

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

New Life Church Crawley

Charity registration number: 1054438

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Elizabeth Tapp David Dickson Elizabeth Dickson Ian Tapp Keegan Singh Amelia Singh Kerry Murray (appointed 1 August 2023)
Charity Registration Number	1054438
Principal Office	The Glade Furnace Green Crawley West Sussex RH10 6JL
Independent Examiner	G W Schulz ACMA Independent Examiners Ltd 2 Broadbridge Business Centre Delling Lane Bosham Chichester West Sussex PO18 8NF
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

New Life Church Crawley is a registered charity, number 1054438, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objects of the Church are for the benefit of the public, to:

- advance the Christian faith;
- relieve sickness and financial hardship through the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support; and
- advance education in such ways and in such parts of the UK or the World as the Trustees may think fit.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Vision and values

At New Life Church, we are committed to fulfilling our vision to:

- Bring the good news of New Life in Jesus;
- Represent Jesus by being an Ark and Refuge; and
- Make disciples who wholeheartedly serve Jesus.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

To help us fulfil this vision, there are several key values we lead the church in:

Encountering Holy Spirit - We are committed to allowing the Holy Spirit to be actively involved in our community life through spiritual gifts, the word of God and congregational participation.

Operating in Grace - We seek to be a grace filled church that welcomes all whatever the stage of the journey in faith.

Transforming Teaching - We believe in biblical, anointed teaching as a catalyst for transformation in individuals' lives.

Motivating Mission - We acknowledge the importance of mission that reaches and supports the local community and into other nations.

Engaging Worship - We will provide regular opportunities for people to encounter God in a variety of styles through the power of God the Holy Spirit.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The Trustees are thankful for the continued outworking of His vision and purposes for New Life through the many dedicated individuals serving alongside the Trustees in the various departments of the church.

Trustees meetings were held, and decisions were made in a hybrid fashion with a mixture of online email communication where necessary as allowed under Charity Commission guidelines. We continued to make use of technology and social media to live stream the service to people who were unable to attend in person.

Ministerial Support & Ministries

The relationship with the AOG continued during the year with personal and church connections as part of New Life's mandate to keep its relationship and status as an AOG Church. David and Beverley attended the national Conference in Harrogate in May 2023 as part of the requirement for AOG ministers to connect with the denomination. We were also able to host the Zone Day for the area and connect with the wider church network. This also meant attendance at Emmanuel Church in London led by area leader Pastor Nick Hughes.

Missions continued to be a feature of life and leadership in New Life with renewed connections in India, Pakistan and Nigeria. This has included regular online meetings and meetings with key personnel. We continued to support various humanitarian outreaches and efforts undertaken by our various partners in these countries including a joint Christmas Party with Pakistan. David undertook successful trips to Pakistan and Nigeria which has allowed the vision for missions work to develop.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

During the year we were also able to continue to develop some key areas of ministry with the Evangelism Team where Sajjad Ahmad had been appointed as the team co-ordinator. The team has made regular visits to the town centre and since early 2024 have also been visiting areas closer to the church. Key outreach events through the summer, the Light Party, Christmas and Easter have also been advertised and information distributed in the area to make available the events and activities to those in the community.

A key area of ministry to fulfil the vision of proclaiming the Good News of New Life in Jesus has been fulfilled through the work of the schools ministry throughout the year. This has resulted in assemblies in partnership with the Lighthouse Project as well as regular clubs in The Oaks and St Andrews. The significant relationships built over this time has also allowed several year groups to visit the church building at New Life and participate in engaging activities to better explain the basis of the Christian faith. In addition, Community Pastor, Kerry Murray, has led the team in the regular midweek ministry for children of primary school age called Cosmic Comets.

Beverley Dickson continued to serve in her role as Safeguarding co-ordinator ensuring we are kept up to date with DBS checks, current legislation and ongoing supportive role with Thirty-One Eight while Liz Tapp continues to serve in her role as Pastoral Care Team Co-ordinator. We were able to train team members in several key areas of support and ministry to see people released into their gifts using the APEST Model of gift discovery and deployment in the incoming year.

Discipleship

One of the significant challenges of this current climate continues to be the emotional, mental and spiritual health of the congregation. During the year a continued investment of time, energy and resources were expended in developing the model of ministry from Freedom in Christ to see people set free from various areas of need. This included a new project in the form of The Bereavement Journey which was advertised and available to those inside and outside with some attendance from the wider community. Various teaching groups and courses have been held with the midweek groups in Reflect and with church elder David Eaton.

Building Work

The Trustees have continued to look for ways to enhance the fabric of the building and maintain it to a good standard. Painting and decorating continues to be done regularly in partnership with a team of volunteers from Natwest so that visually the building is an attractive option for users. We were pleased to be able to continue to offer some community groups such as Dimensions use of the building for their work in the community.

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £113,188 (2023: £83,367) and expenditure £111,175 (2023: £105,778), resulting in a surplus of £2,013 (2023: deficit £22,411). Total funds carried forward amount to £469,768 (2023: £467,755) of which £461,858 (2023: £460,061) are unrestricted.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Missions giving was regularly discussed in support of various ministries we connected to and as appropriate we were able to give to needs on an individual basis to families in need and our Mission partners across the world.

Going concern

The Trustees have performed a review of the financial position of the charity and believes there are sufficient resources to manage any financial risks. The Trustees reasonably expect that that we have adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties relating to events or conditions which cast doubt upon the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

Statement of Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the charity on 15 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
David Dickson
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF NEW LIFE CHURCH CRAWLEY

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of New Life Church Crawley for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of New Life Church Crawley 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 New Life Church Crawley'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

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 New Life Church Crawley 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 accounting 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.

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15 April 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Note				
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	94,287	18,809	113,096	83,329
Investment income	3	-	92	92	38
Total income		<u>94,287</u>	<u>18,901</u>	<u>113,188</u>	<u>83,367</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	<u>92,490</u>	<u>18,685</u>	<u>111,175</u>	<u>105,778</u>
Total expenditure		<u>92,490</u>	<u>18,685</u>	<u>111,175</u>	<u>105,778</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>1,797</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>2,013</u>	<u>(22,411)</u>
Net movement in funds		1,797	216	2,013	(22,411)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>460,061</u>	<u>7,694</u>	<u>467,755</u>	<u>490,166</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>461,858</u></u>	<u><u>7,910</u></u>	<u><u>469,768</u></u>	<u><u>467,755</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	<u>375,863</u>	<u>391,616</u>
		<u>375,863</u>	<u>391,616</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	18,109	9,668
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>76,779</u>	<u>67,503</u>
		94,888	77,171
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(983)</u>	<u>(1,032)</u>
Net current assets		<u>93,905</u>	<u>76,139</u>
Net assets		<u>469,768</u>	<u>467,755</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		7,910	7,694
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>461,858</u>	<u>460,061</u>
Total funds	12	<u>469,768</u>	<u>467,755</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 17 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 15 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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David Dickson
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

New Life Church Crawley meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. 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.

Going concern

The Trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties relating to events or conditions which cast doubt upon the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	2% on cost
Furniture and fittings	25% on cost
Equipment	25% on cost

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	73,006	18,809	91,815	73,657
Gift aid reclaimed	20,316	-	20,316	9,672
Other income from donations and legacies	965	-	965	-
	<u>94,287</u>	<u>18,809</u>	<u>113,096</u>	<u>83,329</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

3 Investment income

	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	92	92	38

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Note				
Evangelism/Training	12,052	-	12,052	9,738
Ministry costs	1,717	-	1,717	2,305
Sunday School	-	-	-	47
Premises expenses	12,956	-	12,956	19,261
Advertising and publicity	-	-	-	40
Equipment	1,392	-	1,392	706
Printing, postage and stationery	47	-	47	621
General administrative expenses	1,080	-	1,080	624
Subscriptions	2,974	-	2,974	3,351
Hospitality	360	-	360	702
Travel costs	313	-	313	2,233
Legal and professional fees	744	-	744	614
Bank charges	390	-	390	360
Sundries	2	-	2	-
Independent examination	870	-	870	840
Depreciation	15,753	-	15,753	15,753
Grant funding of activities	1,431	18,685	20,116	9,730
Staff costs	40,409	-	40,409	38,853
	92,490	18,685	111,175	105,778

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

5 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Mission donations	<u>20,116</u>	<u>9,730</u>

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year, three Trustees received remuneration as employees of the church amounting to £37,174 (2023: Two Trustees £30,529).

During the year, one Trustee received benefits in kind in the form of pension contributions amounting to £629 (2023: One Trustee £686).

During the year, the business owned by a Trustee supplied materials and property maintenance work amounting to £308 (2023: £2,013).

The only other payments made to the Trustees, or any person connected with them, consisted of reimbursements of expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity in furthering the charity's objects.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	39,780	38,167
Pension costs	<u>629</u>	<u>686</u>
	<u>40,409</u>	<u>38,853</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No	No
Staff	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and fixtures £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	<u>420,000</u>	<u>19,788</u>	<u>9,624</u>	<u>449,412</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>420,000</u>	<u>19,788</u>	<u>9,624</u>	<u>449,412</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	33,600	18,633	5,563	57,796
Charge for the year	<u>8,400</u>	<u>4,947</u>	<u>2,406</u>	<u>15,753</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>42,000</u>	<u>23,580</u>	<u>7,969</u>	<u>73,549</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>378,000</u>	<u>(3,792)</u>	<u>1,655</u>	<u>375,863</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>386,400</u>	<u>1,155</u>	<u>4,061</u>	<u>391,616</u>

9 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued income	<u>18,109</u>	<u>9,668</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	153	127
Other taxation and social security	-	104
Other creditors	140	141
Accruals	<u>690</u>	<u>660</u>
	<u>983</u>	<u>1,032</u>

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11 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £629 (2023 - £686).

Contributions totalling £140 (2023 - £141) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	460,061	94,287	(92,490)	(5,500)	456,358
<i>Designated</i>					
Training fund	-	-	-	5,500	5,500
Total unrestricted funds	460,061	94,287	(92,490)	-	461,858
Restricted funds					
Mission fund	7,694	18,901	(18,685)	-	7,910
Total funds	<u>467,755</u>	<u>113,188</u>	<u>(111,175)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>469,768</u>

Designated funds:

The **Training fund** is to fund Kerry Murray's training and miscellaneous costs.

Restricted funds:

The **Mission fund** is to support specific mission costs.

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	474,474	80,597	(95,010)	460,061
Restricted funds				
Building fund	6,005	18	(6,023)	-
Mission fund	9,687	2,752	(4,745)	7,694
	<u>15,692</u>	<u>2,770</u>	<u>(10,768)</u>	<u>7,694</u>
Total funds	<u>490,166</u>	<u>83,367</u>	<u>(105,778)</u>	<u>467,755</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2024
	General	Designated	funds	2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	375,862	-	-	375,862
Current assets	81,478	5,500	7,910	94,888
Current liabilities	(982)	-	-	(982)
Total net assets	456,358	5,500	7,910	469,768

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2023
	General	Designated	funds	2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	391,616	-	-	391,616
Current assets	69,477	-	7,694	77,171
Current liabilities	(1,032)	-	-	(1,032)
Total net assets	460,061	-	7,694	467,755