Charity No. : 1206105

Newport Community Church (Shropshire)
(Charitable Incorported Organisation)

Financial Statements

For the year ended
31st March 2026

Newport Community Church (Shropshire)

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Receipts and Payments accounts

INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025 (16 months)
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Off erings				
- Offerings	43,364.52	-	43,364.52	31,365.40
- Miscellaneous	-	-	-	45.88
	43,364.52	-	43,364.52	31,411.28
Other Income				
- InterestReceived	468.16	-	468.16	102.94
Foodbank				
- Adhoc donations	-	831.00	831.00	1,297.55
- Grants	-	-	-	2,000.00
- Regular giving	-	3,651.50	3,651.50	2,830.00
- Donations via Stewardship	-	1,780.76	1,780.76	1,174.03
- Miscellaneous Income	-	254.54	254.54	0.86
	-	6,517.80	6,517.80	7,302.44
Making a Difference Market Stall				
- Sales	-	4,116.62	4,116.62	1,877.88
Mission Support				
- Overseas regular specific protected	-	1,808.84	1,808.84	2,429.18
- Overseas ad-hoc specific protected		1,310.97	1,310.97	970.53
- UK ad-hoc specific protected		100.00	100.00	-
- General mission offerings		2, 467.96	2,467.96	1,885.35
	-	5,687.77	5,687.77	5,285.06
Total Income	43,832.68	16,322.19	60,154.87	45,979.60

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EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025 (16 months)
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
- Advertising/Promotional	2 76.58	-	276.58	442.86
- Bank Charges	50.62	-	50.62	113.32
- Books and Study Materials	43.26	-	43.26	145.41
- Church services costs	63.14	-	63.14	1 5.00
- Conferences	4 36.00	-	436.00	594.00
- Dues and Subscriptions	2 61.99	-	261.99	5 2.50
- Equipment	74.59	-	74.59	-
- Gifts for Volunteers	12.00	-	12.00	103.50
- Hire of Hall	5,272.00	-	5 ,272.00	3,268.75
- Insurances	3 92.55	-	392.55	223.44
- Licences	4 70.00	-	470.00	445.00
- Printing, Postage and Stationery		-	-	5.10
- Safeguarding	2		207.0	1,356.39
- Speakers	07.08		8	308.95
- Training	7		758.3	2 5.00
Professional Fees and services	58.32		2	
- ACAT	224.00	-	224.00	-
- Accountancy Services	432.82	-	432.82	-
- Dave Clissold (via DPC Consultancy)	19,056.32	-	19,056.32	8,530.32
- Health and Safety professional services	5 52.15	-	552.15	7.78
- Pete Gilbert	3,000.00	-	3 ,000.00	1,750.00
- Stewardship Services Consultancy Helpline	70.00		70.00	7 0.00
- Travel	8 89.09		889.09	1,030.54
	32,542.51	-	32,542.51	18,487.86

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EXPENDITURE con.	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025 (16 months)
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Foodbank Expenditure				
- Bank Charges	-	-	-	53.47
- Client Purchases	-	9,466.61	9,466.61	4,928.69
- Equipment	-	265.50	265.50	-
- Health and Safety	-	350.00	350.00	436.16
- Miscellaneous	-	-	-	22.11
- Office/General Administration	-	63.97	63.97	64.98
- Pest Control	-	300.00	300.00	-
- Rent/Storage	-	1,560.00	1,560.00	2,643.32
- Volunteer costs	-	255.54	255.54	238.10
- Website costs	-	264.00	264.00	100.00
	-	12,525.62	1 2,525.62	8,486.83
Mission Support and Welfare Relief				
Charities				
- UK	-	365.31	365.31	586.00
- Overseas	-	5,299.17	5,299.17	3,005.00
Local/UK				
- Local/UK	-	3,250.4	3,250.45	3,507.82
- Making a Difference Market Stall	-	5	6,176.55	2,861.34
Overseas Work		6,176.5		
- Charities	-	5 4,127.64	4,127.64	2,253.16
	-	19,219.12	1 9,219.12	1 2,213.32
Total Expenditure	32,542.51	31,744.74	6 4,287.25	3 9,188.01
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	11,290.17	(15,422.55)	(4,132.38)	6,791.59

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Statement of assets and liabilities

	31-Mar-26		31-Mar-25	
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
CurrentAssets				
Bank accounts	71,749.05		75,883.34	
Paypal accounts	5.55		3.64	
	71,754.60		75,886.98	
Net Current Assets		71,754.60		75,886.98
		71,754.60		75,886.98
Accumulated Funds				
Reserves brought forward		75,886.98		69,095.39
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year/period		(4,132.38)		6,791.59
Balance at 31st March 2026		71,754.60		75,886.98

Other assets

Newport Community Church (Shropshire) has as at 31 March 2026 equipment and assets to the value of £2115.82

The Financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11/11/2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

V. Talbot

V Talbot - Treasurer and trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Newport Community Church (Shropshire)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Newport Community Church for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The church's trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is neede d.

It is my responsibility to:

* examine the accounts under s145 of the 2011 Act,
* to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under s145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
* to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
* to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act, and
* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Tim Herriott

Mr T Herriott ACA BA
Tim Herriott Enterprises
15 Briarsleigh
Stafford
Staffordshire
ST17 4QP

Date:

Newport Community Church



Newport Community Church (Shropshire)
Trustees' Annual Report to the Charity Commission
Year Ending 31st March 2026

Newport Community Church (Shropshire)
Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ending 31/03/26

Details

Name: Newport Community Church (Shropshire). Previously known as Newport Christian Fellowship (Shropshire).
Charity Number: 1206105
Charity's Governing Document: Constitution dated 22/03/2026.
Address for correspondence: 10 Broadway, Newport, Shropshire TF10 8NB
Names of persons legally responsible:

Dr Victoria Talbot
David Clissold
Richard Townley
Lynn Clifford (since 26th January 2026)

Names & addresses of charity's main agents: Dr Victoria Talbot (treasurer), 10 Broadway, Newport, Shropshire TF10 7TN.
Restrictions: None known
Investment Powers: To invest money from time to time and to leave money on deposit at a bank.
Bankers and other finance providers: Cooperative Bank; Charity Bank; PayPal; Wise.

Aims, Organisation and Summary of Charitable Activities

Objects of the CIO

- The advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit in accordance with the statement of faith in the Schedule, primarily in the environs of Newport in the county of Shropshire, and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time-to-time think fit.
- Such other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world, as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees further the work of the CIO.

Organisation

- Church leader David Clissold is employed to work part-time for the church. He is ably supported by a skilled, prayerful and faithful team of volunteer leaders and trustees, along with other volunteers from within the body of the church.
- Most meetings of the church take place in a community hall called Cosy Hall. We have a number of links to other Christian organisations, most notably Youth with a Mission (YWAM) and Telford Minster.
- The church holds itself accountable to Pete Gilbert who looks after a number of churches, providing us with accountability and sound wisdom and advice.
- Towards the end of the period the church officially joined the Pioneer network (1st February 2026)

Charitable Activities during the period:

- Sunday Worship with Sunday School in Cosy Hall.

- Regular midweek Meetings.
- 'Making a Difference', a stall in Newport Market selling fairtrade items, Christian goods and locally produced fudge. Also gives away free Bibles and other Christian literature; prayer is offered.
- Wellbeing Café on Wednesdays in a local community facility called The Hub which is part of the Youth Café Project.
- Support for those involved in mission, both home & overseas
- Responsibility for Newport Shropshire Foodbank, which gives food and other items to those in need.
- Pastoral support to members of the congregation and those participating the wellbeing café.
- Active role with Churches Together in Newport.
- Active partnership with Telford Minster to provide opportunities for the young people of Newport to hear the gospel in fun, youth-oriented sessions.
- ***New*** this year: Alpha course
- ***New*** this year: Signposts After School Church Club, held in Trinity Church hall on Thursday afternoons.
- ***New*** this year: Fortnightly youth group for the church's teenagers and their friends. Held in the Newport Baptist Church.
- ***New*** this year: Joint outreach events with Catalyst Youth Trust
- ***New*** this year: Monthly services in the Cottage Christian Nursing Home

Progress & Achievements - Governance

Church Name

- The leaders had felt for some time that the name of the church – Newport Christian Fellowship – was now outdated and did not reflect who we were. Whilst 'Christian Fellowship' was a popular type of name for independent evangelical/charismatic churches in the 1980s and 1990s, this was not something that the general public understood or related to in a positive way.

- The leadership felt called by God to change the name of the church to 'Newport Community Church' as this new name reflected our longstanding and committed outreach within the local community and was much more welcoming.

- Feedback received from the public backed this up, with comments received indicating that 'Fellowship' sounded "very exclusive and that you have to believe certain things to be able to go", whilst 'Community' was "more welcoming" and that "anyone could go" because it was "for the community".

- The trustees agreed and successfully applied to the Charity Commission to change the name. The Commission accepted the application and the name officially changed on 23rd March 2026.

- The leaders and trustees will now work through the necessary changes of bank details, letterheads, social media etc.

Pioneer membership

- The church trustees and leaders concluded their exploration of membership of the Pioneer network which had started back in 2023.



Dave Clissold (L) receiving the church's Pioneer membership certificate with Steve Speight (R)

- A unanimous decision was reached, and all leaders and trustees were in agreement that the church should join Pioneer. The church was officially welcomed into the Pioneer family by Steve Speight, Senior Minister of Life Church, Lichfield and presented with its membership certificate on Sunday 1st February.

- This was then followed up by a wider welcome by others in the network at the annual Pioneer Leaders' Conference in Manchester, March 2026.

Trustee Change

- We were delighted that Lynn Clifford, previous independent examiner of accounts has agreed to join the board of trustees. This was following the departure last year of Naomi Musters who stood down as trustee and chair of the governing board on 12th March 2025. Naomi, along with her husband Mike had felt for some time that the Lord was asking them to leave NCC and follow His calling to wherever He was to take them.



Lynn Clifford

- Lynn comes with extensive administrative and financial experience and has started to take up the reigns in charge of Safeguarding administration.

- Lynn will also take on the role of GDPR officer once she has Safeguarding firmly under her belt.

Finance

- NCC anticipated ending the year with a deficit of £6,788 of unrestricted and general mission funds.
- This had not materialised, even though the trustees had agreed to pay Dave Clissold for an average additional 3 hours per calendar month.
- This was attributed to increases in giving and underspend in some areas.

Progress and Achievements – Charitable Activities for the Public Benefit

Our Work at Home - Church activities (NCC services, meetings and events)

Afternoon Renew Café Church

- For many years on the last Sunday of the month our church service has been held 'Café Style'. Instead of sitting in rows, the congregation sits around tables, refreshments are typically available throughout the service and everything is much more informal.

- From February 2026 we have taken the decision to hold the service at 3pm in the afternoon. The aim of this change is to make it easier for those who are unavailable in the mornings to attend and participate – typically teenagers who are catching up with their sleep in the mornings, or those playing sports, and those who are ill or disabled and find mornings difficult.

- Although we have only had two services like this so far, participation has been very good, and we have seen individuals that have not made it to church for quite some time. The second of these services coincided with Palm Sunday. We were encouraged to make palm leaves and to consider questions around the authority of Jesus in our lives and living humbly as He did.





Palm Sunday Service, the second of the afternoon Café Church services.

Christmas

- Mid-December we hosted our customary **carol concert** with gospel presentation and invited members of the community.

  Carols were sung, the Good News was preached and our small youth group along with children from the newly established Signposts group participated in a nativity sketch.

  Members of the congregation were also encouraged as part of the service to write their prayers on a luggage tag and hang them on the illuminated tree for the leadership team to then pray for during the New Year. Cards with encouraging messages and scriptures along with some very sweet peg dollies were made available to take away.

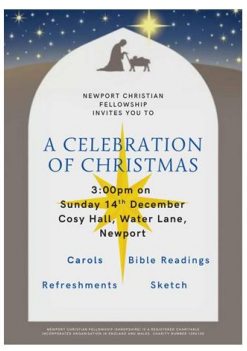
  A light supper with quizzes and activities was provided afterwards. It was so good to see the hall full of people keen to celebrate the season and it was wonderful to have the privilege of telling people the Good News of the birth of Jesus. Everyone had a fantastic time.











Christmas carol concert – a terrific celebration!

- On **Christmas Eve**, at the invitation of the other stall holders, NCC took the Good News out – literally - into the marketplace, into Newport market.

As in previous years, we set up our microphones, wore our best Christmas jumpers and hats and sang carols with great gusto. One of our leaders, Jo Bentham led the group with Dave accompanying us on guitar. A short message was also shared.

This is the third year that we have done this now and we suspect we have become a regular fixture! They are always relaxed, fun events and always very well-received by everybody.



Carols in Newport Marketplace Christmas 2025

Worship Without Walls



Worship Without Walls social media logo

- Our Friday night "Worship Without Walls" (WWW) meetings in the Susan Miles Room in Cosy Hall are given over to praise and worship and have a very different flavour to Sunday mornings. The sessions are promoted on Facebook, and it has been very gratifying to welcome members of other churches who want to join us in praise and worship of God on a Friday night.

- WWW ran just once this financial year in Nov 25.

Other activities

- Other regular activities continue:
    - Monday daytime "Prayer and a Psalm" group runs each week.
    - Fellowship and prayer group made up of people from across the Newport churches meet regularly on Mondays, initially in The Barley pub, but more latterly in The Swan following a fire at The Barley
    - Thursday nights' weekly prayer meeting in the homes of people within the church.

Our Work at Home – NCC Programmes

Alpha

- **The Alpha Course** ran in June/July 2025 for those who are young in their faith to go through the essentials of what it means to be a Christian and establish a strong foundation in their lives.

Children and Youth Work



Bonkers Bingo, May 2025

- We are thrilled that we have been able to start a **youth group**!

Starting with teenagers within the church and their friends, this new group meets every two weeks (on average) and launched in December 2025. Long term, the aim is to be able to welcome other young people from within the town.

We are really grateful to Newport Baptist Church for letting us use their building and thus partnering with us in this vital work.

As part of this work we continue to partner with Churches Together in Newport, and Telford Minster who have provided resources for several events: a Bonkers Bingo in May 2025, a Praise and Pizza Party in June, and finally a 'Traitors' style Pizza event in February 2026, as well as inviting our youth to events at the Minster as well.

These youth events were well-attended. The youth leaders from Telford Minster were fabulous. Being young and relatable, their energy was infectious, and everyone had a wonderful time.

- Additionally, we have been working together with John Proctor of Catalyst Youth Trust and visited Burton Borough School. Students were led through a series of reflective prayer stations. They were a delight - caring, kind, curious, and willing to reflect on life questions.



Prayer stations at Burton Borough School

- We trust that there will be further opportunities to reach local students. What a privilege to serve our local youth in this way.

- In addition to the youth work, we are also thrilled to have started an **After School Church Club**.

  Called “Signposts”, this group runs weekly on Thursdays and is specifically for 4–11-year-olds and their parents/carers. It launched in November 2025 and, whilst it has been aimed at families who cannot make it to church on Sunday, it has attracted a number of children and their parents who are all from non-church backgrounds and who would not otherwise be involved with church.





Young girl completing a God is Love jigsaw at Signposts

We are incredibly encouraged by this. There is clearly a spiritual hunger within the town and a desire within the community to participate in church activities.

- We are honoured in that Dave Clissold is now a regular visitor of **Newport Junior School** and is invited in to take assemblies.

Life Groups

- It has been some years since there were regular ‘house groups’ within the church. However, that has all now changed with the launch in January of **Life Groups**.

- Groups meet every two weeks (on average) in people’s homes, and the format is structured around the framework of the ‘4 Ws’ of Welcome, Worship, Word and Witness developed by Trevor Withers of Cell UK, with individuals taking it in turns to lead one of the Ws.

- In this way, everyone is encouraged to participate and develop themselves as they prepare their section, and people start to get to know each other better outside of Sunday services.

Newport Shropshire Foodbank

- The Foodbank has continued to provide support to those in need – both food and financial advice.

- No grants from Telford and Wrekin were received and donations (both regular and ad hoc) from the public decreased on the previous year by around 10%. However, the Foodbank bank account is still very healthy.

- The Foodbank is very well supported in Newport, both with funds and volunteer time. It currently has around 12 volunteers at any one time, with numbers fluctuating as people dip in and out according to their own availabilities.

- The cost-of-living crisis continues to impact people in the local community. Expenditure In YE25, expenditure, principally on client purchases and the costs of storage, had jumped by a massive 60% on

the previous period (from £7,606 to £12,143). This year, expenditure has increased again, this time by 3.1%, to £12,526.

- As examples of the kinds of support given, the Foodbank supported a woman fleeing domestic abuse and living in hotel accommodation with food and a microwave oven. They also assisted a man whose wife had left him with their disabled son preventing him from working.

- As well as being provided with food, clients are provided with cleaning and toiletry products and can help themselves to items on a pick-and-mix table with items made available on a first-come, first-served basis.

- The Foodbank manager enjoys a very good and trusting relationship with Lidl and collects from them every week. He is well known to the local branch and is often offered split pallets of items that cannot be sold.

- We would like to thank the Royal Naval Association Club from whom we rent the room and for all of our volunteers who give so generously of their time to ensure that the Foodbank is there for all who need it. We would also like to thank a member of Wrekin Housing Trust who has also given their time to provide advice to clients and are very grateful to have received grants again from Telford and Wrekin Council for spending on client purchases.



Christmas Foodbank parcels preparation

• We are particularly thankful for all the local community groups, businesses, churches and schools who have given so generously over the course of the year, both with food donations and finance. Their generosity ensured that the Foodbank gave out around 80 hampers at Christmas time in 2025, up from 37 the year before. Newport is an incredibly generous town and we thank everyone involved from the bottom of our hearts.

- For regular updates on the work of the Foodbank, please see the Facebook page.

Making a Difference

- The stall is a fully established part of the market community with the manager reporting that NCC's carol service in the market hall at Christmas 2023 being a pivotal moment, enabling more people to be reached and an increase in deeper conversations about faith, grief, loneliness and family splits. Overall, there is a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. The stall attracts more browsers and we have been able to give away copies of Luke's Gospel.



Goods for sale on NCC's market stall, along with Jo the stall manager

- During the first half of the period, the Market Trading Company asked us if we would move our stall to another area of the market; a newer trader had asked for two stalls side-by-side. We had felt that this was not what we should be doing and it was eventually agreed that we would stay in our current position. The newer trader moved out of the market altogether having been found to have made false claims to secure grants from Telford and Wrekin Council. It was the first time we had to stand our ground, and it was interesting that the other traders explained to the stall manager that God was on our side!

- There have been more opportunities this year for the stall manager to speak with people and pray for them. Many people are struggling with a variety of problems in their lives, including a family at risk of homelessness.

- We are now purchasing items from Eden, The Potter's House, Leprosy Mission Trust and Leonard Smith amongst others. The stall also purchases items from local SMEs, including a local fudge producer.

- Olivewood crosses are still a popular sale and provide an opportunity to pray for those buying them. A member of NCC regularly donates toy cars. These are offered for a £1 donation with proceeds going to support the Children's Centre in Madagascar. It's proven to be an important opportunity to show customers how the stall makes a difference to the lives of others.

- Staffing the stall is dependent on volunteers and continues to prove challenging. Shifts are invariably covered (though are often shorter than is desirable), and we give thanks for those who regularly step up to assist, especially to Jane Newey and Julia Ridgeway on Fridays.

  However, agreement to help at other times – mainly on Saturdays - is mostly last minute, which adds to the manager's administrative workload. We are still praying for a larger group of regular, committed volunteers with whom a rota could be developed.

- The stall has been able to assist a second young person in the fellowship by providing them with opportunities to serve as part of their volunteering targets in their Duke of Edinburgh award.

- We pleased that, once again, revenue from the stall has been used to support the schooling of a number of children in Madagascar through our contacts with Fiona and Narilanto Rabesson who work in the region for YWAM.

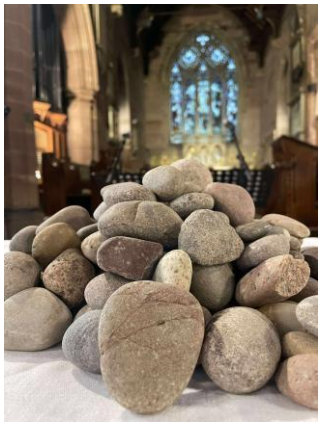
- This year we have also been pleased to support the 'Wear it Pink' Breast Cancer Now campaign. A volunteer donated a pair of knitted pink socks to use as a giveaway for one of the games we hosted.

- A neighbouring stall holder who assisted us at odd times throughout the year retired at the end of the previous period and we are pleased that we enjoy a good relationship with the new person who took over and who regularly helps to open up and close our stall when needed.

Our Work at Home – Working with Churches Together in Newport

- Dave Clissold stood down as Chair of Churches Together in Newport (CTN) in September. This leaves the group without a Chair. However, in place of this, it was agreed that there would be a monthly CTN Monday prayer meeting held in the Baptist Church to which all are welcome and NCC continues to be active in the group.

Joint service of Christian Unity



Stones of Unity, joint service at St. Nicholas', Newport 2026

- A joint service took place at St. Nicholas church in January at the start of the week of Christian Unity. The church was packed out and God was glorified. Congregants were invited to place a stone on the table at the front of the church to demonstrate unity in the Holy Spirit.

- If we paraphrase Psalm 133, it says that God commands a blessing when his people dwell in unity and we have certainly seen this. Everyone has been delighted with how everyone has been keen to meet, worship and work together.

Easter 2026

- NCC participated in all the **CTN Easter activities** which included:

    - **Easter Extravaganza** for primary-aged children. This consisted of an Easter Egg Hunt, games and craft activities, plus of course the Easter story.

    - Maundy Thursday supper and service at St. Nicholas' Church.

    - The annual **Good Friday service** took place in Trinity Church followed by a 'Walk of Witness' through the town whereby the congregation processed through the town behind a nominated person who carried a wooden cross singing Easter-themed hymns and choruses.

      The walk concluded in a gathering in the centre of town to continue to worship God and proclaim what He has done for us by His death on the cross. Despite the rain our spirits were not dampened!

      Members of the public who passed by were given the opportunity to receive a free hot cross bun. And, for the first time, NCC hosted a table and gave out free copies of Luke's Gospel in a modern translation with an attractive cover.

      After this the group retired to a pre-booked area in The Barley public house for tea, coffee and more hot cross buns (NCC meets these costs). We are thankful to The Barley for hosting us.













Good Friday, 18th April 2025 walk of witness, followed by worship in







Before and after! Successful Luke's Gospel give-away!

Light Party as an alternative to Halloween. There were games, crafts, singing and LOTS of fun making light houses! Each year there is an emphasis on wearing bright clothing and Jesus being the Light of the World.






Light Party – crafts, including making lighthouses.

Newport Carnival

- NCC also continues to work hard with CTN to ensure a continued presence at **Newport Carnival**.

- This year was a fun-filled day at St Nicks with games, kids craft and prayer stations as well as free refreshments.







Fun and games at Newport Carnival, 14th June 2025

- There was a teddy bear hunt, and everyone got to hear “Well done, Jesus loves you!”. Bibles were given way, there was a ‘hit a rat’ game, large Connect 4 game and volunteers had conversations with lots of people.

- Visitors were also invited to make a junk spaceship to deliver messages to God or make some hearts for our prayer tree!

Renew Wellbeing (RW) Café

- This is also a CTN activity, led principally by NCC and follows the Renew Wellbeing format.

- The group continues to meet on Wednesdays in the café area of the local facility called The Hub which has been extremely welcoming. However, given that The Hub's primary purpose is that of a Youth Café, arrangements for the wellbeing café came under review during the end of the previous period and consequently it moved to St Nick's during the school summer holidays.

- Offering crafts, board games, chat and – optionally – prayer, people have been able to come in and connect with those running it on the basis that "it's ok not to be ok".

- Every session starts with a reading of Psalm 103 v 1-5 with each line being prayed in.





Plant pot painting. Renew Wellbeing Café held in St. Nick's during summer 2025.

- So many people suffer with poor mental health, and this is one way that we can reach them with help and support.

- Numbers fluctuate, but we have between 3 and 14 people in attendance.

Other CTN Activities

- NCC has also participated with other CTN activities, including **holiday clubs, monthly care home services** and the monthly Monday prayer meetings.

Our Work at Home - Other NCC Activities

Supporting Individuals

- In addition to these significant activities, we have continued to provide long-term pastoral support to a retired couple within the congregation with complex health needs and family difficulties. We also continued to provide regular financial support to a retired UK-based Christian worker to help meet their daily needs and relieve them of hardship as befits our charitable objectives.

Our Work Overseas – Mission Partners

We have continued with our support to our overseas partners. It has been a real privilege to do this:

Rudy and Nits Basultin in the Philippines

- Rudy and Nits are Youth With a Mission (YWAM) workers in Cagayan D'Oro in the Philippines. They are principally linked with YWAM Ships Philippines, and are also active in their local communities, reaching out to people with the Good News of the gospel and providing educational opportunities to local children who cannot afford to go to school.



Water bottling business

We have therefore been pleased to continue to provide support for some of their ministry initiatives.

- This year we sent Nits funds to enable her to attend a compulsory online training event to enable them to obtain a business permit for their water bottling business which we have already helped them to set up so that it will provide them with an income and eventually lead to financial stability.

- Their hearts are fundamentally for their local community, many of whom are very poor. We have been able to send them funds for school supplies for local children. 66 children were helped as a result.



Palawan Medical Mission, August 2025

- The principal work of YWAM Ships Philippines is to go to the outlying islands on medical outreach missions. We have been able to support Rudy and Nits to join a team of 155 volunteers, on a mission to San Vicente, Palawan and the reports back have been amazing. Partnering with government entities, military and NGOs with marines providing security, the team helped over 10,000 patients many of whom had travelled very long distances, some up to six hours from different islands. The region is severely underserved with Puerto Princesa having only 200 doctors and dentists for a population of around 1 million people. A lady with a potentially cancerous swelling which could not be treated by the team was miraculously healed and the swelling vanished instantly after a doctor prayed over it. Several people, including high ranking military officers accepted the Lord after witnessing this.

Jesus Worship Centre in Uganda

- We sent Pastor James Kato £150 to be used as part of his Christmas outreach in December 2025.

  The money was used to fund a local end of year outreach with bouncy castle, trampoline, food and balloon games. It looked like a lot of fun and reached well over 100 children.













End of year outreach at the Jesus Worship Centre, Kampala, Uganda.

The Reeds – Operation Mobilisation

Ralph and Esme Reed (not their real names) and their children Eel and Dusk (not their real names), are serving in a "Creative Access Nation" sharing God's love amongst the least reached.

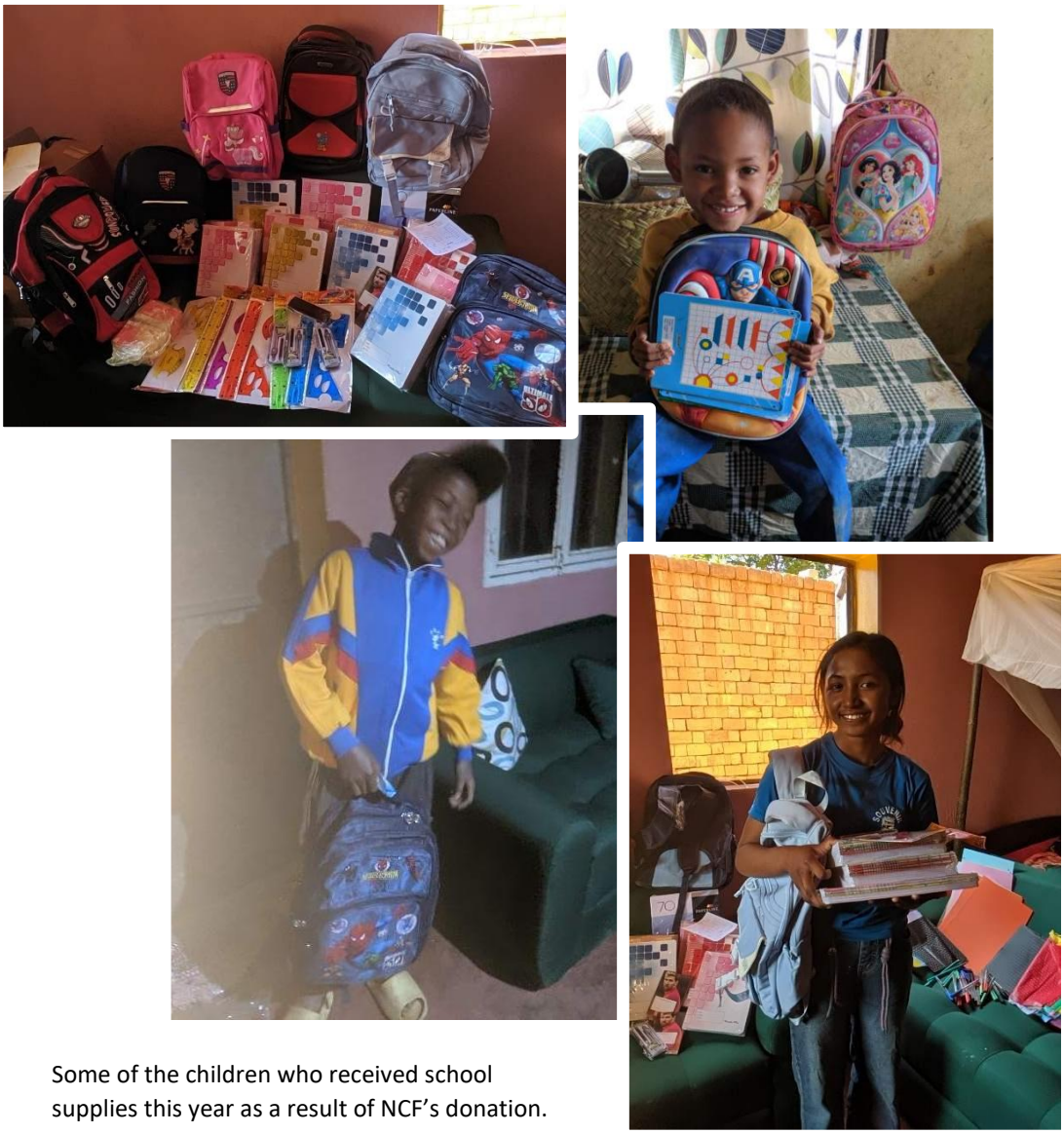
Ralph leads a school that provides education and pastoral support to the children of ministry families in the area, and Esme supports project leaders in the development and evaluation of their ministries along with project fundraising. Together with their children they love their neighbours and encourage local believers.

Esme and the children returned to the UK on a visit during the summer of 2025, initially on a furlough and then a second time to attend to a sick relative. Esme shared information about their work with the church which inspired someone within the church to send a donation for their needs via NCC. The church also sent some money in December as a contribution towards their daily needs.

Fiona and Narilanto Rabesson in Madagascar – with YWAM

- We have been very privileged to support Fiona and Narilanto, and two of their colleagues in their mission work this year:
    - Two members of the church stepped forward to contribute a combined total of £602 for school fees for Ella and Lilia Fanomezano, children of Fano and Baku who are colleagues of Fiona and Narilanto at the YWAM base.

    - £450 from the revenue of the market stall were used to support the school fees and buy materials for 13 local children.



Some of the children who received school supplies this year as a result of NCF's donation.

We received photos and videos from mothers whose husbands had died explaining how our donations made it possible for their children to go to school this year. We also received videos from some of the children thanking us, with one girl saying “Thank you so much for helping me go back to school. I can study this year because of you!” and another from a boy saying, “I am so happy that I can go to school – my dad would have paid before but he isn’t here anymore.” It is truly humbling and a reminder of how well off we are here in the West.

Fiona also reported back: “The centre runs a kids club and a youth club. These young people attend and are discipled there. We are so glad to be able to facilitate this physical demonstration of God’s love for them through NCF’s sponsorship of these precious children. Also it is a great testimony to the parents of how much God cares for their families.”

- £200 to spend on food provisions to sustain the centre during a period of political unrest and instability.

- £150 contribution to Christmas outreach events at their kids’ club which serves children who work in the local quarry, as well as New Year events for the youth and elderly. The children were so pleased and felt so special receiving a gift because their parents cannot often afford to give them one. The youth and elderly too, as it isn’t often that they get a good meal. Fiona reported back that they felt very cared for an excited to celebrate the New Year together.







Christmas Party outreach. Food and presents!







New Year Celebrations!

Looking Ahead

1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027

Challenges

- Each of the last three years have started with large deficits being forecast which have then – praise God - failed to materialise. However, we cannot take our income for granted. New initiatives are likely to lead to a growth in numbers, but this may not necessarily translate into additional income as those that come may well be on low incomes and are likely to feel they cannot afford to give.

  Unrestricted and general mission monthly giving increased during YE26 and – Foodbank excepted - we start YE27 hopeful that we may break even this year. Reserves for both the main part of the church and also the Foodbank are healthy, and we continue to rely on God to meet our needs.

- As part of joining Pioneer, the church has committed to preaching at least once a year on financial giving. This is something which we will find challenging. Many British leaders feel uncomfortable about speaking on this topic and yet the call to give is clear in Scripture. It is part of our act of worship and to ignore this topic is to miss out a vital area of teaching which should be part of people's discipleship.

- It has taken some time to replace Naomi Musters on the board. Lynn will need time to get to grips with her Safeguarding role and then will need to tackle GDPR. It is a slow business which will take some time to achieve.

- Last year we reported that new people had joined the church but at the end of March 2025, this had not translated into any kind of giving. This situation has now improved, both financially and in terms of volunteering of time for ministry activities. However, there are still gaps, particularly on the Market Stall and we continue to pray that God will stir people's hearts to give.

- There continues to be a shortage of church leaders within other churches in the town. The rector of St. Nicholas took up a post elsewhere at the end of June 2025 and at the end of the year there was no replacement. Other churches are managing either without a leader or only with an interim minister.

Plans

- Now that we have changed our name to something which more truly reflects our character and activities, the trustees and leaders will be working to embed this throughout all aspects of church life.

- The leaders, trustees and volunteers will be working to establish and fully embed the embryonic youth and children's work and run another Alpha course.

- Policy work will continue.

- We are seeking at least one, ideally two, more trustees to replace Richard Townley who plans to step down in June 2026.

Conclusion and Summary

- Despite challenges, once again we have achieved a great deal for the public benefit during this period.
- We have successfully changed our name to something which more truly reflects our character.
- The plans described in our last report have come to fruition! We are starting to see new people in church on a regular basis and there are early signs of growth.
- The charity's overall financial deficit at year end was down to a reduction in income to the Foodbank. However, unrestricted and general mission giving increased and, all other costs were covered and we give thanks to God for people's generosity.
- We have continued to support many people in the UK and overseas, have worked to spread the gospel message and worked with other Christians and community leaders in the town.
- We are truly thankful to everyone who has contributed to the life and activities of the church, particularly Dave Clissold who works incredibly hard in his role and had an unexpectedly busy year. But, moreover, we give thanks to our wonderful Father God for all that He has done for us and through us, trusting that He will continue this during 2026-2027 and beyond.
- We look forward in anticipation of all that He has in store for the financial year 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027.



Dr V. Talbot, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. On behalf of NCC trustees.