



New Testament Pentecostal Church

Annual Report

for the Year to March 31st 2023

New Testament Pentecostal Church is a Registered Charity in Northern Ireland: NIC100894

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Report of the Trustees
For the Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

NIC100894

Registered office

17-19 Main Street
Ballynahinch
Co. Down
BT24 8DN

Trustees

Mr T McIlwrath - Chairman
Mr S Nixon
Mr B Annett
Mr B Porter
Mr D Woods

Trustee Secretary

Miss E Edmonds

Accountants

Gilchrist & Co (CA) Ltd
Chartered Accountants
17 Kensington Gate
Kensington Road
Belfast, BT5 6PF

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution.

New Testament Pentecostal Church is a registered charity, charity number NIC100894 organised by means of its constitution and operating as a church.

Trustee Selection and Management

New Testament Pentecostal Church is managed by a leadership team which consists of all the appointed trustees. The leadership team generally meets monthly to pray. The financial considerations are also discussed and reviewed. The meetings also serve as a forum to review recent activities within the church and to plan forthcoming events. Applications for

membership received are considered at meetings along with regular reports on the various areas within the church work.

The Annual report and Statement of Accounts are approved by the trustees and then presented to the members at the Annual Members Meeting.

New Trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates, who are generally selected from within the membership of New Testament Pentecostal Church, are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the church. New Trustees have the opportunity of reviewing appropriate documents, including accounts as part of their induction.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The day to day running of the church is undertaken by the Pastor Timothy McIlwrath.

Risk Management

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- * Regular review by the Trustees of financial reports
- * Identification and management of risk

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of New Testament Pentecostal Church are to seek and advance the Kingdom of God in our town and wherever we are led to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ, building up the faith of Christian believers, promoting Christian education and bringing relief to the poor, the needy and the sick. The trustees also regard the guidance issued by the NI Charity Commission with regards to public benefit in considering how its aims are achieved.

During the period 1 April 2022– 31 March 2023, the church has fulfilled these objectives as set out below.

Giving to other organisations / charities who are seeking to advance the Kingdom of God, further the Gospel of Jesus Christ and build up the faith of Christian believers:

During this period we have continued to support the work of organisations / charities by way of gifts and monthly financial support. These organisations and charities represent our commitment and support locally, nationally and internationally.

Achievements and Performance

Performance against Objectives

Our performance against objectives is reflected in the activities undertaken largely by the church members of New Testament Pentecostal Church who volunteer their time, energy and money freely because of their Christian faith. The leadership and organisation of the

activity is the primary responsibility of the pastor and a small leadership team in support of the pastor.

Furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Advancing the Kingdom of God

New Testament Pentecostal Church aims to advance the Kingdom of God throughout the town of Ballynahinch and wherever the Lord gives an opportunity. We seek as a fellowship to reach out to our local community in a variety of ways

1) Sunday Morning Worship and Evening Gospel Services

Held each week at 11am & 6:30pm. The church welcomes everyone irrespective of their background or community they belong to. There are some who have visited in this year and have then joined us in fellowship. We continue to thank God for his blessing on the work and the growing number of people attending the weekly meetings. Our weekly services are also live streamed conscious of those who cannot physically attend the church fellowship. Services and events are communicated through the usual avenues of social media i.e. Facebook and what's app; the café and Christian bookshop also use Instagram to communicate with the Ballynahinch community.

2) Evergreen Seniors Lunch

Held monthly, senior citizens are invited to a free lunch. The aim is to provide a caring environment where seniors can meet with others of similar age and circumstances, have a listening ear if needed and have a time of fellowship around God's word. A small team of dedicated helpers plan, cook and minister on a monthly basis.

3) Café 3:16

The fellowship's outreach 'Honesty Box' café has firmly established itself in the heart of the town as a place to meet friends, chat, and get a great cup of coffee. Open Tuesday through to Saturday each week from 9am – 4pm this work continues to grow and is appreciated in Ballynahinch. Many opportunities for ministry have resulted from the work done in the café.

4) Door to door Evangelism

Personal visits and invitations are regularly presented to homes in the Ballynahinch area. We hold an annual mission or special meeting with the purpose of inviting who do not have any contact with or attend any religious service. Also provides an opportunity to leave an invitation to the other activities of the church.

5) Lighthouse Bible Club

Weekly children's' Bible Club on Thursday evenings during school term time. Open to all children of Primary School age and attended on average by 30+ children from the church fellowship and local area. During the bible club, the children participate in action songs, games and quizzes and hear a bible story – a visit from Freddie the puppet is always enjoyed by the boys and girls and the grown-ups to!

6) Pillars Youth Fellowship & Cornerstone Young Adults

Meeting each Friday evening, Pillars Youth fellowship continues to grow in providing fellowship, teaching from God's word and a variety of activities for those aged 11-17. It has been a great encouragement to see those attending from outside the fellowship.

Cornerstone Young Adults Age 18-30

Meeting weekly, those attending are regularly encouraged in God's word and fellowship together. The emphasis is on cultivating young people who love God and His word; who care for the needs of others in the church fellowship and local community and who reach their peers with the Gospel.

7) Hope Mission Outreach

Twice weekly a dedicated team of volunteers provide hot food and drinks to the most vulnerable in Belfast city centre. Firmly established among the homeless community, this work continues to provide an opportunity of not only food but ongoing friendship and support which continues throughout the week with visits to hospital, prison and shelters. Each Sunday evening the Hope Mission van is available for those wishing to attend our evening service. This work is greatly valued and we continue to see much growth and development in this area.

Relief of sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health

Performance against Objectives

As a fellowship of Christian believers we actively seek ways to bless and help those in our community who find themselves in need spiritually, physically and or financially. Throughout the year we have made gifts of food and money to those needs which have been presented to us and those of whom we have been made aware of. This has also included the regular contact by the Pastor and others to those who are sick, particularly the elderly. The Pastor primarily and when necessary the church leadership have and will continue to make themselves available to counsel and provide support to those experiencing difficulties for whatever reason. Our 'Honesty box' café continues to provide an opportunity to minister to the whole community in providing a meal or refreshment.

Building up the Faith of Christian Believers and Advancing Education, Training

The preaching and teaching of the Word of God is paramount in building up the faith of Christian believers and is central to our Sunday Worship Services. We also met each Wednesday for further bible study via online streaming. Encouraging discipleship and service in the Lord's work is ever the aim.

New believers and discipleship classes are held periodically to encourage new and younger believers in their Christian faith.

Summary

Although not in any way an exhaustive list of our activities; it provides a means of demonstrating that New Testament Pentecostal Church fulfils its aims and objectives for the

public benefit. We continue to go forward, progressing the work as led and establishing a witness and testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ in Ballynahinch.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church's principal source of funding is through the weekly giving of the members and those regularly attending the church meetings and worship services. No fundraising is undertaken outside of this. No investments are made by the church; funds are placed into a bank deposit account.

The trustees continued to receive monthly detailed reports on all financial activities. In addition, reports/updates were prepared for any additional meetings.

The trustees do not receive any remuneration for their role as such and do not claim any out of pocket expenses for work undertaken as a trustee.

Financial Performance

The operational financial performance in the year to March 31st 2023 continues to provide the means of covering all wages and outgoings of this busy work. People faithfully give to the work here in Ballynahinch. We continue to go forward in trusting the Lord for wisdom in how the finances are handled.

Detailed accounts have been prepared and audited by Gilchrist & Company Accountants and are made available during the annual members meeting and also on the Charity Commission website as part of the annual reporting.

Funds Materially in Deficit

As at March 31st 2023 the church has no material deficit.

Major Risks

Following the independent review of accounts, our Annual Report and statement of accounts showed no major risk currently to the church finances. We are however mindful of the new areas of development as we plan our next financial year's spending.

Financial Management and Reserves Policy

The general (no1. Account) is unrestricted and is used for the day to day operation of the church. The mission account is designated for particular projects considered by the church trustees as such.

In accordance with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 the church has considered a reserves policy and operates with the reserves to cover monthly wage bill. As a church we are continually growing. We wish to further our influence and outreach and consider it best to spend our budget on the activities of the church. This will be reviewed regularly. Owing two buildings, and therefore having no rent or mortgage commitments places us in a favourable position. Should there be an unexpected decrease in



members giving, spending could be cut in other areas to ensure the church's day to day running costs and supplier costs are met.

Our commitment is to have a greater and increased gospel witness and outreach to the town of Ballynahinch and wherever we see opportunities to share the good news of the gospel. The Pastor and the Leadership team will continue to review our effectiveness in fulfilling our vision and make whatever changes may be necessary to go forward in the commission we have been given.

We recognise one of the most valuable assets we have is the group of volunteers and members who give of their finances, time and energy in serving the Lord Jesus Christ through New Testament Pentecostal church. The trustees again would like to thank each one.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	TIMOTHY MCILWRATH	ELAINE EDMONDS
Position	CHAIRMAN	Trustee Secretary

Date 26th June 2023.