

Evangelical Protestant Society

Accounts for the year ended 31st May 2023

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Independent Examiners' Report on the Unaudited Accounts to Evangelical Protestant Society

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st May 2023, which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 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 charity 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:
That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act

That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records

That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

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.

Lois Kenny

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24th November 2023

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1 June 2022 – 31 May 2023

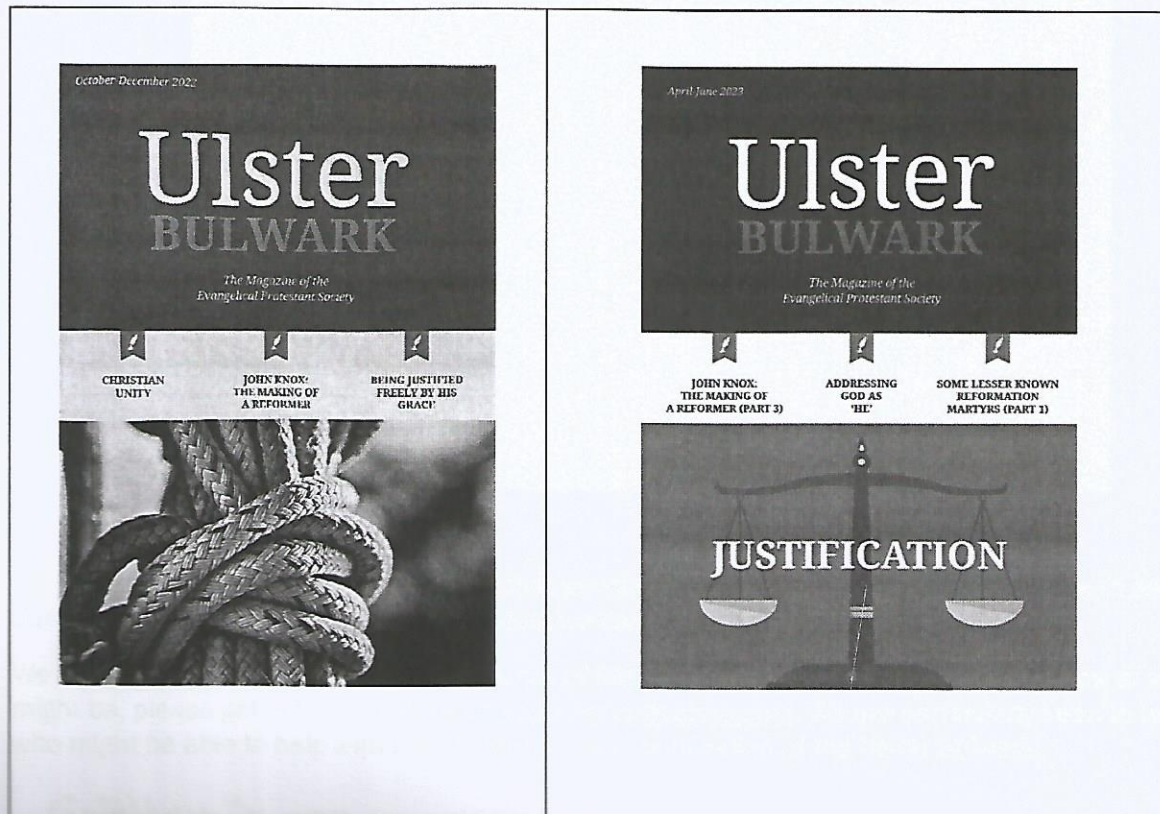
Our work continued in 2022-23 on several fronts.

The EPS Council met on Saturday 26 November 2022 and on Saturday 4 March 2023 in Knock Evangelical Presbyterian Church, kindly granted. Several informal discussions took place between meetings.

At the meeting on 4 March, Mr Wallace Thompson's consultancy contract was renewed on the basis of unchanged terms and conditions, for a further year, to run from 25 February 2023 to 24 February 2024. This arrangement has enabled him to continue to carry out vital administrative work for the Council on a remunerated basis.

Our quarterly magazine, the "Ulster Bulwark", continued to be produced and edited by our Secretary, Mr Wallace Thompson. All our editions were designed and printed by Pepper Collective, a company based in Strabane. Targets for production were agreed with Pepper in advance, and all were met. The magazine was issued in early July (July-September 2022), early October (October-December 2022), early January (January-March 2023) and early April (April-June 2023). The magazine is A5 and has 20 pages.

Throughout the accounting period, new names were added to our mailing lists on a regular basis and an increasing number of people opted to receive the magazine by PDF.



Our Facebook page continued to expand and develop with many new followers being added. This has proved a very successful platform for us. Our website was also regularly updated.

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We rely entirely on donations and gifts which are gratefully received throughout the year, and in April 2023 we held our Annual Thanksgiving Appeal.

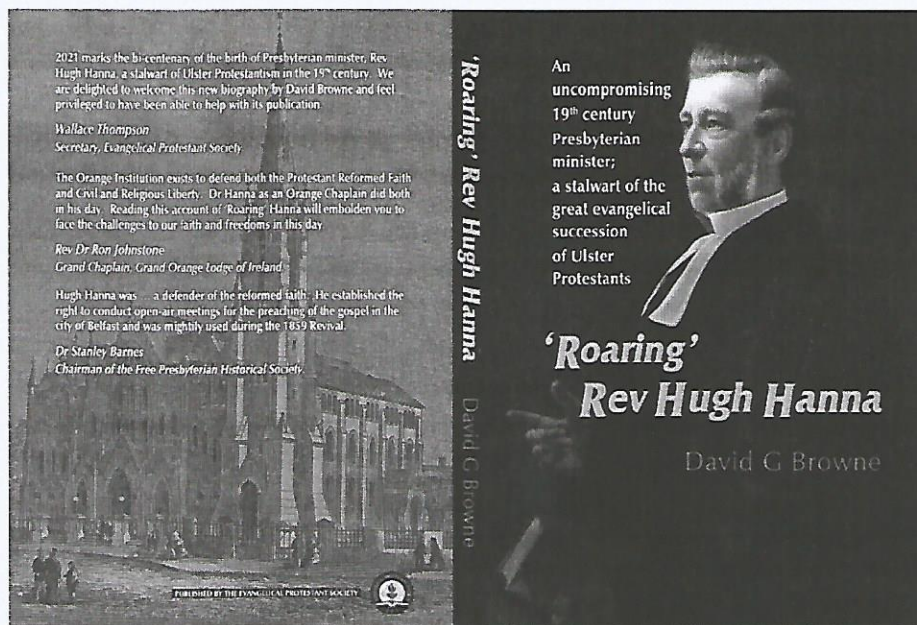
We held our annual Reformation meeting in Martyrs' Memorial Free Presbyterian Church, Belfast, on Friday 28 October 2022. The guest speaker was Rev Daniel Henderson, minister of Moneyslane Free Presbyterian Church. His subject was "*Is Protestantism Relevant in the 21st Century?*"

Mr Thompson spoke at a Reformation service in Belfast City Mission Hall in Ballybeen on Lord's Day 30 October 2022.

As part of the Semper Reformata Podcasts series, Bob McEvoy chatted to Mr Thompson about issues such as the origins and mission of the EPS, Historical Christianity, Credal Statements, Cultural Protestantism in Northern Ireland, and Protestantism and the Loyal Orders. The podcast was first broadcast on 12 July 2022 and is available at <https://tinyurl.com/4bjwyhju>

Mr Thompson also participated in several radio debates on the issue of Sunday sport.

We continued to promote our book on the life and times of Rev Hugh Hanna of Belfast. Written by local author, David Browne, the book casts much light on social, political and religious issues in Ulster in the second half of the 19th century.



We are a small organisation but we feel that we have much to offer and we will continue to seek to meet our charitable purposes and mission as best we can in the days that lie ahead.

We would like to add members to our Council of Reference so, if you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please get in touch with us on epsbulwark@yahoo.com. We are particularly keen to recruit those who might be able to help with the preparation and publication of the Ulster Bulwark.

Wallace Thompson

On behalf of the Trustees of the Evangelical Protestant Society

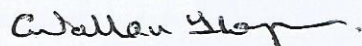
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Declaration of the Secretary

I approve the financial statements as set out on pages 5 and 6. I confirm that: -

i. I have made available to Allen Fleming CA Limited, Chartered Accountants, all the society's accounting records and have provided him with all the information necessary for the preparation of the financial statements.

ii. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions entered into by the society in the year covered by the financial statements.



Signed: Wallace Thompson


Date: 24th November 2023

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**Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31st May 2023**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations - unrestricted funds	10,233	-	10,233	19,111
Bank interest received	788	-	788	155
	11,021	-	11,021	19,266
Expenditure				
Printing, packing and postage	8,891	-	8,891	10,575
Hire of premises	-	-	-	100
Storage	1,524	-	1,524	1,512
Travelling and subsistence	100	-	100	330
Consultancy fees	2,720	-	2,720	4,480
Accountancy	660	-	660	720
Bank charges	162	-	162	197
General expenses	99	-	99	199
Expenditure - restricted funds	-	-	-	2,469
	(14,156)	-	(14,156)	(20,582)
	(3,135)	-	(3,135)	(1,316)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before tax				
Corporation tax payable	(148)	-	(148)	(29)
	(3,283)	-	(3,283)	(1,345)

I approve these accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



Wallace Thompson

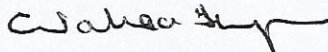
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**Balance sheet
as at 31st May 2023**

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	57,927		61,092	
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Current liabilities				
Accruals	808		689	
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Net current assets		57,119		60,403
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Total assets less current liabilities		57,119		60,403
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Capital account				
Brought forward at 1st June 2022		60,402		61,748
Loss for the year		(3,283)		(1,345)
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		57,119		60,403
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Date: 24th November 2023

Charity Number NIC102062