

THE LAKES VINEYARD CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **for the Year Ended 31 MARCH 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objectives are for the public benefit and are restricted to the following:-

- (a) to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs
- (b) to further Christian education
- (c) to relieve sickness, financial hardship and poverty and to promote and preserve good health by provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling training in life skills and support
- (d) to further or benefit the residents of Enniskillen and surrounding area without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religions or other opinions by associating together the said residents, and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effect to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with objectives of improving conditions of life for the residents.

These objectives are to be carried out in such part of Enniskillen, the United Kingdom or the world so the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

Significant activities

The main activities are as follows:-

Sunday morning services are held at Cross Street, Enniskillen.

This year The Lakes Vineyard Church and Enniskillen Foodbank have had a more collaborative experience with other charities and agencies in the county than ever before. We have worked alongside more than 80 agencies this year and have signposted many clients to other groups who specialise in other areas to ourselves. Along with the support of the general public we have supported over 6,000 people with food and baby products. As of December 2023, we were up on our distribution on the previous year. It is an honour and a privilege to serve our community and we look forward to continuing our work into the following year.

Public benefit

The Trustees seek to ensure that the Public benefit requirement is considered and The Lakes Vineyard Church facilitates the advancement of the Christian Religion having due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial review

The results for the year ended 31 March 2023 are set out on pages 4 and 5 of the financial statements.

The Church is reliant on the voluntary gifts and donations from its donors. The total income for the year ended 31 March 2023 amounted to £76,038 (2022:£43,005). The total expenditure was £61,792 (2022:£55,751)

The Trustees consider that the unrestricted fund of the charity is sufficient and adequate to fulfil their obligations. The charity held £37,515 in cash reserves at the year end (2022:£21,599).

Reserves policy

The income of the Church is considered adequate and the risks associated with any significant reduction in income is regarded as unlikely. The Trustees are satisfied with the current level of reserves at the present time. The Trustees are reviewing the Reserves Policy in the current year.

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Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion that the church has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements, to meet commitments which will arise in the following year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from church members to fund on an on going basis the church's current activities and other financial commitments.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The company is also recognised as a charity by H M Revenue and Customs (46710 16762). The company was incorporated on 14 June 2012 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 9 June 2015.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI613214 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

102556

Registered office

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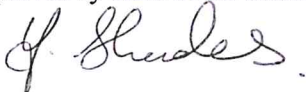
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev J W Shades - Trustee