

The Maranatha Christian Church Trust

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland - NIC100471

Annual Report & Statement of Accounts

For the year to 31st December 2023

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Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

The trustees of the Maranatha Christian Church Trust are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period 01st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

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 2023 was the first full year where there were no restrictions in physical gathering since the COVID-19 pandemic. The church continued to meet regularly and had a number of seminars during the year with visitors from the USA and Portugal.

We had a celebration of some water baptisms at one of the events during the summer with many friends and family of those who were being baptised in attendance.

An online prayer meeting continues and has provides some opportunities for regular fellowship with some brethren from Europe and North America. This also is 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 the 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.

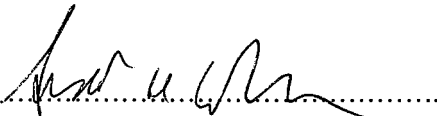
The church continued its efforts in evangelism with regular monthly Saturday or Sunday evangelical evening services being held. The brethren were encouraged to invite people to hear the message of hope through the sharing of the good news of the gospel.

There was an invitation from our sister church in Portugal to attend the anniversary celebration in Lisbon in October 2023. A couple of people were able to attend and it enabled some fellowship in order to strengthen the bonds between us.

The Sunday school classes continue to meet, 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.

The bi-weekly young adults (those 15 years and over) meeting continued on Sunday mornings which provided some discussions on practical issues that the young people face and the biblical teachings and answers related to these. The young adults group found this very beneficial.

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the Trustees on 13th October 2024 and signed on their behalf,



Andrew Wallace

Chair

Financial Review

Financial Performance

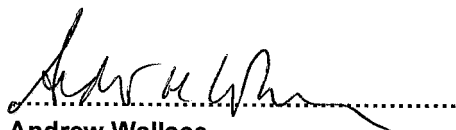
Financial performance in the year to 31st December 2023 has shown a surplus of income over expenditure of £5,586 was achieved for the year compared to a surplus of £12,431 in the year to 31st December 2022.

The year ended with a general fund balance of £52,337 (compared £46,751 for the same date last year). Detailed accounts can be found on page 5 & 6.

The income for 2023 included a claim for gift aid relief of £0 from HMRC.

| Maranatha Christian Church Trust | | |
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| Profit and Loss account for the year ended: | 31/Dec/2023 | 31/Dec/2022 |
| | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | |
| TITHES | 15,230 | 15,408 |
| OFFERINGS | - | - |
| OTHER INCOME | 52 | 2,774 |
| Total Income | 15,282 | 18,181 |
| Payments | | |
| RENT OF ROOMS | - | - |
| BUILDING REPAIRS | - | - |
| BUILDING MAINTENANCE | - | - |
| FIXTURES & FITTINGS | - | - |
| EQUIPMENT | 4,907 | - |
| CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES | - | - |
| RATES | 201 | 167 |
| TELEPHONE / IT | 1,442 | 1,284 |
| ENERGY | 1,476 | 2,018 |
| INSURANCE | 1,212 | 2,105 |
| EVANGELISM | - | - |
| FLIGHTS | - | - |
| TRAVEL EXPENSES | - | - |
| HOTEL & ACCOMODATION EXPENSES | - | - |
| SEMINARS / MEETINGS | - | - |
| BANK CHARGES | 182 | 176 |
| SUNDRIES | 275 | - |
| TRAINING | - | - |
| Other payments | - | - |
| PROFESSIONAL FEES | - | - |
| Total Payments | 9,695 | 5,751 |
| NET Receipts/(payments) | 5,586 | 12,431 |
| Reconciliation as at year end | | |
| Cash at bank & in hand - Opening | 46,751 | 34,320 |
| Surplus/(deficit) this year end | 5,586 | 12,431 |
| Cash at bank & in hand - Closing | 52,337 | 46,751 |

| Maranatha Christian Church Trust | | | |
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| Statement of assets and liabilities as at: | 31/Dec/2023 | | 31/Dec/2022 |
| | | | |
| Funds Reconciliation | | | |
| Cash at bank & in hand - Opening | 46,751 | | 34,320 |
| Surplus/(deficit) this year end | 5,586 | | 12,431 |
| Cash at bank & in hand - Closing | 52,337 | | 46,751 |
| Bank & Cash Balances | | | |
| Bank Current account | 52,337 | | 46,751 |
| Deposit account | - | | - |
| Cash in hand | - | | - |
| | 52,337 | | 46,751 |
| Other assets for Charity's own use | | | |
| Building (Actual value) | 125,500 | | 125,500 |
| Musical Equipment (estimated value) | 7,000 | | 2,500 |
| Sound Equipment (estimated value) | 2,000 | | 2,000 |
| IT equipment (estimated value) | 3,500 | | 3,500 |
| | 138,000 | | 133,500 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Other Liabilities | - | | - |
| Current Liabilities | - | | - |
| Approved by the trustees on 13th October 2024 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 2023

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 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 2023.

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.

