

## **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2023 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

### **THE POTTERS HOUSE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH UK BELFAST**

(Also known as the Potters House Church)

**CCNI No: 101930**

#### **General Administrative Details**

**Trustees:** Adam Claxton  
William Gordon

#### **Church meetings:**

The church meetings are held on:

Rose House, 2A Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, County Antrim, BT9 6FL

#### **Administrative Office:**

29 Mount Pleasant Rd, Jordanstown, Newtownabbey, BT37 0NQ

#### **Accountants:**

A McCrory & Co Ltd Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
15B Molesworth Street, Cookstown, Co.Tyrone BT80 8NX

#### **Bankers:**

Ulster Bank, 11-16 Donegall Square East, Belfast, BT1 5UB

#### **Report**

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements for the charity for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out by the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland.

#### **Constitution – Structure, Governance and Management**

The charities aims and objectives are as laid out in its Constitution, dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008, which are to promote the Christian faith through worship services. For the furtherance of this aim, regular activities are carried out and invitations given to the public. The finances are raised purely from the congregation's contributions and Gift Aid.

The current Board of Trustees constitutes two members and is chaired by Pastor Adam Claxton. He is also responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity, but the Trustees retain the collective responsibility for major financial decisions in conjunction with Pastor Adam Claxton and board meetings are held regularly through the year. The Board of Trustees is authorized to appoint new Trustees to fill vacancies through resignation or death

of an existing trustee until the following AGM, whereupon the members will be invited to vote.

### **Public Benefit**

The trustees have considered the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and in particular, the commission's guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. As a result of our faith, we willingly and consistently reach out to welcome visitors to our church. We aim to help ordinary people live out their faith as part of our fellowship through worship and prayer, learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ, and the challenge to live for God and be obedient to do His will as revealed in scripture.

As a Christian organization our aim is to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ firstly in our local community and surrounding areas, as well as supporting missionary work. We aim to make a positive contribution in our local community by inviting the general public to concerts, drama productions, church services, bible studies, prayer services for the sick, regular marriage guidance meetings as well as a children's Sunday School.

All these activities are in conjunction with our regular church services. All organized activities and events are of a non-profit basis and are funded by the church through offerings and donations.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The trustees consider that the stability of the church and the finances received, have been consistent.

Our Sunday morning and evening worship services, children's Sunday school and an adult bible study are currently held at Rose House, 2A Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, County Antrim, BT9 6FL. Several of the adults and teenagers have active roles in the worship services. The younger congregational members have also been hosting concerts, at various locations in and around Belfast reaching out to local communities with the message of Jesus Christ. We have seen a number of people water baptized and added to the church during the year.

We have a crèche for children from birth to three years of age during our worship services, to enable parents to participate in the services knowing that their children are being well cared for. All those working with children have been vetted by AccessNI with regards to suitability.

We have also been able to continue our commitment to support world missions, in particular The Potters House Christian Fellowship church in Trinidad.

### **Plans for the future**

The church will continue to develop and grow in its ability to impact our local community. We have moved into a new location where we hold our regular services along with other events. This has enable us to continue our focus on promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ and making a positive contribution to the local community.

### **Financial Review**

The church benefits greatly from the generosity and support of its members through their regular giving and we would like to thank all those who over the last twelve months have supported the ministry with their regular tithes and offerings, as well as their giving to world evangelism.

The charities policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover the next month's expenditure. This requirement has been met continually throughout this financial year. Our accounts are now independently examined by A McCrory & Co Ltd Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors as the previous company we used, Omer Adam Accountants based in City East Business Centre, has been dissolved.

### **Private Benefit Arising from the Activities of the Church**

No trustee benefits from any of the activities of the church, except for Pastor Adam Claxton who is contracted by the church for the provision of teaching, guidance, and supervision to the church on a continuous basis.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.



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Pastor Adam Claxton, Chair



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William Gordon