

Charity registration number: 101422

# An Invitation To Love Jesus

Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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### **Reference and Administrative Details**

**Trustees**

Mrs Pauline O'Kane, Chairperson  
Mrs Bridget Madden, Treasurer  
Mrs Marie Madden, Treasurer  
Mr Colum Donaghy, Treasurer  
Mrs Oonagh Donaghy, Secretary  
Mrs Agatha McKay, Committee Member  
Mrs Geraldine Rushe, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs Anne Foster, Committee Member  
Mrs Aine Mohoric, Assistant Secretary  
Mrs Heather John, Committee Member  
Mrs Michelle Liddle, Committee Member  
Mrs Margaret Gallagher, Committee Member

**Key Management Team**

Mrs Bridget Madden, Treasurer  
Mrs Marie Madden, Treasurer  
Mr Colum Donaghy, Treasurer

**Charity Registration Number**

101422

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## **An Invitation To Love Jesus**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Public benefit**

The principal objective of the charity is the advancement of religion. The public benefits of the charity are:

1. The prevention or relief of poverty
2. The advancement of religion
3. To promote healthy recreation and education in equestrian sport
4. Other charitable purposes

The Trustees confirm that the charity has complied with the public interest statutory guidance issued under section 4 of the Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008.

#### **Review of activities, achievements and performance**

##### **Activities**

Our doors are open to all denominations. We primarily offer a place of Prayer and Retreat for all. We offer organised times of retreat and private retreat. We provide a listening ear to those experiencing difficulty or trauma in their lives and support them in whatever way possible. We refer those who we cannot assist to the relevant agencies and offer help and support when necessary. We have an open prayer room and weekly prayer meeting in the House of Prayer. We have set up other Houses of Prayer throughout the world and continue to make these fit for purpose as and when funds allow. We publish and print a monthly newsletter for anyone wishing to receive it in UK, Ireland and Europe. A three monthly edition is sent out to the rest of the world. We further seek to promote Christianity through our music ministry who perform, at least every two weeks, at Church services. These services have no fee attached. We reach out to the young within our community and provide a soup kitchen at weekends which promotes Christian values to the young by our example. Soup, tea and coffee are available at no charge and we are also there to assist the youth with other problems which they may encounter after a night out. We also reach out and seek to relieve the suffering of others through street collections for 'The Forgotten Poor'. We operate this along the guidance of the Bible to 'feed the hungry, clothe the naked and give the thirsty a drink' and try to reach out to those who are not being helped by the larger charities, specifically those who are forgotten. As we all work on a voluntary basis one hundred per cent of all donations given to 'The Forgotten Poor' go directly to the cause. We have a charity shop selling used clothes, footwear etc and sell these at lower prices than other shops. We have our equestrian centre up and running and are fulfilling our objectives of promoting healthy recreation and education in equestrian sport.

##### **Performance**

In this year from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 the charity has been able to return to a somewhat normal setting following the lifting of Covid restrictions in February 2022. We once again welcomed all to take part in our community prayers, days of prayer and weekly prayer meeting. We had begun live streaming of the prayers and following the lifting of restrictions we have continued with this, thereby making our prayer times accessible to those who cannot be here in person. We set out below how we met our objectives in this financial year:

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### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **The prevention or relief of poverty**

We have continued with the sponsorship of two Indian children thus enabling them to continue with their education. We have also given small grants to various projects. We continue to try and reach those who do not benefit from the help of the larger charities and concentrate on the immediate effects of hunger. We organise special collections for the Forgotten Poor monthly. We continued to make specific donations to religious individuals in poor overseas countries.

#### **To promote healthy recreation and education in equestrian sport**

The charity owns and runs a property used as a cross community recreational equestrian centre. To further our objective of promotion of religion we show Christian values by our care of those availing of lessons, voluntary stable helpers, and general volunteers. To enable those, who may not ordinarily be able to afford to progress in the sport, the centre will provide transport, ponies and horses so that they may take part in eventing, competitions and shows. We also will reach out to people with autism and learning disabilities and provide for them a caring, loving, welcoming and therapeutic means of recreation. Within the equestrian centre we continue to complete construction of a Prayer Room which will be open to all as a place of prayer and quiet reflection. All, if any, profits will be used directly by the charity to aid in the fulfilment of all our objectives. The centre continues to meet its objectives.

#### **The advancement of religion**

The year of 2022 saw the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. Our community prayers, prayer meetings and days of prayer have returned to normal and we continue to live stream these times of prayer. We have seen at least a 15% increase in people visiting the House and availing of the prayer room, especially for solitary prayer. Throughout the year we continue to man telephones and take prayer requests. We continue to deal with a steady request for devotional items and prayers.

#### **Other charitable purposes**

The music ministry at the House of Prayer continues to be in high demand for Church services and bring their ministry to our local Church on a fortnightly basis. They also bring, on request, their ministry to outlying Church services such as special days of prayer, funerals and weddings. A worship event was held by them at Saint Joseph Equestrian Centre on 29 May 2022 and was well attended. They attended The Rally for Life in Dublin on 2 June 2022, Aghagallon Chapel Advent service Sunday 27 November as well as Communion and Confirmations services for the local integrated school Phoenix. They were also invited to play at the Women's Aid Carol Service, on Tuesday 6th December, which is hosted by the Church forums and attended by several ministers of various denominations. Sonlight held the annual Christmas concert here at the House on 18 December 2022. Sonlight music ministry continues to be a valuable means of promoting our charity at the House of Prayer and in local Churches.

#### **Financial review**

The Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 8 of the accounts. Total Income increased from £485,388 in 2021 to £904,308 in 2022. The total income in 2022 included endowment income totalling £406,210. From these monies, £340,000 was used to purchase its premises in Cookstown with the remainder used to renovate charity premises. Fixed assets are detailed in note 11 to the accounts. Expenditure on charitable activities rose from £418,160 to £534,981. The increase in expenses can largely be attributed to increases in the costs of repairs, equestrian activities, wages and motor expenses. The deficit can be attributed to the increase in repair works carried out and also a significant increase in the depreciation charge. The trustees are of the opinion that the results for the year are satisfactory and put our charity in a position to expand its activities in the coming year.

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### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Policy on reserves**

The charity has no formal policy on reserves. It creates reserves as required for specific projects. If funds were materially in deficit at any time steps would be taken to eliminate the deficit, normally by a special appeal to existing donors.

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

An Invitation to Love Jesus is a charity constituted by a Trust Deed and is recognised as a charity by the Inland Revenue, number XR21806 and by the Charity Commission (NI), number NIC 101422 .

Our constitution requires we have 12 trustees and 12 remain in office with no new elections taking place. All the committee members of the charity are from within the charity and take part in decisions being made for the day to day running of the charity.

All trustees are given guidelines on their responsibilities and on how meetings are to be conducted. These guidelines are in written form and each of the trustees have a copy. Training is by active work within the committee and all overseen by the Chairperson.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The twelve trustees remained the same as in 2021 and no new elections were made. The trustees are re-elected annually and there is no limit on the number of terms which may be served. The trustees and positions of trustees are elected as part of the Annual General Meeting and three of the positions were reassigned.

All long term members of An Invitation to Love Jesus, who are over the age of 18 and have over four years of voluntary service within the charity are eligible to be trustees. Each prospective member wishing to join the charity serves for a probation year to assess their commitment and if suitable then is invited to join as a charity member. The trustees and positions of trustees are elected as part of the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Pay and remuneration of trustees**

No pay or remuneration is given to trustees. All are voluntary.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The trustees are responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity.

Trustees are responsible for making decisions on matters of day to day running of the charity, future projects and all matters of concern to the charity. The trustees also make decisions on how funds are allocated and on bills to be paid.

The trustees meet each Tuesday night. In 2022 the trustees met 47 times during the year.

Some of these meetings continue to be part virtual. The average attendance was 80%.

#### **Decision making policy**

The day to day financial management is conducted by the three joint treasurers who report weekly to the full board of trustees. The spiritual work of the charity is conducted by the full board of trustees.

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### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Risk management**

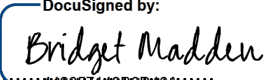
The Trustees review the major risks which the charity faces and believe that the policy on reserves, as stated above, provides sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees examine business and other operational risks faced by the charity and confirm that systems to monitor and mitigate significant risks are in place. Risks considered on annual basis.

#### **Plans for future periods**

The charity fully intends to continue to meet its objectives in the future, by whatever means possible. We will continue to stream Prayers and Prayer Meetings and to further Sonlight music ministry in the enhancement of our services.

It continues to have specific plans to expand its outreach to young people by continuing to develop the equestrian centre within the existing House of Prayer. This equestrian centre provides extra funds by offering its facilities to the general public. We will continue to expand the equestrian centre activities by preparing students for competitions.

The trustees' report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs Bridget Madden  
Trustee

## An Invitation To Love Jesus

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

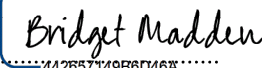
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and 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 statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs Bridget Madden  
Trustee