

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF BALLYKEEL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

CCNI No. 102780

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Covering the Financial Year from 1/5/2022 to 30/4/2023

**Based at: Ballykeel Pentecostal Church
79 Shetland Gardens
Ballymena,
County Antrim
BT42 4ER**

Constitution

Ballykeel Pentecostal Church is a charity constituted by a Governing Document accepted by the Church members and last amended on 18/04/2008. This document sets out the aims and purposes of the charity and all matters regarding its constitution and use of funds. A copy of said document can be viewed by application to and the approval of the Trustees of Ballykeel Pentecostal Church.

The Church is governed by an Assembly Council comprising the Minister(s) for the time being together with the duly appointed Leaders of the Assembly whose names and addresses shall be entered in the Assembly records. The minimum number on the Assembly Council shall be three.

The Assembly Council may deal with and may make and amend regulations to deal with the appointment of Ministers, Elders, Deacons or others to oversee, serve and work in and for the Assembly whether on a paid or unpaid basis.

Current Trustees

Thomas Todd
Irene Todd
Kenneth Wilson

All of the Trustees are part of the current Assembly Council. No other Trustees have served throughout this financial period.

Aims, Purposes and Beneficiaries

The following aims and purposes as outlined in the Governing Document of Ballykeel Pentecostal Church fall within the necessary public benefit requirements for acceptance as a Charity by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

- (a) The advancement of the Christian Religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God under the auspices of the Assembly in accordance with the Statement of Truths of Ballykeel Pentecostal Church as stated in Appendix A of this constitution.
- (b) Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the Assembly or any of them.
- (c) The furtherance of the work of Ballykeel Pentecostal Church, the promotion of the spiritual teaching and the maintenance of the statement of truths of Ballykeel Pentecostal Church, the promotion of religious observances which manifest and set forth the Statement of Truths of Ballykeel Pentecostal Church.

The beneficiaries of such aims are persons of all ages without regard to gender, race or religious persuasion.

Statement of Regard to Public Benefit

With regard to spending of funds and the carrying out of the activities detailed in this report the Trustees continue to have regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's Public Benefit Statutory Guidance. Since the main aim of the charity is the furtherance of the Christian religion all financial spending and activities have been made and will continue to be made with that aim in mind.

Current Financial Situation.

The Church annual accounts were prepared and examined by JJC Accounting, 80 Broughshane Street, Ballymena, BT43 6ED and Company. This is now the third year that this company has prepared the assembly's accounts.

For the year ending 30/04/2023 Ballykeel Pentecostal Church had an income of £37, 675, a similar figure to the previous financial year. Expenditure during the year amounted to £36, 333. There was, therefore, a yearly underspend of £1, 341.81. Taking into account the £6,540.06 in funds carried over from the previous year and moneys in petty cash the current balance as at 30/4/2023 is £7881.87

Sources of Income

The main sources of income continues to be the voluntary contributions from Church members and the Trustees would like to express their thanks to all those who provide such contributions. Gift Aid contributions from HMRC has also been helpful to the financial situation.

The use of the facilities by other groups has brought in £1200 during the year which has also been of benefit to the assembly's financial position.

Other Assets and Liabilities

The Church owns its own buildings and its surrounding land and has no further mortgage payments on these. The Church has no financial liabilities.

The current value of the buildings and surrounding land is unknown.

Buildings and Contents are properly insured with Kingdom bank.

How Finances were Spent

With regard to spending the Trustees continue to have regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's Public Benefit requirements. Since the main aim of the charity is the furtherance of the Christian religion all financial spending has been made and will continue to be made with that aim in mind.

The greatest financial output for the Church continues to be the minister's expenses for Pastor Todd whose contributions to the running of the Church are necessary and appreciated. Through his services the Church is able to promote the Christian religion in the local community as well as providing Christian teaching to the church members.

The maintenance of the building, heating, lighting, telephone and water charges continue to be significant ongoing financial requirements. It is envisaged that there will be significant financial

required in the coming year for some necessary and overdue maintenance, particularly the replacement of failing wooden windows and doors. It is believed that with sensible budgeting this will be possible.

Church will continue, as far as is reasonably possible within the financial constraints, to provide financial support to such organisations as Release International, Reach and Teach Ministries, Goshen Ministries in Kenya and New Hope for Children in Colombia, all of which provide practical Christian aid to others in foreign lands and have a similar aim and purpose to Ballykeel Pentecostal Church.

Details of Funds that are materially in Deficit

There are no funds that are materially in deficit.

Activities of the church

The primary purpose of the Church remains the advancement of the Christian religion. This continues to be fulfilled through the regular running of Sunday and mid-week services as well as Sunday school and a youth programme. All such activities involve teaching from God's Word and promotion of a faith in Jesus Christ. They cover persons of every age from 3 years old upwards.

An annual Children's Week has been recommenced and the assembly is also working closely with the local community group to provide a Parents and Toddlers group as well as other community events.

In order to further promote the Christian religion the Church engages in a number of activities within and involving the local community in order to demonstrate Christian love and faith in action. These include the provision of premises for such events as marriages, funerals and community activities. All these activities help display Christian love and advance people's appreciation of the Christian religion.

As mentioned above the Church also gives financial support to a number of other Christian organisations which are involved in providing education, financial aid and justice to the impoverished or persecuted.

Mitigation of any Possible Harm

The work of the church brings it into contact with those who may be regarded as vulnerable adults and with children.

As a result and in order to protect these individuals the church continues to ensure that anyone working with them is vetted by AccessNI with regard to suitability and that suitable training is provided in Child Protection. The Church has a Child Protection and Risk Assessment Policy

Reasonable health and safety policies are adhered to in order to reduce the risk of accident and suitable Public Liability Insurance is in place. A First Aid kit is kept stocked on the premises and there are a number of persons trained in first aid available should accidents occur.

Otherwise it is not considered that any harm would come to a beneficiary through the activities of the church.

Private Benefit Arising from the Activities of the Church

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

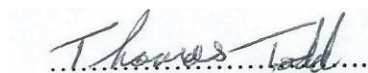
It is considered necessary by the Trustees that the services of Pastor Todd be retained in order that the church be able to carry out its activities efficiently and effectively.

Plans for the Future

It is intended to seek to increase the numbers attending Sunday School and Youth and to work towards setting up stronger teams in these areas. Plans are being discussed regarding events for senior citizens. The current activities will be maintained and hopefully expanded.

The assembly will continue to work with the local community group and to aid Timeless Theological Academy in the provision of affordable quality Bible teaching.

It is intended to replace some ageing doors and windows.



Chairman Signature



Trustee/Assembly Council Signature