

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, GAINSBOROUGH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**  
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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, GAINSBOROUGH**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**

Main Charity Name:	New Life Christian Fellowship
Other working Names:	Cornerstone Christian Centre Storehouse (previously Hands to Care)
Trustees	S. Ellis C. Morley J. Reid F. DeLooze B. Dennis
Holding Trustees	Property Trust, Assemblies of God
Principal Address DN21 1UN	Middlefield Lane, Gainsborough,
Independent Examiner	C.M. Tams, ACA
Bankers	Santander, Bootle, Merseyside
Charity Number	1052170
Body Entitled to appoint Trustees	The Church Council
Governing Document	Trust Deed updated 2017
Objects of the Charity:	<p>The advancement of the Christian Religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Statement of Fundamental truths of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland as approved by the General Council from time to time (the Statement). Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the Church or any of them. Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the Church. The furtherance of other charitable work of the Church which is consistent with the Statement. The furtherance of the work of Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland and the promotion of religious observance that manifest in the statement.</p>

## **Activities and Achievements**

### Thanks to all

The Trustees would like to thank all those who give their time so freely to promote the work of God and the Gospel of Christ in our Fellowship and its ministries.

### Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year we referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit and complied with S17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act when reviewing the aims and objectives prior to planning and developing activities and in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion.

### Sunday Services and Mid-week meeting

Since being able to open up the church legally, we have been holding full Sunday Morning services with opportunity to take communion together. We have on occasions had a pre-recorded speaker. We have also introduced a once-a-month evening service entitled 'Encounter Jesus' which is more of a café style meeting where an individual shares their story of the difference knowing Jesus has made to their life. We are open for Tuesday afternoon prayer times for people to join together. Evening prayer and Bible Study has continued on Zoom, where various people have taken it in turns to lead. We hold regular Prayer and fast days in the building, following the government guidelines. A weekly email newsletter is still sent out with hard copies also being made available at church and the Facebook group is still up and running.

### Children's Work

We hold a weekly Sunday School on Sunday morning which is open to both the members of the Church and the community. We are looking at other ways to expand this ministry.

### 'Inspire'

The 'Inspire' Woman's Ministry had continued to be a blessing to both the women in the Church and has served as an outreach to other women who have attended. An event titled 'Woman of Boldness' was held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November with a guest speaker. Her sharing from the Word and from her own experiences was well received and a great encouragement to the ladies who attended. Light refreshments were served and the ladies were each given a small gift. We have other events planned for the future.

### Men's Breakfast

Since the Covid -19 restrictions were fully lifted, the men's group has been able to meet every other month. They enjoy a full cooked breakfast, for which there is a small charge of £4. After the breakfast, there is normally an opportunity for a member of the church to share some of their journey with Christ, and a time of prayer and reflection. These meetings have been well attended with approximately 12-15 consistently attending.

### Intercessors Group

This continues to take the form of a private prayer line which is confidential, and matters are dealt with discreetly as they arise. Requests are from both Church members and non-church folk. This makes it such a privilege to pray for them.

## **The Community**

### Craft Club

Craft club has continued to meet although some have not returned since the pandemic due to various reasons. We have had some new people joining us, all have enjoyed experiencing a variety of new crafts.

### St George's School Food Bank

We again have continued to support St Georges school food bank with donations of food that have been given. This year we were able to provide Morrisons gift cards at two different times this year. Before the school summer holidays, we gave the school gift cards to the value of £20 each for needy families to help them during the school summer holidays. We also provided St Georges with 30 Morrisons gift cards to the value of the of £25 per family towards their Christmas meal. Any food donations received have been handed to St Georges.

### Storehouse (previously Hands to Care Charity Shop)

In January 22, after much prayer and with stock saved from 'Hands to Care' Charity shop, we opened up our new venture 'Storehouse' charity shop and café, making use of the Church building. We are open to the public every Wednesday from 1.30 pm to 4.30pm, serving free tea, coffee and soft drinks with snacks available for a small cost. We sell items at a reasonable price but we also want this to become a community hub where people can come, feel, welcome and safe. So far, we have been blessed with people coming every week both from our own church family and from the surrounding area.

### Freshen up

All the supplies we had of sanitary products were donated to a local school. As the need for these products is not so great due to the help of the Government to schools over period poverty. We have been looking at ways to help others to use the funds both for period poverty and Hygiene poverty.

### Christmas Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse

The Operation Christmas shoebox appeal was a great success in 2021 and we had the privilege of sending 40 shoeboxes to children living in poverty. Cornerstone continues to support this project and in 2022, we have opened up the opportunity to contribute donations of individual items throughout the year rather than waiting until the official collection week draws near. This year, the church purchased 100 empty shoeboxes to make participation easier though people are still welcome to use their own shoeboxes too. As a church, we are continuing to develop ways in which we can support this project, and in the near future we are hoping to introduce opportunities and ideas for people to incorporate their craft creativity and craft skills to produce quality items for the boxes, such as finger puppets, friendship bracelets and tote bags.

### **Charity**

#### World Missions

We regularly review our giving to world missions, slightly changing amounts as and when. We continue to give to support the work of various missions and missionaries around the world, including World of Worth, Columbia child care, (plus covering the wages of a children's nurse) and Noor Ministry's (supporting schools education for poorer families in Pakistan). Although we have not been able to have any visiting speakers from those we support, to share about the work, we were able to via Zoom with the someone from Noor Ministries, where they shared about the work and gave some valuable updates. There was an opportunity for questions. We are thankful that the church tithes an amount of money each month to enable the support to continue.

On the Sunday after the invasion of Ukraine, we held a special service to pray for Ukraine and Eastern Europe. During the service we started a collection on behalf of those in Ukraine affected by the invasion. This appeal ran for a few weeks. The monies received were directed to a reputable agency working amongst Ukraine refugees.

#### Home Missions

We continue to support the work of Betel, an organisation that helps those with addictions to turn their lives around and the work.

#### Membership

Membership has this year, on the whole, remained fairly stable. We have seen an, increase in the numbers of people visiting the church with quite a few becoming regular attenders and some of those becoming actively involved in church.

#### Interdenominational

As well as being part of Assemblies of God in Great Britain, we continue to have good working relationships with Ground Level Network of Churches and with Kingdom Advance Network at Burton on Trent. We still, when able, have a variety of speakers from other denominational streams.

Changes

We have sought to follow Government covid guidelines and as a result we have changed the layout of the chairs to enable us to welcome more people, yet still make available areas to accommodate those who still wish to socially distance, to have that opportunity to do so. On Sunday evenings, once a month, we have introduced our Encounter evenings which is open to members and the community alike. The Storehouse charity and café has opened and we have an allocated storage room. The Fire Alarm system is in process of being updated.

Reserves Policy

Income and Expenditure is monitored to ensure that reserves are at an acceptable level in accordance with the guidance of the Charity Commission.

The level of reserves that we should hold has been calculated as £15,000 which is 3 months income and the cost of repaying the bank loan for 6 months.

Grant Making Policy

The trustees will review each case in need of a grant. The level of the grant is governed by the available income.

Future Plans

We are looking to, when possible, redecorate some areas of the church to freshen them up. There is also a need to update some of the sound system.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs the charity and the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements they are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; prepare the financial statements on an ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the governing document of the charity. They are also responsible for the safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Designated Trustee)

Christine Morley

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, GAINSBOROUGH**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the New Life Christian Fellowship Gainsborough (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

C.Tams, A.C.A  
Smethurst & Co LLP  
12 Abbey Road  
**GRIMSBY**  
DN32 0HL

Date: .....

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2022

	Restricted	Unrestricted		Restricted	Unrestricted	
GENERAL PURPOSES FUND	Funds	Funds	2022	Funds	Funds	2021
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Tithes and Offerings	1,886	32,476	34,362	-	46,314	46,314
Income from Community Activities	-	2,979	2,979	-	1,380	1,380
Income Tax Repayment	-	-	-	-	5,473	5,473
Covid support grant	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Sundry Income	-	1,230	1,230	-	822	822
Interest received	-	21	21	-	23	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,886</b>	<b>36,706</b>	<b>38,582</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,012</b>	<b>64,012</b>
<b>CHARITABLE PAYMENTS</b>						
Salaries & Expenses	-	12,349	12,349	-	9,382	9,382
Direct Costs of Community Activities	760	978	1,728	-	5,715	5,715
Travelling Expenses	-	271	271	-	2,001	2,001
Ministry Expenses	-	2,248	2,248	-	1,211	1,211
Giving	326	5,760	6,078	-	7,055	7,055
Premises Light, Heat & Water	-	4,573	4,573	-	3,499	3,499
Premises Expenditure	-	2,565	2,565	-	1,513	1,513
Insurance	-	1,103	1,103	-	1,589	1,589
Music Licence	-	293	293	-	286	286
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	-	629	629	-	248	248
Telephone & Internet	-	316	316	-	82	82
Equipment and IT costs	-	724	724	-	2,540	2,540
Sundries	-	-	-	-	208	208
Subscriptions	-	1,087	1,087	-	2,113	2,113
Audit/ Accountancy fees	-	462	462	-	1,113	1,113
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mortgage repayments	-	7,680	7,680	-	7,680	7,680
Loan from trustee repayment	-	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>41,018</b>	<b>42,094</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,735</b>	<b>48,735</b>
<b>Net Receipts for the year</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>-4,312</b>	<b>-3,502</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,277</b>	<b>15,277</b>
Cash and Bank balances at 31.3.21/20			<u>28,345</u>			<u>13,088</u>
Cash and Bank balances at 31.3.22/21			<u><b>24,843</b></u>			<u><b>28,345</b></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH, 2022

**BALANCE SHEET**

**MONETARY ASSETS**

2022 2021

**General Purposes Fund**

General Account	18,337	19,731
Missions Account	6,506	8,614
Gift Aid Debtor	2,633	662
PAYE Debtor	247	-
Other Debtors	328	

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**£28,051 £29,007**

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**LIABILITIES**

Creditors	426	-
PAYE Creditor	-	58
Kingdom Bank Loan	63,331	67,307

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**£63,757 £67,365**

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**PERMANENT ENDOWMENT**

Land and Buildings used by the Charity situated Middlefield Lane, Gainsborough, DN21 1UN.

**OTHER ASSETS (NON-ENDOWED)**

Held for functional use by the Charity - furniture and equipment, together with electric keyboard, sound system etc.

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**Christine Morley**  
**Authorised Trustee**

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**Date**

**For and on behalf of the church council**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1. ACCOUNTING BASIS**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION**

Remuneration and expenses were paid to the following Trustee in accordance with the authority given in the Trust Deed:-

	2022		2021	
	Salary	Expenses	Salary	Expenses
P. Morley	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£2,000</u>	<u>£Nil</u>
C. Morley	<u>£12,000</u>	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£7,250</u>	<u>£Nil</u>