

# COLERAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023

The Managing Trustees during the period of report were:

Rev J Lyons, Mr Sammy Kelly, Mr. David Mailey, Mr. Morris McAfee & Mr Alex Steele  
Mr Reggie Crozier (decd 01/01/24)

Our church's beneficiaries include our members, their families, the general public and the community in which our charity ministers. All of our activities are open to the general public and advertised to them.

The Trustees of Coleraine Congregational Church have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's Annual Reporting and Public Benefit Requirement Statutory Guidance in the preparation of this report and in the course of their business in the reporting period.

Our volunteers working with children have been AccessNI checked. We have a Child Protection Policy document in place and also have a designated person for child protection.

Coleraine Congregational Church is governed by its Constitution. The Constitution was reviewed in 2015/16 and the revised document was adopted at our AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and came into effect at the AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.

The Charity's main activities are varied with all our main focus on public worship services each Sunday morning and evening promoting the Christian faith and through faithful biblical teaching to bring hope and purposeful living to people of all ages within the community. The Charity's building has disabled access making public worship accessible to all members of the general public. Pastoral support and visits were undertaken by Rev Lyons, Deacons, and members of the church to those in need within the church's own membership and the wider community.

No harmful effects will come from the purposes of our Charity.

What we do:

We hold **two services of public worship** each Sunday and regular **Bible study and prayer meetings** during the week. Throughout the year we have special services to celebrate Christmas, Easter Harvest and take the opportunity of inviting friends and neighbours.

**Children's Church** is available for young children during the morning service. **Sunday School and Bible Class** takes place each Sunday morning between September and June.

**kidsRus** (formerly known as Sunshine Corner) caters for primary school age children and meets each Tuesday night. The programme for the club consists of a bible story, memory verse, quiz, craft and games. Each year a Christmas party is held with a visit from Santa. At the end of the session the children take part in a service on Mothers Day and all parents and guardians are invited.

**Navigators** caters for ages 10-16 and meets on the first Sunday of each month. The group aims to provide Christian fellowship, teaching, encouragement and direction. Occasionally a visiting speaker is invited from outside the fellowship. A special informal night out is arranged to end the term.

**Men and Ladies Fellowship** meetings are held for the benefits of adults of all ages once a month. A visiting speaker is invited each month, occasionally a DIY evening is arranged when members of the group take part. The evenings end by having tea and a time of fellowship. Also once a year a dinner is held in a local hotel.

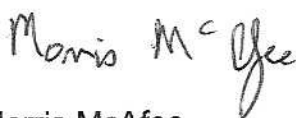
A **Crochet and Craft group** meets once a fortnight where the ladies enjoy refreshments and fellowship. This meeting is open for anyone interested in craft. They enjoy learning to knit and crochet. All completed items eg blankets, hats, mittens are sent to good causes.

A **football activity** for young men of varied ages is available outside the church each Thursday evening. This activity is held at the Score complex and is funded by the participants. This is seen as a way for the Church to connect with other people in our community. Again the emphasis is on encouragement, fellowship and promotion of the Christian faith. Special social times are arranged as an opportunity to get to know one another and to bond as a group.

There are regular opportunities to support Christian missions at our services whether on a Sunday or through our midweek activities. Contributions received to support a particular Christian mission are passed on in full to that mission.

The Charity has sufficient funds in its accounts to sustain its expenses and liabilities with the main source of income coming from freewill offering envelopes and loose donations. The Charity also receives gift aid payments from HMRC on submission of a claim. A small number of people faithfully and regularly contribute to the repair fund using a separate envelope system.

A report of our activities and finances is prepared annually and is formally adopted at our AGM in February each year.



Morris McAfee  
Secretary/Trustee

30th April 2024

**Coleraine Congregational Church**  
**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**  
**For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (FRS 102) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK 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 reasonable to presume the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the constitution. They 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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024:

Allen Steel 14/May/2024

Anthony R. Veary 14.5.24.