

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

The trustees present the annual report and statements of receipts and payments and assets and liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2024

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 the Compassion Child Sponsorship Scheme and actively provide practical financial support to the South Belfast Foodbank

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 and activities 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 2024 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

Shirley Bennett

Yvonne Knox

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