



**VICTORY PRAISE**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2024**





# VICTORY PRAISE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The committee of Victory Praise Community Church presents its Annual Report for the year 01.04.23 to 31.03.24 and confirms it complies with the requirements of The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

This report has been prepared in line with the objectives and constitution of the committee.

### **REGISTERED ADDRESS:**

Victory Praise Community Church  
Pennybridge Industrial Estate  
Ballymena  
BT42 3HB

**CHARITY NUMBER:**            **NIC100491**

## COMMITTEE

- Chrissy Havelin
- Pamela Johnston
- Alison Havelin

## COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS

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**CHAIRPERSON:** Pamela Johnston  
**SECRETARY:** Chrissy Havelin  
**TREASURER:** Alison Havelin

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## PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

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**BANK:** **Danske Bank**  
1-2, Broadway Ave,  
Ballymena BT43 7PE

**INSURANCE:** **Ecclesiastical Insurance**  
c/o Marsh Ltd.  
16-22 Bedford Street  
Belfast BT2 7DX

**SUPPORT SERVICES:** **Pennybridge Accounting**  
Pennybridge Industrial Estate  
Ballymena BT42 3HB

**Family Spectrum**  
142 Ballycastle Road  
Coleraine  
BT52 2DZ



## OUR OBJECTIVES

Victory Praise Community Church is an unincorporated association governed by an adopted constitution and is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The objects of the Association as set out in the current Constitution are to;

- advance Christian beliefs in a practical manner and to empower each member of the church to build a deep and relevant relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- empower children and young people to improve their life chances and encourage the relief of poverty. The Board is currently governed by an adopted constitution and is recognised as a charity by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

These past 12 months saw a continuation of God's blessing in many areas of ministry at Victory Praise. The Sunday morning service attendance remained stable, and we are much encouraged by the increase in numbers in our Kidz Club, now called 'Victory Kidz'.

The TNL Grant, awarded in November 2022, enabled us to complete a refurbishment of the kitchen along with the purchase of new kitchen equipment, crockery and cutlery. The grant also enabled us to continue to hold a number of youth outings and a series of special community events.

In May 2023, Brother Chanti Raju and his wife Lily, from Good News Ministries in India, returned to share about their work. This would be Brother Chanti's last visit as he went home to be with the Lord the following January.

We held a New Believers Course in May and June which was a blessing to those who attended.

In June, Mark and Jan Brown were appointed to be Community Connections Team Leaders and we have been blessed with their energy and resourcefulness as they lead the team of community volunteers.

In September, we had the pleasure of welcoming back, after more than 10 years, Claire Goudy Henderson MBE from 'Helping Hands, Healing Hearts Ministries' in the Philippines. Claire shared about God's provision and her plans to build a children's village to house orphaned and sick children.

During the summer months, we engaged with our local community where we initially conducted 2 prayer walks. We also responded to people who contacted the church for help with essential supplies as well as assistance with some gardening for those in the community who find these tasks difficult. We launched a small food store to help with those in need. We also conducted two neighbourhood clean-up near Ballee Community Centre, Lanatara and Pennybridge.

In January, Mary Dunlop was appointed to the Leadership Team and we thank her for her wisdom and input thus far.

In March ,we held a weekend of celebration to mark 25 Years in Pennybridge. This was an opportunity to look back and reflect on God's faithfulness as we remembered our time "up the mountain" and transition from Glenwherry to Pennybridge. It was a pleasure to see many former church members return for the celebrations, as well as former leadership team members including Pastor Willis McDowell, Angela and Family. We were much encouraged by the ministry of our guest speakers Pastors Trevor and Diane Hill who came to minister for the first time.

During the early spring, we upgraded our staging in the main hall by installing a new 'triple-wide' projection system, this has received much positive feedback. Thanks to the team involved in implementing this.

The year finished with the successful application to the TNL Community Fund for £20k over a 2-year period. This will enable us to hold Kids and Youth outings as well as more community meals. It will also enable us to purchase multi-sensory equipment for children with additional needs and it will assist with befriending costs for people in the community requiring support.

In summary, the last 12 months, have been a settled time and a time for reflection as we celebrated 25 years in the building. Finally, we give thanks and praise to God for His faithfulness. Also, we thank all those who have spent many hours volunteering in many different ways. We are encouraged to see some new and some former church members rejoin us after many years. Finally, we remain committed to reaching our local community for Christ knowing God has still many good works prepared for us to do.



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Pamela Johnston - Chairperson



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## REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

### CHURCH SERVICES/MEMBERSHIP

We were thankful, to continue to meet together every Sunday morning, while continuing to live-stream on YouTube each week. The live-stream assists church members who are unable to attend in person. We are thankful for the dedication of Cameron, Samuel, Anastacia and Daisy in the Sound & Media teams. Also thanks goes to our always-committed worship team. Total church membership includes approximately 45 people with many attending on a weekly basis. We serve a light breakfast from 10:30am prior to all Sunday morning services - also thanks to the kitchen team.

### KIDZ CLUB

We are very much encouraged by the increase in the number of kidz and the growth in the team of helpers. Kidz Club is part of the Sunday service every week and includes some songs, crafts and short stories. During our Christmas Service, the kids treated us to a pre-recorded telling of the Christmas Story. Many thanks to Linda Moore and the team.



### REFLECTOR YOUTH MINISTRIES

Reflector Youth continued under the leadership of Chrissy Havelin and Christina McWilliams and we are thankful for all their hard work. We were blessed to be awarded the TNL Community Fund grant allowing us to continue to go on monthly outings for the next two years with the young people who attend regularly.

### MIGHTY MEN

### MEN & LADIES MINISTRIES

WhatsApp group chats have continued to offer support to those who are signed up.



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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

With the appointment of Mark and Jan Brown as Community Connections Team Leaders and Pastor Stephen being appointed as Chairperson of Ballee Community Association, we are better positioned to connect with other organisations in the community.

Community work this year included, prayer walks, gardening and a neighbourhood clean ups. We also responded to people who contacted the church for help with food, phone, electrical top ups and emotional support. Thanks for John McCabe and Pastor Robert McAuley for their continued support with home visits. Our Annual Christmas Hamper Appeal for Barnardo's Leaving Care saw great support once again.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The church building was used to host Ballee Community Childcare Centre, Ballymena School of Music and Victim Support NI for various meetings and support services throughout the year.

## MISSIONARY WORK

On a regular basis we now financially support:

- Adopt-a-Child - Sponsoring two children in Albania.
- Exodus - Christian youth discipleship organisation, based in Northern Ireland, facilitating short term mission trips.
- Helping Hands, Healing Hearts Ministries in the Philippines. (Claire Goudy Henderson)
- New Harvest Ministries International Inc. (Dale and Jeanne Scholten)
- Good News Ministries in Andhra Pradesh, India. (Pastor Heli and Lily Raju Karini)



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## ONGOING PROJECTS

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- SUNDAY SERVICES
- KIDZ CLUB (VICTORY KIDZ)
- REFLECTOR YOUTH
- PRAYER MEETING
- MIGHTY MEN GROUP CHAT
- VICTORY LADIES GROUP CHAT
- VICTORY PRAISE FAMILY GROUP CHAT
- PRAYER TEAM
- COMMUNITY EVENTS VENUE
- PRACTICAL COMMUNITY WORK
- HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITATION
- SPECIAL SEASONAL SERVICES
- MISSIONARY SUPPORT

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

## VICTORY PRAISE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Annual Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2024

### INCOME

Bank Balance at 31st March 23	£	1,466.56
<u>Unrestricted Income</u>		
Tithes and Offerings	£	48,156.29
Venue Hire	£	4,978.12
Bank Interest	£	1.22
Gift Aid	£	8,975.81
Love Gifts	£	90.00
Sales of Assets	£	120.00
<u>Total Unrestricted Income</u>	£	<u>62,321.44</u>
<u>Restricted Income</u>		
Grants	£	412.08
Kitchen	£	360.00
Community	£	915.50
Leaving Care	£	168.00
Conference / Special Meetings	£	730.00
<u>Total Restricted Income</u>	£	<u>2,585.58</u>

### EXPENDITURE

Missions	£	2,499.68
Salaries	£	25,127.24
Media and Advertising	£	1,861.47
Bank Fees	£	189.57
Phone and Broadband	£	1,138.96
Energy Costs	£	3,359.18
Rent / Insurance	£	16,939.61
HMRC	£	4,759.51
Pension Contributions	£	2,592.00
Community	£	981.95
Kids and Youth Work	£	415.98
Conference and Events	£	2,757.50
Travel and Motor Costs	£	1,561.04
Office Costs	£	150.98
Housekeeping / Maintenance	£	1,877.76
Worship / Sound	£	886.82
Love Gifts	£	539.10
Kitchen	£	391.89
Leaving Care	£	168.00
Balance on 31st March 24	£	-1824.66

**Total Income** £ **66,373.58**

**Total Expenditure** £ **66,373.58**

The above accounts assessment has been prepared according to the 'Cash & Receipts' information provided by Victory Praise Community Church and examined by Pennybridge Accounting.

### Accounting Summary for year end Thursday 31st March 2024

Total Actual Income	£	64,907.02
Total Actual Expenditure	£	64,549.00
Closing Balance on 31st March 24	£	-1,824.66

Bank reconciliation as at 31st March 24		
Balance per statements	£	-1378.26
Less O/S cheques (HMRC)	£	446.40
Balance as at 31st March 24	£	-1824.66



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