

The Maranatha Christian Church Trust

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland - NIC100471

Annual Report & Statement of Accounts

For the year to 31st December 2022

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Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

The trustees of the Maranatha Christian Church Trust are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period 01st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

Main Activities

To promote the celebration of the Worship of God and His son Jesus Christ and the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the promotion of the spiritual teaching of a religious body

Achievements

The year 2022 was challenging with coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions it had on many aspects of church life, but also very rewarding to being able to get back to meeting in person.

The services returned to physical meetings with some socially distanced protocols still in place in the early part of the year where the guidance from the authorities required this. Not all services returned to meeting physically in person. An online prayer meeting continues and has provided some opportunities for fellowship with some brethren from Europe and North America. This also provides an opportunity to share in fellowship and to provide contact especially to those who felt isolated or lived alone.

The church continued to receive teaching from Bible on a range of practical and prophetic teachings. These studies took place each Sunday morning. The objective is to spiritually strengthen the brethren to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and apply His teachings in our daily lives.

A significant part of the teaching the Lord directed us in was to stir up the church in evangelism. There is an ongoing focus on sharing our faith in Jesus Christ and to share the greatest hope through the sharing of the gospel. A regular evening service was held once per month on a Saturday or Sunday evening with the focus on evangelism.

The church also participated in a live streamed online International Conference with our associated fellowships in the USA, Canada, Brazil and Portugal in March 2022. There was a time of worship, fellowship and teaching in order to strengthen the fellowship between us.

The Sunday school classes which had been curtailed significantly due to the pandemic were able to meet in person again to pray together, hear God's Word and share some of their experiences. The age appropriate teachings were provided to help the children grow in the knowledge and grace of the Lord.

Through the Lord's direction a new group was set up for the young adults, meaning those who had left the Sunday school due to being over 15 years old. This is run bi-weekly and enables some discussion and prayer on topics facing the young adults and the biblical teachings and answers related to these.

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the Trustees on 22nd October 2023 and signed on their behalf,



Andrew Wallace

Chair

Financial Review

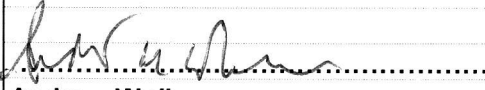
Financial Performance

Financial performance in the year to 31st December 2022 has shown a surplus of income over expenditure of £12,431 was achieved for the year compared to a surplus of £11,372 in the year to 31st December 2021.

The year ended with a general fund balance of £46,751 (compared £34,320 for the same date last year). Detailed accounts can be found on page 5 & 6.

The income for 2022 included a claim for gift aid relief of £2,774 from HMRC.

Maranatha Christian Church Trust			
Profit and Loss account for the year ended:	31/Dec/2022		31/Dec/2021
	£		£
Receipts			
TITHES	15,408		9,875
OFFERINGS	-		-
OTHER INCOME	2,774		3,986
Total Income	18,181		13,861
Payments			
RENT OF ROOMS	-		-
BUILDING REPAIRS	-		-
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	-		-
FIXTURES & FITTINGS	-		-
EQUIPMENT	-		-
CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES	-		-
RATES	167		156
TELEPHONE / IT	1,284		756
ENERGY	2,018		1,281
INSURANCE	2,105		-
EVANGELISM	-		-
FLIGHTS	-		-
TRAVEL EXPENSES	-		-
HOTEL & ACCOMODATION EXPENSES	-		-
SEMINARS / MEETINGS	-		-
BANK CHARGES	176		169
SUNDRIES	-		127
TRAINING	-		-
Other payments	-		-
PROFESSIONAL FEES	-		-
Total Payments	5,751		2,488
NET Receipts/(payments)	12,431		11,372
Reconciliation as at year end			
Cash at bank & in hand - Opening	34,320		22,948
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	12,431		11,372
Cash at bank & in hand - Closing	46,751		34,320

Maranatha Christian Church Trust			
Statement of assets and liabilities as at:	31/Dec/2022		31/Dec/2021
Funds Reconciliation			
Cash at bank & in hand - Opening	34,320		22,948
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	12,431		11,372
Cash at bank & in hand - Closing	46,751		34,320
Bank & Cash Balances			
Bank Current account	46,751		34,320
Deposit account	-		-
Cash in hand	-		-
	46,751		34,320
Other assets for Charity's own use			
Building (Actual value)	125,500		125,500
Musical Equipment (estimated value)	2,500		2,500
Sound Equipment (estimated value)	2,000		2,000
IT equipment (estimated value)	3,500		3,500
	133,500		133,500
Current Liabilities			
Other Liabilities	-		-
Current Liabilities	-		-
Approved by the trustees on 22nd October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:			
			
Andrew Wallace Chair			

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name

The Maranatha Christian Church Trust.

Charity Number

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, NIC100471

Principal Address

2 Willowfield Street
Belfast
BT6 9AU

Charity Trustees as of 31st December 2022

Mr Andrew Wallace
Mr James Gheel
Mr Richard Bassett
Mr Tiago de Castro Carvalho

Structure, Governance, and Management

Governing Document and Constitution

The Trust is an unincorporated association and is governed by a Trust Deed adopted 18th February 2003.

The Trust is managed and overseen by all the trustees who meet regularly and at least once per month to discuss the administrative and spiritual needs of the church. Regular ad hoc meetings are also held.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objects

The objects of the Trust as set out in our Trust Deed the advancement of religion and in particular to provide or make arrangements for the provision of:

1. The promotion of the spiritual teaching of a religious body.
2. The promotion of the observances which give expression and substance to the religion.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of The Maranatha Christian Church Trust confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the Trust in the year to 31st December 2022.

In evaluating public benefit, the trustees note the following benefits:

1. Having a place to meet which is welcoming to the general public in order to have fellowship and community
2. The spiritual growth of the believer and upholding of moral and ethical values based on biblical teaching.
3. To tell others of the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ

These benefits are or will be demonstrated through:

1. Provisions of churches and places of worship which are open to the general public during regular services times
2. The happiness and well-being of the believer or follower.
3. Better moral and ethical values demonstrated in the lives of the believer or follower.

The purposes do not lead to harm.

The church's beneficiaries are:

- The church members or regular attendees and the general public. All our regular services are open to the general public.

There are no private benefits flowing from these purposes.

Summary of Main Activities

Our church is a community of believers who seek to follow and live the way of Jesus Christ according to the Bible. We meet together to worship God and to be taught by Him through His Holy Word and guided by the Holy Spirit. We seek to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ and to facilitate the spiritual growth of the believer.

