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NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, GAINSBOROUGH
TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024

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 E. Chester (Appointed 3.8.25) P. Pacey (Appointed 4.8.25) D. Bell (Appointed 4.5.25)
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 have seen an increase in the number of people attending, with more families coming along. Sunday mornings are a time when we can welcome people into the building, share in fellowship over a hot drink and biscuits, and worship and hear the word of God.

Currently, we are not running Sunday evening services, although this is something we may consider doing in the future.

Tuesday evenings are now fully in the building and are attended well, open to all the community. These meetings consist of a Bible Study and a time of prayer.

At Christmas we were able to welcome the Worksop Brass Band, and open the doors to the community, which was well attended. We were also able to share in a small Christmas Dinner together, again this was well attended.

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'

Several events have been held, each well attended. Those that attend have had a good time of fellowship.

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. Members of the group have also started meeting together to pray for not only the church, but the town as a whole.

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.

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 2024. Some people have still chosen to provide and pack their own shoebox to send.

Drover's Call

A monthly meeting has been taking place at Drover's Call care home, with some worship and a short message. This has been well received.

Building

Currently, an AA group use the building weekly for their meeting. The local authority have also started using the building to prepare ballot boxes for local and national elections.

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 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, but we have welcomed a number of new people into the church who worship with us regularly.

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

The fire alarm system has continued to be maintained to the appropriate standard. Three new security cameras have been added to the building to improve security.

A new speaker has been purchased for the front of the church to aid the band when they lead worship.

The website has been redesigned and simplified to improve communication.

Leadership

With the resignation of the previous pastor, the elders of the church have maintained the teaching and leadership rota of the church. We have placed adverts in the Assemblies of God Website for a new Pastor but have yet been unsuccessful in finding a suitable candidate. We will continue to look at recruitment options going forward.

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

Due to age, the projector is in need of replacement. It is planned to use two large screens, as these have a longer lifespan, and can be placed against the wall, negating the need to run cables. There are also plans to purchase a portable speaker, that can be used in the minor hall, and also taken out of the building as needed.

We are also looking at hosting more Children's nights, and an event is planned for October half term.

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)

P. Pacey

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 2024.

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
DN32 0HL

Date:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2024

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 £
GENERAL PURPOSES FUND						
RECEIPTS						
Tithes and Offerings	-	33,257	33,257	700	34,621	35,321
Income from Community Activities	-	2,872	2,872	-	1,647	1,647
Income Tax Repayment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest received	-	218	218	-	55	55
Total	-	36,347	36,347	700	36,323	37,023
CHARITABLE PAYMENTS						
Salaries & Expenses	-	6,734	6,734	-	11,374	11,374
Direct Costs of Community Activities	-	1,527	1,527	690	1,331	2,021
Travelling Expenses	-	257	257	-	72	72
Ministry Expenses	-	3,200	3,200	-	3,196	3,196
Giving	-	5,950	5,950	800	6,630	7,430
Premises Light, Heat & Water	-	3,778	3,778	-	3,130	3,130
Premises Expenditure	-	2,527	2,527	-	3,553	3,553
Insurance	-	1,311	1,311	-	1,196	1,196
Music Licence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	-	399	399	-	-	-
Telephone & Internet	-	386	386	-	348	348
Equipment and IT costs	-	640	640	-	675	675
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	-	314	314	-	838	838
Audit & Accountancy fees	-	528	528	-	2,369	2,369
Mortgage repayments	-	9,342	9,342	-	8,133	8,133
Total	-	36,893	36,893	1,490	42,845	44,335
Net Receipts for the year	-	-546	-546	-790	-6,522	-7,312
Cash and Bank balances at 31.3.23/22			<u>17,531</u>			<u>24,843</u>
Cash and Bank balances at 31.3.24/23			<u>16,985</u>			<u>17,531</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH, 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
MONETARY ASSETS		
General Purposes Fund		
General Account	14,670	12,811
Missions Account	2,315	4,720
Gift Aid Debtor	13,500	6,151
PAYE Debtor	-	-
Other Debtors	-	-
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	30,485	23,682
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LIABILITIES		
Creditors	1,236	1,579
PAYE Creditor	-	439
Kingdom Bank Loan	55,257	59,431
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	56,493	61,449
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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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P. Pacey
Authorised Trustee

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Date

For and on behalf of the church council

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2024

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:-

	2024		2023	
	Salary £	Expenses £	Salary £	Expenses £
C. Morley	<u>6100</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>Nil</u>