

Harvest Fields

Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31st January 2023

The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31st January 2023.

Charity status:

Harvest Fields (the Trust) was registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 14th April 2016. The charity number is NIC100188.

Governing document:

The Trust was established under a deed of Declaration of Trust dated 7th June 1993.

Trustees:

The current trustees and those who served as trustees during the year are as follows:

Samuel J E Balmer
Wesley R S Emerson
William J Gibson
David Kennedy
T John Mitchell
Gordon M Mullan
John F Parkinson
R Michael Verner

No remuneration or expenses was paid to the trustees during the year.

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Purpose:

The purpose of the Trust is to advance the Christian religion by way of obtaining and publishing information relating to Christian missionary activities and by providing financial support to those involved in such activities.

Activities:

The monthly Prayer News publication and Zoom report meetings have provided much information regarding Christian missionary activities in many areas of the world. The total income received during the year towards the General Fund amounted to £9,348. This was from gifts and donations. The total amount paid out of the General Fund during the year amounted to £10,746. Included in this amount were publication and administration costs of £10,746. At 31st January 2023 funds held in the General Fund amounted to £11,322.

During the year £18,253 was received specifically for the support of Christian missionary activities. The amount paid during the year from the Restricted Fund to support Christian missionary activities amounted to £16,807. At 31st January 2023 funds held in the Restricted Fund amounted to £1,446.

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Public benefit:

We have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The beneficiaries from the Trust are individuals or organisations who are advancing the Christian religion throughout the world. Not only does the Trust give financial support to those involved in Christian missionary activities but the monthly publications generate support from individuals and churches directly to those involved in these activities. The main benefit flowing to the public from the advancement of the Christian religion is moral and ethical. The Christian religion teaches that we should love our neighbour as ourselves. Those involved in Christian missionary activities are therefore also involved in bringing physical and material need to those with whom they work, both Christian and non-Christian. Those whom the Trust has supported have included those involved in providing medical, educational and other services to the communities in which they work, as well as helping those in poverty.

The annual report was approved by the trustees on 12th April 2023 and was signed on their behalf by William J. Gibson and Gordon M. Mullan.