

The church centre is licensed and registered with the Superintendent Registrar to conduct marriage ceremonies under certificate. Our Registered Number is 42430. Two weddings were conducted during the period under review.

Church Ministries

Prayer Ministry

Prayer underpins and sustains everything that takes place within and out from New Life Church and new ministries are birthed in prayer. Regular times of corporate prayer are held at the centre and in Life Groups throughout the week. Individual church members are encouraged to pray privately each day and special prayer events are held from time to time. During the year under review, we have experienced amazing answers to prayer evidenced by miraculous healings, guidance for individual lives and new opportunities for the church to serve the community. Regular prayer clinics are held and the church elders are always available to pray for people's needs and situations.

Members of The Prayer Ministry Team are always available on Sunday mornings to pray with people after the service. The team has been expanded under the guidance of Merle Williams who provides training for those joining the team.

Healing Rooms England & Wales

We provide room/office facilities on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Healing Rooms ministry whose headquarters are located at New Life Church Centre.

Preaching Ministry

The church Elders continue to have overall responsibility for the preaching and teaching of sound biblical truths bringing guidance, direction and vision to the church.

Inspirational preaching is provided through church members and from time to time visiting speakers.

The Elders are particularly grateful to Paul Williams, Catherine Krinks and Shane Wright who continue to form the core of the preaching ministry team, joined this year by Joanne Kilbry.

Visiting preachers have included Mike Vickers (Cross The Nations), Rev. Derek Balsden (Global Methodist Church), Rev Paul Weaver (former National UK Leader Assemblies of God Church), Rev. David Morris (Baptist Minister), Dennis Smith (Good News for Everyone), Rev Christopher Hill (C L Ministries).

Praise & Worship Ministry

Christian Contemporary Music plays a key part in our Sunday worship services and the church is blessed with a good number of gifted Holy Spirit anointed musicians and singers from whom we currently have several worship bands who alternate for various periods during the year.

The bands are supported by a dedicated team of audio and visual technicians.

Sanctuary Worship provides an extended time of praise and worship with an open time to hear from The Lord. This usually takes place monthly on the first Tuesday evening.

Life Groups, Discipleship and Pastoral Care

The church is committed to the discipleship and pastoral care of church members and this is undertaken in a variety of ways, primarily small groups. All new people joining the church are encouraged to join a small group or be linked to one.

Each first Sunday in each month one of our Life Groups/Study Groups leads the second part of our service which includes sharing together in Holy Communion, Praying for our Prodigals and bringing God's Word.

Equip Foundations, remains well established and is very well attended including many people who recently completed the Alpha Course.

'**Living God's Way**' courses for new disciples takes place, primarily for those who have recently completed an Alpha Course.

Evangelism

The church is committed to evangelism within the local community. Church members carry this out most effectively through personal witnessing and development of friendships and relationships. Church wide **Alpha Courses** continue to be held every year in the autumn and spring terms. Alpha continues to be the main tool to assist members in introducing friends, neighbours and colleagues to the Christian faith. We have seen encouraging growth in attendance on Alpha Courses and these have been followed by foundation courses.

Six new believers were baptised on Easter Sunday.

Special events, e.g. Theatre Productions and Concerts are also held occasionally and these events provide an ideal opportunity to introduce people to the Christian faith.

Life Groups play an essential part in Alpha by introducing guests and in providing the excellent weekly meals for the evening courses.

A comprehensive report of all the church's ministries is produced and reported at the AGM. A copy is available on request.

Primary Schools' Ministry

We continue to conduct lessons and assemblies using **Open the Book** materials and **O/T Mini and N/T Mini** (formerly Bible Explorer) material. The teams have been strengthened with volunteers including Tina O'Hara who has lead our Open the Book team.

We conduct a one hour lesson in all the primary schools preparing year 6 pupils who are moving up to High School and present each pupil with an '**It's your move**' booklet produced by Scripture Union. This is largely funded by Churches Together in Congleton.

Our Children's ministry team also conduct assemblies in most primary schools and a new initiative called 'The Hope Journey' takes place, working with other local churches. This also included **Christmas in a Box**.

High Schools' Ministry

We have a longstanding strong relationship with our two High Schools particularly CU groups in Congleton High School. We hope for greater connections once again with Eaton Bank Academy.

Nursery Group

This consists of Pre-School for 3 and 4 year olds and 2 year olds in The Rainbow Room, catering for children on a sessional basis. *Fees are charged and part-time staff are paid on a pro-rata basis per session. Staff are paid above the minimum wage and Childcare level 3 qualifications are recognised with an additional hourly rate supplement. Holiday pay is the required statutory 5.6 weeks.

(*Most three & four year old children are now funded by Cheshire East Council Children & Families plus some two year olds who meet the special funding criteria.)

Individual Pupil Funding (IPF) is secured to cover one to one support for special needs children.

The Nursery Group continues to provide high quality pre-school provision. This was under the leadership of Alison Timbey our Nursery Manager who relinquished her role at the end of the summer term.

Two existing members of staff, Maria Daniels and Jemma Irwin were appointed Joint Managers in a shared leadership role. Sarah Morris continues as Deputy Manager, having returned from maternity leave.

We believe in the inclusion of all children and we have developed and been recognised as a centre of excellence for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Nursery is judged **GOOD** following the last Ofsted inspection in October 2019.

Open Evenings for parents are held each year to discuss the progress of their children.

Again we have seen a modest growth in numbers of the children attending, and especially those with special educational needs (SEND).

Zang Qui Xi, who is sponsored by our nursery families, is a special needs child in the Lighthouse orphanage in Chagsha Province in China which is part of the church's ministry and support for International China Concern.

New Life Nursery is a member of the Early Years Alliance and is registered with Children and Families Cheshire East.

Special services are held for nursery children and families at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Summer Sports, all of which are extremely well attended by the children and their families.

New Life Nursery Group maintains a strong Christian ethos with daily prayers, Bible stories and songs.

Childrens' and Youth Ministry

We have an excellent team of enthusiastic and committed leaders in Beth Cosgrove, Sue Wood, Callum Davies and Chloe Page who provide energy, imagination and creativity to this ministry, working well together as a team.

Early in the year Chloe decided on a career change and is now employed by the NHS based at the Christie Hospital as she provides special support for young people/young adults diagnosed with cancer.

Following a fairly protracted search for a replacement the Trustees were delighted to appoint Jeremy Coles to the Children's Ministry Team who took on this role early in August.

The church remains totally committed to children and young people and continues to invest unreservedly in this ministry.

Design and Publicity and Communication

Julie Thomas undertakes the role of running **Facebook**, keeping the **Website** up to date, and effectively communicating through Social Media. She is employed by the church one day per week.

We are indebted to **Elaine Sharples** for her excellent work in designing our Alpha leaflets, publicity items and adverts for the local press.

Ministry to Deaf People

Loop systems exist in the Main Hall, Social Room and Children's Room.

Fairly Traded Goods

New Life Church encourages support for Fair Trade which is promoted through Words & Music.

Ukrainian Refugees

The church provided support and regular gatherings (Conversation Café) for refugees based locally.

UK Missions

The church provides regular financial support to the following:

- Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons International)
- United Christian Broadcasters (UCB)
- Alpha UK
- Christian Institute
- Lifelink
- Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)
- Care
- Churches in Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy
- Bible Society
- Open Doors
- Street Pastors
- Healing Rooms
- Sat 7 TV
- Message Trust
- Christian Aid
- The Message

Other one-off gifts are made on approval of the trustees.

Overseas Missions

The church support various overseas missions financially on a regular basis in China, Slovakia, Romania, Africa and India plus support for the Persecuted Church worldwide through Open Doors charity.

Samaritan's Purse (Christmas Shoeboxes)

New Life Church acts as a collecting centre thanks to Yvon Degens' and Ruth Speed's Organisation and we collected over 1,100 shoeboxes.

Caring Ministries / Serving the Community

Objective 2 of our Trust Deed states "The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick"

The major expansion of this work has continued during the year under review and we have further extended our network of referring agencies with whom we have excellent working relationships.

Various grants have generously been made available to support this vital work and the trustees are extremely grateful to several agencies, charities and grant making bodies.

Christian Counselling and Listening Service

This is run by Louise Daniels, a fully qualified counsellor accredited by BACP and ACC. The service is open to people both in and outside the church and many people are referred through local agencies.

The church carries specialist professional indemnity insurance for this ministry.

This service now includes Pregnancy Crisis Support and Child Loss (formerly provided under the Image banner).

Storehouse Project

This project continues to experience **very strong demand** and the church is extremely grateful for extra grants and an amazing response from the local community. Joanna Crichton and Lynnsey Miles oversee the Storehouse and during the year have built a great team of reliable volunteers.

Lynnsey decided on a career change and relinquished her role as Volunteer Manager in December. Lynnsey's post was originally funded through a grant by Reaching Communities and she has not been replaced due to financial constraints.

The Storehouse Project, which was launched October 2010 has had an amazing impact within the community where more and more people and families have benefitted from crisis food parcels.

Generous donations of food from church members, local schools and other churches in the town have kept The Storehouse stocked with food and essential items, plus some very generous regular financial gifts from people outside the church enables us to boost stocks on a regular basis.

Collections at Tesco Congleton have also boosted stocks and the church is very grateful to the generosity of the Congleton public. (We are now included in Tesco's national food collection known as Fair Share) which takes place twice each year.

Regular daily collections of fresh food are made at Marks & Spencer Food Hall, Tesco, Greggs and Co-op.

Regular bulletins are produced for general information.

Circa 400 Bags of Joy and presents were provided to needy families and individuals referred to us by various support agencies.

Furniture and White Goods Recycling / New Life Community Partnership

The church for many years has sourced good condition second hand items, passing them on to those who are being re-housed, having previously been homeless.

The church works in conjunction with the warehouse and team based on Bromley Road and is very grateful to them for their support, without which the service could not operate.

We have experienced a massive increase in demand due to cost of living increase, especially in white goods for single parent families, often fleeing domestic abuse. Also we're helping an increasing number of individuals with mental health issues.

Forget-me-not Group

Under the leadership of Clare Sheard and a team of dedicated volunteers the church runs, twice monthly, a very successful support group for those suffering from dementia and their carers.

The Jubilee Club

The Jubilee Club was founded in May 2012 in response to the needs of many people being helped through the Storehouse foodbank. People are referred through various agencies.

The club meets every Tuesday, starting with tea, coffee and toast, followed by a brief "life message". Members of the team then opt for various activities.

Many of those attending are struggling with serious life issues, e.g. recovering from drug and alcohol addictions, mental health patients, broken domestic relationships, abusive and violent relationships.

The Club continues to thrive and grow with thanks to many committed volunteers.

Job Club & Benefits Support

This grew out of the Jubilee Club and has proved very popular and been very successful. Job vacancies are scrutinised and matched to suitable applicants. CVs are written, mock interviews take place, references are provided and suitable attire provided if appropriate. Well over 100 people have gained permanent employment since it began in 2013. Thanks to the commitment of a group of volunteers under the leadership of Catherine Morris this has continued to help an ever increasing number of clients who are referred to us.

Family Support Ministry

This ministry has continued to grow and was initially funded by a three year grant from the National Lottery's Reaching Communities.

This expanding ministry is led by Joanna Crichton and Margaret Sanders and is now funded through church members' 'My Giving' and very recently generous grants.

Much of the work takes place with damaged, broken and dysfunctional families and on occasions involves supporting clients in court appearances and EHA, CIN and CP meetings where children are involved. Parenting courses are proving very popular and helpful.

Civic & Community Engagement

The church continues to be actively involved in the local community including civic functions and charitable events with the Rotary Club.

Church Elder Steve Hodgkinson relinquished his role as Mayor's Chaplain in May upon appointment of a new Mayor.

Financial Review

The financial activity of the charity is detailed in the Financial Statements attached which have been prepared by B K Plus Limited Chartered Certified Accountants.

The trustees are satisfied that the Financial Accounts reflect an accurate account of the year's activities.

The Income and Expenditure figures for year ended 31st December 2024 shows a net deficit of expenditure over income of £72,944, (£22656, 2023)

The Balance Sheet reveals net assets of £807,965(2023 : £880,909)

Whilst the charity remains in a strong and healthy financial position to support its ongoing work and vision, the trustees are reliant upon community grants to supplement the generous giving of church members.

All designated giving, e.g. Grants, International China Concern, Building Fund, Ukraine Refugees, Romanian children etc. was directed in full to the designated account or recipient, together with allocated Gift Aid.

The Trustees are continually reviewing the financial position and are confident that the significant cash reserves which have accumulated through prudent management will enable the church to continue to maintain all its ministries with its financial commitments and obligations.

Plans for the future

Our goal will continue to be the advancement of the Christian faith and the building of God's Kingdom through all the ministries described in the report, whilst being open to new initiatives through the guidance and inspiration of The Holy Spirit.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy is as follows:

Tier 1 – Long Term

The trustees will maintain a minimum cash balance of £85,000 overall funds to ensure continuation of operations, e.g. payment of wages and salaries, running and maintenance costs of buildings, fixtures and fittings.

Tier 2 – Short Term

The trustees will review the reserves policy annually when approving the accounts and make appropriate amendments in the light of current circumstances.

Volunteers

The church relies on the contribution made by its volunteers. These volunteers deliver services and also act as trustees, administrators, fundraisers and in other roles.

Risk Management

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at the current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Safeguarding

The church operates Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults and Working with Offenders policies. All people working with young people and children and vulnerable adults are DBS checked.

Health and Safety

Issues are reviewed monthly at the Trustees' meetings and Martin Hambley, Health and Safety Officer, and provides regular, usually weekly visits, carrying out alarm tests etc.

Independent Examiners

BK Plus Ltd were appointed as independent examiners during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity. (Our main contact is Steve Orme).

Church in the Community

We have continued to help more and more vulnerable and needy people and families and we are seeing many of them become part of the church family.

The church has experienced further growth during the year under review with more and more people and families becoming committed church members.

We continue to be committed to the 'Great Commission' to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19) and to see God's people 'growing and being built up in love, as each part does its work' (Ephesians 4:16)



Stephen Hodgkinson MBE
Chairman of Trustees

Dated:

16th June 2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of
New Life Church Congleton**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the New Life Church Congleton (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 14 to 28.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

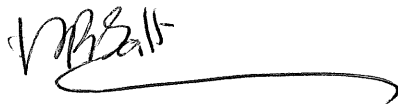
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Signed:

Dated : 26 6 25

K. Salt (FCCA)
BK Plus Audit Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Adventure Place
Hanley
Stoke on Trent
ST1 3AF

**New Life Church Congleton
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | 2024 Total £ | 2023 Total £ |
|---|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | | | | | | |
| Donations & Grants | 2 | 277,644 | 168,918 | - | 446,562 | 494,838 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 266,168 | - | - | 266,168 | 195,696 |
| Fundraising activities | 4 | 18,100 | - | - | 18,100 | 13,897 |
| Investment income | 5 | 1,061 | - | - | 1,061 | 1,362 |
| <i>Total income</i> | | <u>562,973</u> | <u>168,918</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>731,891</u> | <u>705,793</u> |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Cost of raising funds | | | | | | |
| Fundraising | 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Expenditure on charitable activities: | | | | | | |
| Ministry | 8 | 258,996 | 6,121 | - | 265,117 | 229,649 |
| Youth, children and schools outreach | | 90,633 | 1,583 | - | 92,216 | 101,279 |
| Caring ministries | | 6,506 | 67,225 | - | 73,731 | 80,429 |
| Support of missionaries and other charity donations | 9 | 13,784 | 98,707 | - | 112,491 | 85,101 |
| Nursery | | 150,156 | - | - | 150,156 | 134,628 |
| Café and bookshop | | 111,124 | - | - | 111,124 | 97,363 |
| <i>Total expenditure</i> | | <u>631,199</u> | <u>173,636</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>804,835</u> | <u>728,449</u> |
| <i>Net income/(expenditure)</i> | | (68,226) | (4,718) | - | (72,944) | (22,656) |
| Transfer between funds | | | | | | |
| Gross transfers between funds | 16 | 16,712 | (16,712) | - | - | - |
| <i>Net movement in funds</i> | | <u>(51,514)</u> | <u>(21,430)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(72,944)</u> | <u>(22,656)</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 583,789 | 74,415 | 222,705 | 880,909 | 903,565 |
| <i>Total funds carried forward</i> | | <u>532,275</u> | <u>52,985</u> | <u>222,705</u> | <u>807,965</u> | <u>880,909</u> |

**New Life Church Congleton
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2024**

| | Notes | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 11 | 421,039 | 446,501 |
| <i>Total fixed assets</i> | | <u>421,039</u> | <u>446,501</u> |
| Current assets | | | |
| Stock | | 7,581 | 11,965 |
| Debtors | 12 | 23,431 | 39,289 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 403,620 | 424,093 |
| <i>Total current assets</i> | | <u>434,632</u> | <u>475,347</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | 47,706 | 40,939 |
| <i>Net current assets</i> | | <u>386,926</u> | <u>434,408</u> |
| <i>Total assets less current liabilities</i> | | <u>807,965</u> | <u>880,909</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 14 | - | - |
| <i>Net assets</i> | | <u><u>807,965</u></u> | <u><u>880,909</u></u> |
| The funds of the charity: | | | |
| Endowment fund | 15 | 222,705 | 222,705 |
| Restricted income funds | 16 | 52,985 | 74,415 |
| Unrestricted income funds | | | |
| General funds | 17 | 532,275 | 583,789 |
| <i>Total charity funds</i> | | <u><u>807,965</u></u> | <u><u>880,909</u></u> |

The notes at pages 17 to 28 form part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on the date shown below and signed on their behalf by:

Stephen Neil Hodgkinson MBE

Date:

16th June 2025.

**New Life Church Congleton
Statement of Cash Flows
as at 31 December 2024**

| | Notes | Total funds 2024 £ | Total funds 2023 £ |
|--|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Net cash used in operating | 20 | <u>(10,094)</u> | <u>23,458</u> |
| <i>Cash flows from investing</i> | | | |
| Interest and dividends | | 1,061 | 1,362 |
| Property improvement costs | | - | - |
| Purchase of furniture and equipment | | (11,440) | (22,547) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | | - | - |
| Net cash provided by investing | | <u>(10,379)</u> | <u>(21,185)</u> |
| <i>Cash flows from financing</i> | | | |
| Repayment of borrowing | | - | - |
| Cash inflow from new borrowings | | - | - |
| Net cash provided by financing | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Change in cash and cash | | (20,473) | 2,273 |
| Cash and cash equivalent brought | | 424,093 | 421,820 |
| Cash and cash equivalents carried | | <u><u>403,620</u></u> | <u><u>424,093</u></u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund structure

The charity maintains various types of funds as follows:

Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which are to be held permanently by the charity.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes.

Designated funds

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside out of unrestricted funds at the discretion of the trustees which are therefore not available for other purposes.

General unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds represent unrestricted income which is expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

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Incoming recognition

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a claim for repayment of income tax has or will be made, such income is grossed up for the tax recoverable. The following accounting policies are applied to income:

Gifts in kind and donated goods

Assets given for distribution by the charity are recognised as income for the year only when they are distributed. Where such undistributed assets exist at the year end, they are not included in the accounts but a note is provided of their estimated value. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised as incoming resources at their estimated market value when receivable. If they form part of the fixed assets of the charity, they are capitalised in the balance sheet at the value at which the gift was included in incoming resources. Assets given in kind for conversion into cash and subsequent application by the charity are recognised as income in the accounting period when receivable. All estimates of value of such gifts are made by the trustees.

Donations

Donations and all other receipts from fundraising are reported gross and the related fundraising costs are reported in other expenditure.

Investment income

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable relating to investment income is accounted for in the same period as the related income.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants payable are accounted for when the trustees have accepted a legal or moral obligation to make the grant.

Allocation of overhead, support and governance costs

Costs have been allocated first to the charitable activity concerned. Overhead, support and governance costs relating to Charitable Activities have been apportioned based on usage. The allocation of overhead, support and governance costs is shown in note 7.

Costs of generating funds

The cost of generating funds consist of the support costs in relation to the administration support provided with regard to room hire.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise of those costs incurred in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly and the relevant amount of support costs that relate to that particular activity.

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Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation which is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 20% reducing balance |
| Equipment | straight line over 5 years |
| Building improvements | straight line over 15 years |
| Property | straight line over 50 years |

Operating leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities in equal amounts over the period of the lease.

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Grants

Grants receivable are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) in the year for which they are received. Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Charitable commitments

Commitments which are legally binding on the trustees are accounted for as resources expended in the statement of financial activities. Where the promise of financial support is not binding on the trustees, such intentions are accounted for by a transfer to a designated fund. Activities that are to be wholly financed from future income do not form part of such designation and are disclosed in a note to the accounts.

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| 2 Donations & Grants | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Gifts and donations | 277,644 | 149,568 | 427,212 | 478,013 |
| Plus Dane Housing - Caring ministry grant | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| William Dean Trust - Allotment grant | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Congleton Inclosure Trust - Electrical work | - | 4,000 | 4,000 | - |
| John Holford Charity - Caring ministry grant | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | - |
| Congleton Young People Trust Ltd | - | 250 | 250 | - |
| Sainsburys - Storehouse grant | - | 500 | 500 | - |
| Cheshire East - CEC - Flourish Fund | - | 7,600 | 7,600 | - |
| J H Rausing Trust - Caring ministry wages | - | - | - | 8,125 |
| Congleton 4 Congleton - Caring ministry grant | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| Cheshire East - Cost of Living grant | - | - | - | 5,000 |
| THIBA Ltd - LEO grant | - | - | - | 200 |
| Congleton Inclosure Trust - Equipment grant | - | - | - | 500 |
| | <u>277,644</u> | <u>168,918</u> | <u>446,562</u> | <u>494,838</u> |

3 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ministry sundry income | 3,606 | - | 3,606 | 10 |
| Nursery school fees | 171,949 | - | 171,949 | 114,279 |
| Nursery sundry income | 971 | - | 971 | 1,356 |
| Café and bookshop income | 86,666 | - | 86,666 | 78,808 |
| Events | 2,976 | - | 2,976 | 1,243 |
| | <u>266,168</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>266,168</u> | <u>195,696</u> |

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| | | | | | |
|----------|---|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 4 | Income from fundraising activities | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Room hire | 18,100 | - | 18,100 | 13,897 |
| | Miscellaneous events and income | - | - | - | - |
| | | <u>18,100</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>18,100</u> | <u>13,897</u> |
| 5 | Investment income | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Bank interest from UK cash deposits | 1,061 | - | 1,061 | 1,362 |
| | | <u>1,061</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,061</u> | <u>1,362</u> |
| 6 | Cost of raising funds | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Fundraising: | | | | |
| | Room hire support costs (note 7) | - | - | - | - |
| | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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7 Allocation of support and governance costs
Allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

| | Ministry | Youth, children and schools outreach | Caring ministries | Support of missionaries and other charity donations | Nursery | Café and bookshop | Fund raising | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|---------------|--|----------------------|---|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Insurance | 5,931 | - | - | - | - | 659 | - | 6,590 | 6,719 |
| Heat and light | 4,790 | - | - | - | 2,395 | 4,790 | - | 11,975 | 11,565 |
| Repairs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12,021 |
| Depreciation: | | | | | | | | | |
| Land and buildings | 9,085 | - | - | - | 1,817 | 1,211 | - | 12,113 | 12,219 |
| Building improvement | 5,162 | - | - | - | 1,032 | 688 | - | 6,882 | 7,881 |
| Fixtures, fittings and equipment | 12,534 | - | - | - | 895 | 4,476 | - | 17,905 | 16,353 |
| IT costs | 11,107 | 4,272 | 1,709 | - | - | - | - | 17,088 | 8,493 |
| Bank charges | 135 | - | - | - | 27 | 18 | - | 180 | 180 |
| Telephone | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,792 |
| Printing and stationery | 2,735 | 746 | 497 | - | 746 | 249 | - | 4,973 | 5,045 |
| Staff costs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Governance costs | 2,660 | 725 | 486 | - | 725 | 242 | - | 4,838 | 6,375 |
| | <u>54,139</u> | <u>5,743</u> | <u>2,692</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>7,637</u> | <u>12,333</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>82,544</u> | <u>92,643</u> |
| Governance costs | | | | | | | | | |
| Legal & professional | | | | | | | | 1,538 | 3,075 |
| Accounts and independent examiners fee | | | | | | | | 3,300 | 3,300 |
| | | | | | | | | <u>4,838</u> | <u>6,375</u> |

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8 Charitable activities expenditure

| | Ministry | Youth, children and schools outreach | Caring ministries Storehouse | Caring ministries Furniture Recycling | Caring ministries Jubilee & Job Club | Caring ministries Other | Support of missionaries and other charity donations | Nursery | Café and bookshop | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--|------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Salaries | 171,282 | 73,202 | - | - | - | 41,665 | - | 134,404 | 49,813 | 470,366 | 420,949 |
| Alpha course expenses | 3,872 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,872 | 2,533 |
| Preaching and Visiting Speakers | 6,390 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,390 | 6,690 |
| Outreach expenses | 1,909 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,909 | 2,094 |
| Evangelism working expenses | 1,200 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Evangelism outreach | 1,671 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,671 | 3,061 |
| Promotional | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,776 |
| Mini Bus costs | 1,668 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,468 |
| Sundry expenses | 9,916 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,505 | 846 | 12,267 | 17,202 |
| School ministry | - | 6,362 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,362 | 4,326 |
| Event costs | 3,648 | 6,909 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10,557 | 8,656 |
| Training and development | 1,795 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,795 | 803 |
| Grants and donations made | - | - | - | - | - | - | 112,491 | - | - | 112,491 | 87,986 |
| Caring ministry - Counselling | - | - | - | - | - | 836 | - | - | - | 836 | 1,047 |
| Caring ministry - Jubilee project | - | - | - | - | 1,581 | - | - | - | - | 1,581 | 1,082 |
| Caring ministry - Storehouse | - | - | 16,525 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 16,525 | 19,471 |
| Caring ministry - General | - | - | - | - | - | 2,560 | - | - | - | 2,560 | 4,709 |
| Caring ministry - Hardship fund | - | - | - | - | - | 756 | - | - | - | 756 | 982 |
| Caring ministry - Furniture recycling | - | - | - | 3,752 | - | - | - | - | - | 3,752 | 5,316 |
| Caring ministry - Family support | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Caring ministry - Bereavement support | - | - | - | - | - | 973 | - | - | - | 973 | 485 |
| Nursery materials and equipment | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,608 | - | 6,608 | 3,948 |
| Repairs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Café and bookshop supplies | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10,498 | 10,498 | 324 |
| Café and bookshop stationery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 36,469 | 36,469 | 38,279 |
| Stock write off | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank charges | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Support costs (Note 7) | 54,139 | 5,743 | 1,345 | 1,345 | - | - | - | 7,637 | 1,165 | 1,165 | 1,420 |
| | <u>257,490</u> | <u>92,216</u> | <u>17,870</u> | <u>5,097</u> | <u>1,581</u> | <u>46,790</u> | <u>112,491</u> | <u>150,154</u> | <u>111,124</u> | <u>794,813</u> | <u>728,449</u> |

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| 9 Support of missionaries and other charity donations | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total Funds 2024 | Total Funds 2023 |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Material grants payable by the trust: 3 grants were made to individual missionaries (2023:3) | - | 7,400 | 7,400 | 9,314 |
| South African Missionary Work | - | 12,450 | 12,450 | 10,900 |
| Amic mission- Romania | - | 6,530 | 6,530 | 870 |
| Mali appeal | - | 6,566 | 6,566 | 6,794 |
| ICC- China | - | 5,970 | 5,970 | 6,475 |
| Carrot Tops | - | 450 | 450 | 1,200 |
| Christian Aid | - | 1,075 | 1,075 | 1,000 |
| Romania children's home | - | 30,066 | 30,066 | 10,022 |
| Support to Romania -Ukrainian Refugees | 5,687 | 15,381 | 21,068 | 18,607 |
| | | | - | |
| Other small grants to charities | 8,097 | - | 8,097 | 8,734 |
| Special donations from the Church Family Fund | - | 12,819 | 12,819 | 11,185 |
| | <u>13,784</u> | <u>98,707</u> | <u>112,491</u> | <u>85,101</u> |

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10 Staff numbers and costs

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year, was as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nursery staff | 14 | 12 |
| Coffee shop and bookshop staff | 8 | 6 |
| Admin staff | 3 | 3 |
| Youth and children's ministry | 5 | 5 |
| Counsellor | 1 | 1 |
| Cleaning | 2 | 2 |
| Church leadership | 1 | 1 |
| Volunteer manager/co-ordinator | 1 | 1 |
| Family Support Ministry | 2 | 2 |
| | <u>37</u> | <u>31</u> |

The aggregate payroll costs of the above was:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 442,467 | 398,810 |
| Social security costs | 21,426 | 16,108 |
| Pension costs | 6,473 | 6,031 |
| Total emoluments (remuneration and taxable benefits) | <u>470,366</u> | <u>420,949</u> |

No employees emoluments exceeded £60,000.

The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees.

No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year (2023: Nil).

Transactions with trustees

Mr S N Hodgkinson MBE received £1,200 by way of a nominal allowance towards out of pocket expenses during the year.

Mrs J Crichton, daughter of Mr S Hodgkinson MBE and sister of Mrs R Mellor who are trustees was employed by the charity as a family support worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £18,916.

Mrs S Wood, sister of Mrs L Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as a youth and children's minister. The salary paid during the year amounted to £22,082.

Mr G Wood, brother-in-law of Mrs L Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as Assistant Manager in Words and Music. The salary paid during the year amounted to £15,637.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

| | Freehold Land & Buildings £ | Building Improve- ments £ | Fixtures & Equipment £ | Total £ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Cost | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2024 | 548,353 | 209,951 | 340,073 | 1,098,377 |
| Additions | - | - | 11,440 | 11,440 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - |
| At 31 December 2024 | <u>548,353</u> | <u>209,951</u> | <u>351,513</u> | <u>1,109,817</u> |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2024 | 198,629 | 180,889 | 272,358 | 651,876 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - |
| Charge for the year | 12,114 | 6,883 | 17,905 | 36,902 |
| At 31 December 2024 | <u>210,743</u> | <u>187,772</u> | <u>290,263</u> | <u>688,778</u> |
| Net book value | | | | |
| At 31 December 2024 | <u>337,610</u> | <u>22,179</u> | <u>61,250</u> | <u>421,039</u> |
| As at 1 January 2024 | <u>349,724</u> | <u>29,062</u> | <u>67,715</u> | <u>446,501</u> |

The property from which the charity operates is included at cost. The property's current value cannot be quantified as this depends on the future possible use of the site.

12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Gift Aid accrued income | 20,674 | 36,161 |
| Prepayments | 2,757 | 3,128 |
| Sundry debtors | - | - |
| | <u>23,431</u> | <u>39,289</u> |

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Taxation and social security | 6,732 | 5,252 |
| Other creditors | 5,752 | 5,510 |
| Accruals | 5,441 | 5,899 |
| Deferred income | 29,781 | 24,278 |
| | <u>47,706</u> | <u>40,939</u> |

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bank loan | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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15 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent the charity's property which is the fellowship's permanent place of worship.

| | 2023 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2024 Balance £ |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Property fund (cost) | 222,705 | - | - | - | 222,705 |
| Total endowment funds | <u>222,705</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>222,705</u> |

This fund represents donations and gifts from church members together with grants towards the purchase and extension of the church property which was previously rented. The implied conditions of donations and grants being that the church permanently function from this site. In accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (SORP 2005) an endowment fund has been created.

16 Restricted funds

The movements on the restricted funds of the charity were as follows:

| | 2023 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2024 Balance £ |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Church building fund | - | 2,121 | 2,121 | - | - |
| Charities and missionaries fund | 4,527 | 41,712 | 42,698 | (2,641) | 900 |
| Romanian children's home | 10,990 | 23,179 | 30,066 | 2,641 | 6,744 |
| Ukrainian refugee support fund | 583 | 12,540 | 13,123 | - | - |
| Church youth fund | - | 250 | 250 | - | - |
| Church family fund | 9,636 | 4,324 | 12,819 | - | 1,141 |
| Children's ministry | - | 1,333 | 1,333 | - | - |
| Congleton Inclosure Trust - Electrical work | - | 4,000 | 4,000 | - | - |
| Equipment fund | - | 3,500 | - | (3,500) | - |
| Caring ministry funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| - General | 5,794 | 18,452 | 24,246 | - | - |
| - Jubilee project | - | - | - | - | - |
| - Storehouse | 41,869 | 45,226 | 37,921 | (13,212) | 35,962 |
| - Family support | - | 75 | 75 | - | - |
| - Furniture recycling | - | 1,428 | 1,428 | - | - |
| - Jubilee Club | - | 567 | 567 | - | - |
| - Dementia group | 1,016 | 1,611 | 1,989 | - | 638 |
| - Tools for love thy neighbour | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | - |
| - Flourish Fund | - | 7,600 | - | - | 7,600 |
| | <u>74,415</u> | <u>168,918</u> | <u>173,636</u> | <u>(16,712)</u> | <u>52,985</u> |

Transfers

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds relate to grants received towards support cost expenditure which was incurred during the year. Therefore the conditions of the grants have been met and the grant income was transferred into unrestricted funds.

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17 Unrestricted funds

| | 2023 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2024 Balance £ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Valuation reserve (Unrealised gain) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated funds: | | | | | |
| Local evangelism account | - | 2,188 | 2,188 | - | - |
| General fund | 583,789 | 560,785 | 629,011 | 16,712 | 532,275 |
| Total unrestricted funds | <u>583,789</u> | <u>562,973</u> | <u>631,199</u> | <u>16,712</u> | <u>532,275</u> |

The local evangelism account represents monies intended to be used for the promotion of the charity via evangelistic, civic and community events

All funds are considered adequate to meet their intended purposes.

| 18 Analysis of net assets between funds | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total funds £ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Fund balances as at 31 December 2024 are represented by: | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 478,797 | - | 222,705 | 421,039 |
| Current assets | 473,594 | 52,985 | - | 434,632 |
| Creditors: | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | (22,009) | - | - | (47,706) |
| Amounts falling due in more than one year | - | - | - | - |
| Total net assets | <u>532,275</u> | <u>52,985</u> | <u>222,705</u> | <u>807,965</u> |

19 Commitments

There were no commitments for capital expenditure at the year end (2023: none).

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| Net movement in funds | (72,944) | (22,656) |
| Add back depreciation charge | 36,902 | 36,452 |
| Deduct interest income shown on investing activities | (1,061) | (1,362) |
| Decrease (increase) in stock | 4,384 | (1,744) |
| Decrease (increase) in debtors | 15,858 | (4,946) |
| Increase (decrease) in creditors | 6,767 | 17,714 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | <u>(10,094)</u> | <u>23,458</u> |

NEW LIFE CHURCH CONGLETON

England & Wales - Charity number 514539

Accounts

Registered number
514539

New Life Church Congleton
Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended
31 December 2023

New Life Church Congleton

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New Life Church Congleton

Reference and administrative information

TRUSTEES

Stephen Neil Hodgkinson MBE
Peter Martin
Giles Osborn Chapman (resigned 4th February 2024)
George Hurlstone
Susan Sparks
Michael Burgess
Rory Sanders (resigned 25th September 2023)
Benedict Gaddum (resigned 11th June 2023)
Linda Hurlstone
Rachel Mellor
Peter Minshull (resigned 4th February 2024)

TRUST ADDRESS

Danesford Community Centre
West Road
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 4EY

LEGAL STATUS

The charity was formed as a trust under a trust deed dated 21 October 1983
(With Deed of Variations dated 8th April 2000, 13th December 2010 and 19th January 2021)
Registered with the Charity Commission - Registration Number 514539
The charity was formerly known as New Life Christian Fellowship

BANKERS

The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC
Drummond House (GE) Branch, Edinburgh

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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ANNUAL REPORT

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the trustees' annual report which is published on the same date as these accounts.



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History

The church was founded in 1983 and operates as a Charitable Trust under its Trust Deed dated 21st October 1983, which also contains the Statement of Doctrines, and by which the church life and business is conducted.

A subsequent Deed of Variation dated 8th April 2000 was registered with the Charity Commissioners.

Further Deeds of Variation dated 13th December 2010 authorised the change of name from New Life Christian Fellowship, Congleton to New Life Church, Congleton and 19th January 2021 clarifying conflicts of interest procedures of Trustee meetings.

The church began as a small house fellowship, often referred to as a 'House Church'. As it grew and expanded, the church needed larger premises to hold its Sunday Services and to develop other ministries in the local community.

The church acquired the freehold on the premises known as Danesford Community Centre from NCH Action for Children, from whom the premises were previously rented, during the financial year ended 31st October 2000. The cost was £185,000.

Major improvements and refurbishments have taken place and continue to take place as the trustees seek to maintain the facility to a high standard and ensure compliance with all health and safety and hygiene regulations and standards.

A major first floor extension was completed in 2015 and provides four additional rooms and a tea bar. All rooms are being used extensively and are proving a great asset to the community centre, which is recognised as a **Community Hub**.

During 2022, discussions have begun with Cheshire East Council with regard to being included as part of the **Family Hub** network which would release some level of funding Provided by HM Government to support Family Hubs. Fiona Bruce MP is being supportive.

Whilst we are connected and directly involved with Cheshire East Council in this respect it would appear no funds from the £1,000,000 grant from Central Government will be coming our way!

Review of centre facilities

The extension to the renamed Family Room which was completed in the summer of 2017 has proved to be a great addition to our centre facilities.

The church's involvement in the community has continued to expand during the year with numerous voluntary organisations, clubs, societies, fundraising bodies, especially those involving children and young people, using the centre. The centre also has a specially designated **Counselling Room** where people with difficult personal issues, including addictions are helped.

New Life Church provides spaces on the car park to house the two Congleton Community Partnership Minibuses and their hire/usage diary and fuel is managed through the church office.

New Life Church is a member of The Evangelical Alliance, Churches Together in Congleton, Congleton Bible Week and closely associated with various local government community partnerships, including the CVS (Council for Voluntary Service Cheshire East).

New Life Church celebrated its 40th Anniversary in September, welcoming back members from past days and Dr Rob Kiff, founding member presented God's Word at the Sunday morning service.

Aims and Objectives

The charity's objectives are as follows:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith.
2. The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick.
3. The provision of instruction in the principles of the Christian faith at any educational establishment.
4. To promote and support such other charitable schemes or projects as may be established to benefit the public and in particular the provision of facilities for a community centre in Congleton for the use and benefit of local residents.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Elders

The governance of the church is under an appointed Eldership, which is responsible for sound doctrine in accordance with scripture, and for the overall vision and direction of the church.

Elders serving during the year under review were:

Stephen Hodgkinson MBE
Peter Martin
Jeff Cutts

The Trustees

Under the Trust Deed, trustees are appointed to be responsible and accountable for the financial integrity of the church, including property, equipment, fixtures & fittings, health and Safety and Safeguarding. The trustees serving during the year under review were:

George Hurlstone (Secretary)

Sue Sparks

Rory Sanders (Deputy Chairman) (Resigned 25th Sept 2023)

Linda Hurlstone

Peter Minshull (Resigned 4th Feb 2024)

Rachel Mellor

Stephen Hodgkinson (Chairman)

Peter Martin

Giles Chapman (Resigned 4th Feb 2024)

Michael Burgess

Benedict Gaddum (Resigned 11th June 2023)

The trustees are empowered to appoint a treasurer to maintain the accounts and this position has been undertaken by Richard Crowder who resigned or Rory Sanders was appointed Hon Treasurer w.e.f. 1st Oct 2023 and the church overlapping period of three months.

The trustees normally meet each month, except August, to review and make matters relating to the church finances, employment, health and safety, safe protection and the general running of the centre. A full financial review shows each quarter and will be resumed in 2024. Minutes of the meetings are taken and maintained by the church administrator.

The trustees employ a Church Administrator Louise Davies, whose contract is per week for 42 weeks per annum.

None of the trustees receive any financial remuneration or benefits in kind other than a contribution towards out of pocket expenses paid to S Hodgkin in the accounts.

Governance

The Church holds an Annual General Meeting and for the year under review Sunday 4th February 2024 at which a summary of income and expenditure was together with a summary of ministry reports. ***One trustee retiring by rotation himself for re-election and was duly re-elected.***

Marriages

The church centre is licensed and registered with the Superintendent Registrar for marriage ceremonies under certificate. Our Registered Number is 42430. One was conducted during the period under review.

Church Ministries

Prayer Ministry

Prayer underpins and sustains everything that takes place within and out from the Church and new ministries are birthed in prayer. Regular times of corporate prayer at the centre and in Life Groups throughout the week. Individual church members are encouraged to pray privately each day and special prayer events are held from time to time. During the year under review, we have experienced amazing answers to prayer by miraculous healings, guidance for individual lives and new opportunities to serve the community. Regular prayer clinics are held and the church elders are available to pray for people's needs and situations.

Members of The Prayer Ministry Team are always available on Sunday morning for people after the service. The team has been expanded under the guidance of the church administrator who provides training for those joining the team.

Healing Rooms England & Wales

We provide room/office facilities on Mondays and Thursdays for Healing Rooms, whose headquarters are located at New Life Church Centre.

Preaching Ministry

The church Elders continue to have overall responsibility for the preaching and sound biblical truths bringing guidance, direction and vision to the church.

Inspirational preaching is provided through church members and from time to time visiting speakers.

The Elders are particularly grateful to Paul Williams, Catherine Krinks and Shane Wright who form the core of the preaching ministry team.

Praise & Worship Ministry

Christian Contemporary Music plays a key part in our Sunday worship services and the church is blessed with a good number of gifted Holy Spirit anointed musicians and singers from whom we currently have several worship bands who alternate for various periods during the year.

The bands are supported by a dedicated team of audio and visual technicians.

Sanctuary Worship provides an extended time of praise and worship with an open time to hear from The Lord. This usually takes place monthly on the first Tuesday evening.

Life Groups, Discipleship and Pastoral Care

The church is committed to the discipleship and pastoral care of church members and this is undertaken in a variety of ways, primarily small groups. All new people joining the church are encouraged to join a small group or be linked to one.

Equip Foundations, is now well established and is very well attended including many people who recently completed the Alpha Course.

A new '**Living God's Way**' course for new disciples takes place, primarily for those who have recently completed an Alpha Course.

Hospital Ministry

Sadly these remain suspended due to hospital Covid regulations.

Evangelism

The church is committed to evangelism within the local community. Church members carry this out most effectively through personal witnessing and development of friendships and relationships. Church wide **Alpha Courses** continue to be held every year in the autumn and spring terms. Alpha continues to be the main tool to assist members in introducing friends, neighbours and colleagues to the Christian faith. We have seen encouraging growth in attendance on Alpha Courses and these have been followed by foundation courses.

Four new believers were baptised on Easter Sunday.

Special events, e.g. Theatre Productions and Concerts are also held occasionally and these events provide an ideal opportunity to introduce people to the Christian faith.

Life Groups play an essential part in Alpha by introducing guests and in providing the excellent weekly meals for the evening courses.

A comprehensive report of all the church's ministries is produced and reported at the AGM. A copy is available on request.

Primary Schools' Ministry

We continue to conduct lessons and assemblies using **Open the Book** materials and O/T Mini and N/T Mini (formerly Bible Explorer) material. The teams have been strengthened with new volunteers including Tina O'Hara who leads our Open the Book team.

We conduct a one hour lesson in all the primary schools preparing year 6 pupils who are moving up to High School and present each pupil with an '**It's your move**' book produced by Scripture Union. This is funded by Churches Together in Congleton.

Our Children's ministry team also conduct assemblies in most primary schools and a new initiative called 'The Hope Journey' takes place, working with other local churches.

High Schools' Ministry

We have a longstanding strong relationship with our two High Schools particularly CU groups in Congleton High School. We hope for greater connections once again with Eaton Bank Academy.

Nursery Group

This consists of Pre-School for 3 and 4 year olds and 2 year olds in The Rainbow Room, catering for children on a sessional basis. *Fees are charged and part-time staff are paid on a pro-rata basis per session. Staff are paid above the minimum wage and Childcare level 3 qualifications are recognised with an additional hourly rate supplement. Holiday pay is the required statutory 5.6 weeks.

(*Most three & four year old children are now funded by Cheshire East Council Children & Families plus some two year olds who meet the special funding criteria.)

Individual Pupil Funding (IPF) is secured to cover one to one support for special needs children.

The Nursery Group continues to provide high quality pre-school provision. This is under the leadership of Alison Timbey our Nursery Manager together with Maria Daniels as Room lead following the retirement of Rachel Williams who has given many many years of devoted and committed service (Rachel does continue to provide support on an ad hoc basis when required). Sarah Morris took maternity leave from 6th March 2023 to 8th January 2024 and Sarah remains Deputy Manager.

We believe in the inclusion of all children and we have developed and been recognised as a centre of excellence for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Nursery is judged **GOOD** following the last Ofsted inspection in October 2019.

Open Evenings for parents are held each year to discuss the progress of their children.

We have seen a modest growth in numbers of the children attending, and especially those with special educational needs (SEND).

Zang Qui Xi, who is sponsored by our nursery families, is a special needs child in the Lighthouse orphanage in Chagsha Province in China which is part of the church's ministry and support for International China Concern.

New Life Nursery is a member of the Early Years Alliance and is registered with Children and Families Cheshire East.

Special services are held for nursery children and families at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Summer Sports, all of which are extremely well attended.

New Life Nursery Group maintains a strong Christian ethos with daily prayers, Bible stories and songs.

Words and Music / Christian Resources and Coffee Shop

This ministry has continued to go from strength to strength under the inspirational leadership of Emma Davies who is supported by a committed and energetic team including long serving Geoff Wood.

Childrens' and Youth Ministry

We have an excellent team of enthusiastic and committed leaders in Beth Cosgrove, Sue Wood, Callum Davies and Chloe Page who provide energy, imagination and creativity to this ministry, working well together as a team.

The church remains totally committed to children and young people and continues to invest unreservedly in this ministry.

Design and Publicity and Communication

Julie Thomas undertakes the role of running **Facebook**, keeping the **Website** up to date, and effectively communicating through Social Media. She is employed by the church one day per week.

We are indebted to **Elaine Sharples** for her excellent work in designing our Alpha leaflets, publicity items and adverts for the local press.

Ministry to Deaf People

Loop systems exist in the Main Hall, Social Room and Children's Room.

Fairly Traded Goods

New Life Church encourages support for Fair Trade which is promoted through Words & Music.

UK Missions

The church provides regular financial support to the following:

- Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons International)
- United Christian Broadcasters (UCB)
- Alpha UK
- Christian Institute
- Lifelink
- Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)
- Care
- Churches in Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy
- Bible Society
- Open Doors
- Street Pastors
- Healing Rooms
- Sat 7 TV
- Message Trust
- Christian Aid

Other one-off gifts are made on approval of the trustees.

Overseas Missions

The church support various overseas missions financially on a regular basis in China, Slovakia, Romania, Africa and India plus support for the Persecuted Church worldwide through Open Doors charity.

Samaritan's Purse (Christmas Shoeboxes)

New Life Church acts as a collecting centre thanks to Yvon Degens' and Ruth Speed's Organisation and we collected over 1,100 shoeboxes.

Caring Ministries / Serving the Community

Objective 2 of our Trust Deed states "The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick"

The major expansion of this work has continued during the year under review and we have further extended our network of referring agencies with whom we have excellent working relationships.

Various grants have generously been made available to support this vital work and the trustees are extremely grateful to several agencies, charities and grant making bodies.

Christian Counselling and Listening Service

This is run by Louise Daniels, a fully qualified counsellor accredited by BACP and ACC. The service is open to people both in and outside the church and many people are referred through local agencies.

The church carries specialist professional indemnity insurance for this ministry.

This service now includes Pregnancy Crisis Support and Child Loss (formerly provided under the Image banner).

Storehouse Project

This project continues to experience **very strong demand** and the church is extremely grateful for extra grants and an amazing response from the local community. Joanna Crichton and Lynnsey Miles oversee the Storehouse and during the year have built a great team of reliable volunteers.

The Storehouse Project, which was launched October 2010 has had an amazing impact within the community where more and more people and families have benefitted from crisis food parcels.

Generous donations of food from church members, local schools and other churches in the town have kept The Storehouse stocked with food and essential items, plus some very generous regular financial gifts from people outside the church enables us to boost stocks on a regular basis.

Collections at Tesco Congleton have also boosted stocks and the church is very grateful to the generosity of the Congleton public. (We are now included in Tesco's national food collection known as Fair Share) which takes place twice each year.

Regular daily collections of fresh food are made at Marks & Spencer Food Hall, Tesco, Greggs and Co-op.

Regular bulletins are produced for general information.

Circa 400 Bags of Joy and presents were provided to needy families and individuals referred to us by various support agencies.

Furniture and White Goods Recycling / New Life Community Partnership

The church for many years has sourced good condition second hand items, passing them on to those who are being re-housed, having previously been homeless.

The church works in conjunction with the warehouse and team based on Bromley Road and is very grateful to them for their support, without which the service could not operate.

We have experienced a massive increase in demand due to cost of living increase, especially in white goods for single parent families, often fleeing domestic abuse. Also we're helping an increasing number of individuals with mental health issues.

The Jubilee Club

The Jubilee Club was founded in May 2012 in response to the needs of many people being helped through the Storehouse foodbank. People are referred through various agencies.

The club meets every Tuesday, starting with tea, coffee and toast, followed by a brief "life message". Members of the team then opt for various activities.

Many of those attending are struggling with serious life issues, e.g. recovering from drug and alcohol addictions, mental health patients, broken domestic relationships, abusive and violent relationships.

The Club continues to thrive and grow with thanks to many committed volunteers.

Job Club & Benefits Support

This grew out of the Jubilee Club and has proved very popular and been very successful. Job vacancies are scrutinised and matched to suitable applicants. CVs are written, mock interviews take place, references are provided and suitable attire provided if appropriate. Well over 100 people have gained permanent employment since it began in 2013.

Family Support Ministry

This ministry has continued to grow and was initially funded by a three year grant from the National Lottery's Reaching Communities.

This expanding ministry is led by Joanna Crichton and Margaret Sanders and is now funded through church members' 'My Giving' and very recently generous grants.

Much of the work takes place with damaged, broken and dysfunctional families and on occasions involves supporting clients in court appearances and EHA, CIN and CP meetings where children are involved. Parenting courses are proving very popular and helpful.

Civic & Community Engagement

The church continues to be actively involved in the local community including civic functions and charitable events with the Rotary Club.

Church Elder Steve Hodgkinson was appointed Mayor's Chaplain following Coun. Rob Moreton's election as Mayor in May and Steve has been able to introduce prayers in the Council Chamber thanks to the Mayor.

The Mayor was also glad to receive an inscribed leather-bound copy of The Bible.

Financial Review

The financial activity of the charity is detailed in the Financial Statements attached which have been prepared by B K Plus Limited Chartered Certified Accountants.

The trustees are satisfied that the Financial Accounts reflect an accurate account of the year's activities.

The Income and Expenditure figures for year ended 31st December 2023 shows a net deficit of expenditure over income of £22656(2022), £26817(2023)

The Balance Sheet reveals net assets of £880,909(2022 : £903,566)

Whilst the charity remains in a strong and healthy financial position to support its ongoing work and vision, the trustees are reliant upon community grants to supplement the generous giving of church members.

All designated giving, e.g. Grants, International China Concern, Building Fund, Ukraine Refugees, Romanian children etc. was directed in full to the designated account or recipient, together with allocated Gift Aid.

The Trustees are continually reviewing the financial position and are confident that the significant cash reserves which have accumulated through prudent management will enable the church to continue to maintain all its ministries with its financial commitments and obligations.

Plans for the future

Our goal will continue to be the advancement of the Christian faith and the building of God's Kingdom through all the ministries described in the report, whilst being open to new initiatives through the guidance and inspiration of The Holy Spirit.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy is as follows:

Tier 1 – Long Term

The trustees will maintain a minimum cash balance of £85,000 overall funds to ensure continuation of operations, e.g. payment of wages and salaries, running and maintenance costs of buildings, fixtures and fittings.

Tier 2 – Short Term

The trustees will review the reserves policy annually when approving the accounts and make appropriate amendments in the light of current circumstances.

Volunteers

The church relies on the contribution made by its volunteers. These volunteers deliver services and also act as trustees, administrators, fundraisers and in other roles.

Risk Management

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at the current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Safeguarding

The church operates Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults and Working with Offenders policies. All people working with young people and children and vulnerable adults are DBS checked.

Health and Safety

Issues are reviewed monthly at the Trustees' meetings and Martin Hambley was appointed Health and Safety Officer and provides regular, usually weekly visits, carrying out alarm tests etc.

Major Electrical Upgrade

Following an inspection by Cornerstone Electrical we received an unsatisfactory report thereby requiring immediate attention. The Trustees are indebted to Brian Hudson who undertook extensive remedial work, replacing old defective fittings, providing additional power sources and a generally tidying up all wiring etc. A reinspection by Cornerstone has now provided a satisfactory report.

The trustees are grateful to Congleton Inclosure Trust for their generous grant of £4,000 towards funding the work.

Independent Examiners

BK Plus Ltd were appointed as independent examiners during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity. (Our main contact is Steve Orme).

Church in the Community

We have continued to help more and more vulnerable and needy people and families and we are seeing many of them become part of the church family.

The church has experienced further growth during the year under review with more and more people and families becoming committed church members.

We continue to be committed to the 'Great Commission' to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19) and to see God's people 'growing and being built up in love, as each part does its work' (Ephesians 4:16)



Stephen Hodgkinson MBE
Chairman of Trustees

Dated:

17th June 2024

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of
New Life Church Congleton**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the New Life Church Congleton (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 14 to 28.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

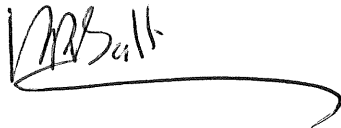
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Signed:

Dated: 18th July 2024

K. Salt (FCCA)
BK Plus Audit Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Adventure Place
Hanley
Stoke on Trent
ST1 3AF

**New Life Church Congleton
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | 2023 Total £ | 2022 Total £ |
|---|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | | | | | | |
| Donations & Grants | 2 | 338,414 | 156,424 | - | 494,838 | 450,740 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 195,696 | - | - | 195,696 | 155,050 |
| Fundraising activities | 4 | 13,897 | - | - | 13,897 | 10,442 |
| Investment income | 5 | 1,362 | - | - | 1,362 | 223 |
| <i>Total income</i> | | <u>549,369</u> | <u>156,424</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>705,793</u> | <u>616,455</u> |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Cost of raising funds | | | | | | |
| Fundraising | 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Expenditure on charitable activities: | | | | | | |
| Ministry | 8 | 225,953 | 3,696 | - | 229,649 | 205,581 |
| Youth, children and schools outreach | | 101,279 | - | - | 101,279 | 90,107 |
| Caring ministries | | 1,947 | 78,482 | - | 80,429 | 72,775 |
| Support of missionaries and other charity donations | 9 | 12,890 | 72,211 | - | 85,101 | 83,243 |
| Nursery | | 134,602 | 26 | - | 134,628 | 109,584 |
| Café and bookshop | | 97,363 | - | - | 97,363 | 81,982 |
| <i>Total expenditure</i> | | <u>574,034</u> | <u>154,415</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>728,449</u> | <u>643,272</u> |
| <i>Net income/(expenditure)</i> | | (24,665) | 2,009 | - | (22,656) | (26,817) |
| Transfer between funds | | | | | | |
| Gross transfers between funds | 16 | 10,500 | (10,500) | - | - | - |
| <i>Net movement in funds</i> | | <u>(14,165)</u> | <u>(8,491)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(22,656)</u> | <u>(26,817)</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 597,954 | 82,906 | 222,705 | 903,565 | 930,382 |
| <i>Total funds carried forward</i> | | <u>583,789</u> | <u>74,415</u> | <u>222,705</u> | <u>880,909</u> | <u>903,565</u> |

**New Life Church Congleton
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2023**

| | Notes | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 11 | 446,501 | 460,406 |
| <i>Total fixed assets</i> | | <u>446,501</u> | <u>460,406</u> |
| Current assets | | | |
| Stock | | 11,965 | 10,221 |
| Debtors | 12 | 39,289 | 34,343 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 424,093 | 421,820 |
| <i>Total current assets</i> | | <u>475,347</u> | <u>466,384</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | 40,939 | 23,225 |
| <i>Net current assets</i> | | <u>434,408</u> | <u>443,159</u> |
| <i>Total assets less current liabilities</i> | | <u>880,909</u> | <u>903,565</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 14 | - | - |
| <i>Net assets</i> | | <u><u>880,909</u></u> | <u><u>903,565</u></u> |
| The funds of the charity: | | | |
| Endowment fund | 15 | 222,705 | 222,705 |
| Restricted income funds | 16 | 74,415 | 82,906 |
| Unrestricted income funds | | | |
| General funds | 17 | 583,789 | 597,954 |
| <i>Total charity funds</i> | | <u><u>880,909</u></u> | <u><u>903,565</u></u> |

The notes at pages 17 to 28 form part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on the date shown below and signed on their behalf by:

Stephen Neil Hodgkinson MBE

Date:

17th June 2024

**New Life Church Congleton
Statement of Cash Flows
as at 31 December 2023**

| | Notes | Total funds 2023 £ | Total funds 2022 £ |
|--|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Net cash used in operating | 20 | <u>23,458</u> | <u>14,910</u> |
| <i>Cash flows from investing</i> | | | |
| Interest and dividends | | 1,362 | 223 |
| Property improvement costs | | - | (4,036) |
| Purchase of furniture and equipment | | (22,547) | (12,085) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | | - | - |
| Net cash provided by investing | | <u>(21,185)</u> | <u>(15,898)</u> |
| <i>Cash flows from financing</i> | | | |
| Repayment of borrowing | | - | - |
| Cash inflow from new borrowings | | - | - |
| Net cash provided by financing | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Change in cash and cash | | 2,273 | (988) |
| Cash and cash equivalent brought | | 421,820 | 422,808 |
| Cash and cash equivalents carried | | <u><u>424,093</u></u> | <u><u>421,820</u></u> |

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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund structure

The charity maintains various types of funds as follows:

Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which are to be held permanently by the charity.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes.

Designated funds

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside out of unrestricted funds at the discretion of the trustees which are therefore not available for other purposes.

General unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds represent unrestricted income which is expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

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Incoming recognition

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a claim for repayment of income tax has or will be made, such income is grossed up for the tax recoverable. The following accounting policies are applied to income:

Gifts in kind and donated goods

Assets given for distribution by the charity are recognised as income for the year only when they are distributed. Where such undistributed assets exist at the year end, they are not included in the accounts but a note is provided of their estimated value. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised as incoming resources at their estimated market value when receivable. If they form part of the fixed assets of the charity, they are capitalised in the balance sheet at the value at which the gift was included in incoming resources. Assets given in kind for conversion into cash and subsequent application by the charity are recognised as income in the accounting period when receivable. All estimates of value of such gifts are made by the trustees.

Donations

Donations and all other receipts from fundraising are reported gross and the related fundraising costs are reported in other expenditure.

Investment income

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable relating to investment income is accounted for in the same period as the related income.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants payable are accounted for when the trustees have accepted a legal or moral obligation to make the grant.

Allocation of overhead, support and governance costs

Costs have been allocated first to the charitable activity concerned. Overhead, support and governance costs relating to Charitable Activities have been apportioned based on usage. The allocation of overhead, support and governance costs is shown in note 7.

Costs of generating funds

The cost of generating funds consist of the support costs in relation to the administration support provided with regard to room hire.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise of those costs incurred in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly and the relevant amount of support costs that relate to that particular activity.

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Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation which is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 20% reducing balance |
| Equipment | straight line over 5 years |
| Building improvements | straight line over 15 years |
| Property | straight line over 50 years |

Operating leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities in equal amounts over the period of the lease.

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Grants

Grants receivable are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) in the year for which they are received. Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Charitable commitments

Commitments which are legally binding on the trustees are accounted for as resources expended in the statement of financial activities. Where the promise of financial support is not binding on the trustees, such intentions are accounted for by a transfer to a designated fund. Activities that are to be wholly financed from future income do not form part of such designation and are disclosed in a note to the accounts.

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| 2 Donations & Grants | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Gifts and donations | 333,414 | 144,599 | 478,013 | 443,340 |
| J H Rausing Trust - Caring ministry wages | - | 8,125 | 8,125 | - |
| Congleton 4 Congleton - Caring ministry grant | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | - |
| Plus Dane Housing - Caring ministry grant | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Cheshire East - Cost of Living Grant | 5,000 | - | 5,000 | - |
| THIBA Ltd - LEO grant | - | 200 | 200 | - |
| Congleton Inclosure Trust - Equipment grant | - | 500 | 500 | - |
| William Dean Trust - Volunteer Manager | - | - | - | 500 |
| Neighbourly Limited Community Fund | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| Congleton Inclosure Trust - Sensory Room | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| Rotary and Childrens Trust | - | - | - | 1,750 |
| Plus Dane Grant | - | - | - | 50 |
| Ground Work UK | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| Cheshire East - Furniture Recycling Grant | - | - | - | 100 |
| | <u>338,414</u> | <u>156,424</u> | <u>494,838</u> | <u>450,740</u> |

3 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ministry sundry income | 10 | - | 10 | 500 |
| Nursery school fees | 114,279 | - | 114,279 | 85,119 |
| Nursery sundry income | 1,356 | - | 1,356 | 438 |
| Café and bookshop income | 78,808 | - | 78,808 | 67,831 |
| Events | 1,243 | - | 1,243 | 1,162 |
| | <u>195,696</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>195,696</u> | <u>155,050</u> |

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| 4 | Income from fundraising activities | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------|---|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Room hire | 13,897 | - | 13,897 | 10,442 |
| | Miscellaneous events and income | - | - | - | - |
| | | <u>13,897</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>13,897</u> | <u>10,442</u> |
| 5 | Investment income | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2023 | 2022 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Bank interest from UK cash deposits | 1,362 | - | 1,362 | 223 |
| | | <u>1,362</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,362</u> | <u>223</u> |
| 6 | Cost of raising funds | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2023 | 2022 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Fundraising: | | | | |
| | Room hire support costs (note 7) | - | - | - | - |
| | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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7 Allocation of support and governance costs
Allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

| | Ministry £ | Youth, children and schools outreach £ | Caring ministries £ | Support of missionaries and other charity donations £ | Nursery £ | Café and bookshop £ | Fund raising £ | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--|---------------|---|---------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Insurance | 6,047 | - | - | - | - | 672 | - | 6,719 | 6,719 |
| Heat and light | 4,626 | - | - | - | 2,313 | 4,626 | - | 11,565 | 11,565 |
| Repairs | 9,016 | - | - | - | 1,803 | 1,202 | - | 12,021 | 12,022 |
| Depreciation: | | | | | | | | | |
| Land and buildings | 9,164 | - | - | - | 1,833 | 1,222 | - | 12,219 | 12,219 |
| Building improvement | 5,911 | - | - | - | 1,182 | 788 | - | 7,881 | 7,881 |
| Fixtures, fittings and equipment | 11,447 | - | - | - | 818 | 4,088 | - | 16,353 | 16,353 |
| IT costs | 5,521 | 2,123 | 849 | - | - | - | - | 8,493 | 8,493 |
| Bank charges | 135 | - | - | - | 27 | 18 | - | 180 | 180 |
| Telephone | 4,923 | - | 579 | - | 290 | - | - | 5,792 | 5,792 |
| Printing and stationery | 2,775 | 757 | 504 | - | 757 | 252 | - | 5,045 | 5,045 |
| Staff costs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 39,402 |
| Governance costs | 3,505 | 956 | 639 | - | 956 | 319 | - | 6,375 | 6,375 |
| | <u>63,070</u> | <u>3,836</u> | <u>2,571</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>9,979</u> | <u>13,187</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>92,643</u> | <u>132,046</u> |
| Governance costs | | | | | | | | | |
| Legal & professional | | | | | | | | 3,075 | 3,075 |
| Accounts and independent examiners fee | | | | | | | | 3,300 | 3,300 |
| | | | | | | | | <u>6,375</u> | <u>6,375</u> |

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8 Charitable activities expenditure

| | Ministry £ | Youth, children and schools outreach £ | Caring ministries Storehouse £ | Caring ministries Furniture Recycling | Caring ministries Jubilee & Job Club | Caring ministries Other | Support of missionaries and other charity donations £ | Nursery £ | Café and bookshop £ | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Salaries | 135,126 | 85,555 | - | - | - | 41,882 | - | 115,341 | 43,045 | 420,949 | 324,981 |
| Alpha course expenses | 2,533 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,533 | 3,046 |
| Preaching and Visiting Speakers | 6,690 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,690 | 6,790 |
| Outreach expenses | 2,094 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,094 | 2,479 |
| Evangelism working expenses | 1,200 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Evangelism outreach | 3,061 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,061 | 1,871 |
| Promotional | 1,776 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,776 | 432 |
| Mini Bus costs | 1,468 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,468 | 1,892 |
| Sundry expenses | 10,734 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,332 | 1,136 | 17,202 | 15,661 |
| School ministry | - | 4,326 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,326 | 4,398 |
| Event costs | 1,094 | 7,562 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8,656 | 4,191 |
| Training and development | 803 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 803 | 879 |
| Grants and donations made | - | - | - | - | - | 2,885 | 85,101 | - | - | 87,986 | 85,278 |
| Caring ministry - Counselling | - | - | - | - | - | 1,047 | - | - | - | 1,047 | 729 |
| Caring ministry - Jubilee project | - | - | - | - | 1,082 | - | - | - | - | 1,082 | 1,908 |
| Caring ministry - Storehouse | - | - | 19,471 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 19,471 | 18,447 |
| Caring ministry - General | - | - | - | - | - | 4,709 | - | - | - | 4,709 | 44 |
| Caring ministry - Hardship fund | - | - | - | - | - | 982 | - | - | - | 982 | 3,641 |
| Caring ministry - Furniture recycling | - | - | - | 5,316 | - | - | - | - | - | 5,316 | 4,835 |
| Caring ministry - Family support | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Caring ministry - Bereavement support | - | - | - | - | - | 485 | - | - | - | 485 | 469 |
| Nursery materials and equipment | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,948 | - | 3,948 | 1,981 |
| Repairs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 28 | 296 | 324 | 977 |
| Café and bookshop supplies | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 38,279 | 38,279 | 33,659 |
| Café and bookshop stationery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 34 |
| Stock write off | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank charges | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,420 | 1,420 | 1,400 |
| Support costs (Note 7) | 63,070 | 3,836 | 1,285 | 1,285 | - | - | - | 9,979 | 13,187 | 92,642 | 121,850 |
| | <u>229,649</u> | <u>101,279</u> | <u>20,756</u> | <u>6,601</u> | <u>1,082</u> | <u>51,990</u> | <u>85,101</u> | <u>134,628</u> | <u>97,363</u> | <u>728,449</u> | <u>643,272</u> |

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| 9 Support of missionaries and other charity donations | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total Funds 2023 | Total Funds 2022 |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Material grants payable by the trust: | | | | |
| 3 grants were made to individual missionaries (2022:2) | 2,000 | 9,314 | 9,314 | 9,348 |
| South African Missionary Work | - | 10,900 | 10,900 | 12,599 |
| Amic mission- Romania | - | 870 | 870 | 3,295 |
| Mali appeal | - | 6,794 | 6,794 | 1,122 |
| ICC- China | - | 6,475 | 6,475 | 6,450 |
| Carrot Tops | | | 1,200 | |
| Christian Aid | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,775 |
| Romania children's home | - | 10,022 | 10,022 | 10,522 |
| Support to Romania -Ukrainian Refugees | - | 18,607 | 18,607 | 9,022 |
| Other small grants to charities | 8,734 | - | 8,734 | 16,817 |
| Special donations from the Church Family Fund | - | 11,185 | 11,185 | 12,293 |
| | <u>12,890</u> | <u>72,211</u> | <u>85,101</u> | <u>83,243</u> |

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10 Staff numbers and costs

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year, was as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nursery staff | 12 | 10 |
| Coffee shop and bookshop staff | 6 | 5 |
| Admin staff | 3 | 3 |
| Youth and children's ministry | 5 | 5 |
| Counsellor | 1 | 1 |
| Cleaning | 2 | 3 |
| Church leadership | 1 | 1 |
| Volunteer manager/co-ordinator | 1 | 1 |
| Family Support Ministry | 2 | 2 |
| | <u>33</u> | <u>31</u> |

The aggregate payroll costs of the above was:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 398,810 | 345,549 |
| Social security costs | 16,108 | 13,736 |
| Pension costs | 6,031 | 5,098 |
| Total emoluments (remuneration and taxable benefits) | <u>420,949</u> | <u>364,383</u> |

No employees emoluments exceeded £60,000.

The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees.

No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year (2022: Nil).

Transactions with trustees

Mr S N Hodgkinson MBE received £1,200 by way of a nominal allowance towards out of pocket expenses during the year.

Mrs M Sanders, wife of Mr R Sanders who is a trustee was employed by the charity as family support worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £7,875.

Mrs J Crichton, daughter of Mr S Hodgkinson MBE and sister of Mrs R Mellor who are trustees was employed by the charity as a family support worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £17,865.

Mrs S Wood, sister of Mrs L Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as a youth and children's minister. The salary paid during the year amounted to £22,825.

Mr G Wood, brother-in-law of Mrs L Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as Assistant Manager in Words and Music. The salary paid during the year amounted to £15,880.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

| | Freehold Land & Buildings £ | Building Improve- ments £ | Fixtures & Equipment £ | Total £ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Cost | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2023 | 548,353 | 209,951 | 337,023 | 1,095,327 |
| Additions | - | - | 22,547 | 22,547 |
| Disposals | - | - | (19,497) | (19,497) |
| At 31 December 2023 | <u>548,353</u> | <u>209,951</u> | <u>340,073</u> | <u>1,098,377</u> |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2023 | 186,411 | 173,008 | 275,502 | 634,921 |
| Disposals | - | - | (19,497) | (19,497) |
| Charge for the year | 12,218 | 7,881 | 16,353 | 36,452 |
| At 31 December 2023 | <u>198,629</u> | <u>180,889</u> | <u>272,358</u> | <u>651,876</u> |
| Net book value | | | | |
| At 31 December 2023 | <u>349,724</u> | <u>29,062</u> | <u>67,715</u> | <u>446,501</u> |
| As at 1 January 2023 | <u>361,942</u> | <u>36,943</u> | <u>61,521</u> | <u>460,406</u> |

The property from which the charity operates is included at cost. The property's current value cannot be quantified as this depends on the future possible use of the site.

| 12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Gift Aid accrued income | 36,161 | 30,209 |
| Prepayments | 3,128 | 4,134 |
| Sundry debtors | - | - |
| | <u>39,289</u> | <u>34,343</u> |

| 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Taxation and social security | 5,252 | 5,736 |
| Other creditors | 5,510 | - |
| Accruals | 5,899 | 4,910 |
| Deferred income | 24,278 | 12,579 |
| | <u>40,939</u> | <u>23,225</u> |

| 14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank loan | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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15 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent the charity's property which is the fellowship's permanent place of worship.

| | 2022 | Incoming | Resources | Transfers | 2023 |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Balance | resources | expended | £ | Balance |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Property fund (cost) | 222,705 | - | - | - | 222,705 |
| Total endowment funds | <u>222,705</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>222,705</u> |

This fund represents donations and gifts from church members together with grants towards the purchase and extension of the church property which was previously rented. The implied conditions of donations and grants being that the church permanently function from this site. In accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (SORP 2005) an endowment fund has been created.

16 Restricted funds

The movements on the restricted funds of the charity were as follows:

| | 2022 | Incoming | Resources | Transfers | 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Balance | resources | expended | £ | Balance |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Church building fund | 983 | 2,513 | 3,496 | - | - |
| Nursery facility improvement fund | - | 226 | 226 | - | - |
| Charities and missionaries fund | 6,083 | 35,150 | 36,706 | - | 4,527 |
| Romanian children's home | 8,952 | 9,214 | 7,176 | - | 10,990 |
| Ukrainian refugee support fund | 9,100 | 9,180 | 17,697 | - | 583 |
| Church youth fund | - | - | - | - | - |
| Church family fund | 2,512 | 17,756 | 10,632 | - | 9,636 |
| Capital grants | - | 500 | - | (500) | - |
| Caring ministry funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| - General | - | 39,020 | 33,226 | - | 5,794 |
| - Storehouse | 54,388 | 37,661 | 40,180 | (10,000) | 41,869 |
| - Furniture recycling | - | 4,250 | 4,250 | - | - |
| - Hardship fund | - | 322 | 322 | - | - |
| - Jubilee Club | - | 19 | 19 | - | - |
| - Dementia group | 888 | 613 | 485 | - | 1,016 |
| - Tools for love thy neighbour | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | <u>82,906</u> | <u>156,424</u> | <u>154,415</u> | <u>(10,500)</u> | <u>74,415</u> |

Transfers

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds relate to grants received towards support cost expenditure which was incurred during the year. Therefore the conditions of the grants have been met and the grant income was transferred into unrestricted funds.

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17 Unrestricted funds

| | 2022 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2023 Balance £ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Valuation reserve (Unrealised gain) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated funds: | | | | | |
| Local evangelism account | - | 2,994 | 2,994 | - | - |
| General fund | 597,954 | 546,375 | 571,040 | 10,500 | 583,789 |
| Total unrestricted funds | <u>597,954</u> | <u>549,369</u> | <u>574,034</u> | <u>10,500</u> | <u>583,789</u> |

The local evangelism account represents monies intended to be used for the promotion of the charity via evangelistic, civic and community events

All funds are considered adequate to meet their intended purposes.

| 18 Analysis of net assets between funds | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total funds £ |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Fund balances as at 31 December 2023 are represented by: | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 478,797 | - | 222,705 | 446,501 |
| Current assets | 473,594 | 74,415 | - | 475,347 |
| Creditors: | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | (22,009) | - | - | (40,939) |
| Amounts falling due in more than one year | - | - | - | - |
| Total net assets | <u>583,789</u> | <u>74,415</u> | <u>222,705</u> | <u>880,909</u> |

19 Commitments

There were no commitments for capital expenditure at the year end (2022: none).

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Net movement in funds | (22,656) | (26,817) |
| Add back depreciation charge | 36,452 | 34,512 |
| Deduct interest income shown on investing activities | (1,362) | (223) |
| Decrease (increase) in stock | (1,744) | 3,670 |
| Decrease (increase) in debtors | (4,946) | 2,552 |
| Increase (decrease) in creditors | 17,714 | 1,216 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | <u>23,458</u> | <u>14,910</u> |

NEW LIFE CHURCH CONGLETON

England & Wales - Charity number 514539

Accounts

Registered number
514539

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Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended
31 December 2022

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Reference and administrative information

TRUSTEES

Stephen Neil Hodgkinson MBE

Peter Martin

Giles Osborn Chapman

George Hurlstone

Susan Sparks

Michael Burgess

Rory Sanders

Benedict Gaddum

Linda Hurlstone

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Peter Minshull (appointed 6th February 2022)

TRUST ADDRESS

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CW12 4EY

LEGAL STATUS

The charity was formed as a trust under a trust deed dated 21 October 1983

(With Deed of Variations dated 8th April 2000, 13th December 2010 and 19th January 2021)

Registered with the Charity Commission - Registration Number 514539

The charity was formerly known as New Life Christian Fellowship

BANKERS

The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC

Drummond House (GE) Branch, Edinburgh

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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ANNUAL REPORT

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the trustees' annual report which is published on the same date as these accounts.



Danesford Community Centre
West Road, Congleton
Cheshire, CW12 4EY

Trustees Report

as at 31st December 2022

New Life Church, Congleton.

Registered Charity No. 514539

Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland,
Drummond House (GE) Branch, Edinburgh

Independent Examiner:

K Salt (FCCA)
BK Plus Limited (formerly Walleys)
Chartered Certified Accountants
Adventure Place, Hanley, Stoke on Trent

Solicitors:

Fiona Bruce & Co
Justice House, Stockton Heath
Warrington

History

The church was founded in 1983 and operates as a Charitable Trust under its Trust Deed dated 21st October 1983, which also contains the Statement of Doctrines, and by which the church life and business is conducted.

A subsequent Deed of Variation dated 8th April 2000 was registered with the Charity Commissioners.

Further Deeds of Variation dated 13th December 2010 authorised the change of name from New Life Christian Fellowship, Congleton to New Life Church, Congleton and 19th January 2021 clarifying conflicts of interest procedures of Trustee meetings.

The church began as a small house fellowship, often referred to as a 'House Church'. As it grew and expanded, the church needed larger premises to hold its Sunday Services and to develop other ministries in the local community.

The church acquired the freehold on the premises known as Danesford Community Centre from NCH Action for Children, from whom the premises were previously rented, during the financial year ended 31st October 2000. The cost was £185,000.

Major improvements and refurbishments have taken place and continue to take place as the trustees seek to maintain the facility to a high standard and ensure compliance with all health and safety and hygiene regulations and standards.

A major first floor extension was completed in 2015 and provides four additional rooms and a tea bar. All rooms are being used extensively and are proving a great asset to the community centre, which is recognised as a **Community Hub**.

During 2022, discussions have begun with Cheshire East Council with regard to being included as part of the **Family Hub** network which would release some level of funding Provided by HM Government to support Family Hubs. Fiona Bruce MP is being supportive.

Review of centre facilities

The extension to the renamed Family Room which was completed in the summer of 2017 has proved to be a great addition to our centre facilities.

The church's involvement in the community has continued to expand during the year with numerous voluntary organisations, clubs, societies, fundraising bodies, especially those involving children and young people, using the centre. The centre also has a specially designated **Counselling Room** where people with difficult personal issues, including addictions are helped.

New Life Church provides spaces on the car park to house the two Congleton Community Partnership Minibuses and their hire/usage diary and fuel is managed through the church office.

New Life Church is a member of The Evangelical Alliance, Churches Together in Congleton, Congleton Bible Week and closely associated with various local government community partnerships, including the CVS (Council for Voluntary Service Cheshire East).

Aims and Objectives

The charity's objectives are as follows:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith.
2. The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick.
3. The provision of instruction in the principles of the Christian faith at any educational establishment.
4. To promote and support such other charitable schemes or projects as may be established to benefit the public and in particular the provision of facilities for a community centre in Congleton for the use and benefit of local residents.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Elders

The governance of the church is under an appointed Eldership, which is responsible for sound doctrine in accordance with scripture, and for the overall vision and direction of the church.

Elders serving during the year under review were:

Stephen Hodgkinson MBE
Peter Martin
Jeff Cutts

The Trustees

Under the Trust Deed, trustees are appointed to be responsible and accountable for the financial integrity of the church, including property, equipment, fixtures & fittings. The trustees serving during the year under review were:

George Hurlstone (Secretary)
Sue Sparks
Diane Sadlier (resigned 6th February 2022)
Rory Sanders (Deputy Chairman)
Linda Hurlstone
Peter Minshull (appointed 6th February 2022)
Rachel Mellor (appointed 6th February 2022)

Stephen Hodgkinson (Chairman)
Peter Martin
Giles Chapman
Michael Burgess
Benedict Gaddum

The trustees are empowered to appoint a treasurer to maintain the accounts of the church and this position has been undertaken by Richard Crowder.

The trustees normally meet each month, except August, to review and make decisions in all matters relating to the church finances, employment, health and safety, safeguarding/child protection and the general running of the centre. A full financial review is undertaken each quarter. Minutes of the meetings are taken and maintained by the church administrator.

The trustees employ a Church Administrator Louise Davies, whose contract is for 33.75 hours per week for 42 weeks per annum.

None of the trustees receive any financial remuneration or benefits in kind from the Trust, other than a contribution towards out of pocket expenses paid to S Hodgkinson as declared in the accounts.

Governance

The Church holds an Annual General Meeting and for the year under review was held on Sunday 5th February 2023 at which a summary of income and expenditure was presented, together with a summary of ministry reports. ***Two trustees retiring by rotation offered themselves for re-election and were duly re-elected.***

Marriages

The church centre is licensed and registered with the Superintendent Registrar to conduct marriage ceremonies under certificate. Our Registered Number is 42430. Two weddings were conducted during the period under review.

Church Ministries

Prayer Ministry

Prayer underpins and sustains everything that takes place within and out from New Life Church and new ministries are birthed in prayer. Regular times of corporate prayer are held at the centre and in Life Groups throughout the week. Individual church members are encouraged to pray privately each day and special prayer events are held from time to time. During the year under review, we have experienced amazing answers to prayer evidenced by miraculous healings, guidance for individual lives and new opportunities for the church to serve the community. Regular prayer clinics are held and the church elders are always available to pray for people's needs and situations.

Members of The Prayer Ministry Team are always available on Sunday mornings to pray with people after the service. The team has been expanded under the guidance of Merle Williams who provides training for those joining the team.

The direct link with SOZO has been relinquished but deep prayer ministry using their basic principles continues. Prayer training was introduced and is continuing.

Healing Rooms England & Wales

We provide room/office facilities on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Healing Rooms ministry whose headquarters are located at New Life Church Centre.

Preaching Ministry

The church Elders continue to have overall responsibility for the preaching and teaching of sound biblical truths bringing guidance, direction and vision to the church.

Inspirational preaching is provided through church members and from time to time visiting speakers.

The Elders are particularly grateful to Paul Williams, Catherine Krinks and Shane Wright who form the core of the preaching ministry team.

Praise & Worship Ministry

Christian Contemporary Music plays a key part in our Sunday worship services and the church is blessed with a good number of gifted Holy Spirit anointed musicians and singers from whom we currently have several worship bands who alternate for various periods during the year.

The bands are supported by a dedicated team of audio and visual technicians.

Sanctuary Worship provides an extended time of praise and worship with an open time to hear from The Lord. This usually takes place monthly on the first Tuesday evening.

Life Groups, Discipleship and Pastoral Care

The church is committed to the discipleship and pastoral care of church members and this is undertaken in a variety of ways, primarily small groups. All new people joining the church are encouraged to join a small group or be linked to one.

Equip Foundations, is now well established and is very well attended including many people who recently completed the Alpha Course.

A new '**Living God's Way**' course for new disciples takes place, primarily for those who have recently completed an Alpha Course.

Hospital Ministry

Sadly these remain suspended due to hospital Covid regulations.

Evangelism

The church is committed to evangelism within the local community. Church members carry this out most effectively through personal witnessing and development of friendships and relationships. Church wide **Alpha Courses** continue to be held every year in the autumn and spring terms. Alpha continues to be the main tool to assist members in introducing friends, neighbours and colleagues to the Christian faith. We have seen encouraging growth in attendance on Alpha Courses and these have been followed by foundation courses.

Six new believers were baptised during the year.

Special events, e.g. Theatre Productions and Concerts are also held occasionally and these events provide an ideal opportunity to introduce people to the Christian faith.

Life Groups play an essential part in Alpha by introducing guests and in providing the excellent weekly meals for the evening courses.

A meeting was held with our Regional Alpha Representative which led to a special Alpha Sunday in January 2022 when she brought an inspiring message and a **Youth Alpha Course** took place in 2022.

A comprehensive report of all the church's ministries is produced and reported at the AGM. A copy is available on request.

Primary Schools' Ministry

We continue to conduct lessons and assemblies using **Open the Book** materials and O/T Mini and N/T Mini (formerly Bible Explorer) material. The teams have been strengthened with new volunteers including Tina O'Hara who leads our Open the Book team.

We conduct a one hour lesson in all the primary schools preparing year 6 pupils who are moving up to High School and present each pupil with an '**It's your move**' book produced by Scripture Union. This is funded by Churches Together in Congleton.

Our Children's ministry team also conduct assemblies in most primary schools and a new initiative called 'The Hope Journey' takes place, working with other local churches.

High Schools' Ministry

We have a longstanding strong relationship with our two High Schools particularly CU groups in Congleton High School. We hope for greater connections once again with Eaton Bank Academy.

Nursery Group

This consists of Pre-School for 3 and 4 year olds and 2 year olds in The Rainbow Room, catering for children on a sessional basis. *Fees are charged and part-time staff are paid on a pro-rata basis per session. Staff are paid above the minimum wage and Childcare level 3 qualifications are recognised with an additional hourly rate supplement. Holiday pay is the required statutory 5.6 weeks.

(*Most three & four year old children are now funded by Cheshire East Council Children & Families plus some two year olds who meet the special funding criteria.)

Individual Pupil Funding (IPF) is secured to cover one to one support for special needs children.

The Nursery Group continues to provide high quality pre-school provision. This is under the leadership of Alison Timbey our Nursery Manager together with Rachel Williams and Sarah Morris, the Deputy Managers until September when Maria Daniels was appointed Room lead due to the retirement of Rachel Williams.

We believe in the inclusion of all children and we have developed and been recognised as a centre of excellence for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

During the year under review we established a special **Sensory Room** and we are grateful for grants from Congleton Town Council, with the support of our Town Mayor. Coun. Margaret Gartside, Congleton Rotary Club and New Life Church member Steve Turner.

The Nursery is judged **GOOD** following the last Ofsted inspection in October 2019.

Open Evenings for parents are held each year to discuss the progress of their children.

Numbers of children being enrolled has been reduced due to primary schools opening their own pre-schools and more parents requiring full day care for their children.

Zang Qui Xi, who is sponsored by our nursery families, is a special needs child in the Lighthouse orphanage in Chagsha Province in China which is part of the church's ministry and support for International China Concern.

New Life Nursery is a member of the Early Years Alliance and is registered with Children and Families Cheshire East.

Special services have resumed for nursery children and families at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Summer Sports, all of which are extremely well attended.

New Life Nursery Group maintains a strong Christian ethos with daily prayers, Bible stories and songs.

Words and Music / Christian Resources and Coffee Shop

Emma Davies was appointed manager on 1st January 2022 and this ministry has taken on a new 'lease of life'.

Emma has brought a fresh vision, extended opening days outside term times and has brought in new staff.

She is also ably supported by long serving Geoff Wood.

Childrens' and Youth Ministry

We have an excellent team of enthusiastic and committed leaders in Beth Cosgrove, Sue Wood, Callum Davies and Chloe Page who provide energy, imagination and creativity to this ministry, working well together as a team.

The church remains totally committed to children and young people and continues to invest unreservedly in this ministry.

Design and Publicity and Communication

Julie Thomas undertakes the role of running **Facebook**, keeping the **Website** up to date, and effectively communicating through Social Media. She is employed by the church one day per week.

We are indebted to **Elaine Sharples** for her excellent work in designing our Alpha leaflets, publicity items and adverts for the local press.

Ministry to Deaf People

Loop systems exist in the Main Hall, Social Room and Children's Room.

Fairly Traded Goods

New Life Church encourages support for Fair Trade which is promoted through Words & Music.

UK Missions

The church provides regular financial support to the following:

- Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons International)
- United Christian Broadcasters (UCB)
- Alpha UK
- Christian Institute
- Lifelink
- Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)
- Care
- Churches in Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy
- Bible Society
- Open Doors
- Street Pastors
- Healing Rooms
- Sat 7 TV
- Message Trust
- Christian Aid

Other one-off gifts are made on approval of the trustees.

Overseas Missions

The church support various overseas missions financially on a regular basis in China, Slovakia, Romania, Africa and India plus support for the Persecuted Church worldwide through Open Doors charity.

Samaritan's Purse (Christmas Shoeboxes)

New Life Church acts as a collecting centre thanks to Yvon Degens' and Ruth Speed's Organisation.

Caring Ministries / Serving the Community

Objective 2 of our Trust Deed states "The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick"

The major expansion of this work has continued during the year under review and we have further extended our network of referring agencies with whom we have excellent working relationships.

Various grants have generously been made available to support this vital work and the trustees are extremely grateful to several agencies, charities and grant making bodies.

Christian Counselling and Listening Service

This is run by Louise Daniels, a fully qualified counsellor accredited by BACP and ACC. The service is open to people both in and outside the church and many people are referred through local agencies.

The church carries specialist professional indemnity insurance for this ministry.

This service now includes Pregnancy Crisis Support and Child Loss (formerly provided under the Image banner).

Storehouse Project

This project continues to experience **very strong demand** and the church is extremely grateful for extra grants and an amazing response from the local community.

Joanna Crichton and Lynnsey Miles oversee the Storehouse and during the year have built a great team of reliable volunteers.

The Storehouse Project, which was launched October 2010 has had an amazing impact within the community where more and more people and families have benefitted from crisis food parcels.

Generous donations of food from church members, local schools and other churches in the town have kept The Storehouse stocked with food and essential items, plus some very generous regular financial gifts from people outside the church enables us to boost stocks on a regular basis.

Collections at Tesco Congleton have also boosted stocks and the church is very grateful to the generosity of the Congleton public. (We are now included in Tesco's national food collection known as Fair Share) which takes place twice each year.

Regular daily collections of fresh food are made at Marks & Spencer Food Hall, Tesco and Greggs.

Regular bulletins are produced for general information.

Circa 400 Christmas Hampers, Bags of Joy and presents were provided to needy families and individuals referred to us by various support agencies.

Furniture and White Goods Recycling / New Life Community Partnership

The church for many years has sourced good condition second hand items, passing them on to those who are being re-housed, having previously been homeless.

The church works in conjunction with the warehouse and team based on Bromley Road and is very grateful to them for their support, without which the service could not operate.

We have experienced a massive increase in demand post COVID, especially in white goods for single parent families, often fleeing domestic abuse. Also we're helping an increasing number of individuals with mental health issues.

The Jubilee Club

The Jubilee Club was founded in May 2012 in response to the needs of many people being helped through the Storehouse foodbank. People are referred through various agencies.

The club meets every Tuesday, starting with tea, coffee and toast, followed by a brief "life message". Members of the team then opt for various activities.

Many of those attending are struggling with serious life issues, e.g. recovering from drug and alcohol addictions, mental health patients, broken domestic relationships, abusive and violent relationships.

The Club continues to thrive and grow with thanks to many committed volunteers.

Job Club & Benefits Support

This grew out of the Jubilee Club and has proved very popular and been very successful. Job vacancies are scrutinised and matched to suitable applicants. CVs are written, mock interviews take place, references are provided and suitable attire provided if appropriate. Well over 100 people have gained permanent employment since it began in 2013.

Family Support Ministry

This ministry has continued to grow and was initially funded by a three year grant from the National Lottery's Reaching Communities.

This expanding ministry is led by Joanna Crichton and Margaret Sanders and is now funded through church members' 'My Giving' and very recently generous grants.

Much of the work takes place with damaged, broken and dysfunctional families and on occasions involves supporting clients in court appearances and EHA, CIN and CP meetings where children are involved. Parenting courses are proving very popular and helpful.

Civic & Community Engagement

The church continues to be actively involved in the local community including civic functions and charitable events with the Rotary Club.

Financial Review

The financial activity of the charity is detailed in the Financial Statements attached which have been prepared by B K Plus Limited Chartered Certified Accountants.

The trustees are satisfied that the Financial Accounts reflect an accurate account of the year's activities.

The Income and Expenditure figures for year ended 31st December 2022 shows a net deficit of expenditure over income of £15,159(2021: excess of income over expenditure £32,979).

The Balance Sheet reveals net assets of £903,566 (2021 : £930,382)

Whilst the charity remains in a strong and healthy financial position to support its ongoing work and vision, the trustees are reliant upon community grants to supplement the generous giving of church members.

All designated giving, e.g. Grants, International China Concern, Building Fund, Ukraine Refugees, Romanian children etc. was directed in full to the designated account or recipient, together with allocated Gift Aid.

The Trustees are continually reviewing the financial position and are confident that the significant cash reserves which have accumulated through prudent management will enable the church to continue to maintain all its ministries with its financial commitments and obligations.

Plans for the future

Our goal will continue to be the advancement of the Christian faith and the building of God's Kingdom through all the ministries described in the report, whilst being open to new initiatives through the guidance and inspiration of The Holy Spirit.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy is as follows:

Tier 1 – Long Term

The trustees will maintain a minimum cash balance of £85,000 overall funds to ensure continuation of operations, e.g. payment of wages and salaries, running and maintenance costs of buildings, fixtures and fittings.

Tier 2 – Short Term

The trustees will review the reserves policy annually when approving the accounts and make appropriate amendments in the light of current circumstances.

Volunteers

The church relies on the contribution made by its volunteers. These volunteers deliver services and also act as trustees, administrators, fundraisers and in other roles.

Risk Management

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at the current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Safeguarding

The church operates Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults and Working with Offenders policies. All people working with young people and children and vulnerable adults are DBS checked.

Health and Safety

Issues are reviewed monthly at the Trustees' meetings and the appointment of a new Health & Safety officer is imminent.

Independent Examiners

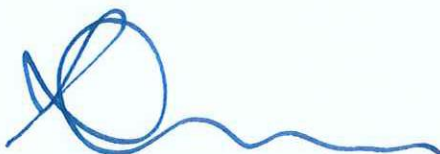
Walleys were appointed as independent examiners during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity. (Walleys are now known as BK Plus Limited. Steve Orme remains our main contact).

Church in the Community

We have continued to help more and more vulnerable and needy people and families and we are seeing many of them become part of the church family.

The church has experienced further growth during the year under review with more and more people and families becoming committed church members.

We continue to be committed to the 'Great Commission' to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19) and to see God's people 'growing and being built up in love, as each part does its work' (Ephesians 4:16)



Stephen Hodgkinson MBE
Chairman of Trustees

Dated:

20th July 2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of
New Life Church Congleton**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the New Life Church Congleton (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 14 to 29.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

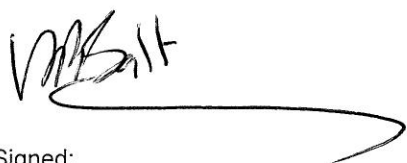
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Signed:

21st July 2023 .

Dated :

K. Salt (FCCA)
BK Plus Audit Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Adventure Place
Hanley
Stoke on Trent
ST1 3AF

New Life Church Congleton
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | 2022 Total £ | 2021 Total £ |
|---|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | | | | | | |
| Donations & Grants | 2 | 288,505 | 162,235 | - | 450,740 | 438,028 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 155,050 | - | - | 155,050 | 106,660 |
| Fundraising activities | 4 | 10,442 | - | - | 10,442 | 9,660 |
| Investment income | 5 | 223 | - | - | 223 | 7 |
| <i>Total income</i> | | <u>454,220</u> | <u>162,235</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>616,455</u> | <u>554,355</u> |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Cost of raising funds | | | | | | |
| Fundraising | 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Expenditure on charitable activities: | | | | | | |
| Ministry | 8 | 205,432 | 149 | - | 205,581 | 184,666 |
| Youth, children and schools outreach | | 90,107 | - | - | 90,107 | 81,539 |
| Caring ministries | | 1,996 | 70,779 | - | 72,775 | 66,332 |
| Support of missionaries and other charity donations | 9 | 21,792 | 61,451 | - | 83,243 | 52,719 |
| Nursery | | 109,584 | - | - | 109,584 | 93,809 |
| Café and bookshop | | 81,982 | - | - | 81,982 | 84,374 |
| <i>Total expenditure</i> | | <u>510,893</u> | <u>132,379</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>643,272</u> | <u>563,439</u> |
| <i>Net income/(expenditure)</i> | | (56,673) | 29,856 | - | (26,817) | (9,084) |
| Transfer between funds | | | | | | |
| Gross transfers between funds | 16 | 18,188 | (18,188) | - | - | - |
| <i>Net movement in funds</i> | | <u>(38,485)</u> | <u>11,668</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(26,817)</u> | <u>(9,084)</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 636,439 | 71,238 | 222,705 | 930,382 | 939,466 |
| <i>Total funds carried forward</i> | | <u>597,954</u> | <u>82,906</u> | <u>222,705</u> | <u>903,565</u> | <u>930,382</u> |

**New Life Church Congleton
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2022**

| | Notes | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 11 | 460,406 | 478,797 |
| <i>Total fixed assets</i> | | <u>460,406</u> | <u>478,797</u> |
| Current assets | | | |
| Stock | | 10,221 | 13,891 |
| Debtors | 12 | 34,343 | 36,895 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 421,820 | 422,808 |
| <i>Total current assets</i> | | <u>466,384</u> | <u>473,594</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | 23,225 | 22,009 |
| <i>Net current assets</i> | | <u>443,159</u> | <u>451,585</u> |
| <i>Total assets less current liabilities</i> | | <u>903,565</u> | <u>930,382</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 14 | - | - |
| <i>Net assets</i> | | <u><u>903,565</u></u> | <u><u>930,382</u></u> |
| The funds of the charity: | | | |
| Endowment fund | 15 | 222,705 | 222,705 |
| Restricted income funds | 16 | 82,906 | 71,238 |
| Unrestricted income funds | | | |
| General funds | 17 | 597,954 | 636,439 |
| <i>Total charity funds</i> | | <u><u>903,565</u></u> | <u><u>930,382</u></u> |

The notes at pages 17 to 29 form part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on the date shown below and signed on their behalf by:

Stephen Neil Hodgkinson MBE

Date:

20th July 2023

**New Life Church Congleton
Statement of Cash Flows
as at 31 December 2022**

| | Notes | Total funds 2022 £ | Total funds 2021 £ |
|--|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Net cash used in operating | 20 | <u>14,910</u> | <u>93,133</u> |
| <i>Cash flows from investing</i> | | | |
| Interest and dividends | | 223 | 7 |
| Property improvement costs | | (4,036) | (7,833) |
| Purchase of furniture and equipment | | (12,085) | (25,563) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | | - | - |
| Net cash provided by investing | | <u>(15,898)</u> | <u>(33,389)</u> |
| <i>Cash flows from financing</i> | | | |
| Repayment of borrowing | | - | - |
| Cash inflow from new borrowings | | - | - |
| Net cash provided by financing | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Change in cash and cash | | (988) | 59,744 |
| Cash and cash equivalent brought | | 422,808 | 363,064 |
| Cash and cash equivalents carried | | <u><u>421,820</u></u> | <u><u>422,808</u></u> |

**New Life Church Congleton
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund structure

The charity maintains various types of funds as follows:

Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which are to be held permanently by the charity.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes.

Designated funds

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside out of unrestricted funds at the discretion of the trustees which are therefore not available for other purposes.

General unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds represent unrestricted income which is expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

**New Life Church Congleton
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Incoming recognition

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a claim for repayment of income tax has or will be made, such income is grossed up for the tax recoverable. The following accounting policies are applied to income:

Gifts in kind and donated goods

Assets given for distribution by the charity are recognised as income for the year only when they are distributed. Where such undistributed assets exist at the year end, they are not included in the accounts but a note is provided of their estimated value. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised as incoming resources at their estimated market value when receivable. If they form part of the fixed assets of the charity, they are capitalised in the balance sheet at the value at which the gift was included in incoming resources. Assets given in kind for conversion into cash and subsequent application by the charity are recognised as income in the accounting period when receivable. All estimates of value of such gifts are made by the trustees.

Donations

Donations and all other receipts from fundraising are reported gross and the related fundraising costs are reported in other expenditure.

Investment income

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable relating to investment income is accounted for in the same period as the related income.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants payable are accounted for when the trustees have accepted a legal or moral obligation to make the grant.

Allocation of overhead, support and governance costs

Costs have been allocated first to the charitable activity concerned. Overhead, support and governance costs relating to Charitable Activities have been apportioned based on usage. The allocation of overhead, support and governance costs is shown in note 7.

Costs of generating funds

The cost of generating funds consist of the support costs in relation to the administration support provided with regard to room hire.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise of those costs incurred in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly and the relevant amount of support costs that relate to that particular activity.

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Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation which is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 20% reducing balance |
| Equipment | straight line over 5 years |
| Building improvements | straight line over 15 years |
| Property | straight line over 50 years |

Operating leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities in equal amounts over the period of the lease.

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Grants

Grants receivable are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) in the year for which they are received. Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Charitable commitments

Commitments which are legally binding on the trustees are accounted for as resources expended in the statement of financial activities. Where the promise of financial support is not binding on the trustees, such intentions are accounted for by a transfer to a designated fund. Activities that are to be wholly financed from future income do not form part of such designation and are disclosed in a note to the accounts.

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| 2 Donations & Grants | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Gifts and donations | 285,755 | 157,585 | 443,340 | 377,349 |
| Independent Food COVID Grant | - | - | - | 100 |
| William Dean Trust - Volunteer Manager | - | 500 | 500 | - |
| Neighbourly Limited Community Fund | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | - |
| Congleton Inclosure Trust - Sensory Room Grant | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | - |
| Congleton Inclosure Trust - Improvement grant | - | - | - | 4,180 |
| Rotary and Childrens Trust | 1,750 | - | 1,750 | - |
| John Holford Trust - Storehouse | - | - | - | 5,000 |
| Plus Dane Grant | - | 50 | 50 | 1,000 |
| Ground Work UK | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | - |
| Congleton Young People Trust | - | - | - | 500 |
| Cheshire East - Furniture Recycling Grant | - | 100 | 100 | - |
| CJRS COVID Furlough Grant | - | - | - | 48,199 |
| Cheshire Freemasons - Storehouse | - | - | - | 500 |
| Congleton Town Council - Equipment Grant | - | - | - | 200 |
| Congleton Town Trust - Nursery Sensory Room | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| | <u>288,505</u> | <u>162,235</u> | <u>450,740</u> | <u>438,028</u> |

3 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Ministry sundry income | 500 | - | 500 | 538 |
| Nursery school fees | 85,119 | - | 85,119 | 70,898 |
| Nursery sundry income | 438 | - | 438 | 421 |
| Café and bookshop income | 67,831 | - | 67,831 | 34,677 |
| Events | 1,162 | - | 1,162 | 126 |
| | <u>155,050</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>155,050</u> | <u>106,660</u> |

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| | | | | | |
|----------|---|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 4 | Income from fundraising activities | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2022 | 2021 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Room hire | 10,442 | - | 10,442 | 9,660 |
| | Miscellaneous events and income | - | - | - | - |
| | | <u>10,442</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>10,442</u> | <u>9,660</u> |
| 5 | Investment income | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2022 | 2021 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Bank interest from UK cash deposits | 223 | - | 223 | 7 |
| | | <u>223</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>223</u> | <u>7</u> |
| 6 | Cost of raising funds | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2022 | 2021 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Fundraising: | | | | |
| | Room hire support costs (note 7) | - | - | - | - |
| | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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| | | 7 Allocation of support and governance costs | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--|-------------------|---|---------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ministry | Youth, children and schools outreach | Caring ministries | Support of missionaries and other charity donations | Nursery | Café and bookshop | Fund raising | 2022 | 2021 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Insurance | 5,882 | - | - | - | - | 654 | - | 6,536 | 7,647 |
| Heat and light | 5,072 | - | - | - | 2,536 | 5,072 | - | 12,680 | 6,863 |
| Repairs | 5,286 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,286 | 3,839 |
| Depreciation: | | | | | | | | | |
| Land and buildings | 9,244 | - | - | - | 1,849 | 1,233 | - | 12,326 | 12,436 |
| Building improvement | 5,762 | - | - | - | 1,152 | 768 | - | 7,682 | 7,972 |
| Fixtures, fittings and equipment | 10,153 | - | - | - | 725 | 3,626 | - | 14,504 | 12,715 |
| IT costs | 6,100 | 2,346 | 938 | - | - | - | - | 9,384 | 7,623 |
| Bank charges | 135 | - | - | - | 27 | 18 | - | 180 | 166 |
| Telephone | 3,669 | - | 432 | - | 216 | - | - | 4,317 | 4,771 |
| Printing and stationery | 2,283 | 623 | 415 | - | 623 | 208 | - | 4,152 | 3,967 |
| Staff costs | 31,522 | - | 3,940 | - | 3,288 | 652 | - | 39,402 | 39,768 |
| Governance costs | 2,970 | 810 | 542 | - | 810 | 270 | - | 5,402 | 4,926 |
| | <u>88,078</u> | <u>3,779</u> | <u>6,267</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>11,226</u> | <u>12,501</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>121,851</u> | <u>112,693</u> |
| Governance costs | | | | | | | | | |
| Legal & professional | | | | | | | | 2,102 | 1,626 |
| Accounts and independent examiners fee | | | | | | | | <u>3,300</u> | <u>3,300</u> |
| | | | | | | | | <u>5,402</u> | <u>4,926</u> |

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8 Charitable activities expenditure

| | Ministry £ | Youth, children and schools outreach £ | Caring ministries Storehouse £ | Caring ministries Furniture Recycling | Caring ministries Jubilee & Job Club | Caring ministries Other | Support of missionaries and other charity donations £ | Nursery £ | Café and bookshop £ | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Salaries | 88,358 | 77,622 | - | - | - | 34,201 | - | 91,349 | 33,451 | 324,981 | 297,663 |
| Alpha course expenses | 3,046 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,046 | 1,500 |
| Preaching and Visiting Speakers | 6,790 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,790 | 6,589 |
| Outreach expenses | 2,479 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,479 | 3,734 |
| Evangelism working expenses | 1,200 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Evangelism outreach | 1,871 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,871 | 2,081 |
| Promotional | 432 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 432 | 370 |
| Mini Bus costs | 1,892 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,052 | 939 | 15,661 | 15,750 |
| Sundry expenses | 10,670 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,398 | 1,447 |
| School ministry | - | 4,398 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,191 | 1,398 |
| Event costs | - | 4,191 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 879 | 50 |
| Training and development | 762 | 117 | - | - | - | - | 83,243 | - | - | 85,278 | 53,318 |
| Grants and donations made | - | - | - | - | - | 2,035 | - | - | - | 729 | 527 |
| Caring ministry - Counselling | - | - | - | - | - | 729 | - | - | - | 1,908 | 213 |
| Caring ministry - Jubilee project | - | - | - | - | 1,908 | - | - | - | - | 1,908 | 213 |
| Caring ministry - Storehouse | - | - | 18,447 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18,447 | 13,753 |
| Caring ministry - General | - | - | - | - | - | 44 | - | - | - | 44 | 378 |
| Caring ministry - Hardship fund | - | - | - | - | - | 3,841 | - | - | - | 3,841 | 3,197 |
| Caring ministry - Furniture recycling | - | - | - | 4,835 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,835 | 8,102 |
| Caring ministry - Family support | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,100 |
| Caring ministry - Bereavement support | - | - | - | - | - | 469 | - | - | - | 469 | 151 |
| Nursery materials and equipment | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,981 | - | 1,981 | 523 |
| Repairs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 977 | - | 977 | 70 |
| Café and bookshop supplies | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 33,659 | 33,659 | 21,688 |
| Café and bookshop stationery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 34 | 34 | 22 |
| Stock write off | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15,000 |
| Bank charges | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,400 | 1,400 | 923 |
| Support costs (Note 7) | 88,078 | 3,779 | 3,133 | 3,133 | - | - | - | 11,226 | 12,501 | 121,850 | 112,692 |
| | <u>205,578</u> | <u>90,107</u> | <u>21,580</u> | <u>7,968</u> | <u>1,908</u> | <u>41,319</u> | <u>83,243</u> | <u>109,565</u> | <u>81,984</u> | <u>643,272</u> | <u>563,439</u> |

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| 9 Support of missionaries and other charity donations | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Material grants payable by the trust: 2 grants were made to individual missionaries (2021:2) | - | 9,348 | 9,348 | 9,770 |
| South African Missionary Work | - | 12,599 | 12,599 | 14,478 |
| Amic mission- Romania - Special visit | - | 3,295 | 3,295 | 1,450 |
| Mali appeal | - | 1,122 | 1,122 | - |
| ICC- China | 2,475 | 3,975 | 6,450 | 6,650 |
| Christian Aid | - | 1,775 | 1,775 | 1,750 |
| Romania children's home | - | 10,522 | 10,522 | 10,061 |
| Support to Romania -Ukrainian Refugees | - | 9,022 | 9,022 | - |
| Support to Slovakia -Ukrainian Refugees | 7,022 | - | 7,022 | - |
| Other small grants to charities | 9,395 | - | 12,695 | 8,290 |
| Special donations from the Church Family Fund | 2,500 | 9,793 | 12,293 | 270 |
| | <u>21,792</u> | <u>61,451</u> | <u>83,243</u> | <u>52,719</u> |

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10 Staff numbers and costs

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year, was as follows:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| Nursery staff | 10 | 9 |
| Coffee shop and bookshop staff | 5 | 6 |
| Admin staff | 3 | 3 |
| Youth and children's ministry | 5 | 5 |
| Counsellor | 1 | 1 |
| Cleaning | 3 | 1 |
| Church leadership | 1 | 1 |
| Volunteer manager/co-ordinator | 1 | 1 |
| Family Support Ministry | 2 | 2 |
| | 31 | 29 |

The aggregate payroll costs of the above was:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 345,549 | 319,420 |
| Social security costs | 13,736 | 13,130 |
| Pension costs | 5,098 | 4,881 |
| Total emoluments (remuneration and taxable benefits) | 364,383 | 337,431 |

No employees emoluments exceeded £60,000.

The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees.

No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year (2021: Nil).

Transactions with trustees

No trustees received any remuneration during the period. Mr S N Hodgkinson received £1,200 by way of a nominal allowance towards out of pocket expenses during the year.

Mrs M Sanders, wife of Mr R Sanders who is a trustee was employed by the charity as family support worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £5,316

Mrs J Crichton, daughter of Mr S Hodgkinson MBE and sister of Rachel Mellor who are trustees was employed by the charity as a family support worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £14,506.

Mrs S Wood, sister of Mrs Linda Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as a youth and children's minister. The salary paid during the year amounted to £22,100

Mr G Wood, brother-in-law of Mrs Linda Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as Assistant Manager in Words and Music. The salary paid during the year amounted to £16,623.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

| | Freehold Land & Buildings £ | Building Improve- ments £ | Fixtures & Equipment £ | Total £ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Cost | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2022 | 548,353 | 205,915 | 324,938 | 1,079,206 |
| Additions | - | 4,036 | 12,085 | 16,121 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - |
| At 31 December 2022 | <u>548,353</u> | <u>209,951</u> | <u>337,023</u> | <u>1,095,327</u> |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2022 | 174,085 | 165,325 | 260,999 | 600,409 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - |
| Charge for the year | 12,326 | 7,683 | 14,503 | 34,512 |
| At 31 December 2022 | <u>186,411</u> | <u>173,008</u> | <u>275,502</u> | <u>634,921</u> |
| Net book value | | | | |
| At 31 December 2022 | <u>361,942</u> | <u>36,943</u> | <u>61,521</u> | <u>460,406</u> |
| As at 1 January 2022 | <u>374,268</u> | <u>40,590</u> | <u>63,939</u> | <u>478,797</u> |

The property from which the charity operates is included at cost. The property's current value cannot be quantified as this depends on the future possible use of the site.

12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Gift Aid accrued income | 30,209 | 32,919 |
| Prepayments | 4,134 | 3,976 |
| Sundry debtors | - | - |
| | <u>34,343</u> | <u>36,895</u> |

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Taxation and social security | 5,736 | 5,032 |
| Other creditors | - | - |
| Accruals | 4,910 | 4,945 |
| Deferred income | 12,579 | 12,032 |
| | <u>23,225</u> | <u>22,009</u> |

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bank loan | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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15 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent the charity's property which is the fellowship's permanent place of worship.

| | 2021 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2022 Balance £ |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Property fund (cost) | 222,705 | - | - | - | 222,705 |
| Total endowment funds | <u>222,705</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>222,705</u> |

This fund represents donations and gifts from church members together with grants towards the purchase and extension of the church property which was previously rented. The implied conditions of donations and grants being that the church permanently function from this site. In accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (SORP 2005) an endowment fund has been created.

16 Restricted funds

The movements on the restricted funds of the charity were as follows:

| | 2021 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2022 Balance £ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Church building fund | - | 5,018 | - | (4,035) | 983 |
| Nursery facility improvement fund | 1,000 | 302 | - | (1,302) | - |
| Charities and missionaries fund | 2,383 | 38,906 | 35,206 | - | 6,083 |
| Romanian children's home | 10,393 | 14,113 | 15,554 | - | 8,952 |
| Ukrainian refugee support fund | - | 10,000 | 900 | - | 9,100 |
| Church youth fund | - | - | - | - | - |
| Church family fund | 1,180 | 11,125 | 9,793 | - | 2,512 |
| Capital grants | - | 2,000 | - | (2,000) | - |
| Caring ministry funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| - General | - | 27,654 | 27,654 | - | - |
| - Storehouse | 54,081 | 47,433 | 37,126 | (10,000) | 54,388 |
| - Furniture recycling | - | 4,089 | 4,089 | - | - |
| - Hardship fund | - | 760 | 760 | - | - |
| - Jubilee Club | - | 679 | 679 | - | - |
| - Dementia group | 1,201 | 156 | 469 | - | 888 |
| - Tools for love thy neighbour | 1,000 | - | 149 | (851) | - |
| | <u>71,238</u> | <u>162,235</u> | <u>132,379</u> | <u>(18,188)</u> | <u>82,906</u> |

Transfers

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds relate to grants received towards support cost expenditure which was incurred during the year. Therefore the conditions of the grants have been met and the grant income was transferred into unrestricted funds.

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17 Unrestricted funds

| | 2021 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2022 Balance £ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Valuation reserve (Unrealised gain) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated funds: | | | | | |
| Local evangelism account | - | 1,373 | 1,373 | - | - |
| General fund | 636,439 | 452,847 | 509,520 | 18,188 | 597,954 |
| Total unrestricted funds | <u>636,439</u> | <u>454,220</u> | <u>510,893</u> | <u>18,188</u> | <u>597,954</u> |

The local evangelism account represents monies intended to be used for the promotion of the charity via evangelistic, civic and community events

All funds are considered adequate to meet their intended purposes.

| 18 Analysis of net assets between funds | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fund balances as at 31 December 2022 are represented by: | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 478,797 | - | 222,705 | 460,406 |
| Current assets | 473,594 | 82,906 | - | 466,384 |
| Creditors: | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | (22,009) | - | - | (23,225) |
| Amounts falling due in more than one year | - | - | - | - |
| Total net assets | <u>597,954</u> | <u>82,906</u> | <u>222,705</u> | <u>903,565</u> |

19 Commitments

There were no commitments for capital expenditure at the year end (2021: none).

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Net movement in funds | (26,817) | (9,084) |
| Add back depreciation charge | 34,512 | 33,123 |
| Deduct interest income shown on investing activities | (223) | (7) |
| Decrease (increase) in stock | 3,670 | 23,547 |
| Decrease (increase) in debtors | 2,552 | 44,062 |
| Increase (decrease) in creditors | 1,216 | 1,492 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | <u>14,910</u> | <u>93,133</u> |

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21 Obsolete stock write off

Last year a review of the stock held in the Charity's Christian Bookshop was undertaken. A significant amount of the stock was found to unsaleable due to its age, condition and obsolescence. The exact value of the stock written off cannot be identified however it was believed to be in region of £15,000.

NEW LIFE CHURCH CONGLETON

England & Wales - Charity number 514539

Accounts

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Reference and administrative information

TRUSTEES

Stephen Neil Hodgkinson
Peter Martin
Giles Osborn Chapman
George Hurlstone
Susan Sparks
Michael Burgess
Rory Sanders
Diane Sadlier (resigned 6th February 2022)
Benedict Gaddum
Linda Hurlstone
Rachel Mellor (appointed 6th February 2022)
Peter Minshull (appointed 6th February 2022)

TRUST ADDRESS

Danesford Community Centre
West Road
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 4EY

LEGAL STATUS

The charity was formed as a trust under a trust deed dated 21 October 1983
(With Deed of Variation dated 8 April 2000 and 13 December 2010)
Registered with the Charity Commission - Registration Number 514539
The charity was formerly known as New Life Christian Fellowship

BANKERS

The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC
Drummond House (GE) Branch, Edinburgh

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

D. Fox (FCCA)
Walleys Chartered Certified Accountants (WCCA Limited)
Adventure Place
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ST1 3AF

ANNUAL REPORT

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the trustees' annual report which is published on the same date as these accounts.



Danesford Community Centre
West Road, Congleton
Cheshire, CW12 4EY

New Life Church, Congleton.

Trustees Report

as at 31st December 2021

Registered Charity No. 514539

Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland,
Drummond House (GE) Branch, Edinburgh

Independent Examiner:

Mr D Fox
Walletts,
Adventure Place, Hanley, Stoke on Trent

Solicitors:

Fiona Bruce & Co
Justice House, Stockton Heath
Warrington

History

The church was founded in 1983 and operates as a Charitable Trust under its Trust Deed dated 21st October 1983, which also contains the Statement of Doctrines, and by which the church life and business is conducted.

A subsequent Deed of Variation dated 8th April 2000 was registered with the Charity Commissioners.

Further Deeds of Variation dated 13th December 2010 authorised the change of name from New Life Christian Fellowship, Congleton to New Life Church, Congleton and 19th January 2021 clarifying conflicts of interest procedures of Trustee meetings.

The church began as a small house fellowship, often referred to as a 'House Church'. As it grew and expanded, the church needed larger premises to hold its Sunday Services and to develop other ministries in the local community.

The church acquired the freehold on the premises known as Danesford Community Centre from NCH Action for Children, from whom the premises were previously rented, during the financial year ended 31st October 2000. The cost was £185,000.

Major improvements and refurbishments have taken place and continue to take place as the trustees seek to maintain the facility to a high standard and ensure compliance with all health and safety and hygiene regulations and standards.

A major first floor extension was completed in 2015 and provides four additional rooms and a tea bar. All rooms are being used extensively and are proving a great asset to the community centre, which is recognised as a **Community Hub**.

Review of centre facilities

The extension to the renamed Family Room which was completed in the summer of 2017 has proved to be a great addition to our centre facilities.

The church's involvement in the community has continued to expand during the year with numerous voluntary organisations, clubs, societies, fundraising bodies, especially those involving children and young people, using the centre. Building work has been undertaken, racking installed and two and a large fridge freezers purchased in what has now officially become The Storehouse Foodbank room.

The centre also has a specially designated **Counselling Room** where people with difficult personal issues, including addictions are helped.

Post COVID, most of the community and church groups have returned, e.g. U3A groups, Less Abled group, Forget-me-not group, Bridge Club, Wine Appreciation, Badminton, Table Tennis, Friday's Fab, Friday Youth, Little Angels, Shining Stars, Mum's Space, Yvon's Fitness Group, Friends for Leisure, Pure Insight.

New Life Church provides spaces on the car park to house the two Congleton Community Partnership Minibuses and their hire/usage diary and fuel is managed through the church office.

New Life Church is a member of The Evangelical Alliance, Churches Together in Congleton, Congleton Bible Week and an Associate of the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) and closely associated with various local government community partnerships, including the CVS (Council for Voluntary Service Cheshire East).

Aims and Objectives

The charity's objectives are as follows:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith.
2. The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick.
3. The provision of instruction in the principles of the Christian faith at any educational establishment.
4. To promote and support such other charitable schemes or projects as may be established to benefit the public and in particular the provision of facilities for a community centre in Congleton for the use and benefit of local residents.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Elders

The governance of the church is under an appointed Eldership, which is responsible for sound doctrine in accordance with scripture, and for the overall vision and direction of the church.

Elders serving during the year under review were:

Stephen Hodgkinson
Peter Martin
Jeff Cutts

The Trustees

Under the Trust Deed, trustees are appointed to be responsible and accountable for the financial integrity of the church, including property, equipment, fixtures & fittings. The trustees serving during the year under review were:

| | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| George Hurlstone (Secretary) | Stephen Hodgkinson (Chairman) |
| Sue Sparks | Peter Martin |
| Diane Sadlier (resigned 6 th February 2022) | Giles Chapman |
| Rory Sanders (Deputy Chairman) | Michael Burgess |
| Linda Hurlstone | Benedict Gaddum |

The trustees are empowered to appoint a treasurer to maintain the accounts of the church and this position has been undertaken by Richard Crowder

The trustees normally meet each month, except August, to review and make decisions in all matters relating to the church finances, employment, health and safety, safeguarding/child protection and the general running of the centre. A full financial review is undertaken each quarter. Minutes of the meetings are taken and maintained by the church administrator.

The trustees employ a Church Administrator Louise Davies, whose contract is for 33.75 hours per week for 42 weeks per annum.

None of the trustees receive any financial remuneration or benefits in kind from the Trust, other than a contribution towards out of pocket expenses paid to S Hodgkinson as declared in the accounts.

Governance

The Church holds an Annual General Meeting and for the year under review was held on Sunday 6th February 2022 at which a summary of income and expenditure was presented, together with a summary of ministry reports. ***Three trustees retiring by rotation offered themselves for re-election and were duly re-elected.***

Marriages

The church centre is licensed and registered with the Superintendent Registrar to conduct marriage ceremonies under certificate. Our Registered Number is 42430. One wedding was conducted during the year under review. New proceedings were introduced by the General Register Office (GRO) and all our Marriage Registers were surrendered to Cheshire East Registration Office, Municipal Buildings Crewe during the year under review.

Covid 19 regulations and protocols were gradually relaxed during 2021 under the watchful direction of the COVID sub-committee which continued to meet fortnightly on Zoom under the chairmanship of trustee Ben Gaddum. New configurations were made in the church office layout, and this has led to The Boardroom becoming an office for the Administrator and Treasurer. We are very grateful for all the extra work which has been undertaken by all concerned.

Church Ministries

Prayer Ministry

Prayer underpins and sustains everything that takes place within and out from New Life Church and new ministries are birthed in prayer. Regular times of corporate prayer are held at the centre and in Life Groups throughout the week. Individual church members are encouraged to pray privately each day and special prayer events are held from time to time. During the year under review, we have experienced amazing answers to prayer evidenced by miraculous healings, guidance for individual lives and new opportunities for the church to serve the community. Regular prayer clinics are held and the church elders are always available to pray for people's needs and situations.

Members of The Prayer Ministry Team are always available on Sunday mornings to pray with people after the service.

The direct link with SOZO has been relinquished but deep prayer ministry using their basic principles continues. Prayer training was introduced and is continuing.

Healing Rooms England & Wales

We provide room/office facilities on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Healing Rooms ministry whose headquarters are located at New Life Church Centre.

Preaching Ministry

The church Elders continue to have overall responsibility for the preaching and teaching of sound biblical truths bringing guidance, direction and vision to the church.

Inspirational preaching is provided through church members and from time to time visiting speakers.

The Elders are particularly grateful to Paul Williams, Catherine Krinks and Shane Wright who form the core of the preaching ministry team.

Praise & Worship Ministry

Christian Contemporary Music plays a key part in our Sunday worship services and the church is blessed with a good number of gifted Holy Spirit anointed musicians and singers from whom we currently have several worship bands who alternate for various periods during the year.

The bands are supported by a dedicated team of audio and visual technicians.

Sanctuary Worship provides an extended time of praise and worship with an open time to hear from The Lord. This usually takes place monthly on the third Tuesday evening.

Life Groups, Discipleship and Pastoral Care

The church is committed to the discipleship and pastoral care of church members and this is undertaken in a variety of ways, primarily small groups. All new people joining the church are encouraged to join a small group or be linked to one.

Equip Foundations, is now well established and is very well attended including many people who recently completed the Alpha Course.

A new '**Living God's Way**' course for new disciples takes place, primarily for those who have recently completed an Alpha Course.

Hospital Ministry

Sadly these remain suspended due to hospital Covid regulations.

Evangelism

The church is committed to evangelism within the local community. Church members carry this out most effectively through personal witnessing and development of friendships and relationships. Church wide **Alpha Courses** continue to be held every year in the autumn and spring terms. Alpha continues to be the main tool to assist members in introducing friends, neighbours and colleagues to the Christian faith. We have seen encouraging growth in attendance on Alpha Courses and these have been followed by foundation courses.

Five new believers were baptised during the year.

The spring term Alpha on Zoom did not take place, but **live** Alpha was re-established in the autumn term, both morning and evening courses which were both very well attended. Praise God!

Special events, e.g. Theatre Productions and Concerts are also held occasionally and these events provide an ideal opportunity to introduce people to the Christian faith.

Life Groups play an essential part in Alpha by introducing guests and in providing the excellent weekly meals for the evening courses.

A meeting was held with our Regional Alpha Representative which led to a special Alpha Sunday in January 2022 when she brought an inspiring message and a **Youth Alpha Course** started in 2022.

A comprehensive report of all the church's ministries is produced and reported at the AGM. A copy is available on request.

Primary Schools' Ministry

We continue to sponsor the **Bible Explorer** ministry, now known as **O/T Mini and N/T Mini**, to local primary schools and these are being very well received by pupils and staff and commended by Ofsted. This is undertaken by our team which now includes Tina O'Hara.

We conduct a one hour lesson in all the primary schools preparing year 6 pupils who are moving up to High School and present each pupil with an '**It's your move**' book produced by Scripture Union. This is funded by Churches Together in Congleton.

Open the Book, has continued to flourish in several local schools under the guidance and leadership of Clare Harvey, working in conjunction with local churches. (Clare has subsequently stepped down and a presentation made to her in 2022).

An initiative called '**Prayer Spaces**' has continued in Marton School providing opportunities for children to pray in interactive ways over three days.

Our Children's ministry team also conduct assemblies in most primary schools and a new initiative called 'The Hope Journey' takes place, working with other local churches.

High Schools Ministry

We have a longstanding strong relationship with our two High Schools in Congleton and 'normal service' resumed in September following COVID.

Nursery Group

This includes Pre-School and The Rainbow Room, catering for pre-school children on a sessional basis. *Fees are charged and part-time staff are paid on a pro-rata basis per session. Staff are paid above the minimum wage and Childcare level 3 qualifications are recognised with an additional hourly rate supplement. Holiday pay is the required statutory 5.6 weeks.

(*Most three & four year old children are now funded by Cheshire East Council Children & Families plus some two year olds who meet the special funding criteria.)

Individual Pupil Funding (IPF) is secured to cover one to one support for special needs children.

The Nursery Group continues to provide high quality pre-school provision. This is under the leadership of Alison Timbey our Nursery Manager together with Rachel Williams and Sarah Morris, the Deputy Managers.

We believe in the inclusion of all children and we have developed and been recognised as a centre of excellence for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Nursery is judged **GOOD** following the last Ofsted inspection in October 2019.

Open Evenings for parents are held each year to discuss the progress of their children. "Numbers of children being enrolled has been reduced due to primary schools opening their own pre-schools and more parents requiring full day care for their children."

Zang Qui Xi, who is sponsored by our nursery families, is a special needs child in the Lighthouse orphanage in Chagsha Province in China which is part of the church's ministry and support for International China Concern.

New Life Nursery is a member of the Early Years Alliance and is registered with Children and Families Cheshire East.

Special services will resume for nursery children and families at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Summer Sports, all of which are extremely well attended, in the coming year.

New Life Nursery Group maintains a strong Christian ethos with daily prayers, Bible stories and songs.

Words and Music / Christian Resources and Coffee Shop

Jennifer Follett stood down as manager at the end of the year to take up a new career as a 'ghost writer' and our thanks are extended to her for her commitment to this ministry having taken over the role in January 2019.

Emma Davies has been appointed manager w.e.f. 1st January 2022 and she is looking to bring a fresh vision with extended opening hours to her role which will include three new part-time assistants to support herself and Geoff Wood.

Childrens' and Youth Ministry

We have an excellent team of enthusiastic and committed leaders in Beth Cosgrove, Sue Wood, Callum Davies and Chloe Page who provide energy, imagination and creativity to this ministry, working well together as a team.

The church remains totally committed to children and young people and continues to invest unreservedly in this ministry.

Design and Publicity and Communication

Julie Thomas undertakes the role of running **Facebook**, keeping the **Website** up to date, and effectively communicating through Social Media. She is employed by the church one day per week.

We are indebted to **Elaine Sharples** for her excellent work in designing our Alpha leaflets, publicity items and adverts for the local press.

Ministry to Deaf People

Loop systems exist in the Main Hall, Social Room and Children's Room.

Fairly Traded Goods

New Life Church encourages support for Fair Trade which is promoted through Words & Music.

UK Missions

The church provides regular financial support to the following:

- Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons International)
- United Christian Broadcasters (UCB)
- Alpha UK
- Christian Institute
- Lifelink
- Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)
- Care
- Churches in Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy
- Image
- Bible Society
- Open Doors
- Street Pastors
- Healing Rooms
- Sat 7 TV
- Message Trust

Other one-off gifts are made on approval of the trustees.

Overseas Missions

The church support various overseas missions financially on a regular basis in China, Slovakia, Romania, Africa and India plus support for the Persecuted Church worldwide through Open Doors charity.

Samaritan's Purse (Christmas Shoeboxes)

New Life Church acts as a collecting centre. Thanks to Yvon Degens and Ruth Speed in organising the collection.

Caring Ministries / Serving the Community

Objective 2 of our Trust Deed states "The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick"

The major expansion of this work has continued during the year under review and we have further extended our network of referring agencies with whom we have excellent working relationships.

Various grants have generously been made available to support this vital work and the trustees are extremely grateful to several agencies, charities and grant making bodies.

Christian Counselling and Listening Service

This is run by Louise Daniels, a fully qualified counsellor accredited by BACP and ACC. The service is open to people both in and outside the church and many people are referred through local agencies.

The church carries specialist professional indemnity insurance for this ministry.

Image (Pregnancy Crisis Support and Child Loss)

We have been operating a satellite service for Image for several years and we now have a dedicated qualified team under the leadership of Louise Daniels.

We are running a confidential helpline every **Monday** evening and referring clients when requested. This will be changing in 2022.

Storehouse Project

This project continues to experience **very strong demand** and the church is extremely grateful for extra grants and an amazing response from the local community.

Joanna Crichton and Lynnsey Miles oversee the Storehouse and during the year have built a great team of reliable volunteers.

The Storehouse Project, which was launched October 2010 has had an amazing impact within the community where more and more people and families have benefitted from crisis food parcels.

Generous donations of food from church members, local schools and other churches in the town have kept The Storehouse stocked with food and essential items, plus some very generous regular financial gifts from people outside the church enables us to boost stocks on a regular basis.

Collections at Tesco Congleton have also boosted stocks and the church is very grateful to the generosity of the Congleton public. (We are now included in Tesco's national food collection known as Fair Share) which takes place twice each year.

Regular bulletins are produced for general information.

Circa 400 Christmas Hampers, Bags of Joy and presents are provided to needy families and individuals referred to us by various support agencies.

Furniture and Electricals Recycling / New Life Community Partnership

The church for many years has sourced good condition second hand items, passing them on to those who are being re-housed, having previously been homeless.

The church works in conjunction with the warehouse and team based on Bromley Road and is very grateful to them for their support, without which the service could not operate.

We have experienced a massive increase in demand post COVID, especially in white goods for single parent families, often fleeing domestic abuse. Also we're helping an increasing number of individuals with mental health issues.

The Jubilee Club

The Jubilee Club was founded in May 2012 in response to the needs of many people being helped through the Storehouse foodbank. People are referred through various agencies.

The club meets every Tuesday, starting with tea, coffee and toast, followed by a short life message. Members of the team then opt for various activities.

Many of those attending are struggling with serious life issues, e.g. recovering from drug and alcohol addictions, mental health patients, broken domestic relationships, abusive and violent relationships.

The Club reopened in September following closure due to COVID and plans are being developed for 2022 including the annual coach day out.

Job Club

This grew out of the Jubilee Club and has proved very popular and been very successful. Job vacancies are scrutinised and matched to suitable applicants. CVs are written, mock interviews take place, references are provided and suitable attire provided if appropriate. Well over 100 people have gained permanent employment since it began in 2013.

Family Support Ministry

This ministry has continued to grow and was initially funded by a three year grant from the National Lottery's Reaching Communities.

This expanding ministry is led by Joanna Crichton and Margaret Sanders and is now funded through church members' 'My Giving'.

Much of the work takes place with damaged, broken and dysfunctional families and on occasions involves supporting clients in court appearances and CAF meetings where children are involved. Parenting courses are proving very popular and helpful.

Civic & Community Engagement

The church continues to be actively involved in the local community including civic functions and charitable events with the Rotary Club.

In conjunction with churches who are part of Congleton Bible Week we again held **successful drive in Carol Service** on Tesco car park. Not as busy as the initial one in 2020 when COVID lockdown was dominant!

Financial Review

The financial activity of the charity is detailed in the Financial Statements attached which have been prepared by Walleys Chartered Certified Accountants.

The trustees are satisfied that the Financial Accounts reflect an accurate account of the year's activities.

The Income and Expenditure figures for year ended 31st December 2021 shows a net deficit of income over expenditure of £9,084 (2020: excess of income over expenditure £61,047).

The Balance Sheet shows net assets of £930,382 (2020: £939,466) which includes restricted funds amounting to £71,238 (2020: £88,119).

Whilst the charity remains in a strong and healthy financial position to support its ongoing work and vision, the trustees are reliant upon community grants to supplement the generous giving of church members.

All designated giving, e.g. Grants, International China Concern, Building Fund, etc. was directed in full to the designated account or recipient.

The Trustees are continually reviewing the financial position and are confident that the significant cash reserves which have accumulated through prudent management will enable the church to continue to maintain all its ministries with its financial commitments and obligations.

Plans for the future

Our goal will continue to be the advancement of the Christian faith and the building of God's Kingdom through all the ministries described in the report, whilst being open to new initiatives through the guidance and inspiration of The Holy Spirit.

The challenges we will be addressing is the gradual and careful return to normality following all the COVID restrictions, particularly seeing everyone back and worshipping together on Sundays.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy is as follows:

Tier 1 – Long Term

The trustees will maintain a minimum cash balance of £75,000 overall funds to ensure continuation of operations, e.g. payment of wages and salaries, running and maintenance costs of buildings, fixtures and fittings.

Tier 2 – Short Term

The trustees will review the reserves policy annually when approving the accounts and make appropriate amendments in the light of current circumstances.

Volunteers

The church relies on the contribution made by its volunteers. These volunteers deliver services and also act as trustees, administrators, fundraisers and in other roles.

Risk Management

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at the current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Safeguarding

The church operates Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults and Working with Offenders policies. All people working with young people and children and vulnerable adults are DBS checked.

Health and Safety

Issues are reviewed monthly at the Trustees' meetings and the appointment of a new Health & Safety officer is imminent.

Independent Examiners

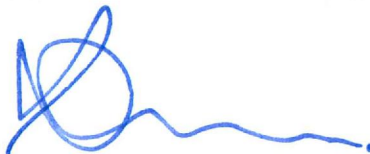
Walleys were appointed as independent examiners during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Church in the Community

We have continued to help more and more vulnerable and needy people and families and we are seeing many of them become part of the church family.

The church has experienced further growth during the year under review with more and more people and families becoming committed church members.

We continue to be committed to the 'Great Commission' to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19) and to see God's people 'growing and being built up in love, as each part does its work' (Ephesians 4:16)



Stephen Hodgkinson
Chairman of Trustees

Dated:

18th July 2022

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of
New Life Church Congleton**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the New Life Church Congleton (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 15 to 30..

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

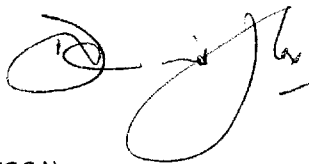
Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Dated:

20 July 2022

D. Fox (FCCA)
Walleys Chartered Certified Accountants
Adventure Place
Hanley
Stoke on Trent
ST1 3AF

New Life Church Congleton
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2021

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | 2021 Total £ | 2020 Total £ |
|---|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | | | | | | |
| Donations & Grants | 2 | 275,516 | 162,512 | - | 438,028 | 511,610 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 106,660 | - | - | 106,660 | 105,081 |
| Fundraising activities | 4 | 9,660 | - | - | 9,660 | 8,211 |
| Investment income | 5 | 7 | - | - | 7 | 65 |
| <i>Total income</i> | | <u>391,843</u> | <u>162,512</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>554,355</u> | <u>624,967</u> |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Cost of raising funds | | | | | | |
| Fundraising | 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Expenditure on charitable activities: | | | | | | |
| Ministry | 8 | 179,221 | 5,445 | - | 184,666 | 155,789 |
| Youth, children and schools outreach | | 81,039 | 500 | - | 81,539 | 96,456 |
| Caring ministries | | 1,301 | 65,031 | - | 66,332 | 82,444 |
| Support of missionaries and other charity donations | 9 | 9,929 | 42,790 | - | 52,719 | 59,806 |
| Nursery | | 93,809 | - | - | 93,809 | 94,950 |
| Café and bookshop | | 84,374 | - | - | 84,374 | 74,475 |
| <i>Total expenditure</i> | | <u>449,673</u> | <u>113,766</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>563,439</u> | <u>563,920</u> |
| <i>Net income/(expenditure)</i> | | (57,830) | 48,746 | - | (9,084) | 61,047 |
| Transfer between funds | | | | | | |
| Gross transfers between funds | 16 | 65,627 | (65,627) | - | - | - |
| <i>Net movement in funds</i> | | <u>7,797</u> | <u>(16,881)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(9,084)</u> | <u>61,047</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 628,642 | 88,119 | 222,705 | 939,466 | 878,419 |
| <i>Total funds carried forward</i> | | <u>636,439</u> | <u>71,238</u> | <u>222,705</u> | <u>930,382</u> | <u>939,466</u> |

**New Life Church Congleton
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2021**

| | Notes | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 11 | 478,797 | 478,524 |
| <i>Total fixed assets</i> | | 478,797 | 478,524 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Stock | | 13,891 | 37,438 |
| Debtors | 12 | 36,895 | 80,957 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 422,808 | 363,064 |
| <i>Total current assets</i> | | 473,594 | 481,459 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | 22,009 | 20,517 |
| <i>Net current assets</i> | | 451,585 | 460,942 |
| <i>Total assets less current liabilities</i> | | 930,382 | 939,466 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 14 | - | - |
| <i>Net assets</i> | | 930,382 | 939,466 |
| The funds of the charity: | | | |
| Endowment fund | 15 | 222,705 | 222,705 |
| Restricted income funds | 16 | 71,238 | 88,119 |
| Unrestricted income funds | | | |
| General funds | 17 | 636,439 | 628,642 |
| <i>Total charity funds</i> | | 930,382 | 939,466 |

The notes at pages 17 to 30 form part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on the date shown below and signed on their behalf by:

Stephen Neil Hodgkinson

Date:

18th July 2022

**New Life Church Congleton
Statement of Cash Flows
as at 31 December 2021**

| | Notes | Total funds 2021 £ | Total funds 2020 £ |
|--|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Net cash used in operating | 20 | <u>93,133</u> | <u>76,895</u> |
| <i>Cash flows from investing</i> | | | |
| Interest and dividends | | 7 | 65 |
| Property improvement costs | | (7,833) | - |
| Purchase of furniture and equipment | | (25,563) | (12,867) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | | - | - |
| Net cash provided by investing | | <u>(33,389)</u> | <u>(12,802)</u> |
| <i>Cash flows from financing</i> | | | |
| Repayment of borrowing | | - | - |
| Cash inflow from new borrowings | | - | - |
| Net cash provided by financing | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Change in cash and cash | | 59,744 | 64,093 |
| Cash and cash equivalent brought | | 363,064 | 298,971 |
| Cash and cash equivalents carried | | <u><u>422,808</u></u> | <u><u>363,064</u></u> |

**New Life Church Congleton
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund structure

The charity maintains various types of funds as follows:

Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which are to be held permanently by the charity.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes.

Designated funds

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside out of unrestricted funds at the discretion of the trustees which are therefore not available for other purposes.

General unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds represent unrestricted income which is expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

**New Life Church Congleton
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Incoming recognition

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a claim for repayment of income tax has or will be made, such income is grossed up for the tax recoverable. The following accounting policies are applied to income:

Gifts in kind and donated goods

Assets given for distribution by the charity are recognised as income for the year only when they are distributed. Where such undistributed assets exist at the year end, they are not included in the accounts but a note is provided of their estimated value. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised as incoming resources at their estimated market value when receivable. If they form part of the fixed assets of the charity, they are capitalised in the balance sheet at the value at which the gift was included in incoming resources. Assets given in kind for conversion into cash and subsequent application by the charity are recognised as income in the accounting period when receivable. All estimates of value of such gifts are made by the trustees.

Donations

Donations and all other receipts from fundraising are reported gross and the related fundraising costs are reported in other expenditure.

Investment income

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable relating to investment income is accounted for in the same period as the related income.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants payable are accounted for when the trustees have accepted a legal or moral obligation to make the grant.

Allocation of overhead, support and governance costs

Costs have been allocated first to the charitable activity concerned. Overhead, support and governance costs relating to Charitable Activities have been apportioned based on usage. The allocation of overhead, support and governance costs is shown in note 7.

Costs of generating funds

The cost of generating funds consist of the support costs in relation to the administration support provided with regard to room hire.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise of those costs incurred in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly and the relevant amount of support costs that relate to that particular activity.

**New Life Church Congleton
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation which is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 20% reducing balance |
| Equipment | straight line over 5 years |
| Building improvements | straight line over 15 years |
| Property | straight line over 50 years |

Operating leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities in equal amounts over the period of the lease.

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Grants

Grants receivable are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) in the year for which they are received. Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Charitable commitments

Commitments which are legally binding on the trustees are accounted for as resources expended in the statement of financial activities. Where the promise of financial support is not binding on the trustees, such intentions are accounted for by a transfer to a designated fund. Activities that are to be wholly financed from future income do not form part of such designation and are disclosed in a note to the accounts.

New Life Church Congleton
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

| 2 Donations & Grants | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Gifts and donations | 275,516 | 101,833 | 377,349 | 398,738 |
| Local Evangelism Grant | - | - | - | 550 |
| Independent Food COVID Grant | - | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| B&M Grant | - | - | - | 1,500 |
| Cheshire Community CCF COVID grant | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| Neighbourly Limited Community Fund | - | - | - | 400 |
| Congleton Inclosure Trust - Improvement grant | - | 4,180 | 4,180 | 3,000 |
| Lloyds Bank Foundation | - | - | - | 490 |
| John Holford Trust - Storehouse | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Plus Dane Hampers Grant | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | 700 |
| Local Giving Ltd | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| Church Revitalist Fund Grant | - | - | - | 4,000 |
| Plus Dane Housing | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| Congleton Young People Trust | - | 500 | 500 | 250 |
| Congleton 4 Congleton Grant | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| National Lottery - Volunteer Manager Grant | - | - | - | 18,000 |
| Congleton Inclosure Trust | - | - | - | 1,500 |
| Cheshire East - Foodbank Grant | - | - | - | 1,500 |
| Cheshire East - Furniture Recycling Grant | - | - | - | 5,000 |
| CJRS COVID Furlough Grant | - | 48,199 | 48,199 | 62,882 |
| Tools for 'Love Thy Neighbour' Grant | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| Cheshire Freemasons - Storehouse | - | 500 | 500 | - |
| Congleton Town Council - Equipment Grant | - | 200 | 200 | - |
| Congleton Town Trust - Nursery Sensory Room | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| | <u>275,516</u> | <u>162,512</u> | <u>438,028</u> | <u>511,610</u> |

3 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Ministry sundry income | 538 | - | 538 | 1,357 |
| Nursery school fees | 70,898 | - | 70,898 | 78,655 |
| Nursery sundry income | 421 | - | 421 | 303 |
| Café and bookshop income | 34,677 | - | 34,677 | 24,448 |
| Events | 126 | - | 126 | 318 |
| Bank compensation | - | - | - | - |
| | <u>106,660</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>106,660</u> | <u>105,081</u> |

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| 4 | Income from fundraising activities | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|----------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Room hire | 9,660 | - | 9,660 | 8,211 |
| | Miscellaneous events and income | - | - | - | - |
| | | <u>9,660</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>9,660</u> | <u>8,211</u> |
| 5 | Investment income | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
| | Bank interest from UK cash deposits | 7 | - | 7 | 65 |
| | | <u>7</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>65</u> |
| 6 | Cost of raising funds | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
| | Fundraising: | | | | |
| | Room hire support costs (note 7) | - | - | - | - |
| | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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7 Allocation of support and governance costs
Allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

| | Ministry £ | Youth, children and schools outreach £ | Caring ministries £ | Support of missionaries and other charity donations £ | Nursery £ | Café and bookshop £ | Fund raising £ | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--|---------------|---|---------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Insurance | 6,882 | - | - | - | - | 765 | - | 7,647 | 10,118 |
| Heat and light | 2,745 | - | - | - | 1,373 | 2,745 | - | 6,863 | 5,673 |
| Repairs | 3,839 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,839 | 5,791 |
| Depreciation: | | | | | | | | | |
| Land and buildings | 9,327 | - | - | - | 1,865 | 1,244 | - | 12,436 | 12,551 |
| Building improvement | 5,979 | - | - | - | 1,196 | 797 | - | 7,972 | 7,451 |
| Fixtures, fittings and equipment | 8,900 | - | - | - | 636 | 3,179 | - | 12,715 | 9,348 |
| IT costs | 4,955 | 1,906 | 762 | - | - | - | - | 7,623 | 9,766 |
| Bank charges | 124 | - | - | - | 25 | 17 | - | 166 | 239 |
| Telephone | 4,055 | - | 477 | - | 239 | - | - | 4,771 | 2,945 |
| Printing and stationery | 2,182 | 595 | 397 | - | 595 | 198 | - | 3,967 | 4,734 |
| Staff costs | 31,814 | - | 3,977 | - | 3,277 | 700 | - | 39,768 | 42,597 |
| Governance costs | 2,708 | 739 | 494 | - | 739 | 246 | - | 4,926 | 4,377 |
| | <u>83,510</u> | <u>3,240</u> | <u>6,107</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>9,945</u> | <u>9,891</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>112,693</u> | <u>115,590</u> |
| Governance costs | | | | | | | | | |
| Legal & professional | | | | | | | | 1,626 | 1,077 |
| Accounts and independent examiners fee | | | | | | | | 3,300 | 3,300 |
| | | | | | | | | <u>4,926</u> | <u>4,377</u> |

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8 Charitable activities expenditure

| | Ministry £ | Youth, children and schools outreach £ | Caring ministries Storehouse £ | Caring ministries Furniture Recycling | Caring ministries Jubilee & Job Club | Caring ministries Other | Support of missionaries and other charity donations £ | Nursery £ | Café and bookshop £ | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------|--|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Salaries | 75,007 | 75,654 | - | - | - | 32,206 | - | 78,209 | 36,587 | 297,663 | 302,431 |
| Alpha course expenses | 1,500 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,500 | 2,129 |
| Outreach expenses | 3,734 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,734 | 772 |
| Evangelism working expenses | 1,200 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Evangelism outreach | 2,081 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,081 | 1,270 |
| Visiting speaker expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,809 |
| Music ministry costs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Promotional | 370 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 370 | 754 |
| Sundry expenses | 10,421 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,064 | 265 | 15,750 | 17,384 |
| School ministry | - | 1,447 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,447 | 2,152 |
| Event costs | 250 | 1,148 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,398 | 1,875 |
| Training and development | - | 50 | - | - | - | - | 52,719 | - | - | 50 | 144 |
| Grants and donations made | - | - | - | - | - | 527 | - | - | - | 527 | 69,950 |
| Caring ministry - Counselling | - | - | - | - | 213 | - | - | - | - | 213 | 424 |
| Caring ministry - Jubilee project | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13,753 | 20,544 |
| Caring ministry - Storehouse | - | - | 13,753 | - | - | 378 | - | - | - | 378 | 937 |
| Caring ministry - General | - | - | - | - | - | 3,197 | - | - | - | 3,197 | 9,482 |
| Caring ministry - Hardship fund | - | - | - | - | - | 8,102 | - | - | - | 8,102 | 2,565 |
| Caring ministry - Furniture recycling | - | - | - | 8,102 | - | 1,100 | - | - | - | 1,100 | 547 |
| Caring ministry - Family support | - | - | - | - | - | 151 | - | - | - | 151 | 124 |
| Caring ministry - Bereavement support | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 523 | - | 523 | 1,002 |
| Nursery materials and equipment | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 70 | - | 70 | 1,861 |
| Repairs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21,688 | 21,688 | 13,147 |
| Café and bookshop supplies | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 22 | 22 | - |
| Café and bookshop stationery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 923 | 923 | 644 |
| Bank charges | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9,945 | 112,692 | 115,587 |
| Support costs (Note 7) | 83,510 | 3,240 | 3,053 | 3,053 | - | - | - | 9,945 | 9,891 | 112,692 | 115,587 |
| | <u>178,073</u> | <u>81,539</u> | <u>16,806</u> | <u>11,155</u> | <u>213</u> | <u>37,559</u> | <u>52,719</u> | <u>93,811</u> | <u>69,376</u> | <u>541,251</u> | <u>574,065</u> |

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| 9 Support of missionaries and other charity donations | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total Funds 2021 | Total Funds 2020 |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Material grants payable by the trust: 3 grants were made to an individual missionaries (2020:2) | - | 9,770 | 9,770 | 9,665 |
| South African Missionary Work | - | 14,478 | 14,478 | 11,856 |
| Amic mission project - Romania | - | 1,450 | 1,450 | 1,740 |
| Mali appeal | - | - | - | 1,022 |
| ICC- China | 1,369 | 5,281 | 6,650 | 15,000 |
| Lucatin - YWAM Centre | - | - | - | - |
| Christian Aid | - | 1,750 | 1,750 | 1,600 |
| Romania children's home | - | 10,061 | 10,061 | 10,694 |
| Other small grants to charities | 8,290 | - | 8,290 | 8,229 |
| Donations to support members of the local community | 270 | - | 270 | - |
| | <u>9,929</u> | <u>42,790</u> | <u>52,719</u> | <u>59,806</u> |

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10 Staff numbers and costs

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year, was as follows:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nursery staff | 9 | 9 |
| Coffee shop and bookshop staff | 6 | 6 |
| Admin staff | 3 | 3 |
| Youth and children's ministry | 5 | 5 |
| Counsellor | 1 | 1 |
| Cleaning | 1 | 1 |
| Church leadership | 1 | - |
| Volunteer manager/co-ordinator | 1 | 1 |
| Family Support Ministry | 2 | 2 |
| | <u>29</u> | <u>28</u> |

The aggregate payroll costs of the above was:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 319,420 | 329,101 |
| Social security costs | 13,130 | 11,444 |
| Pension costs | 4,881 | 4,483 |
| Total emoluments (remuneration and taxable benefits) | <u>337,431</u> | <u>345,028</u> |

No employees emoluments exceeded £60,000.

The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees.

No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year (2020: Nil).

Transactions with trustees

No trustees received any remuneration during the period. Mr S N Hodgkinson received £1,200 by way of a nominal allowance towards out of pocket expenses during the year.

Mrs M Sanders, wife of Mr R Sanders who is a trustee was employed by the charity as family support worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £5,192.

Mrs J Crichton, daughter of Mr S Hodgkinson who is a trustee was employed by the charity as a family support worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £13,697.

Mrs S Wood, sister of Mrs Linda Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as a youth and children's minister. The salary paid during the year amounted to £21,738

Mr G Wood, brother-in-law of Mrs Linda Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as Assistant Manager in Words and Music. The salary paid during the year amounted to £15,391.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

| | Freehold Land & Buildings £ | Building Improve- ments £ | Fixtures & Equipment £ | Total £ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Cost | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2021 | 548,353 | 198,082 | 299,375 | 1,045,810 |
| Additions | - | 7,833 | 25,563 | 33,396 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - |
| At 31 December 2021 | <u>548,353</u> | <u>205,915</u> | <u>324,938</u> | <u>1,079,206</u> |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2021 | 161,649 | 157,353 | 248,284 | 567,286 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - |
| Charge for the year | 12,436 | 7,972 | 12,715 | 33,123 |
| At 31 December 2021 | <u>174,085</u> | <u>165,325</u> | <u>260,999</u> | <u>600,409</u> |
| Net book value | | | | |
| At 31 December 2021 | <u>374,268</u> | <u>40,590</u> | <u>63,939</u> | <u>478,797</u> |
| As at 1 January 2021 | <u>386,704</u> | <u>40,729</u> | <u>51,091</u> | <u>478,524</u> |

The property from which the charity operates is included at cost. The property's current value cannot be quantified as this depends on the future possible use of the site.

12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Gift Aid accrued income | 32,919 | 62,603 |
| Prepayments | 3,976 | 3,793 |
| Sundry debtors | - | 14,561 |
| | <u>36,895</u> | <u>80,957</u> |

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Taxation and social security | 5,032 | 5,290 |
| Other creditors | - | - |
| Accruals | 4,945 | 4,500 |
| Deferred income | 12,032 | 10,727 |
| | <u>22,009</u> | <u>20,517</u> |

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bank loan | - | - |

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15 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent the charity's property which is the fellowship's permanent place of worship.

| | 2020 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2021 Balance £ |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Property fund (cost) | 222,705 | - | - | - | 222,705 |
| Total endowment funds | <u>222,705</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>222,705</u> |

This fund represents donations and gifts from church members together with grants towards the purchase and extension of the church property which was previously rented. The implied conditions of donations and grants being that the church permanently function from this site. In accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (SORP 2005) an endowment fund has been created.

16 Restricted funds

The movements on the restricted funds of the charity were as follows:

| | 2020 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2021 Balance £ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Church building fund | - | 7,228 | - | (7,228) | - |
| Nursery facility improvement fund | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 |
| Charities and missionaries fund | 4,889 | 29,953 | 32,459 | - | 2,383 |
| Romanian children's home | 9,280 | 11,174 | 10,061 | - | 10,393 |
| Church youth fund | - | 500 | 500 | - | - |
| Church family fund | - | 1,450 | 270 | - | 1,180 |
| Caring ministry funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| - General | 22,212 | 22,984 | 45,196 | - | - |
| - Storehouse | 43,988 | 36,899 | 16,806 | (10,000) | 54,081 |
| - Furniture recycling | - | 2,623 | 2,623 | - | - |
| - Hardship fund | - | 200 | 200 | - | - |
| - Jubilee Club | - | 55 | 55 | - | - |
| - Dementia group | 1,305 | 47 | 151 | - | 1,201 |
| - Tools for love thy neighbour | 1,000 | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| Equipment fund | - | 200 | - | (200) | - |
| Volunteer co-ordinator | 5,445 | - | 5,445 | - | - |
| CJRS Grant support staff | - | 48,199 | - | (48,199) | - |
| | <u>88,119</u> | <u>162,512</u> | <u>113,766</u> | <u>(65,627)</u> | <u>71,238</u> |

Transfers

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds relate to grants received towards support cost expenditure which was incurred during the year. Therefore the conditions of the grants have been met and the grant income was transferred into unrestricted funds.

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17 Unrestricted funds

| | 2020 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2021 Balance £ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Valuation reserve (Unrealised gain) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated funds: | | | | | |
| Local evangelism account | - | 1,285 | 1,285 | - | - |
| General fund | 628,642 | 390,558 | 448,388 | 65,627 | 636,439 |
| Total unrestricted funds | <u>628,642</u> | <u>391,843</u> | <u>449,673</u> | <u>65,627</u> | <u>636,439</u> |

The local evangelism account represents monies intended to be used for the promotion of evangelistic events.

All funds are considered adequate to meet their intended purposes.

| 18 Analysis of net assets between funds | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total funds £ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Fund balances as at 31 December 2021 are represented by: | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 256,092 | - | 222,705 | 478,797 |
| Current assets | 402,356 | 71,238 | - | 473,594 |
| Creditors: | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | (22,009) | - | - | (22,009) |
| Amounts falling due in more than one year | - | - | - | - |
| Total net assets | <u>636,439</u> | <u>71,238</u> | <u>222,705</u> | <u>930,382</u> |

19 Commitments

There were no commitments for capital expenditure at the year end (2020: none).

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Net movement in funds | (9,084) | 61,047 |
| Add back depreciation charge | 33,123 | 29,347 |
| Deduct interest income shown on investing activities | (7) | (65) |
| Decrease (increase) in stock | 23,547 | 2,037 |
| Decrease (increase) in debtors | 44,062 | (13,623) |
| Increase (decrease) in creditors | 1,492 | (1,848) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | <u>93,133</u> | <u>76,895</u> |

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21 Obsolete stock write off

During the year a review of the stock held in the Charity's Christian Bookshop was undertaken. A significant amount of the stock was found to be unsaleable due to its age, condition and obsolescence. The exact value of the stock written off cannot be identified however it is believed to be in the region of £15,000.

NEW LIFE CHURCH CONGLETON

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Accounts

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Reference and administrative information

TRUSTEES

Stephen Neil Hodgkinson
Peter Martin
Giles Osborn Chapman
George Hurlstone
Susan Sparks
Michael Burgess
Steve Cosgrove (resigned 29th May 2020)
Rory Sanders
Diane Sadlier
Benedict Gaddum
Christopher Timbey (resigned 9th June 2020)
Linda Hurlstone

TRUST ADDRESS

Danesford Community Centre
West Road
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 4EY

LEGAL STATUS

The charity was formed as a trust under a trust deed dated 21 October 1983
(With Deed of Variation dated 8 April 2000 and 13 December 2010)
Registered with the Charity Commission - Registration Number 514539
The charity was formerly known as New Life Christian Fellowship

BANKERS

The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC
Drummond House (GE) Branch, Edinburgh

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

D. Fox (FCCA)
Walletts Chartered Certified Accountants (WCCA Limited)
Adventure Place
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Stoke on Trent
ST1 3AF

ANNUAL REPORT

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the trustees' annual report which is published on the same date as these accounts.



Danesford Community Centre
West Road, Congleton
Cheshire, CW12 4EY

New Life Church, Congleton.

Trustees Report

as at 31st December 2020

Registered Charity No. 514539

Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland,
Drummond House (GE) Branch, Edinburgh

Independent Examiner:

Mr D Fox
Walletts,
Adventure Place, Hanley, Stoke on Trent

Solicitors:

Fiona Bruce & Co
Justice House, Stockton Heath
Warrington

History

The church was founded in 1983 and operates as a Charitable Trust under its Trust Deed dated 21st October 1983, which also contains the Statement of Doctrines, and by which the church life and business is conducted.

A subsequent Deed of Variation dated 8th April 2000 was registered with the Charity Commissioners.

Further Deeds of Variation dated 13th December 2010 authorised the change of name from New Life Christian Fellowship, Congleton to New Life Church, Congleton and 19th January 2021 clarifying conflicts of interest procedures of Trustee meetings.

The church began as a small house fellowship, often referred to as a 'House Church'. As it grew and expanded, the church needed larger premises to hold its Sunday Services and to develop other ministries in the local community.

The church acquired the freehold on the premises known as Danesford Community Centre from NCH Action for Children, from whom the premises were previously rented, during the financial year ended 31st October 2000. The cost was £185,000.

Major improvements and refurbishments have taken place and continue to take place as the trustees seek to maintain the facility to a high standard and ensure compliance with all health and safety and hygiene regulations and standards.

A major first floor extension was completed in 2015 and provides four additional rooms and a tea bar. All rooms are being used extensively and are proving a great asset to the community centre, which is recognised as a **Community Hub**.

Review of centre facilities

The extension to the renamed Family Room which was completed in the summer of 2017 has proved to be a great addition to our centre facilities.

The church's involvement in the community has continued to expand during the year with numerous voluntary organisations, clubs, societies, fundraising bodies, especially those involving children and young people, using the centre. The room previously designated as the 'Youth Room' has effectively become an overflow room for The Foodbank and Jubilee Club and is now named as the 'Jubilee Room'. The young people are accommodated in other rooms.

The centre also has a specially designated **Counselling Room** where people with difficult personal issues, including addictions are helped.

The Centre continues to be used extensively for training courses e.g. first aid courses, teacher training days, drug awareness, foster caring, safeguarding, adoption training, job preparation, care assistant training, Forget-me-not group, Less Able Club (run by Rotary Club), Little Stars (group for children hard of hearing), Carer's Hub, RICE (Rehab Group) and Friends for Leisure.

New Life Church provides spaces on the car park to house the two Congleton Community Partnership Minibuses and their hire/usage diary and fuel is managed through the church office.

New Life Church is a member of The Evangelical Alliance, Churches Together in Congleton, Congleton Bible Week and an Associate of the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) and closely associated with various local government community partnerships, including the CVS (Council for Voluntary Service Cheshire East).

Aims and Objectives

The charity's objectives are as follows:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith.
2. The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick.
3. The provision of instruction in the principles of the Christian faith at any educational establishment.
4. To promote and support such other charitable schemes or projects as may be established to benefit the public and in particular the provision of facilities for a community centre in Congleton for the use and benefit of local residents.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Elders

The governance of the church is under an appointed Eldership, which is responsible for sound doctrine in accordance with scripture, and for the overall vision and direction of the church.

Elders serving during the year under review were:

Stephen Hodgkinson

Peter Martin

Jeff Cutts (new job description introduced during the year, relinquishing day to day youth work and focusing on eldership/oversight ministry).

Steve Cosgrove (stepped down during the year under review)

The Trustees

Under the Trust Deed, trustees are appointed to be responsible and accountable for the financial integrity of the church, including property, equipment, fixtures & fittings. The trustees serving during the year under review were:

| | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| George Hurlstone (Secretary) | Stephen Hodgkinson (Chairman) |
| Sue Sparks | Peter Martin |
| Steve Cosgrove (resigned 29 th May 2020) | Giles Chapman |
| Diane Sadlier | Michael Burgess |
| Rory Sanders (Deputy Chairman) | Benedict Gaddum |
| Christopher Timbey (resigned 9th June 2020) | |
| Linda Hurlstone | |

The trustees are empowered to appoint a treasurer to maintain the accounts of the church and this position has been undertaken by Richard Crowder

The trustees normally meet each month, except August, to review and make decisions in all matters relating to the church finances, employment, health and safety, safeguarding/child protection and the general running of the centre. A full financial review is undertaken each quarter. Minutes of the meetings are taken and maintained by the church administrator.

The trustees employ a Church Administrator Louise Davies, whose contract is for 33.75 hours per week for 42 weeks per annum.

None of the trustees receive any financial remuneration or benefits in kind from the Trust, other than a contribution towards out of pocket expenses paid to S Hodgkinson as declared in the accounts.

Governance

The Church holds an Annual General Meeting and for the year under review was held on Sunday 7th February 2021 at which a summary of income and expenditure was presented, together with a summary of ministry reports. ***Two trustees retiring by rotation offered themselves for re-election and were duly re-elected.***

Marriages

The church centre is licensed and registered with the Superintendent Registrar to conduct marriage ceremonies under certificate. Our Registered Number is 42430. Five weddings were conducted during the year under review. Jeffrey Cutts (Church Elder) has been authorised by The General Register Office to conduct Marriage Ceremonies w.e.f. 1st January 2020.

Covid 19 regulations leading to 'Lockdown' in March 2020 has had a major impact on providing community facilities including initially Sunday Worship Service, and church meetings. Thanks to Zoom, and You Tube, church services and church meetings were able to continue.

Live Sunday services were able to recommence in September, with social distancing and face covering protocols being maintained. Services also continue to be 'streamed'.

Some members of staff have been working from home and many staff have been furloughed/partially furloughed.

Our nursery was only closed for half a term from Easter to Spring Bank Holiday. New Covid procedures and protocols were introduced in line with Government and Local Authority guidelines, involving a great deal of extra work for the staff to whom the church is greatly indebted.

Church Ministries

Prayer Ministry

Prayer underpins and sustains everything that takes place within and out from New Life Church and new ministries are birthed in prayer. Regular times of corporate prayer are held at the centre and in Life Groups throughout the week. Individual church members are encouraged to pray privately each day and special prayer events are held from time to time. During the year under review, we have experienced amazing answers to prayer evidenced by miraculous healings, guidance for individual lives and new opportunities for the church to serve the community. Regular prayer clinics are held and the church elders are always available to pray for people's needs and situations.

Members of The Prayer Ministry Team are always available on Sunday mornings to pray with people after the service.

The **Sozo** prayer ministry is well established under the leadership of Paul and Merle Williams, with a trained and committed team of prayer ministers, including people from other churches. This deep prayer ministry is extremely effective as attributed by powerful testimonies.

Healing Rooms England & Wales

We provide room/office facilities on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Healing Rooms ministry whose headquarters are located at New Life Church Centre.

Preaching Ministry

The church Elders continue to have overall responsibility for the preaching and teaching of sound biblical truths bringing guidance, direction and vision to the church.

Inspirational preaching is provided through church members and from time to time visiting speakers.

The Elders are particularly grateful to Paul Williams, Catherine Krinks and Shane Wright who form the core of the preaching ministry team.

Praise & Worship Ministry

Christian Contemporary Music plays a key part in our Sunday worship services and the church is blessed with a good number of gifted Holy Spirit anointed musicians and singers from whom we currently have several worship bands who alternate for various periods during the year.

The bands are supported by a dedicated team of audio and visual technicians.

Sanctuary Worship provides an extended time of praise and worship with an open time to hear from The Lord. This usually takes place monthly on a Sunday evening but has been suspended during 2020.

Life Groups, Discipleship and Pastoral Care

The church is committed to the discipleship and pastoral care of church members and this is undertaken in a variety of ways, primarily small groups. All new people joining the church are encouraged to join a small group or be linked to one. During the year small groups have continued to meet on zoom.

Equip Foundations, is now well established and is very well attended including many people who recently completed the Alpha Course.

A new '**Living God's Way**' course for new disciples has started, primarily for those who have recently completed an Alpha Course.

Hospital Ministry

Under the leadership of Giles Chapman, a small team conduct a service, pray for patients, visit the wards in St Luke's Chapel, and assist patients to the Chapel at Macclesfield District General Hospital bi-monthly on the third Sunday in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November. The service is broadcast on the hospital radio.

Unfortunately suspended in 2020 due to Covid regulations.

Evangelism

The church is committed to evangelism within the local community. Church members carry this out most effectively through personal witnessing and development of friendships and relationships. Church wide **Alpha Courses** continue to be held every year in the autumn and spring terms. Alpha continues to be the main tool to assist members in introducing friends, neighbours and colleagues to the Christian faith. We have seen encouraging growth in attendance on Alpha Courses and these have been followed by foundation courses.

Seven new believers were baptised in September. The autumn course was held on zoom and drew in people way beyond our normal catchment area.

Special events, e.g. Theatre Productions and Concerts are also held occasionally and these events provide an ideal opportunity to introduce people to the Christian faith.

Life Groups play an essential part in Alpha by introducing guests and in providing the excellent weekly meals for the evening courses.

We have continued our door to door delivery of Alpha leaflets and invitations throughout Congleton and advertised extensively in the Congleton Chronicle, and Social Media.

A comprehensive report of all the church's ministries is produced and reported at the AGM. A copy is available on request.

Primary Schools' Ministry

We continue to sponsor the **Bible Explorer** ministry, now renamed **O/T Mini and N/T Mini**, to local primary schools and these are being very well received by pupils and staff and commended by Ofsted. This is undertaken by Beth Cosgrove and Chloe Page.

We conduct a one hour lesson in all the primary schools preparing year 6 pupils who are moving up to High School and present each pupil with an **'It's your move'** book produced by Scripture Union. This is funded by Churches Together in Congleton.

Open the Book, has continued to flourish in several local schools under the guidance and leadership of Clare Harvey, working in conjunction with local churches.

An initiative called **'Prayer Spaces'** has continued in Marton School providing opportunities for children to pray in interactive ways over three days.

Our Children's ministry team also conduct assemblies in most primary schools and provide several Easter lessons.

Reading support is also provided in a few Primary Schools under the SPIRE Trust banner and thanks are due to Giles Chapman for his commitment to this ministry.

All school visits were suspended in March

High Schools Ministry

We have a longstanding strong relationship with our two High Schools in Congleton and we have maintained in contact during 2020 and hope to resume 'normal service' in September 2021.

Nursery Group

This includes Pre-School and The Rainbow Room, catering for pre-school children on a sessional basis. *Fees are charged and part-time staff are paid on a pro-rata basis per session. Staff are paid above the minimum wage and Childcare level 3 qualifications are recognised with an additional hourly rate supplement. Holiday pay is the required statutory 5.6 weeks.

(*Most three & four year old children are now funded by Cheshire East Council Children & Families plus some two year olds who meet the special funding criteria.)

Individual Pupil Funding (IPF) is secured to cover one to one support for special needs children.

The Nursery Group continues to provide high quality pre-school provision. This is under the leadership of Alison Timbey our Nursery Manager. Rachel Williams and Sarah Morris, longstanding members of staff were officially recognised as Deputy Managers.

We believe in the inclusion of all children and we have developed and been recognised as a centre of excellence for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Nursery is judged **GOOD** following the last recent Ofsted inspection in October 2019.

Open Evenings for parents are held each year to discuss the progress of their children.
"Numbers of children being enrolled has been reduced due to primary schools opening their own pre-schools and more parents requiring full day care for their children."

Zang Qui Xi, who is sponsored by our nursery families, is a special needs child in the Lighthouse orphanage in Chagsha Province in China which is part of the church's ministry and support for International China Concern.

New Life Nursery is a member of the Early Years Alliance (formally known as Pre School Learning Alliance) and is registered with Children and Families Cheshire East.

Special services are normally held for nursery children and families at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Summer Sports, all of which are extremely well attended, although not able to happen in the year under review.

New Life Nursery Group maintains a strong Christian ethos with daily prayers, Bible stories and songs.

Words and Music / Christian Resources and Coffee Shop

Following 'lockdown' W & M closed mid-March, reopening briefly in November before a second lockdown.

Childrens' and Youth Ministry

We have an excellent team of enthusiastic and committed leaders in Beth Cosgrove, Sue Wood, Callum Davies and Chloe Page who have maintained their ministries to a limited extent using zoom facilities.

The church remains totally committed to children and young people and continues to invest unreservedly in this ministry.

Design and Publicity and Communication

Julie Thomas undertakes the role of running **Facebook**, keeping the **Website** up to date, and effectively communicating through Social Media. She is employed by the church one day per week.

We are indebted to **Elaine Sharples** for her excellent work in designing our Alpha leaflets, publicity items and adverts for the local press.

Ministry to Deaf People

Loop systems exist in the Main Hall, Social Room and Children's Room.

Fairly Traded Goods

New Life Church encourages support for Fair Trade which is promoted through Words & Music.

UK Missions

The church provides regular financial support to the following:

- Gideon's International
- United Christian Broadcasters (UCB)
- Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA)
- Alpha UK
- Christian Institute
- Lifelink
- Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)
- Care
- Churches in Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy
- Image
- Bible Society
- Open Doors
- Street Pastors
- Healing Rooms
- Sat 7 TV
- Message Trust

Other one-off gifts are made on approval of the trustees.

Overseas Missions

The church support various overseas missions financially on a regular basis in China, Slovakia, Romania, Africa and India plus support for the Persecuted Church worldwide through Open Doors charity.

Samaritan's Purse (Christmas Shoeboxes)

New Life Church acts as a collecting centre.

Caring Ministries / Serving the Community

Objective 2 of our Trust Deed states “The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick”

The major expansion of this work has continued during the year under review and we have further extended our network of referring agencies with whom we have excellent working relationships.

Various grants have generously been made available to support this vital work and the trustees are extremely grateful to several agencies, charities and grant making bodies.

Christian Counselling and Listening Service

This is run by Louise Daniels, a fully qualified counsellor accredited by BACP and ACC. The service is open to people both in and outside the church and many people are referred through local agencies.

The church carries specialist professional indemnity insurance for this ministry.

Image (Pregnancy Crisis Support and Child Loss)

We have been operating a satellite service for Image for several years and we now have a dedicated qualified team under the leadership of Louise Daniels.

We are running a confidential helpline every **Monday** evening and referring clients when requested.

Storehouse Project

This project has experienced an **unprecedented demand** due to Covid 19 and the church is extremely grateful for extra grants and an amazing response from the local community. We had to change our ‘modus operandi’ and second Joanna Crichton and Lynnsey Miles into running the foodbank on a ‘full-time’ basis, supported by key volunteers Sherrie Smith who was furloughed by her employer.

The Storehouse Project, which was launched October 2010 has had an amazing impact within the community where more and more people and families have benefitted from crisis food parcels.

Generous donations of food from church members, local schools and other churches in the town have kept The Storehouse stocked with food and essential items, plus some very generous regular financial gifts from people outside the church enables us to boost stocks on a regular basis.

Collections at Tesco Congleton have also boosted stocks and the church is very grateful to the generosity of the Congleton public. (We are now included in Tesco’s national food collection known as Fair Share) which takes place twice each year.

Regular bulletins are produced for general information.

Circa 400 Christmas Hampers, Bags of Joy and presents are provided to needy families and individuals referred to us by various support agencies.

Furniture and Electricals Recycling / New Life Community Partnership

The church for many years has sourced good condition second hand items, passing them on to those who are being re-housed, having previously been homeless.

The church has worked in conjunction with Crossroads Community Partnership I based at a warehouse at Bosley Crossroads. (The use of the warehouse ceased in the latter part of the year).

An excellent service in both collecting white goods and furniture donations is provided with requests passed on to them through the church office.

Storage, transport and handlers are provided without cost and the church is greatly indebted for this support.

The Jubilee Club

The Jubilee Club was founded in May 2012 in response to the needs of many people being helped through the Storehouse foodbank. People are referred through various agencies.

The club meets every Tuesday, starting with tea, coffee and toast, followed by a short DVD life message. Members of the team then opt for smaller groups.

Many of those attending are struggling with serious life issues, e.g. recovering from drug and alcohol addictions, mental health patients, broken domestic relationships, abusive and violent relationships.

The Club had to be suspended in March and hopes to reopen in autumn 2021.

Job Club

This grew out of the Jubilee Club and has proved very popular and been very successful. Job vacancies are scrutinised and matched to suitable applicants. CVs are written, mock interviews take place, references are provided and suitable attire provided if appropriate. Well over 100 people have gained permanent employment since it began in 2013.

Family Support Ministry

This ministry has continued to grow and was initially funded by a three year grant from the National Lottery's Reaching Communities.

This expanding ministry is led by Joanna Crichton and Margaret Sanders and is now funded through church members 'My Giving'.

Much of the work takes place with damaged, broken and dysfunctional families and on occasions involves supporting clients in court appearances and EHM meetings where children are involved.

Civic & Community Engagement

The church continues to be actively involved in the local community although somewhat curtailed in 2020.

In conjunction with churches who are part of Congleton Bible Week we held an **amazing successful drive in Carol Service** on Tesco car park with over **600** people attending and sadly over 50 cars had to be turned away due to a 'full house'.

Financial Review

The financial activity of the charity is detailed in the Financial Statements attached which have been prepared by Walleys Chartered Certified Accountants.

The trustees are satisfied that the Financial Accounts reflect an accurate account of the year's activities.

The Income and Expenditure figures for year ended 31st December 2020 shows a surplus of income over expenditure of £61,047 (2019: excess of expenditure over income £582). However £29,606 of this surplus related to restricted funds and therefore is not available towards the church's general activities.

The Balance Sheet reveals net assets of £939,466 (2019 : 878,419) Whilst the charity remains in a strong and healthy financial position to support its ongoing work and vision, the trustees are reliant upon community grants to supplement the generous giving of church members.

All designated giving, e.g. Grants, International China Concern, Building Fund, etc. was directed in full to the designated account or recipient.

COVID-19

The trustees have undertaken risk assessments and put in place appropriate measures in order to ensure that essential operations such as the foodbank can continue safely during the crisis.

The trustees are continually reviewing the financial position of the charity and in particular the effect of the situation on income. The charity fortunately had reserves available at the start of the pandemic, this together with the government's furlough scheme should allow the charity to continue and return to full operations after the current crisis.

Plans for the future

Our goal will continue to be the advancement of the Christian faith and the building of God's Kingdom through all the ministries described in the report, whilst being open to new initiatives through the guidance and inspiration of The Holy Spirit.

The challenges we need to be addressing are accommodating everyone for the Sunday morning services and the on-going shortage of car parking facilities, together with funding the expanding ministries of the church.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy is as follows:

Tier 1 – Long Term

The trustees will maintain a minimum cash balance of £30,000 in General Funds to ensure continuation of operations, e.g. payment of wages and salaries, running and maintenance costs of buildings, fixtures and fittings.

The trustees will maintain a minimum cash balance of £10,000 in the Nursery Account to cover wages and any redundancy payments, should any arise due to changes in Government funding (presently through Cheshire East Council Children & Families) or insufficient children to ensure viability.

Tier 2 – Short Term

The trustees will review the reserves policy annually when approving the accounts and make appropriate amendments in the light of current circumstances.

Volunteers

The church relies on the contribution made by its volunteers. These volunteers deliver services and also act as trustees, administrators, fundraisers and in other roles.

Risk Management

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at the current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Safeguarding

The church operates Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults and Working with Offenders policies. All people working with young people and children and vulnerable adults are DBS checked.

Health and Safety

Issues are reviewed monthly at the Trustees' meetings.

Independent Examiners

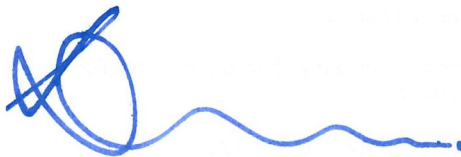
Walletts were appointed as independent examiners during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Church in the Community

We have continued to help more and more vulnerable and needy people and families and we are seeing many of them become part of the church family.

The church has experienced further growth during the year under review with more and more people and families becoming committed church members.

We continue to be committed to the 'Great Commission' to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19) and to see God's people 'growing and being built up in love, as each part does its work' (Ephesians 4:16)



Stephen Hodgkinson
Chairman of Trustees

Dated:

20th October 2021

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of
New Life Church Congleton**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the New Life Church Congleton (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 16 to 30.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Dated:

21 October 2021,

D. Fox (FCCA)
Walleys Chartered Certified Accountants
Adventure Place
Hanley
Stoke on Trent
ST1 3AF

**New Life Church Congleton
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | 2020 Total £ | 2019 Total £ |
|---|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | | | | | | |
| Donations & Grants | 2 | 274,780 | 236,830 | - | 511,610 | 359,113 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 105,081 | - | - | 105,081 | 170,049 |
| Fundraising activities | 4 | 8,211 | - | - | 8,211 | 19,784 |
| Investment income | 5 | 65 | - | - | 65 | 322 |
| <i>Total income</i> | | <u>388,137</u> | <u>236,830</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>624,967</u> | <u>549,268</u> |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Cost of raising funds | | | | | | |
| Fundraising | 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Expenditure on charitable activities: | | | | | | |
| Ministry | 8 | 140,523 | 15,266 | - | 155,789 | 156,770 |
| Youth, children and schools outreach | | 96,206 | 250 | - | 96,456 | 107,314 |
| Caring ministries | | - | 82,444 | - | 82,444 | 57,231 |
| Support of missionaries and other charity donations | 9 | 15,268 | 44,538 | - | 59,806 | 47,229 |
| Nursery | | 90,673 | 4,277 | - | 94,950 | 85,747 |
| Café and bookshop | | 46,425 | 28,050 | - | 74,475 | 95,559 |
| <i>Total expenditure</i> | | <u>389,095</u> | <u>174,825</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>563,920</u> | <u>549,850</u> |
| <i>Net income/(expenditure)</i> | | (958) | 62,005 | - | 61,047 | (582) |
| Transfer between funds | | | | | | |
| Gross transfers between funds | 16 | 32,399 | (32,399) | - | - | - |
| <i>Net movement in funds</i> | | <u>31,441</u> | <u>29,606</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>61,047</u> | <u>(582)</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 597,201 | 58,513 | 222,705 | 878,419 | 879,001 |
| <i>Total funds carried forward</i> | | <u>628,642</u> | <u>88,119</u> | <u>222,705</u> | <u>939,466</u> | <u>878,419</u> |

**New Life Church Congleton
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2020**

| | Notes | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 11 | 478,524 | 495,004 |
| <i>Total fixed assets</i> | | <u>478,524</u> | <u>495,004</u> |
| Current assets | | | |
| Stock | | 37,438 | 39,475 |
| Debtors | 12 | 80,957 | 67,334 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 363,064 | 298,971 |
| <i>Total current assets</i> | | <u>481,459</u> | <u>405,780</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | 20,517 | 22,365 |
| <i>Net current assets</i> | | <u>460,942</u> | <u>383,415</u> |
| <i>Total assets less current liabilities</i> | | <u>939,466</u> | <u>878,419</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 14 | - | - |
| <i>Net assets</i> | | <u><u>939,466</u></u> | <u><u>878,419</u></u> |
| The funds of the charity: | | | |
| Endowment fund | 15 | 222,705 | 222,705 |
| Restricted income funds | 16 | 88,119 | 58,513 |
| Unrestricted income funds | | | |
| General funds | 17 | 628,642 | 597,201 |
| <i>Total charity funds</i> | | <u><u>939,466</u></u> | <u><u>878,419</u></u> |

The notes at pages 19 to 30 form part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on the date shown below and signed on their behalf by:

Stephen Neil Hodgkinson

Date:

20 October 2021

**New Life Church Congleton
Statement of Cash Flows
as at 31 December 2020**

| | Notes | Total funds 2020 £ | Total funds 2019 £ |
|--|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Net cash used in operating | 20 | <u>76,895</u> | <u>33,613</u> |
| <i>Cash flows from investing</i> | | | |
| Interest and dividends | | 65 | 322 |
| Property improvement costs | | - | (4,080) |
| Purchase of furniture and equipment | | (12,867) | (7,032) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | | - | - |
| Net cash provided by investing | | <u>(12,802)</u> | <u>(10,790)</u> |
| <i>Cash flows from financing</i> | | | |
| Repayment of borrowing | | - | - |
| Cash inflow from new borrowings | | - | - |
| Net cash provided by financing | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Change in cash and cash | | 64,093 | 22,823 |
| Cash and cash equivalent brought | | 298,971 | 276,148 |
| Cash and cash equivalents carried | | <u><u>363,064</u></u> | <u><u>298,971</u></u> |

**New Life Church Congleton
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund structure

The charity maintains various types of funds as follows:

Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which are to be held permanently by the charity.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes.

Designated funds

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside out of unrestricted funds at the discretion of the trustees which are therefore not available for other purposes.

General unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds represent unrestricted income which is expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

**New Life Church Congleton
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

Incoming recognition

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a claim for repayment of income tax has or will be made, such income is grossed up for the tax recoverable. The following accounting policies are applied to income:

Gifts in kind and donated goods

Assets given for distribution by the charity are recognised as income for the year only when they are distributed. Where such undistributed assets exist at the year end, they are not included in the accounts but a note is provided of their estimated value. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised as incoming resources at their estimated market value when receivable. If they form part of the fixed assets of the charity, they are capitalised in the balance sheet at the value at which the gift was included in incoming resources. Assets given in kind for conversion into cash and subsequent application by the charity are recognised as income in the accounting period when receivable. All estimates of value of such gifts are made by the trustees.

Donations

Donations and all other receipts from fundraising are reported gross and the related fundraising costs are reported in other expenditure.

Investment income

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable relating to investment income is accounted for in the same period as the related income.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants payable are accounted for when the trustees have accepted a legal or moral obligation to make the grant.

Allocation of overhead, support and governance costs

Costs have been allocated first to the charitable activity concerned. Overhead, support and governance costs relating to Charitable Activities have been apportioned based on usage. The allocation of overhead, support and governance costs is shown in note 7.

Costs of generating funds

The cost of generating funds consist of the support costs in relation to the administration support provided with regard to room hire.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise of those costs incurred in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly and the relevant amount of support costs that relate to that particular activity.

**New Life Church Congleton
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation which is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 20% reducing balance |
| Equipment | straight line over 5 years |
| Building improvements | straight line over 15 years |
| Property | straight line over 50 years |

Operating leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities in equal amounts over the period of the lease.

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Grants

Grants receivable are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) in the year for which they are received. Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Charitable commitments

Commitments which are legally binding on the trustees are accounted for as resources expended in the statement of financial activities. Where the promise of financial support is not binding on the trustees, such intentions are accounted for by a transfer to a designated fund. Activities that are to be wholly financed from future income do not form part of such designation and are disclosed in a note to the accounts.

New Life Church Congleton
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020

| 2 Donations & Grants | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Gifts and donations | 274,780 | 123,958 | 398,738 | 350,643 |
| Local Evangelism Grant | - | 550 | 550 | - |
| Independent Food COVID Grant | - | 100 | 100 | - |
| B&M Grant | - | 1,500 | 1,500 | - |
| Cheshire Community CCF COVID grant | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | - |
| Neighbourly Limited Community Fund | - | 400 | 400 | - |
| Congleton Inclosure Trust | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | - |
| Lloyds Bank Foundation | - | 490 | 490 | - |
| John Holford Trust | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | - |
| Plus Dane Hampers Grant | - | 700 | 700 | - |
| Local Giving Ltd | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Church Revitalist Fund Grant | - | 4,000 | 4,000 | - |
| Plus Dane Housing | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | - |
| Congleton Young People Trust | - | 250 | 250 | - |
| Congleton 4 Congleton Grant | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | - |
| National Lottery - Volunteer Manager Grant | - | 18,000 | 18,000 | - |
| Congleton Inclosure Trust | - | 1,500 | 1,500 | - |
| Cheshire East - Foodbank Grant | - | 1,500 | 1,500 | - |
| Cheshire East - Furniture Recycling Grant | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | - |
| CJRS COVID Furlough Grant | - | 62,882 | 62,882 | - |
| Tools for 'Love Thy Neighbour' Grant | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Reaching Communities (Volunteer Co-ordinator) | - | - | - | 7,000 |
| John Holford Trust (Furniture recycling support) | - | - | - | 1,470 |
| | <u>274,780</u> | <u>236,830</u> | <u>511,610</u> | <u>359,113</u> |

3 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2020 | 2019 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Ministry sundry income | 1,357 | - | 1,357 | 2,386 |
| Nursery school fees | 78,655 | - | 78,655 | 87,026 |
| Nursery sundry income | 303 | - | 303 | 653 |
| Café and bookshop income | 24,448 | - | 24,448 | 74,726 |
| Events | 318 | - | 318 | 5,058 |
| Bank compensation | - | - | - | 200 |
| | <u>105,081</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>105,081</u> | <u>170,049</u> |

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| 4 Income from fundraising activities | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Room hire | 8,211 | - | 8,211 | 19,767 |
| Miscellaneous events and income | - | - | - | 17 |
| | <u>8,211</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>8,211</u> | <u>19,784</u> |
| | | | | |
| 5 Investment income | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2020 | 2019 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Bank interest from UK cash deposits | 65 | - | 65 | 322 |
| | <u>65</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>65</u> | <u>322</u> |
| | | | | |
| 6 Cost of raising funds | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2020 | 2019 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fundraising: | | | | |
| Room hire support costs (note 7) | - | - | - | - |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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| | Ministry £ | Youth, children and schools outreach £ | Caring ministries £ | Support of missionaries and other charity donations £ | Nursery £ | Café and bookshop £ | Fund raising £ | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--|---------------|---|---------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Insurance | 9,106 | - | - | - | - | 1,012 | - | 10,118 | 9,101 |
| Heat and light | 2,269 | - | - | - | 1,135 | 2,269 | - | 5,673 | 7,635 |
| Repairs | 5,791 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,791 | 8,822 |
| Depreciation: | | | | | | | | | |
| Land and buildings | 9,413 | - | - | - | 1,883 | 1,255 | - | 12,551 | 12,668 |
| Building improvement | 5,588 | - | - | - | 1,118 | 745 | - | 7,451 | 9,092 |
| Fixtures, fittings and equipment | 6,544 | - | - | - | 467 | 2,337 | - | 9,348 | 11,265 |
| IT costs | 6,348 | 2,441 | 977 | - | - | - | - | 9,766 | 10,748 |
| Bank charges | 179 | - | - | - | 36 | 24 | - | 239 | 93 |
| Telephone | 2,503 | - | 295 | - | 147 | - | - | 2,945 | 2,349 |
| Printing and stationery | 2,604 | 710 | 473 | - | 710 | 237 | - | 4,734 | 6,072 |
| Staff costs | 34,077 | - | 4,260 | - | 3,382 | 878 | - | 42,597 | 42,883 |
| Governance costs | 2,406 | 656 | 440 | - | 656 | 219 | - | 4,377 | 4,488 |
| | <u>86,828</u> | <u>3,807</u> | <u>6,445</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>9,534</u> | <u>8,976</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>115,590</u> | <u>125,216</u> |
| Governance costs | | | | | | | | | |
| Legal & professional | | | | | | | | 1,077 | 1,128 |
| Accounts and independent examiners fee | | | | | | | | <u>3,300</u> | <u>3,360</u> |
| | | | | | | | | <u>4,377</u> | <u>4,488</u> |

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8 Charitable activities expenditure

| | Ministry £ | Youth, children and schools outreach £ | Caring ministries Storehouse £ | Caring ministries Furniture Recycling | Caring ministries Jubilee & Job Club | Caring ministries Other | Support of missionaries and other charity donations £ | Nursery £ | Café and bookshop £ | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------|--|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Salaries | 45,769 | 89,116 | - | - | - | 41,048 | - | 78,930 | 47,568 | 302,431 | 258,701 |
| Alpha course expenses | 2,129 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,129 | 1,196 |
| Outreach expenses | 772 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 772 | 1,523 |
| Evangelism working expenses | 1,200 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Evangelism outreach | 1,270 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,270 | 2,987 |
| Visiting speaker expenses | 6,809 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,809 | 6,490 |
| Music ministry costs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 456 |
| Promotional | 754 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 754 | 1,001 |
| Sundry expenses | 9,617 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,820 | 3,947 | 17,384 | 18,624 |
| School ministry | - | 2,152 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,152 | 3,664 |
| Event costs | 565 | 1,310 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,875 | 10,049 |
| Training and development | 74 | 70 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 144 | 3,184 |
| Grants and donations made | - | - | - | - | - | - | 69,950 | - | - | 69,950 | 47,229 |
| Caring ministry - Counselling | - | - | - | - | - | 331 | - | - | - | 331 | 733 |
| Caring ministry - Jubilee project | - | - | - | - | 424 | - | - | - | - | 424 | 2,636 |
| Caring ministry - Storehouse | - | - | 20,544 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 20,544 | 9,613 |
| Caring ministry - General | - | - | - | - | - | 937 | - | - | - | 937 | 2,307 |
| Caring ministry - Hardship fund | - | - | - | - | - | 9,482 | - | - | - | 9,482 | 7,226 |
| Caring ministry - Furniture recycling | - | - | - | 2,565 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,565 | 3,365 |
| Caring ministry - Family support | - | - | - | - | - | 547 | - | - | - | 547 | 2,224 |
| Caring ministry - Bereavement support | - | - | - | - | - | 124 | - | - | - | 124 | 1,912 |
| Nursery materials and equipment | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,002 | - | 1,002 | 1,162 |
| Repairs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,666 | 195 | 1,861 | 707 |
| Café and bookshop supplies | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13,147 | 13,147 | 35,522 |
| Café and bookshop stationery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 83 |
| Bank charges | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 644 | 644 | 842 |
| Support costs (Note 7) | 86,828 | 3,807 | 3,221 | 3,221 | - | - | - | 9,534 | 8,976 | 115,587 | 125,214 |
| | <u>155,787</u> | <u>96,455</u> | <u>23,765</u> | <u>5,786</u> | <u>424</u> | <u>52,469</u> | <u>69,950</u> | <u>94,952</u> | <u>74,477</u> | <u>574,065</u> | <u>549,850</u> |

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| 9 Support of missionaries and other charity donations | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total Funds 2020 | Total Funds 2019 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Material grants payable by the trust: 2 grants were made to an individual missionaries (2019:1) | - | 9,665 | 9,665 | 8,160 |
| South African Missionary Work | - | 11,856 | 11,856 | 5,936 |
| Amic mission project - Romania | - | 1,740 | 1,740 | 2,102 |
| Mali appeal | - | 1,022 | 1,022 | 2,369 |
| ICC- China | 7,039 | 7,961 | 15,000 | 3,408 |
| Lucatin - YWAM Centre | - | - | - | 4,523 |
| Christain Aid | - | 1,600 | 1,600 | - |
| Romania children's home | - | 10,694 | 10,694 | 10,744 |
| Other small grants to charities | 8,229 | - | 8,229 | 8,730 |
| Donations to support members of the local community | - | - | - | 1,257 |
| | <u>25,412</u> | <u>44,538</u> | <u>69,950</u> | <u>47,229</u> |

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10 Staff numbers and costs

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year, was as follows:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Nursery staff | 9 | 9 |
| Coffee shop and bookshop staff | 6 | 6 |
| Admin staff | 3 | 3 |
| Youth and children's ministry | 5 | 5 |
| Counsellor | 1 | 1 |
| Cleaning | 1 | 1 |
| Volunteer manager/co-ordinator (grant funded position) | 1 | 1 |
| Family Support Ministry | 2 | 2 |
| | <u>28</u> | <u>28</u> |

The aggregate payroll costs of the above was:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 329,101 | 288,116 |
| Social security costs | 11,444 | 9,968 |
| Pension costs | 4,483 | 3,500 |
| Total emoluments (remuneration and taxable benefits) | <u>345,028</u> | <u>301,584</u> |

No employees emoluments exceeded £60,000.

The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees.

No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year (2019: Nil).

Transactions with trustees

No trustees received any remuneration during the period. Mr S N Hodgkinson received £1,200 by way of a nominal allowance towards out of pocket expenses during the year.

Mrs B Cosgrove, wife of Mr S Cosgrove who was a trustee was employed by the charity during the year as a children's worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £12,838.

Mrs M Sanders, wife of Mr R Sanders who is a trustee was employed by the charity as family support worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £5,096.

Mrs J Crichton, daughter of Mr S Hodgkinson who is a trustee was employed by the charity as a family support worker. The salary paid during the year amounted to £14,375.

Mrs A Timbey, wife of Mr C Timbey who was a trustee was employed by the charity as the nursery manager. The salary paid during the year amounted to £17,006.

Mrs S Wood, sister of Mrs Linda Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as a youth and children's minister. The salary paid during the year amounted to £21,738

Mr G Wood, brother-in-law of Mrs Linda Hurlstone who is a trustee was employed by the charity as Assistant Manager in Words and Music. The salary paid during the year amounted to £14,883.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

| | Freehold Land & Buildings £ | Building Improve- ments £ | Fixtures & Equipment £ | Total £ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Cost | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2020 | 548,353 | 198,082 | 286,508 | 1,032,943 |
| Additions | - | - | 12,867 | 12,867 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - |
| At 31 December 2020 | <u>548,353</u> | <u>198,082</u> | <u>299,375</u> | <u>1,045,810</u> |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2020 | 149,100 | 149,903 | 238,936 | 537,939 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - |
| Charge for the year | 12,549 | 7,450 | 9,348 | 29,347 |
| At 31 December 2020 | <u>161,649</u> | <u>157,353</u> | <u>248,284</u> | <u>567,286</u> |
| Net book value | | | | |
| At 31 December 2020 | <u>386,704</u> | <u>40,729</u> | <u>51,091</u> | <u>478,524</u> |
| As at 1 January 2020 | <u>399,253</u> | <u>48,179</u> | <u>47,572</u> | <u>495,004</u> |

The property from which the charity operates is included at cost. The property's current value cannot be quantified as this depends on the future possible use of the site.

12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Gift Aid accrued income | 62,603 | 60,624 |
| Prepayments | 3,793 | 4,710 |
| Sundry debtors | 14,561 | 2,000 |
| | <u>80,957</u> | <u>67,334</u> |

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Taxation and social security | 5,290 | 2,920 |
| Other creditors | - | - |
| Accruals | 4,500 | 5,665 |
| Deferred income | 10,727 | 13,780 |
| | <u>20,517</u> | <u>22,365</u> |

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bank loan | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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15 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent the charity's property which is the fellowship's permanent place of worship.

| | 2019 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2020 Balance £ |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Property fund (cost) | 222,705 | - | - | - | 222,705 |
| Total endowment funds | <u>222,705</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>222,705</u> |

This fund represents donations and gifts from church members together with grants towards the purchase and extension of the church property which was previously rented. The implied conditions of donations and grants being that the church permanently function from this site. In accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (SORP 2005) an endowment fund has been created.

16 Restricted funds

The movements on the restricted funds of the charity were as follows:

| | 2019 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2020 Balance £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Church building fund | - | 3,045 | - | (3,045) | - |
| Charities and missionaries fund | 3,900 | 34,832 | 33,843 | - | 4,889 |
| Romanian children's home | 7,949 | 10,824 | 10,694 | 1,201 | 9,280 |
| Caring ministry funds | | | | | |
| - General | 30,115 | 49,803 | 57,706 | - | 22,212 |
| - Storehouse | 13,054 | 54,699 | 23,765 | - | 43,988 |
| - Furniture recycling | - | 725 | 725 | - | - |
| - Hardship fund | - | 125 | 125 | - | - |
| - Dementia group | 1,332 | 97 | 124 | - | 1,305 |
| - Tools for love thy neighbour | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 |
| Volunteer co-ordinator | 2,163 | 18,000 | 14,718 | - | 5,445 |
| CJRS Grant support staff | | 63,680 | 33,125 | (30,555) | - |
| | <u>58,513</u> | <u>236,830</u> | <u>174,825</u> | <u>(32,399)</u> | <u>88,119</u> |

Transfers

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds relate to grants received towards support cost expenditure which was incurred during the year. Therefore the conditions of the grants have been met and the grant income was transferred into unrestricted funds.

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17 Unrestricted funds

| | 2019 Balance £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | 2020 Balance £ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Valuation reserve (Unrealised gain) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated funds: | | | | | |
| Local evangelism account | - | 550 | 550 | - | - |
| General fund | 597,201 | 387,587 | 388,545 | 32,399 | 628,642 |
| Total unrestricted funds | <u>597,201</u> | <u>388,137</u> | <u>389,095</u> | <u>32,399</u> | <u>628,642</u> |

The local evangelism account represents monies intended to be used for the promotion of evangelistic events.

All funds are considered adequate to meet their intended purposes.

| 18 Analysis of net assets between funds | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total funds £ |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Fund balances as at 31 December 2020 are represented by: | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 255,819 | - | 222,705 | 478,524 |
| Current assets | 393,340 | 88,119 | - | 481,459 |
| Creditors: | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | (20,517) | - | - | (20,517) |
| Amounts falling due in more than one year | - | - | - | - |
| Total net assets | <u>628,642</u> | <u>88,119</u> | <u>222,705</u> | <u>939,466</u> |

19 Commitments

There were no commitments for capital expenditure at the year end (2019: none).

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Net movement in funds | 61,047 | (582) |
| Add back depreciation charge | 29,347 | 33,025 |
| Deduct interest income shown on investing activities | (65) | (322) |
| Decrease (increase) in stock | 2,037 | 5,438 |
| Decrease (increase) in debtors | (13,623) | 115 |
| Increase (decrease) in creditors | (1,848) | (4,061) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | <u>76,895</u> | <u>33,613</u> |

