



# DERRY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

Registered Charity Number: 101124

**DERRY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT**

**AND**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**DERRY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP**

**Financial ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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**Legal and Administrative Information**

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**Trustees Annual Report**

**For Financial Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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The members of the Board of Trustees of Derry Baptist Fellowship present their report together with Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**Structure, Governance**

Derry Baptist Fellowship is a registered Charity in Northern Ireland.

Trustees are appointed as individuals, but where feasible, with representation from Trustees are appointed at an AGM,

Derry Baptist Fellowship has a Trustee Induction Pack to support the induction and training of trustees. Induction and training are led by the Chair of the Board of Trustees with the support of the other trustees.

**Objectives & Activities and Public Benefit**

The trust benefits the public by the advancing the Christian Faith through providing worship services that are open to the public and through various forms of outreach. The prevention or relief of poverty, the advancement of education and the advancement of religion. It meets its objective via.

- Training in leaders, preachers, teachers, ministers and volunteers.
- Works on projects promoted by the church in areas of benefit.
- Promotes Christianity.
- Provides counselling and support.
- Education and training.
- Overseas aid and famine relief.
- Religious activities.
- Youth Development.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees present their report and the draft accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 on 11th February 2024

**REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS** During the year the church organised Mid-Week & Sunday services at which good teaching enabled members and visitors to evaluate and make changes to their lives to the benefit of them, their families and the general public. We believe that a number of individuals in our Church have grown in their knowledge of Scripture and in their walk with the Lord.

2023 was the most blessed time of the Lord thus far. The Holy Spirit drew 195 first time visitors to our church, many from the city, through special Holiday Bible Clubs and Sunday events. We had one person complete our discipleship programme, we started new ministries with men's & ladies bible studies, we gave out 45k leaflets, we also had more people serving especially in our Holiday bible clubs 20+ volunteers. 2022 was without doubt a wonderful year of growth but the Lord really opened the door of blessings in 2023 to an exceptional year for our church, all glory and honour goes to the Lord.

Praise the Lord we had one baptism, and two new members join the church. We were also very blessed to have an outreach teams from Ohio & North Carolina, we also hosted a joint meeting with Carrick Baptist Church and shared our city's spiritual need with them as they helped with outreach.

During this time from January 2023, we broadcasted from the church building sermons offering hope in Christ. We did studies from the old & new testaments.

The Church was able to reach different age groups and interests that provided support and comfort too many people.

Attendances in 2023 were the highest in the history of the church smashing all our previous records, along with the Lord working to give us continued growth in sacrificial giving of tithes and offerings from our members/regular attendees. We have once again been very blessed as servants of Christ in our city through His church.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW.**

The Trustee's would like to explain the reason for the higher expenditure in 2023 this was due to moving into hired hall because our own building was unable to host the growth in attendance this gave us rental costs that were not in 2023 budget. We also gave more gifts of benevolence coupled with more church events which were designed as evangelistic outreach.

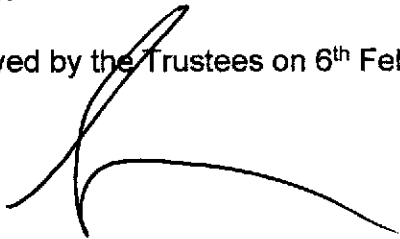
The Trustees have considered carefully the future expenditure of the Church for the next twelve months. They believe that the regular giving of friends and members of the Church will continue to at least their current levels & 2024 we may see a rise as the Lord leads His people to be cheerful givers.

**RISK REVIEW**

The leadership team has conducted its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

THE TRUSTEES give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church as at the Statement of Assets and Liabilities date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for not only the financial year but every quarter.

Approved by the Trustees on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and signed on their behalf



Treasurer and Trustee:  
James Wilson

**Brenda Peers-Ross  
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Selsey  
Chichester  
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PO20 0PW**

To the Trustees:  
**DERRY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP**  
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### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report.**

I have Independently Examined the Financial Statements on Pages 6-10, for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

#### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparations of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined your accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention,

*Brenda Peers-Ross*

Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT ACIE  
Date: 28th October 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the Period 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>							
Donations, offerings		23,172	-	23,172	12,198	-	12,198
Mission giving	1	-	-	-	-	2,694	2,694
Other income	2	1,501	-	1,501	1,181	-	1,181
<b>Total receipts for the Year</b>		<b>24,673</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,673</b>	<b>13,379</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>16,073</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
Charitable activities	3	19,749	-	19,749	12,358	2,694	15,052
<b>Total Payments for the Year</b>		<b>19,749</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,749</b>	<b>12,358</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>15,052</b>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>		<b>4,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,924</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,021</b>
Total funds brought forward		3,036	83,489	86,525	2,015	83,489	85,504
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>7,960</b>	<b>83,489</b>	<b>91,449</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>83,489</b>	<b>86,525</b>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the Period 31st December 2023

As At 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
<b>Assets:</b>						
Fixed Assets	-	83,489	83,489	-	83,489	83,489
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Cash at bank and in hand 4	7,960	-	7,960	3,036	-	3,036
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>7,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,960</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,036</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Creditors: other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors: accrual IE	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>7,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,960</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,036</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>7,960</b>	<b>83,489</b>	<b>91,449</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>83,489</b>	<b>86,525</b>

Reconciliation of Funds

Unrestricted/Designated Reserves

General reserve 6	7,960	-	7,960	3,036	-	3,036
Restricted reserve 5	-	83,489	83,489	-	83,489	83,489
Debtors, Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>7,960</b>	<b>83,489</b>	<b>91,449</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>83,489</b>	<b>86,525</b>

Presented and approved by the Trustees at a committee meeting held on 15th October 2024,  
and signed on their behalf.

James Wilson

Trustee

For the Period 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
<b>Note 1</b>						
<b>Charitable Activities</b>						
Mission giving	-	-	-	-	2,694	2,694
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	2,694	2,694

<b>Note 2</b>						
<b>Other income</b>						
Other income and designations	1,493	-	1,493	1,174	-	1,174
Interest	8	-	8	7	-	7
	<b>1,501</b>	-	<b>1,501</b>	<b>1,181</b>	-	<b>1,181</b>

**Note 3 Charitable Activities**

**Payments :**

Rent and rates	680	-	680	593	-	593
Heat and light	802	-	802	772	-	772
Team room and cleaning	320	-	320	201	-	201
Insurance	400	-	400	400	-	400
Missionary costs	720	-	720	399	-	399
Ministry	660	-	660	-	-	-
Pastoral expenses, stipend	1,950	-	1,950	800	-	800
Office expenses	44	-	44	29	-	29
Special project and outreach	1,163	-	1,163	67	-	67
Equipment and maintenance	1,015	-	1,015	152	-	152
Guest speaker	-	-	-	511	-	511
Other expenses	52	-	52	266	-	266
Other expenses and designations	11,943	-	11,943	8,168	2,694	10,862
	<b>19,749</b>	-	<b>19,749</b>	<b>12,358</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>15,052</b>

**Note 4**

**Cash at Bank**

Santander current account	6,695	-	6,695	2,131	-	2,131
Santander savings account	1,265	-	1,265	905	-	905
	<b>7,960</b>	-	<b>7,960</b>	<b>3,036</b>	-	<b>3,036</b>

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<b>Note 5</b>	<b>01.01.23</b>			<b>Transfer</b>	<b>31.12.23</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Between</b>	<b>Closing</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Fixed assets - building	83,489	-	-	-	83,489
	<b>83,489</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,489</b>

<b>Note 6</b>	<b>01.01.23</b>			<b>Transfer</b>	<b>31.12.23</b>
<b>Unrestricted / Designated reserves</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Between</b>	<b>Closing</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General Reserve	3,036	24,673	(19,749)	-	7,960
	<b>3,036</b>	<b>24,673</b>	<b>(19,749)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,960</b>

**Note 7**

**Ultimate Controlling Party**

The charity is under the direct control of its board of Trustees, the names of whom are shown at the beginning of the Trustee's Report.

**Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The Charity is a small entity and produces its accounts in a Receipts and Payment and Statement of Assets and Liabilities format.

**Format**

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions of the Charities Act and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Receipts and Payments, and Statement of Assets and Liabilities basis for small entities .

**Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity which have not been designated for other purposes.

**Designated funds** comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

**Restricted funds** are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the Receipts and Payments account when received by the charity. Grants are brought into account on a when received.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an payable basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets by instalments over the expected useful lives. The period generally applicable are:

Building	2%	straight line method
Computer and IT equipment	3 year	straight line method

**Intangible income**

Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

**Reserves**

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets. Not all grants/course income are received at the beginning of the financial others are received in arrears.

**Risk**

The trustees do not believe the Charity is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.