

ELKANA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets
and Liabilities**

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Charities Number : NIC103630

Eikana Christian Fellowship

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

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Elkana Christian Fellowship

References and Administration details

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Charity Registration Number: 103630

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

The trustees present the annual report and statements of receipts and payments and assets and liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2023

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of Elkana Christian Fellowship is to share the message of the Gospel as it is found in the scriptures. Elkana's services are open to all who wish to attend and are open to the leading of God.

Performance & Public Benefit

Each week we meet to praise and worship our God together and pray with one another. In this way we support and encourage each other to grow in our own personal faith and become more like Christ and share Communion together.
We continue to support Compassion Child Sponsorship Scheme and actively provide practical support to the South Belfast Food Bank.

The church has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the church's objectives as well as providing public benefit.

Financial Review

Provide an overview of the financial position at the reporting date

Explain the Trustee's policies

If there any material deficits at the end of the year take steps to remedy same

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the church can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 2023 can be signed off as a going concern

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the church's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the church. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Sturley Bennett

Rosie Nixon

Structure Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The Charity Trustees are responsible for this.

Recruitment and Appointment of Church Elders

The church elders are appointed at a meeting of the fellowship.

Pay and remuneration

The payment of salary and remuneration is determined by the Church Members

Organisational Structure

It is the church members who are responsible for the day to day management of the church.
They meet to discuss matters of church business arising.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations
The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Elkana Christian Fellowship
I report on the accounts of Elkana Christian Fellowship
for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 5,6,7.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act

Follow the procedures laid down by the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9) (b) of the Charities Act and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as any charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not match those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and my concern in respect of the matters listed above and , in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Robert W Clarke

Mr Robert W Clarke

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Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Income	£	£
Offerings, Gifts, & Donations	4557	6020
Covenants, gift aided	3042	2321
Tax refund	0	2154
Interest	20	22
Other receipts	<u>661</u>	<u>71</u>
Total Income	8280	10588
Expenditure	£	£
Bank	75	157
Insurances	1639	1568
Missions, Food Bank	1200	1200
Sundries	7	250
Compassion uk	714	682
Water rates	171	161
Music licence	87	371
Telephone	369	395
Donations	200	200
Heat & light	7570	6087
Repairs	<u>2212</u>	999
	14244	12070
Depreciation	£	£
Fixtures and Fittings	<u>1252</u>	<u>1472</u>
	15496	13542
Net Deficit	-7216	-2954

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Trustee *Stusley Bennett*

Trustee *Yvonne Knox*

17/06/2024

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible	592936	594190
	1	
	Note	
	£	£
	2023	2022
Current Assets		
Current Accounts	15565	21529
Current Liabilities	0	0
Bank Loan	0	0
Accruals	0	0
Net Current Assets	15565	21529
Total Net Assets	608503	615719
Represented by Reserves		
Opening Balance	615719	618673
Add Net Surplus	-7216	-2954
Retained reserves	608503	615719

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Fixed Asset Schedule

	01/01/2023			31/12/2023		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
		Additions	Disposals			
Cost						
Land & Buildings	585845			585845		
Fixtures & Fittings	35060			35060		
	620905			620905		
Depreciation						
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fixtures & Fittings	26715	1252	1252	26715	0	27967
	26715			26715		27967
Net Book Value						
31/12/2023				592938		
31/12/2022				594190		

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

Note

Receipts	1		
NIES		600	
Hall		50	
Way leave		11	
		<u>661</u>	
Sundry Payments	2		
Communion wine			<u>7</u>