



# **BANBRIDGE INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH**

*REG. CHARITY NO. NIC 102812*

The trustees present their Annual report of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

## **PURPOSE**

The main purpose of Banbridge Independent Methodist Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Biblical principles.

## **MINISTRY**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

The Church continues to provide Opportunities for people to meet and worship God and learn Biblical teachings in the word of God 'The Bible' by conducting morning and evening services every Sunday. We encourage visitors and people not attending any other church to come along and support us. We also have a Mid- week Bible study and prayer meeting on a Thursday night which took place throughout 2023.

We have activities aimed at teaching young people about the Christian faith throughout the year which included Sunday school, on a Friday nights September – march we have the 'One way club' which attracts 30 children and Ignite youth fellowship which has 25 children attending, then in August we have our Holiday Bible Club which had 40+ children in attendance over the week.

The Church reaches out to the wider community via-

- We had visits to our Sunday Morning services from a variety of Missionaries and Christian organisations which gave people the opportunity to hear and receive information on their missionary work.
- We hold ladies fellowship meetings on the last Monday of month over the period September – May when there will be a speaker invited along to speak and give an update on their ministry.
- Holding a Gospel Mission to preach the Gospel to the local area

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Charity name – Banbridge Independent Methodist Church

Church Address – Peggy's loaning Huntly Road Banbridge BT32 3BE

Website – [www.banbridgeindependentmethodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.banbridgeindependentmethodistchurch.co.uk)

Charity number – NIC 102812

Banking - Danske Bank 37 – 39 Bridge street Banbridge

### **TRUSTEES**

The Trustees in office in 2023 were-

Mr Ronnie Killops Mr Jim Beck

## **MANAGEMENT**

The leader's board meet regularly to discuss the work of the church, and to make decisions concerning the regular activities within the church. Matters are reported to Church members at a Members Society meeting when reports and accounts are also presented.

The congregation play a key role in various activities of the church and a lot of this is done behind the scenes, and the Pastor and leaders board are thankful of their faithful support in making everything happen.

The trustees have assessed the risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed systems and procedures to mitigate such risks. Risk assessment covering fire, environmental health, health & safety and the protection of children and young people is an ongoing process and is reviewed annually.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The church was funded by voluntary gifts and donations from the Congregation, and we also made use of the Gift Aid Scheme.

Signed

*Jim Beck*