New Life Bournemouth

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2025

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NEW LIFE BOURNEMOUTH

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	40 Cranleigh Road Bournemouth BH6 5JH
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO Foundation registered 13 February 2023
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1201915
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Timothy Cologne Frederick Potgieter Desmond Tham
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc
LEGAL	Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP
BOOKKEEPING	Connect Supply Ltd.
SAFEGUARDING	Thirty-one Eight
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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New Life Bournemouth
Trustees' Annual Report for the period
1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document: Charitable Incorporated Organisation, 13 February 2023.

How the charity is constituted: CIO

Trustee selection methods: New Trustees are selected and appointed by remaining trustees in consultation with the church leadership.

Additional governance issues

During 2025, New Life Bournemouth [NLB] conducted its church and community activities from premises at 38 and 40 Cranleigh Road, which remained legally owned by Cranleigh Road Hall Trust, a registered charity (number 1044869). New Life Bournemouth was responsible for the operational management of its activities at the premises. Legal ownership of the properties remained with Cranleigh Road Hall Trust. By agreement between the two charities, New Life Bournemouth used the premises free of charge and in return met their running costs, including buildings insurance, repairs and utilities (see note 2 to the financial statements).

A team of elders provided spiritual leadership and managed the practical affairs and ministry activities of New Life Bournemouth.

NLB is an independent, charismatic evangelical church belonging to no denomination or "stream". It is a member of the Evangelical Alliance of the United Kingdom. Over the last few years, NLB has engaged with Every Nation Ministries (www.everynation.org), a church movement with churches in 81 nations, to become part of it. We are now part of Every Nation.

Training is available to trustees to cover any specific needs. The trustees regularly review the significant risks faced by the charity and have established systems to mitigate any that are significant. The trustees believe that the financial controls and regular reporting of income and expenditure provide sufficient and timely information to respond to adverse trends and ensure that the charity's financial liabilities are adequately covered.

The trustees operate a proactive child protection policy, accompanied by detailed procedures. A similar policy has been established to cater for vulnerable adults. We obtain Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearances for anyone with regular contact with our children, young people and other vulnerable people. We receive these through Thirty-one Eight. We have established links with our local Social Services and utilise them, along with other recommended experts, to provide relevant training.

Relationship with Cranleigh Road Hall Trust

Cranleigh Road Hall Trust, also known as Cranleigh Community Church, is a legally separate registered charity, number 1044869. During 2025, three individuals served as trustees of both charities: Desmond Tham, Frederick Potgieter and Timothy Cologne.

The trustees recognise that the shared trusteeship and proposed transfer of assets create potential conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were formally declared or minuted during 2025. During the year, matters affecting both charities were discussed at joint meetings of the trustees and recorded in a single set of minutes. The trustees recognise that this does not clearly show each charity's decisions being taken separately and in its own best interests. From 2026, a declaration of interests is a standing item on the agenda of every trustee meeting, and the trustees intend to record the decisions of Cranleigh Road Hall Trust in separate minutes.

Most of the church and community activities historically associated with Cranleigh Community Church were organised and delivered by New Life Bournemouth during 2025. Cranleigh Road Hall Trust's principal role during the year was to hold, safeguard and maintain the Cranleigh Road properties and to make them available for activities compatible with its charitable purposes.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the charity's objectives as set out in its governing document.

The Object of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.

Summary of the main activities related to these objectives.

NLB exists to serve the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of its members, associates, and community, and to engage in Christian mission. To this end, it organises and promotes activities that facilitate Christian worship and service and supports several initiatives that serve the practical needs of our community, which include:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith through preaching, teaching and counselling based on the moral and ethical framework established in the Holy Scripture (Christian Bible) to develop individuals' spirituality and their spiritual well-being.
2. Sacred spaces and worship services are open to all.
3. The provision of public rituals, prayer and services.
4. Contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children and young people.
5. Contributing towards a better society by running activities to address specific needs in our local community.
6. Provide pastoral care to our members and community members who seek help and support from us.
7. Providing comfort to the bereaved.
8. Helping to provide social care to those in need.

The majority of the church's activities are organised and delivered by volunteers drawn from its membership and wider church community. These individuals freely give their time, skills, and experience in response to their Christian faith and commitment to serving God and others. The trustees are deeply grateful for the dedication of these volunteers, whose contribution is essential to the effective delivery of the church's charitable activities and the fulfilment of its mission.

Summary of the activities of Charity during the year 2025

During the reporting period, the church maintained a vibrant programme of worship, discipleship, pastoral care, and community engagement, all aimed at fostering spiritual growth, strengthening fellowship, and equipping members for ministry.

Weekly Sunday Services: Sunday morning worship services were held every week, providing opportunities for corporate worship, biblical teaching, prayer, and fellowship. Average attendance ranged between 30 and 45 members, with a fair number of visitors joining services throughout the reporting period.

Prayer Meetings: Regular midweek prayer meetings continued to play a vital role in the church's spiritual life. Members gathered to pray for the needs of the congregation, the local community, and global concerns, strengthening the church's commitment to prayer and dependence on God.

Bible Study and Leadership Development: The church remained committed to discipleship and leadership development through the following initiatives:

- **Life Groups:** Small, home-based fellowship groups met regularly to encourage relational discipleship, biblical learning, mutual support, and personal spiritual growth.

- **Leadership 215:** Members of NLB participated in *Leadership 215*, Every Nation's 12-module foundational leadership development programme. Delivered entirely online through the Pathwright learning platform, the course equips emerging leaders in theology, biblical interpretation, ministry practice, and Christian character. Participants met weekly for structured lessons, reflections, quizzes, and group discussions. Offered free of charge, Leadership 215 represents a significant investment in developing biblically grounded leaders to support the church's ongoing mission and ministry.

Special Events

Men's and Ladies' Ministries: The men's and ladies' ministries organised a range of fellowship and discipleship events throughout the year. These gatherings strengthened relationships within the congregation while encouraging spiritual growth, mutual support, and personal development.

Baptisms and Salvations: The reporting period was marked by encouraging spiritual growth within the church. Two individuals were baptised, publicly declaring their faith during Sunday services, and at least one made commitment to follow Christ. These milestones were

celebrated by the congregation and reflected the church's continued evangelistic outreach and discipleship efforts.

Pastoral Care: Pastoral care remained central to the church's ministry. The elders provided ongoing pastoral support through counselling, prayer, Bible teaching, and regular home visits to members requiring personal care and encouragement. This ministry sought to promote the spiritual well-being of the congregation while offering practical and emotional support where needed.

Engage Training: Every Nation offers several evangelism and discipleship programs designed to train believers in conversational evangelism and global missions. Key initiatives include the online Engage Training course for personal witnessing, and 10 to 15 people from our church attended and completed this training.

Conferences and training: As part of joining Every Nation, members of the church's leadership attended the Build Conference in Prague (March 2025), the GO Conference, the Evangelism Summit in Belfast and the Every Nation conference in Manila. Deon and Anna Kruger also attended an evangelism training course in Indonesia. Their flights were paid for from a restricted donation given for that purpose. These events have strengthened the church's links with the wider Every Nation movement and equipped its leaders for evangelism and church planting.

Impact and Public Benefit

In accordance with the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance, the trustees confirm that the church's activities throughout the reporting period have been carried out in furtherance of its charitable purpose of advancing the Christian faith for the public benefit. The church continued to serve both its congregation and the wider community through a broad range of worship services, discipleship programmes, pastoral support, and outreach initiatives. Weekly Sunday services and Life Groups provided opportunities for spiritual growth, biblical teaching, worship, and fellowship, while remaining open and accessible to members of the public and visitors.

The church witnessed encouraging evidence of spiritual impact during the reporting period, with two baptisms and at least one individual making a commitment to follow Christ. These outcomes reflect the church's ongoing commitment to sharing the Christian faith and supporting individuals in their spiritual journeys.

Regular prayer meetings and pastoral care ministries provided emotional, practical, and spiritual support to church members and others within the wider community. In addition, men's and ladies' events and leadership development initiatives strengthened relationships, encouraged personal growth, and equipped individuals for service within both the church and the community.

Through these activities, the Trustees believe the church has continued to provide clear and demonstrable public benefit by promoting the Christian faith, supporting individual wellbeing, strengthening community relationships, and encouraging active participation in charitable and community life.

Church Governance and Oversight

The church is governed by a Board of Trustees, who are responsible for the overall governance, strategic direction, and financial stewardship of the charity, ensuring compliance with the requirements applicable to Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) and relevant charity law.

The Board met quarterly during the reporting period to oversee the church's activities, review progress against its charitable objectives, monitor financial performance and risk, and ensure that the charity continued to operate effectively and in accordance with its governing document.

In planning and reviewing the charity's activities, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The trustees consider that the worship services, Christian teaching, pastoral support, discipleship programmes and community activities delivered during 2025 furthered the charity's purposes for the public benefit.

Key governance actions during this period included:

- Ensuring that all activities align with the church's mission of advancing the Christian faith.
- Monitoring the church's financial health to ensure that donations and funds are used appropriately to support ministry activities.
- Maintaining safeguarding arrangements, including DBS checks through Thirty-one Eight. The safeguarding policy was not formally reviewed during 2025. It has since been reviewed in 2026.
- Managing the charity's relationship with Cranleigh Road Hall Trust, including potential conflicts arising from shared trusteeship and the proposed transfer of the Cranleigh Road properties and other assets.

Financial Review

The church's financial position improved during the year, although cash was tight at times. It is primarily funded by tithes and offerings from its members, which support the ministry, cover operational costs, and fund charitable initiatives. Total receipts for the year were £85,139 (2024: £47,824) and total payments were £82,252 (2024: £48,965), giving a net inflow of £2,887. Receipts included gift aid of £10,267 and grants of £9,270 from Every Nation, which funded a staff post and were spent in full for that purpose.

At 31 December 2025 the charity held cash of £6,578 (2024: £3,691), of which £925 is held in restricted funds. In February and December 2025, when the charity's bank balance was low, Cranleigh Road Hall Trust paid some of the charity's payroll and PAYE costs as a gift. The treasurer presents the financial reports at trustee/elder meetings and to church members at the August AGM. The accounts are examined annually to ensure transparency and accountability.

A brief statement on the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £17,500 (which equates to about three months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £5,650 (about one month of unrestricted expenditure) and is therefore not yet complying with this policy.

The trustees aim to comply with the policy by building up unrestricted surpluses and, once the transfer from Cranleigh Road Hall Trust has been completed, through the transfer of that charity's remaining funds to New Life Bournemouth. The trustees will review the policy annually.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details

The funds that support the charity primarily come from the offerings and gifts made by members and friends of the church and are entirely voluntary. New Life Bournemouth occasionally received voluntary donations from individuals or organisations that participated in or supported its activities. Rent of £6,000 from letting the flat at the Cranleigh Road premises was received by NLB and is included in its accounts as rental income.

New Life Bournemouth did not hold legal title to the freehold properties at 38 and 40 Cranleigh Road on 31 December 2025. Legal title remained with Cranleigh Road Hall Trust, a registered charity (number 1044869), pending completion of the authorised transfer and registration with HM Land Registry. New Life Bournemouth conducted its principal church and community activities from these premises during the year with the agreement of Cranleigh Road Hall Trust.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 accompany this report and have been prepared for independent examination. Following completion of the examination and approval by the trustees, the report and financial statements will be submitted to the Charity Commission as required.

Transactions with Cranleigh Road Hall Trust

Cranleigh Road Hall Trust is a related charity because Desmond Tham, Frederick Potgieter and Timothy Cologne served as trustees of both charities during 2025. The transactions between the two charities are summarised below and set out in note 2 to the financial statements.

New Life Bournemouth used the Cranleigh Road premises during 2025 with the agreement of Cranleigh Road Hall Trust. No rent was charged. In return, NLB paid the running costs of the premises, including buildings insurance (£3,997), repairs and maintenance, and utilities, and received the rent from the flat on the premises (£6,000). NLB also paid solicitors' fees of £926 for the transfer of the properties. In February and December 2025, Cranleigh Road Hall Trust paid some of NLB's payroll and PAYE costs as a gift. No amounts were owed between the two charities at 31 December 2025.

Proposed transfer from Cranleigh Road Hall Trust

The trustees of Cranleigh Road Hall Trust and New Life Bournemouth previously agreed to transfer the properties and remaining assets of Cranleigh Road Hall Trust to New Life Bournemouth as part of consolidating the two charities' activities.

The Charity Commission issued a Section 105 consent order on 25 July 2024 authorising the proposed transfer. The relevant TR1 documentation was executed and submitted to HM Land

Registry. On 31 December 2025, registration of the property transfer had not been completed. Accordingly, the properties remained legally vested in Cranleigh Road Hall Trust at the reporting date.

Most church and community activities were delivered by New Life Bournemouth during 2025. Cranleigh Road Hall Trust remained responsible for its properties, assets, liabilities and regulatory obligations pending completion of the transfer.

Following completion, New Life Bournemouth expects to assume responsibility for the transferred properties and assets in accordance with the Charity Commission's order and the agreed transfer arrangements. Cranleigh Road Hall Trust intends subsequently to settle its remaining obligations and apply for removal from the Register of Charities.

Conclusion

The Trustees are encouraged by the church's spiritual growth during the reporting period. Through its regular worship services, discipleship programmes, pastoral care, leadership development, and outreach activities, the church has continued to make a meaningful contribution towards advancing its charitable purpose of promoting the Christian faith for the public benefit.

Looking ahead, the Trustees remain committed to building on this progress by strengthening the church's ministry, supporting the spiritual development of its members, and extending its engagement with the wider community.

A key priority for the coming period is to work with the trustees of Cranleigh Road Hall Trust to complete the authorised transfer of the Cranleigh Road properties and remaining assets. Until completion, the trustees will keep the two charities' finances, assets and responsibilities separate and will record the decisions of each charity in separate minutes.

The Trustees will continue to ensure that New Life Bournemouth operates with sound governance, financial responsibility, accountability, and transparency, while remaining faithful to its Christian mission and charitable objectives.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Desmond Tham
Desmond Tham (Oct 2, 2026 13:16:08 GMT+1)

Desmond Tham

Date: Oct 2, 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

NEW LIFE BOURNEMOUTH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of New Life Bournemouth ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 on pages 11 to 13 following.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

J. Young
J. Young (Oct 7, 2026 16:16:24 GMT+1)

Jaimée Young
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Date: Oct 7, 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds: General Funds £	Unrestricted Funds: Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income receipts						
Donations		55,128	-	1,775	56,903	39,934
Gift aid receipts		10,267	-	-	10,267	-
Grants	5	-	-	9,270	9,270	-
Charitable activities		-	-	105	105	390
Rental income		6,000	-	-	6,000	5,500
Other		2,395	-	-	2,395	2,000
		73,789	-	11,150	84,939	47,824
Capital and similar receipts						
Loan repayments		200	-	-	200	-
		200	-	-	200	-
Total receipts		73,989	-	11,150	85,139	47,824
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	66,206	-	11,045	77,251	48,092
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	4,201	-	200	4,401	873
		70,407	-	11,245	81,652	48,965
Loan made		600	-	-	600	-
		600	-	-	600	-
Total payments		71,007	-	11,245	82,252	48,965
Net of receipts / (payments) before		2,982	-	(95)	2,887	(1,141)
Transfers between funds	5	(100)	-	100	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,882	-	5	2,887	(1,141)
Cash funds as at last year end		2,771	-	920	3,691	4,833
Cash funds at this year end	A	5,653	-	925	6,578	3,691

The notes on page 13 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds: General funds £	Unrestricted Funds: Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		5,653	-	925	6,578	3,691
		5,653	-	925	6,578	3,691
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		1,039	-	-	1,039	2,312
Other debtors		1,768	-	-	1,768	-
		2,807	-	-	2,807	2,312
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Pension due		-	-	-	-	118
HMRC PAYE due		694	-	-	694	-
Fee for Independent Examination		1,200	-	-	1,200	1,080
		1,894	-	-	1,894	1,198

D Assets retained for charity's own use

The charity does not yet own any assets.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Desmond Tham
Desmond Tham (Oct 2, 2026 13:16:08 GMT+1)

Desmond Tham

Date: Oct 2, 2026

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly

	Unrestricted Funds				
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	38,854	-	9,270	48,124	27,444
Ministry expenses and training	2,807	-	1,775	4,582	1,107
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	5,124	-	-	5,124	8,895
Insurance	3,997	-	-	3,997	3,120
Utilities and phone	9,096	-	-	9,096	5,843
Governance and professional fees	2,726	-	-	2,726	420
Administration, office and support	2,370	-	-	2,370	1,263
Other costs	1,233	-	-	1,233	-
	66,206	-	11,045	77,251	48,092

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:					
Every Nation International	2,551	-	-	2,551	-
Every Nation Belfast	1,650	-	-	1,650	-
Other small grants to organisations	-	-	200	200	873
	4,201	-	200	4,401	873

4 Transactions with related parties

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,771	73,989	(71,007)	(100)	5,653
Restricted funds					
Parents and Toddlers	920	105	(150)	-	875
Employment	-	9,270	(9,270)	-	-
Overseas training	-	1,675	(1,625)	-	50
Mission	-	100	(200)	100	-
	920	11,150	(11,245)	100	925
Total funds	3,691	85,139	(82,252)	-	6,578