

**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022**

**Company Registration Number: NI619075**

**Charities Registration Number: NIC100630**

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Charity Name: Journey Community Church  
Charity Registration: NIC 100630  
Principal Office: 3 Orchard Close, Antrim, BT41 2RZ

**Trustees:**

Pastor John Ashe (Chairperson)

Ms C. McKee (Secretary)

Mr I. Somerville

Mrs R. Ashe

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## **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022**

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st August 2022, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

### **Reference and administrative details**

Registered charity name:	Journey Community Church
Charity Commission registration number:	NIC100630
HMRC charity reference:	NI00408
Company registration number:	NI619075
Principal office and registered office:	3 Orchard Close Antrim. BT41 4RZ

### **Directors and Trustees of the Company**

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Pastor J. Ashe (Chairman)  
Mrs. R. Ashe  
Ms. C. McKee  
Mr. I. Somerville

### **Structure, governance and management**

Journey Community Church was incorporated 25th June 2013. It is currently managed by the trustees and all decisions are passed by a majority vote at their regular trustee meetings.

The Company is a charity limited by guarantee without share capital which avails of the "Limited" exemption. The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Company and is actively involved in the day to day management of the organisation. Directors are appointed in line with the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the company. The Board of Directors are also known as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Risks identified, such as the financial viability and sustainability of the charitable company, have been reviewed to ensure that a level of funding is maintained that is necessary for the charitable company to continue to meet its objectives. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of company policies such as the policy on financial at the regular trustee meetings and

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segregation of duties where possible. The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

### **Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)**

The Church's objects and purpose are specifically restricted to the promotion and advancement of the Christian faith, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants in the Antrim area of Northern Ireland primarily and in any other part of the world as the directors may think fit ("hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability/ability, race, ethnic origin, political, religious or other opinion with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular:

- (a) To advance the Christian faith and promote Christianity in such ways and in such areas as the Directors from time to time may think fit, and in particular but not exclusively through the provision of preaching, the distribution of Christian literature and the education of people in the area of benefit through evangelism and the provision of biblically based teaching, discipleship training, meetings, bible studies and social activities;
- (b) To train Leaders and Pastors and volunteers so that they may work on projects promoted by the Church in the area of benefit;
- (c) To train Christians so that they may seek to plant churches and to encourage new, and strengthen existing, partnerships with churches and evangelical groups in the area of benefit;
- (d) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in the area of benefit as the Directors may from time to time may think fit.

The Company is a non-profit making entity. The principal activity of the company is that of an evangelical community church which is registered according to the law of Northern Ireland to advance the Christian faith.

Journey Community Church holds weekly Sunday morning worship services and a monthly evening service. It also facilitates regular fun events and outreach work which includes a holiday bible club, sports academy and various evening activities. There is no entry fee charged for any of the charities activities and these are primarily held within the curtilages of Antrim and Downpatrick towns to benefit these communities and promote the underlying principles of the Christian faith.

### **Public Benefit**

Journey Community Church strives to ensure that they provide public benefit. Public benefit is at the heart of what it means to be a charity. To achieve this objective, Journey Community Church meets the following purposes:

Purpose (a) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the provision of instruction and encouragement on living a moral and law abiding lifestyle. The benefit will be demonstrated by the growth of attendance and through feedback from beneficiaries via comments on social media, emails to the church and pastor, verbal approbation from community representatives and positive feedback from local council and funding bodies. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are regular attendees of Journey Community Church

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adults, children and the aged) and inhabitants of the Antrim and Downpatrick areas and all others who wish to attend our meetings. We have identified no private benefit flowing from this purpose.

Purpose (b) - The direct benefit from this purpose is that those attending any of our services or events will be able to avail of help, support and assistance from well-trained people well able to meet their practical, emotional and spiritual needs. This benefit will be demonstrated by the ability of those trained to be able to effectively assume positions of leadership and responsibility and that the public will be aided and protected. Records will exist as people complete training in areas such as child protection and leadership development. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are those being trained but also the wider public (adults and children) who will benefit from the availability of trained persons at our regular meetings and large public events. Private benefit from this purpose may be that training provided may also be of use outside of the charity situation but this is incidental.

Purpose (c) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the promotion of good relations with other similar organisations and the strengthening of partnerships to contribute to and tap into a larger wealth of experience and skills with which to assist the community. In training members to plant new churches we will provide new opportunities for advancement of moral standards. This benefit will be demonstrated by the planting of other churches and by good relations and co-operation with other churches and groups. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are local, national and multi-national individuals, communities and organisations. There may be slight benefit to some relating to resources now available to them through charity contacts, but this is incidental.

Purpose (d) - Direct benefit from this purpose is the welfare and well-being of the public will be enhanced and improved by services provided by the charity. For example, free events which enable those in financial difficulty to attend, giveaway of hampers at Christmas, the intended establishment of a regular prayer/counselling service. The future establishment of a hardship fund to help those in need. Benefit demonstrated by regularly held free public events, endorsed and part funded by local council, large quantities of provisions distributed via Christmas hampers, positive feedback from beneficiaries via social media, by email and verbal approbation. We have been unable to identify any harm flowing from this benefit. Who is the benefit for? The beneficiaries are primarily adults and children in the Antrim area and surrounding towns but it is probable that people from further a-field will also visit to avail of our events and services, as there are no geographical restrictions. Private benefit may occur during training whereby the person may avail of counselling services themselves during the training process but this benefit is incidental and necessary to properly equip the person being trained.

### **Financial review and funds policy**

The company is a non profit making entity. During the year the charity received income totalling £495,330 and had expenditure of £498,193, recording a small deficit of £2,863 for the year. The directors expect the charity to report an overall surplus in the incoming year.

Coming out of covid lockdowns the church was able to continue to build community and reach those in need.

The principal funding source of Journey Community Church is from freewill offerings given at church services and by online giving.

The directors consider it prudent to hold monies in reserve in the event that unforeseen circumstances may arise that could lead to financial difficulties which might put its future into jeopardy.

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At the year end the charity had £52,787 of cash funds to meet the continuing running costs of the company. The directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves taking into account the risks that they have recognised. The reserves policy requires that reserves are maintained at a level which ensures that the core activity of the company could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The company plans to continue its activities in the forthcoming years.

### **Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others**

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

### **Small companies provision statement**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors (who are the trustees of Journey Community Church) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant accounts information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant accounts information and to establish that the charitable company's independent examiners are aware of that information.

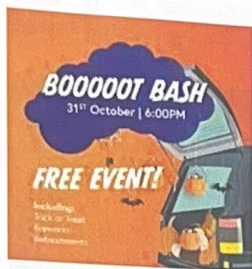
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## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

### September & October 2021

In September Journey Youth in both Antrim & Downpatrick restarted meeting on a Friday, in Downpatrick and a Sunday evening, in Antrim, with steady numbers of teenagers joining in each week. The youth teams planned a fantastic programme over this first term including karaoke nights, themed night and trips out.

A highlight of October was our first Boooooot Bash in Antrim, which was a Halloween Outreach event. Church members got involved by decorating their car boots and kids got to collect sweets and take part in games at each boot. It was a wonderful family fun event, and it was great to invite the community along to our new building.



### November 2021

After a long while of not being able to run homegroups, our Journey Groups started back this month in both Antrim and Downpatrick. These groups really help build community within church and allow people to meet others they wouldn't normally get to chat to on a Sunday morning. The groups this year will run for 8-week blocks so people can switch around groups more frequently and meet a wide range of people. These groups always book up fast and are very popular.

### December 2021

We had planned our Christmas outreach "A walk through Bethlehem" in both locations but unfortunately had to cancel our Antrim event due to COVID. The event in Downpatrick has grown in popularity and is a highlight for many people in the town who don't regularly attend Church, but who always attend this event and bring family and friends with them.

### January/February 2022

In January we held our Pray31 initiative where we join as a congregation and pray for specific themes each day, as well as our week of prayer and fasting in mid-January. We also held a baptism service in January as there were several people so excited to get baptised who had been through our Alpha course.

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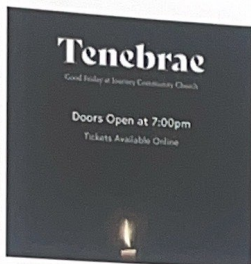
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### March/April 2022

In March our Downpatrick team took part again in the town's St Patrick's parade with our float, alongside this the team also gave out thousands of chocolate bars, with an invitation to Church.

April was an extremely busy month with Easter preparations for our annual Eggspllosion events in Downpatrick and Antrim on Easter Saturday and Easter Monday, where thousands of people attend these outreaches each year.

This year we also added a new service to our Easter weekend called Tenebrae, which is a powerful Good Friday production, depicting the last moments of Jesus, with insights from the key people in the story. It was incredibly moving and really brought the Good Friday story to life. We then celebrated Easter Sunday with 8 children and adults choosing to get baptised at our Sunday Service.



### May/June 2022

We celebrated one year in our new building in Antrim in May, and it is encouraging to see the growth in congregation over this year, even to the point where we are already discussing plans for extensions for our Antrim building, especially to accommodate our tots and children's ministries. In Downpatrick, we held the first of our Family Fun Days in Crossgar, the aim of these events was to increase our visibility in the towns and surrounding areas, whilst also providing free, accessible fun days to bless the communities. We held the next Fun day in Killyleagh in early July.

### July/August 2022

#### IHeart Downpatrick and Antrim

This year we ran these events simultaneously with Holiday Bible Club each morning, followed by street clean ups and street parties in the evening in Downpatrick and our alleyway project in Antrim.

#### Redecorated 15d Alleyway

As part of our Summer Outreach we decided, instead of our usual street clean ups to use the week to completely overhaul the alleyway where we used to meet for Church in Antrim, 15d Market Square. The walls on the alleyway were getting vandalised and graffiti from the teenagers who hang out there, so we repainted the whole alley, added the umbrella features and two larger murals on the walls. Bringing a bit of life to this alleyway has made it a feature in Antrim and, we are happy to say, has reduced the amount of graffiti in that area.

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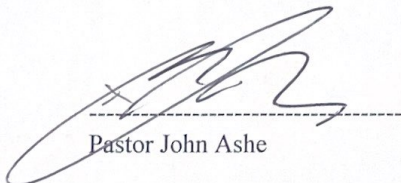
**Kingdom Come Conference 11-14th August at Shanes Castle**

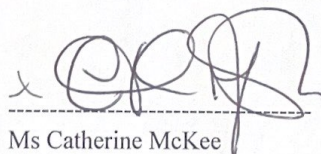
This was probably the highlight of the year, running our first Kingdom Come Conference at Shane's Castle in Antrim, with guest worship leaders and speakers such as Upperroom, Bethel Music, Jordan DiMarco and Chuck Parry. Over the weekend we had seminars, prayer & healing tents, prophetic art and a tent for kid's ministry. It is difficult to put in to words the significance of this event for not only our Journey churches, but Churches across Ireland and we are excited to be planning another conference for August 2023.



This reporting period has been a busy, full year with a return to 'normal' after those previous years of COVID and disruptions to plans. Having our own building in Antrim has made a significant difference to our growth and congregation, with many newcomers and visitors weekly. For our Downpatrick Church, this year has showed us the continued importance of being visible in the community and has encouraged us to acquire a new building in which we will be able to facilitate more community projects as well as grow our Downpatrick congregation.

Approved by the Board on 30th May 2023 and signed on its behalf:

  
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Pastor John Ashe

  
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Ms Catherine McKee