

KILLICOMAINA EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Trustees Annual Report for the year ending 5th April 2024.

The Trustees present their Annual Report of the charity for the year ending 5th April 2024.

Purpose.

The principal objective of Killicomaine Evangelical Church is to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with its Statement of Belief among people of all backgrounds.

Achievements and Performance.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on provision of public benefit and are confident that the Church has fully satisfied this requirement through its activities throughout the year from 6 April 2023 to 5 April 2024.

The Church continued to provide opportunities for people to meet to worship God and learn about the Christian Faith by conducting morning and evening services every Sunday with attendances of approximately 80 to 90 in the morning and 40 to 55 in the evening. A weekly Bible Study and Prayer meeting was also held on a Thursday evening from September through June, which is open to all. A Woman's Bible Study is held monthly with an average attendance of 10. Sunday services continue to be available on Zoom, which is beneficial to those who are not able to attend in person.

Activities aimed at teaching young people about the Christian Faith continue to take place throughout the year. These include a Sunday School and Bible Classes with pupils enrolled, Children's and Youth Meeting held each Friday evening with between 27 and 35 attending. In July a Holiday Bible Club was held for younger children with an average daily attendance of 30.

The Mid-week Fellowship meets on a Wednesday afternoon. These meetings continue to be a great means of support and help to all who attend, providing worship, bible study and in particular fellowship, for those who for whatever reason find it difficult to attend, or attend regularly, on a Sunday or Thursday evening. The attendance is between 12 and 18.

The Church contributes to the life of the wider community through involvement with the Killicomaine Residents Group and in partnership with them, supports various community events. The major events were the Annual Fun Day in July, for which the church premises were made available, and a community Carol Service in December, both of which were well attended. In collaboration with another local church, we are involved in the running of a Men's Club, which meets each Friday morning and provides social interaction for the men of the local community. The membership has grown steadily, been very consistent in attendance and the activities and fellowship has been a great means of support and encouragement to all.

Pastoral support, including home visitation, is provided by the Church and, where necessary, counselling for members, those who regularly attend and any others who may request it.

The previous full-time Pastor had retired in September 2022 and a new one, Daniel Gomes, was appointed in February 2024.

The Church supports a full time missionary in Lima, Peru and continues to give support to other Churches engaged in furthering its purposes overseas, in , Tamil Nadu, India and Batticaloa and

Killinochi, Sri Lanka. We also continue to partly support two families, one working amongst international refugees in Germany and one providing support services with a missionary society, Ethnos 360 in Florida USA.

There were no reportable incidents regarding health and safety, data protection or child protection.

The Church maintained a Web presence on the website www.killicomaine.org.