

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 29 February 2024

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Portadown Christian Centre for the year ended 29 February 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of Portadown Christian Centre is the advancement of religion.

The principal function of Portadown Christian Centre is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Portadown Christian Centre the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic and social. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, Portadown Christian Centre has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the trustees of Portadown Christian Centre.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Portadown Christian Centre has weekly services on Sunday mornings together with various other special services during the year. Prayer meetings are held on a regular basis. Pastoral care is also provided.

A range of other activities are also provided by Portadown Christian Centre including a regular coffee morning and Barbeques which are open to the wider community in Portadown. Portadown Christian Centre also operates the collection of provisions for a local foodbank in the Portadown area. This foodbank provides much needed support for disadvantaged families in need of basic essentials.

Portadown Christian Centre also collect gifts for children at Christmas and these are given to the Salvation Army Christmas toy appeal to help disadvantaged children. Portadown Christian Centre also support the Samaritans Purse appeal.

Portadown Christian Centre supports ministry to the elderly with meetings being held in a local Portadown nursing home.

Portadown Christian Centre also supports overseas charitable activity. In particular financial aid is given to a project in Venezuela which supports the children of imprisoned parents within that country.

The activities outlined above demonstrate how Portadown Christian Centre continues to implement its charitable purposes (i.e. the advancement of religion) and meets the Public benefit requirement. Benefits to members of the public include contributing to spiritual well-being of participants and the reinforcement of Christian values.

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Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit (continued)

The Charity 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 Charity's objectives as well as providing public benefit.

Financial Review

- The principal source of income of Portadown Christian Centre continues to be from Donations and Plate Collections.
- The principal expense of Portadown Christian Centre is in respect of payments regarding wages and church maintenance expenses.
- Portadown Christian Centre had a deficit of receipts over payments before other gains of £74,381.72 for the year ended 29 February 2024.
- Portadown Christian Centre continues to be in a healthy financial state as at 29 February 2024 with total cash funds of £6,288.80.
- Portadown Christian Centre aims to retain sufficient reserves to meet its expected future expenditure requirements as well as potential future capital projects.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed its planned expenditure for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Charity can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The governing document of the charity is the Constitution of Portadown Christian Centre.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

All members of the Church who are over the age of 18 are eligible to be trustees of the charity. Trustees of the charity are elected by the incumbent pastor of the church. There is no limit on the length of period which may be served by the trustees.

Organisational Structure

The trustees are responsible for the day to day management of the charity.

The trustee meetings are chaired by the incumbent pastor of the church. Trustees are responsible for making decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the charity including deciding how charity funds are to be applied.

The trustees meet at times fixed by the pastor with a minimum of three meetings per year. Special meetings may be convened at any time by the pastor or trustees.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Charity 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 Charity's objectives as well as providing public benefit.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the 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 £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

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

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1 

Trustee 2 Mrs Irene Emmett

18 June 2024