

**BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION TO THE POOR OF BELFAST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 MARCH 2023**

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CHARITY INFORMATION**

**Trustees at 31 March 2023**

The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland Trustee Company  
Rev Chris Hudson  
Ms Monica Burns

**Registered Charity Number**

103374

**Independent Examiner**

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## **BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION TO THE POOR OF BELFAST**

### Trustees' Report

Year ended 31 March 2023

1. Belfast Domestic Mission for the Poor of Belfast (known as Belfast Domestic Mission or the Mission) was established in 1852, to help alleviate poverty, supporting Sunday Schools and discussion groups and providing practical support to those in need. This is the public benefit we promote. There is no harm or private benefit from our purposes and we have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance.
2. Our Charity Number is 103374. Trustees registered with the Charity Commission are R Paul Hamilton and the NSPCI Trustees Company. The official address of the Mission is All Souls' Church, 5 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast BT9 6AZ.
3. As our communities return to a semblance of normality, the Trustees report that activities on behalf of the Belfast Domestic Mission are increasing. The sad and untimely death of Member Jonathan Hamilton was noted.
4. Donations to the NSPCI Widows Fund and to Sunday Schools recommenced, as churches get back to normal. Disbursement of £20 and £25 TESCO vouchers continue, to families and individuals identified locally as being in need. Help for purchase of school uniforms and shoes was provided to two families.
5. The Mission received M&G dividends of £5,719 as well as Department for Communities dividends of £152 and £76 in interest from the bank. The bank balance of the Mission at the end of the financial year is £45,554 as noted in the accompanying accounts.
6. The Trustees and Members were able to resume meetings in person, apart from two members who are ill and frail. Communication continues by phone and, for those with access, by email.
7. It was agreed that Sunday Schools and the Reading Campaign would be supported with an increased donation from financial year 2023/2024. Rev Chris Hudson reported that it was unnecessary to continue to provide financial support to the NSPCI Widows Fund, a situation which can be reviewed, should the Fund's financial situation change significantly for the worse.

8. Discussions are underway with a food bank and hostel in west Belfast, to pursue the possibility of starting classes for families to help them cook and eat more nutritious meals, especially for families which rely on foodbanks.
9. A larger float of TESCO vouchers is being made available for disbursement, following the decision last year to aim for a spend of at least £5,000 per annum to target the poor of Belfast through practical support.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



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Rev Robert McKee

# **BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION TO THE POOR OF BELFAST**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION TO THE POOR OF BELFAST**

In accordance with our engagement, and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statement of the charity which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes from the books of account and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the charity's trustees in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the trustees that we have done so and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the compilation of financial statements.

You have acknowledged on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2023 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper books of account and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.



**Gavin Reid and Company**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
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**10 October 2023**

# BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION TO THE POOR OF BELFAST

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
<b>INCOME</b>		
M&G dividends	5,719	5,137
DFC dividends	152	151
Bank interest	<u>76</u>	<u>48</u>
	<u>5,947</u>	<u>5,336</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Donations	335	200
Ministers' Widows Fund	200	-
All Souls Church Kids Club	100	-
First Church Rosemary Street	100	-
Newtownards Sunday School	100	-
Bank fees	<u>31</u>	<u>24</u>
	<u>866</u>	<u>224</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	5,081	5,112
<b>FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 APRIL 2022</b>	<u>40,473</u>	<u>35,361</u>
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH 2023</b>	<u>45,554</u>	<u>40,473</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Receipts and Payments Account above.

# BELFAST DOMESTIC MISSION TO THE POOR OF BELFAST

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Investments	12,857	12,857
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank current account	<u>32,697</u>	<u>27,616</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>45,554</u>	<u>40,473</u>
 <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		
Balance brought forward	40,473	35,361
Surplus for the year	<u>5,081</u>	<u>5,112</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>45,554</u>	<u>40,473</u>

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)  
TRUSTEE'S STATEMENTS  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

In approving these financial statements as trustee of the charity I hereby confirm:

- (a) that I acknowledge my responsibilities for:
- (1) ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records; and
  - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus for the year then ended.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by



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Rev Robert McKee