

**Evangelical Protestant Society**  
**Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31st May 2024**

# Evangelical Protestant Society

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## **Evangelical Protestant Society**

### **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 2024, 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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26<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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## EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT SOCIETY

### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024

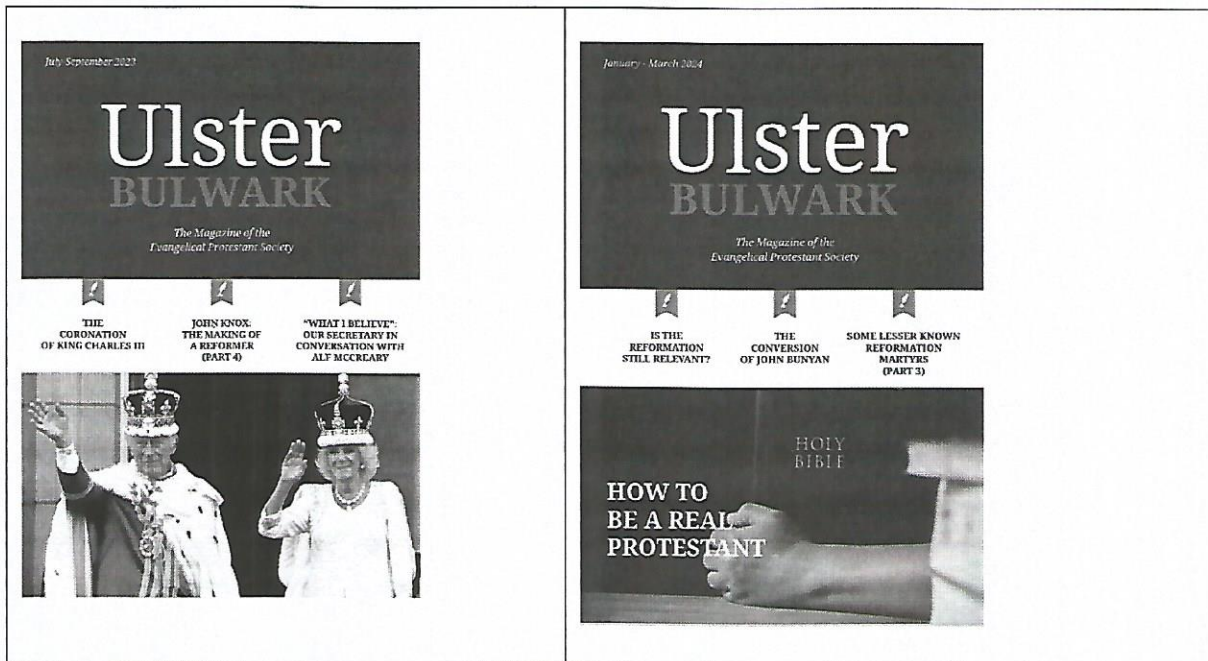
Our work continued in 2023-24 on several fronts.

The EPS Council met on Saturday 9 September 2023 and on Saturday 9 December 2023 in Knock Evangelical Presbyterian Church, kindly granted. Several informal discussions took place between meetings.

Mr Wallace Thompson's consultancy contract was renewed based on unchanged terms and conditions, for a further year, to run from 25 February 2024 to 24 February 2025. This arrangement 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 2023), early October (October-December 2023), early January (January-March 2024) and early April (April-June 2024). The magazine is A5 and has 20 pages. It is the main vehicle for our work and witness.

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. Mr Thompson also participated in several radio debates on moral and spiritual issues.

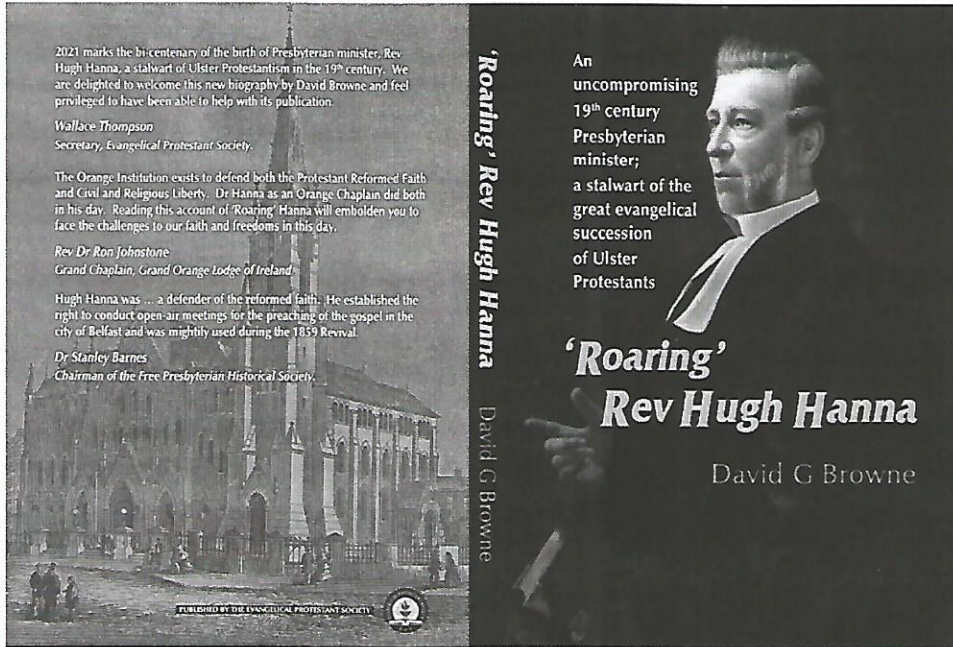
We rely entirely on donations and gifts which are gratefully received throughout the year, and in April 2024 we held our Annual Thanksgiving Appeal.

We organised a special rally on Friday 15 September 2023 in Clogher Valley Free Presbyterian Church. It was very well attended and was a considerable success. Rev Peter McIntyre spoke on "The Williamite Settlement and the Protestant Throne" and his booklet on that subject, published jointly by Clogher Valley FPC and EPS, was made available on the night.

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Our annual EPS Reformation Rally was held on Friday 27 October 2023 in Martyrs Memorial Free Presbyterian Church. Rev Garth Wilson of Sandown Free Presbyterian Church spoke on the subject “*Is the Reformation still relevant?*” Although the attendance was lower than average, the meeting went well, and literature was sold.

We continued to promote some literature such as 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 19<sup>th</sup> century.



We are a small organisation and we struggle at times due to limited human and financial resources, 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](mailto: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**

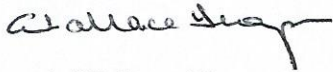
*On behalf of the Trustees of the Evangelical Protestant Society*

## **Evangelical Protestant Society**

### **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**

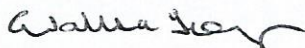
**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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**Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31st May 2024**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations - unrestricted funds	10,987	-	10,987	10,233
Bank interest received	1,722	-	1,722	788
	<u>12,709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,709</u>	<u>11,021</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Printing, packing and postage	5,717	-	5,717	8,891
Hire of premises	-	-	-	-
Storage	1,656	-	1,656	1,524
Travelling and subsistence	208	-	208	100
Consultancy fees	3,120	-	3,120	2,720
Accountancy	660	-	660	660
Bank charges	141	-	141	162
General expenses	200	-	200	99
Expenditure - restricted funds	4,157	-	4,157	-
	<u>(15,859)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,859)</u>	<u>(14,156)</u>
	<u>(3,150)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,150)</u>	<u>(3,135)</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before tax</b>				
<b>Corporation tax payable</b>	(329)	-	(329)	(148)
	<u>(3,479)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,479)</u>	<u>(3,283)</u>

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



**Wallace Thompson**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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## Balance sheet as at 31st May 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand	54,627		57,927	
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Accruals	987		808	
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		987		57,119
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		53,640		57,119
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
<b>Capital account</b>				
Brought forward at 1st June 2023		57,119		60,402
Loss for the year		(3,479)		(3,283)
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
		53,640		57,119
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Wallace Thompson

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Charity Number NIC102062