

NUNEATON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST
(CHARITY No 1050411)

Statements of Accounts

For the year ended 31 May 2020

Crescent Taxation Ltd
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Nuneaton Christian Fellowship Trust
(Registered Charity 1050411)

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Trustees:

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Revd Paul Wood	4 Canterbury Way Nuneaton CV11 6PY
Mr Alex Bruce	10 Knox Crescent, Nuneaton CV11 6DS

Nuneaton Christian Fellowship Trust

Annual Report 2020

Aims and Objectives of the Trust

- (1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily, but not exclusively within Nuneaton and the surrounding neighbourhood. The Basis of Faith is defined by the Nicene Creed, as reproduced in the Appendix below.
- (2) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the Managing Trustees further the work of the Church.

Structure, Governance and Management

Responsibility for management of the Trust is shared between the Holding Trustee and the Management Trustees. Their functions are explained below.

The function of the Holding Trustee is to hold the legal title of real property and investments belonging to the Church and to ensure that the same is used only in furtherance of the purposes of the Church as set out in the Objectives of the Trust. The Holding Trustee must act in accordance with all lawful instructions of the Managing Trustees, unless to do so would give rise to a breach of trust.

The Managing Trustees of the Church are the persons appointed as church officers in accordance with the Church Rules. Their functions are defined in the Trust Document and include employment of staff, acquisition or disposal of property and to operate bank or building society accounts in the name of the Church. There shall not be less than 3 Managing Trustees.

The Holding Trustee is The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches Limited.

The Managing Trustees are:

Mr Alex Bruce (Chairperson)

Mrs Gillian Stephenson

Revd Paul Wood (Secretary)

Dr Nikolas Howarth

Appointment of Managing Trustees is by invitation of the existing Trustees. To be appointed, the existing Managing Trustees must unanimously support the application of the proposed incoming Managing Trustee.

Full details of the principles by which the Trust is governed are listed in the Nuneaton Christian Fellowship Church Constitution and Rules. A copy can be obtained on request to the Chairman.

Strategies

The work of the Trust has continued to develop, in line with our aims of Christian worship and service. Nuneaton Christian Fellowship continues to have involvement with the work of Nuneaton Christian Network and continues as a member of the Evangelical Alliance. The Church's affiliation to Elim Churches Incorporated has also continued. The Federation of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) holds the NCF Church Centre in Trust on behalf of NCF Trust. The FIEC has registered the NCF building in the name of Nuneaton Christian Fellowship.

Aims for Current Year

1. To function and operate all church activities and since March 2020 in accordance with Government and Elim guidelines
2. Facilitate the new Pastor in overseeing and co-ordinating roles in the Fellowship.
3. Encourage Bible study, prayer and worship in the life of the fellowship, using a computer application(Zoom) from March 2020 to facilitate this
4. Strengthen the life of the fellowship, by encouraging fellowship groups and maintaining support structures as part of the life of the Fellowship using the computer application Zoom to facilitate this from March 2020.
5. Strengthen the life of the fellowship by developing of links with those outside the local Christian community in accordance with Governmental and Elim guidelines since March 2020.
6. Encourage outreach in word and action, which is both visible and relevant to the local community.

7. To look for church growth through prayer and evangelistic outreach onto the local estate and the new build estates which are being built around us as Covid restrictions allow since March 2020.

Activities undertaken during the year

Unfortunately, activities within the Church Centre have been significantly limited since March 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the subsequent series of 'Lockdowns' experienced by all in this country. From March- May 2020 part of the church met regularly for worship on Sunday mornings 'remotely' using the 'Zoom' application accessible on-line. Unfortunately, this has not been open to all of the congregation because some people do not own computers to access Zoom. John, our minister, made sure that those with no computers were offered the opportunity to join by telephone and took them a step by step guide of how to do it. Pleasingly this offer was taken up by some. On Zoom, there is a regular adult teaching programme, which has included teaching by a number of visiting speakers. There has been no children's group in operation during this time and neither has there been an evening 'traditional style' service presently both having been stopped in March 2020 when the services moved to Zoom. Prior to that there was a full weekly programme.

.NCF's worship during the Sunday services has been led by the Minister John Stephenson. During the first lockdown he played live on his keyboard at home via Zoom

The new minister continued to communicate with the fellowship through the medium of the NCF website and twice monthly editions of the church 'Onward' magazine. Some of the congregation received a paper copy of this delivered by John whilst others received their Onward on-line. John also produced a weekly Tuesday e-mail which gave information for prayers, notices and links to the previous Zoom services and current links to get onto Sunday services, prayer meetings and Bible studies via Zoom or telephone. Many people found this extremely useful.

There were some fifteen prayer walks arranged and conducted by the minister prior to the start of the pandemic covering the estate we are on and some of the new estates that are being built around us.

Members of our congregation have attended and continue to attend the prayer meeting at the local hospital. However this has been limited to occasional prayer meetings during the pandemic.

Our full-time pastor has retired (January 2020) whilst our minister in training has continued studying with Elim looking to be ordained in 2021. He continues to supervise development and activity within the Fellowship. He is working closely with other leaders and partners to continue to develop their roles as co-ordinators, facilitators and pastor-teachers.

Achievements and Performance

Advancement of the Christian faith

The fortnightly Thursday afternoon luncheon club and fellowship / outreach meeting, named "Outlook" had continued. Outlook is an open meeting, run by NCF for the benefit of local residents. In addition, our previous full-time Pastor and his wife have continued to host a Friday afternoon social gathering which has also become more popular. The meeting is known as the "Minister's Tea Party", and is open to local residents. Both were suspended in March 2020 due to the lockdown and have not reopened.

Several days of 'reading through the Scriptures' were held during the year and were open to the public to attend. These were well attended.

Several of our church young people took part in young people's outreach events during the year, organised by the Wildfire group from Youth with a Mission (YWAM).

A church away day was held at a local Baptist church in November 2019 and was very well attended with an international speaker booked for the day

Other charitable work

The following secular groups have continued to use the NCF Church Centre during the week to reach out to people in the local community. Each of these meetings is attended by one or more church members. These include an Alzheimer's group run by Age Concern, a bereavement counselling group run by a local Undertakers. The local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides also hold their weekly meeting in the Church Centre and the local Women's Institute meet once a month. A charitable theatre and social group also meet quarterly.

A Baby Sensory Group now meets with 3 sessions on a Wednesday morning each attended by twenty parents with their 0-4 year old babies. This has proved very popular in the community and they currently have a waiting list. Also during the year the local NHS clinic have started to hold weekly health check clinics for young babies.

Each group partners with NCF in using the Church Centre; making a contribution to expenses. Again these were all suspended in March and will look to reopen when government and Elim guidance allows.

The kitchen was used regularly for the preparation and serving of meals for the benefit of the Church and the local community. The fortnightly church luncheon club has continued to be popular with local residents. A local chef had cooked meals for the club on a voluntary basis. Suspended in March 2020 and will look to reopen when government and Elim guidance allows.

Plans for future developments

- Further regular evening church outreach events are planned.
- A structured church prayer programme during 2020/21 is planned, which may include a prayer weekend.
- A new estate is being built close to the church and the programme of evangelistic outreach to the new residents is continuing with leaflets having been distributed.
- A programme to develop the Young People's work further and to attract younger couples into the church is being developed by our newly appointed "Minister in Training" during 2020/21 with a Friday night youth group being continued

Appendix

Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us people and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man

.For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfilment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Registered Charity No: 1054011
Accounting Period: Year ended 31 May 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 May 2020 set out on pages 9-11

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charities 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 which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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

Signed:

Name: D M Ellis for Crescent Taxation Ltd

Relevant professional qualifications or body: HM Inspector of Taxes (grade 7 – retired); FSPA;FCPAA

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Date 10 March 2021

Nuneaton Christian Fellowship Trust
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2020	2019
Assets		
<i>Yorkshire No 1 account</i>	6771	5142
<i>Yorkshire No 2 account</i>	1256	1060
<i>CBS Savings</i>	4838	4838
<i>CBS – other</i>	31051	30709
Cash	<u>1036</u>	<u>474</u>
	44952	42222
LIABILITIES		
Accountancy	300	325
Inland Revenue	289	82
Nest	62	38
P Wood	- <u>(651)</u>	34 <u>(479)</u>
	44301	41743
Plant & equipt b/fwd	30773	28343
Added	2049 -	2430
Depreciation b/fwd	(29153)	(28343)
Depreciation charge	(1493) <u>2176</u>	<u>(810)</u> 1620
	46477	43363
Pallet Drive at cost	<u>180000</u>	<u>180000</u>
<u>Total Net Assets</u>	<u>226477</u>	<u>223363</u>
Profit & Loss account	223363	221170
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	3114	2193
Total funds	<u>226477</u>	<u>223363</u>

We approve the accounts for the year ended 31 May 2020 and the above Statement of Assets and Liabilities as truly reflecting the position at 31 May 2020

Signed..... Trustee
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Nuneaton Christian Fellowship Profit and Loss Account
For the Year ended 31 May 2020

	2020	2019
Income	£	£
Covenanted donations	12573	13634
Sales	190	-
Collections	7867	9251
Funeral donations	-	1130
Gifts	5	55
Interest receivable	243	243
Non Covenanted donations	1071	662
Quiz Night /Music	473	0
Tax rebates	4760	5223
Music Equipment	0	0
Rental Income	6693	7670
Chair Fund	2785	-
A Little Goes A Long Way	<u>327</u>	<u>115</u>
	36987	37984
Accountancy	400	400
Advertising &PR	40	1175
Charitable Donations	-	750
A Little Goes A Long Way	600	200
Young Peoples Ministry	-	95
Cleaning Costs	1862	2231
Childrens Ministry	30	291
Direction Resource	252	275
Equipment expensed	350	1242
Equipment hire	22	24
Gifts	0	0
Insurance	0	704
Light & Heat	3682	3172
Ministers' salaries	16472	7875
Wages & Salaries	-	10385
Ministers church expenses	493	770
Ministry Gift	200	280
Ministry Hospitality	-	20
Ministry Support	60	30
Missionary&Evangelism	81	0
Other Legal costs	1655	1062
Pension contributions	537	243
Postage	86	13
Rates(Water)	197	217
Repairs & maintenance	3556	596
Security	282	282
Software	329	90
Stationery & printing	91	455
Staff training & welfare	14	0

Sundry	248	399
Depreciation	1493	810
Teaching Resources	-	228
Telephone	-	10
Fog & Youth	200	330
Training-Ministry	-	150
Travel & Subsistence	132	479
Visiting Speakers	320	-
Weekend away /Awayday costs	188	-
<u>Totals</u>	<u>(33873)</u>	<u>(35791)</u>
<u>Surplus(deficit)</u>	3114	2193