

**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 2023**

Main Charity Name:	New Life Christian Fellowship
Other working Names:	Cornerstone Christian Centre Storehouse (previously Hands to Care)
Trustees	S. Ellis C. Morley (Resigned 1.10.23) J. Reid F. DeLooze B. Dennis
Holding Trustees	Property Trust, Assemblies of God
Principal Address	Middlefield Lane, Gainsborough, DN21 1UN
Independent Examiner	C.M. Tams, FCA
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).</p> <p>Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the Church or any of them.</p> <p>Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the Church.</p> <p>The furtherance of other charitable work of the Church which is consistent with the Statement.</p> <p>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

Sunday morning services are on the whole well attended with opportunity to take communion using individual cups. We seek to accommodate those who still feel vulnerable regarding Covid in how we set out the church. The once a month 'Encounter Jesus' evening which is more of a café style meeting where an individual shares their story of the difference knowing Jesus has made to their life, has continued. Once a month on a Sunday evening we have an 'Encounter Hlm' night which is a worship praise and prayer evening. For part of the year, we continued to hold the Tuesday evening prayer and Bible study on zoom but have now transitioned to this taking place in the Church. The weekly email newsletter is still sent out, with hard copies available in the church and the Face book newsletter is still used. At Christmas time we were able to host a Christmas Brass Band Carol service to which the community were invited.

### 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.

### 'Inspire'

We have held 3 events over the past year, these have been open to all. In June 22 we held an afternoon tea with an outside speaker Jenny Watson, where each lady was given a hand painted bookmark and a handmade individual welcome card. In Oct 22 we held a Ladies breakfast event with Linda sharing. In February we held 'Know you are Loved' event with Hazel and Ebi both sharing. Each lady received a wooden hearts bookmark, alongside heart shaped biscuits and sweets. Each event was a success with the ladies all being encouraged and valued. We have another 3 events already planned for next year.

### Men's Breakfast

These have continued to be held on a regular basis with those attending having a full English breakfast followed by speaker either from the church or an invited speaker. This is a valuable time for the men to share and pray together.

### Intercessors Group

Prayer requests, which are often confidential and are received from church members and non-church contacts are forwarded to the group who maintain confidentiality with matters being dealt with discreetly.

### Maintenance

The garden is maintained by a volunteer but in the summer months we hold a fortnightly garden work party. As part of the ongoing maintenance, we hold regular cleaning work Parties for the upkeep of the building.

## **The Community**

### Craft Club

The craft club has continued to meet once a month and is open to any who would like to attend. Numbers vary. People enjoy meeting, having a place to chat whilst learning new skills including macrame, flower arranging, card making, painting a Christmas decoration, or have brought along their own project to work on.

#### St George's School Food Bank

We have continued to support St Georges school food bank with donations of food that have been given, they are handed into the school for distribution. Again, this year we have provided Morrisons gift cards to the school to give out to needy families during the summer school holidays and at Christmas time. The school allocate the gift cards to those in need among the low-income families.

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

The Storehouse, which is open to the public every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 4.30pm, is staffed by volunteers. We continued to grow with numbers attending increasing, we now have quite a few regulars and are seeing fresh people coming in most weeks. It is run as a charity style shop providing low-cost second-hand clothing, household linens, shoes, bric a brac and other items including small pieces of furniture as and when available. There is always a jigsaw project on the go where people can sit, chat and work together on the jigsaw while enjoying a free tea or coffee. There is a place to sit and colour for children and adults alike. We offer free wifi and phone charging and are registered as a warm space and a welcome space.

#### Freshen Up

We have continued to supply to a local primary school, sanitary products, a variety of hygiene products including soap, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and especially toothbrushes for the pupils. The products we supply are for both pupils and parents, there is such a need mostly just because of prior poverty and hygiene poverty.

#### Christmas Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse

It has been a great success collecting for the shoeboxes throughout the year as this resulted in one hundred and twelve Christmas shoeboxes being sent to Children in Ukraine. As a result of that we have continued to collect items through the rest of the year ready for Christmas 2023. Some people have still chosen to provide and pack their own shoebox to send.

#### **Charity**

##### World Missions

We have continued to be able to support the work of various missions and missionaries around the world, including World of Worth, Columbia childcare, (plus covering the wages of a children's nurse) and Noor Ministry's (supporting schools education for poorer families in Pakistan). We also had a visiting speaker in person from Noor Ministry's to share about the work they are doing, there was opportunity for people to ask questions. We receive updates and newsletters from those we support, keeping us informed and up to date with the work they are doing. Through Storehouse we are able to add to the tithes of the church, which has helped us to be able to continue our support at the same level as last year.

##### 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 remained stable. We have seen 5 people who have been attending wanting to become members. After meeting with 3 of the trustees they are going to be accepted into membership. We are slowly seeing a few new people attending, some every now and then.

##### 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 have a variety of visiting speakers from other denominational streams.

##### Changes

All of the toilets and the entrance hall have been repainted. The fire alarm system has been fully updated, including all the extinguishers and fire blankets replaced with new. We have put a camera in the entrance hall as a safety and security precaution. The once-a-month Sunday Night "Encounter Him" evening has been introduced. Christine, the, Pastor has given 6 months' notice of her stepping down from her position as Pastor and as a Trustee.

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 at adding a further 3 cameras to one to cover the garden shed, and one for both front and main gates. Looking at ways to make more storage area for the Storehouse. We need to look at replacing the main computer for the sound system. Process put in place to recruit a new Minister.

**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)

Stephen Ellis

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 2023.

**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, F.C.A  
Smethurst & Co LLP  
12 Abbey Road  
**GRIMSBY**  
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Date: .....

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, GAINSBOROUGH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2023

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 £
<b>GENERAL PURPOSES FUND</b>						
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Tithes and Offerings	700	34,621	35,321	1,886	32,476	34,362
Income from Community Activities	-	1,647	1,647	-	2,979	2,979
Income Tax Repayment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-	1,230	1,230
Interest received	-	55	55	-	21	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>36,323</b>	<b>37,023</b>	<b>1,886</b>	<b>36,706</b>	<b>38,592</b>
<b>CHARITABLE PAYMENTS</b>						
Salaries & Expenses	-	11,374	11,374	-	12,349	12,349
Direct Costs of Community Activities	690	1,331	2,021	750	978	1,728
Travelling Expenses	-	72	72	-	271	271
Ministry Expenses	-	3,196	3,196	-	2,248	2,248
Giving	800	6,630	7,430	326	5,750	6,076
Premises Light, Heat & Water	-	3,130	3,130	-	4,573	4,573
Premises Expenditure	-	3,553	3,553	-	2,565	2,565
Insurance	-	1,196	1,196	-	1,103	1,103
Music Licence	-	-	-	-	293	293
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	-	-	-	-	629	629
Telephone & Internet	-	348	348	-	316	316
Equipment and IT costs	-	675	675	-	724	724
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	-	838	838	-	1,087	1,087
Audit & Accountancy fees	-	2,369	2,369	-	452	452
Mortgage repayments	-	8,133	8,133	-	7,680	7,680
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>42,845</b>	<b>44,335</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>41,018</b>	<b>42,094</b>
<b>Net Receipts for the year</b>	<b>-790</b>	<b>-6,522</b>	<b>-7,312</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>-4,312</b>	<b>-3,502</b>
Cash and Bank balances at 31.3.22/21			<u>24,843</u>			<u>28,345</u>
Cash and Bank balances at 31.3.23/22			<u><u>17,531</u></u>			<u><u>24,843</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH, 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>		
<b>General Purposes Fund</b>		
General Account	12,811	18,337
Missions Account	4,720	6,506
Gift Aid Debtor	6,151	2,633
PAYE Debtor	-	247
Other Debtors	-	328
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	<b>23,682</b>	<b>28,051</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	1,579	426
PAYE Creditor	439	-
Kingdom Bank Loan	59,431	63,331
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	<b>61,449</b>	<b>63,757</b>
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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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**Stephen Ellis**  
**Authorised Trustee**

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**Date**

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

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, GAINSBOROUGH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2023**

**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:-

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
C. Morley	<u>12,000</u>	<u>NII</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>NII</u>