



# **ADULLAM CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

## **Annual Report & Statement of Accounts**

For the Year Ended 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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The Trustees of Adullam Christian Ministries are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the year ending **20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**.

**OVERALL MISSION**

The mission of this Charity is to show the “love of Christ” by helping the most poor, vulnerable and underprivileged within society and also to promote peace and reconciliation within our divided communities through the development of good relations initiatives/ programs, helping to create positive relationships and encourage opportunities for meaningful dialogue between divided communities, based on ethics of Christian love and concern for those in need.

Furthermore, it is our aim to develop projects that directly address conflict or sectarian issues involving all age groups, to promote friendships and relationships of trust as well as greater community understanding.

This organisation also wishes to help alleviate poverty issues, address homelessness, help those in greatest need.

**OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES**

**Charity Objects:**

A summary of the objects of the Charity are set out below:-

- (a) To promote the participation of all people in good relations initiatives, in Ireland particularly Northern Ireland (North of Ireland), by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for the development of positive relationships and meaningful dialogue, within communities.
- (b) To provide and assist in providing facilities for dialogue, interaction and engagement for those who have need for such facilities by reason of their age, sex, poverty or social or economic circumstances or other disadvantage or in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- (c) To advance community development by promoting co-operation and joint activities between people in Northern Ireland/North of Ireland and from all sections of the community.
- (d) To engage in and to co-operate with all organizations involved in cross-community work and inter-face community work in Northern Ireland/North of Ireland.

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(e) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community in Northern Ireland in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

(f) To advance in life and help people through:

- The provision of recreational and leisure time activities (including holidays) provided in the interest of social welfare, for people living in the area of Northern Ireland, communities who have need by reasons of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons;

- Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

(g) To provide relief of financial hardship among people living or working in Northern Ireland by providing such persons with goods/services which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means.

(h) To prevent or relief of poverty in Northern Ireland by providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

(i) To provide or pay for items, services and facilities to ease the suffering or assist the recovery of people who are sick, convalescent, disabled or infirm.

(j) To set up and administer a series of centres throughout Ireland providing pastoral care, counselling and practical help to all persons in difficulties and in need, regardless of race, religion or gender.

(k) To work towards promoting and establishing rehabilitation centres for persons with drug and alcohol dependency throughout Northern Ireland.

(l) To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

(m) To meet the above objectives within the remit of Christian principles, bringing love, kindness and assistance to the most poor, needy and disadvantaged within our Society, helping to bring about reconciliation between divided communities and providing services to those in need through the 'Love of Christ'.

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**Main Activities Undertaken to Further ‘Public Benefit’**

During the year, the activities used to promote our Charity objects for the public benefit, included the following:

✓ **Community, Listening & Assistance Clinic**

During the year the Charity continued to reach out to the local community over all denominations/traditions/cultures etc., by providing a Community, Listening & Assistance Clinic to help and assist those in need/in poverty, dealing with various issues such as housing applications/benefits/homelessness/emergency hostel accommodation, food package referrals, referrals to drug/alcohol abuse clinics, assistance with single mothers, attendance at tribunals, employment issues, etc. The Charity has been able to help quite a number of people over the year who presented with a wide variety of issues and problems to the Clinic. The Charity, during the year, helped people from all over Northern Ireland, but the majority of cases presented themselves from inner city Belfast areas, coming from both sides of the community. In past years during the COVID Pandemic we are pleased to report that the PSNI worked with our Charity, giving us passes to be able to go out and attend emergencies during this time. We have now set up a new web site to assist clients to see what type of work we cover. This new web site can be seen at [www.adullamchristianministries.com](http://www.adullamchristianministries.com).

✓ **Conflict Resolution and Cross Community Discussions:**

During the year there was a number of opportunities to be involved in conflict resolutions of a confidential nature to help reduce tensions within the community interface areas at times of necessity, aimed at forwarding the peace process.

✓ **Homeless Team:**

During the year, the Trustees are very happy that they have been able to send out a Homeless Team who brings hot drinks, sleeping bags, hats, gloves, etc., to those living on the Streets of Belfast. This is a vital work, bringing much needed help in our City Streets.

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✓ **Other Cross-Community Events:**

During the year we had various cross-community events including the following:

- **Annual 'Free Santa'** – At Christmas every year the Charity is donated various toys for young children for our 'Free Santa' event. This brings children from deprived areas of Belfast together from both sides of the community and blesses their children with a 'free santa' and gift. The children were very excited indeed and this helped to bless those most in need at Christmas time, showing Christian love and care.
- **Easter Dinner** – At Easter time there are those who may not have families to go to and/or may not be able to afford a meal out at Easter time for their family. The Charity, every year, organizes with local hotels, at very special rates, a two course Easter Dinner. This has proved very popular with both adults and children and provides much needed help and support and encouragement to many who attend. This Easter dinner was attended by both sides of the community.
- **Christmas Dinner** – At Christmas time there are those who may not have families to go to and/or may not be able to afford a meal out with their family due to the rising costs of Christmas. Our Charity, every year, organizes with local hotels, at very special rates, a two course Christmas Dinner. This, as well as our Easter Dinner, has also proved to be very popular with both adults and children and provides much needed help and support and encouragement to many who attend. Our Christmas dinner is also attended by both sides of the community. We also obtain funding at Christmastime in order to be able to provide gift vouchers/hampers for those most in need at Christmas time, to both communities.
- **Emergency Assistance/Hospital Visits/Prison Visits/Tribunals** – we continued to provide a number of people with hospital visits and assist people get to their hospital appointments during the year and attend a number of Tribunals, supporting and assisting people through these processes.

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✓ **Food Packages/Christmas Hampers/Christmas Turkey:**

During the year the Charity has been able to refer people in need of food to various food banks around the city. Also at Christmas time we were able to provide approximately free Christmas Turkeys with farm vegetables, supplied by a local farm. We also were able to get out approximately 60 pension meat packs again this year for additional food for the elderly over the Christmas Period, supplied by a local Butcher at cost price.

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### **Main Achievements of Charity**

The Trustees are happy to report that there have been a number of achievements and performance obtained by the Charity over the year, including the following:

- ✓ **Community Listening and Assistance Clinic:** Many people were helped and assisted through the Clinic, from both sides of the community and they have expressed their gratitude to the Trustees, including during the last number of years during the COVID19 Pandemic. The Clinic during the year has been able to help people obtain housing, help the homeless find accommodation, assist in the completion of forms, refer people to available drug and alcohol units, attend and supporting people in employment/benefit/school tribunals, refer people in need to other charities helping with issues such as domestic violence, etc, etc. The impact of the advice clinic cannot be underestimated as it not only affects the person concerned but also can have an indirect impact on their immediate family and relatives.
- ✓ **Conflict Resolution:** During the year there were a number of opportunities to carry out conflict resolution within our communities, whereby the community contacts that have been built up over the year in regards to peace and reconciliation work have proved useful. Issues dealt with during the year are confidential in nature, but the Charity believes that it has had unique opportunities presented to them during the year to help keep peace and reconciliation over various issues concerning our communities within Northern Ireland.
- ✓ **Food Banks:** The Charity has had opportunities during the year to direct various individuals to food banks, provide food packages at Christmas time, Pensioner Packs and Christmas Hampers.
- ✓ **Special Events:** The Charity has been able to provide opportunities to people on low incomes/those who are lonely/those who are struggling financially to take part in both an Easter and a Christmas Dinner in a local hotel, which proved to be very popular to both adults and children.
- ✓ **Homeless Team:** The Charity has been able to attend to those most in need homeless on the streets of Belfast, by providing them with hot drinks, clothing, sleeping bags, hats & gloves, friendship and kindness, with the team going out twice a month into the City of Belfast. Clothes and sleeping bags have been provided by many people, specifically for this ministry of which the Charity Trustees are very appreciative.

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The Charity's main beneficiaries are people living in Northern Ireland. All work above has direct public benefit and helps to create positive relationships and meaningful dialogue within the communities of Northern Ireland/with interface work/helping and assisting those in need.

The direct public benefits that flow from these purposes include promoting co-operation and joint activities between the people of Northern Ireland to advance peaceful community development. There are no private benefit flowing from these purposes and they do not lead to harm.

The Trustees are delighted to report that clearly the Charity has made an impact on many beneficiaries from all walks of life and communities during the year, reaching out into many divided communities that are regarded as high deprivation and poverty areas and wish to thank everyone who has helped and assisted in any way, both from a financial and volunteering perspective.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Trustees are happy to present the Charities financial statements for **20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. The Financial Performance in the year to **20<sup>th</sup> July 2023** has been broadly consistent with the Trustee's forecasts and expectations and they are pleased to report that there were sufficient funds obtained to support the work of the Charity throughout the year and already future funding for further projects is being sought and confirmed.

These Financial Statements have been prepared based on a Receipts and Payments method, in line with advice provided by the new Charities Commission in Northern Ireland for smaller charities with an income under £250,000.

During the year the Charity was able to secure Grant Funding, alongside other donations (restricted and unrestricted), which helped to cover all the necessary running expenses for the Charity, alongside income carried forward from last year. The Charity are pleased to report that they were able to cover all the costs of running the charitable work of the Charity during the year.

In assessing the finances and assets of the society it must be noted that the Trustees and Volunteers give a great deal of support in kind. Many purchases are made, and the payment never claimed back; for example printing and postage costs, meeting costs, etc., which is very appreciated.

A lot of work and time and effort is put in by the Trustees free of charge, especially regarding the preparation of funding applications for cross-community events, bookkeeping and administration, meetings, telephone calls, organizing events, etc., etc.

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**TRUSTEES STATEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC BENEFIT**

In setting out our objectives and planning our activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the Charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

This Trustee Annual Report was approved and adopted by a meeting of the Committee on **17<sup>th</sup> May 2024** and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rev Paul S Burns', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**REV PAUL S, BURNS BTh(Hons.) Dip Theo**  
**Chairman**

**ADULLAM CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**  
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## **STRUCTURE**

Adullam Christian Ministries (referred to as “The Charity”) is a non-profit, cross community, non-denominational, Christian based Charity. The Charity is managed by an Executive Committee which consists of all appointed Trustees.

The Charity is registered with the HM Revenue and Customs and their Charity Number is XR94834. The Charity is also registered as a Charity with the Northern Ireland Charities Commission, Reference No. NIC105258.

## **GOVERNANCE**

The Charity is an unincorporated association, which is governed by a constitution, which was adopted on **19th July 2012**.

The Charity elects Trustees at every Annual General Meeting and new Trustees can be appointed during the year at a Special General Meeting.

The Trustees may appoint any person who is willing to act as a Trustee and they may also appoint Trustees to act as Officers.

Each of the Trustees shall retire with effect from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next year after his or her appointment but shall be eligible for re-election at that Annual General Meeting.

Various meetings are held during the year to discuss and plan the current and future work of the Charity.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts are approved by the Trustees and also by an Independent Examiner.

## **MANAGEMENT**

The Charity avails of a hard-working and dedicated Management Team of Trustees and Volunteers that seek to continually develop new initiatives and programmes for the benefit of the local and surrounding communities. Furthermore, the Charity also works alongside other Charities and/or Community Groups.

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Members of the Management Committee meet to discuss the operations of the organisation and its overall management and/or current and future projects.

The Charities fundraising strategy is based on the following key areas:

- ✓ Private Donations;
- ✓ Sponsorship from local businesses and organisations; and
- ✓ Grant funding through public and private funding bodies.

Adullam Christian Ministries also has access to a wide range of professional organisations and volunteers who assist with various projects throughout the year, providing their professional services free of charge e.g. accountants, businessmen, conference speakers, youth and children's workers, etc.

A great contribution is made by volunteers free of charge to the Charity which is very much appreciated by the Trustees and also those benefiting from the Charities work. The Charity has access to quite a large number of volunteers who assist the Charity in organising/planning/ implementing cross-community events and conferences, as and when required.

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**  
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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Grants	-	3,650.00	3,650.00
Donations	1,944.02	767.76	2,711.78
Bank Interest	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>1,944.02</u></b>	<b><u>4,417.76</u></b>	<b><u>6,361.78</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Charitable Activities	338.20	400.00	738.20
Governance Costs	1,559.13	2,410.09	3,969.22
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>1,897.33</u></b>	<b><u>2,810.09</u></b>	<b><u>4,707.42</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<b><u>£46.69</u></b>	<b><u>£1,607.67</u></b>	<b><u>£1,654.36</u></b>

**RECONCILIATION 20.07.23**

Cash at Bank and in Hand 20.07.22	267.65	-	267.65
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>46.69</u>	<u>1,607.67</u>	<u>1,654.36</u>
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand 20.07.23</b>	<b><u>£314.34</u></b>	<b><u>£1,607.67</u></b>	<b><u>£1,922.01</u></b>

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	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances:</b>			
Bank/Cash Accounts	<u>314.34</u>	<u>1,607.67</u>	<u>£1,922.01</u>
<b>Other Assets held for functional use:</b>			<b>£</b>
Computer Equipment (at cost)			1,895.32
Visual Equipment (at cost)			1,698.05
Office Furniture (at cost)			<u>468.98</u>
Total Assets Held			<b><u>£4,062.35</u></b>

**All assets shown belong to the Unrestricted (General) Fund**

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**1. RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS/STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 permits a charity to prepare **receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities** where gross income in the financial year does not exceed £250,000, therefore receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities has been prepared and presented for the **year ended 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**.

**2. BASIS OF VALUATION OF ASSETS**

Valuations of assets have been provided for assets held for functional use; where possible the brand new purchase price/replacement cost is given. If this is not readily available a second-hand purchase price is given.

**3. RESTRICTED & UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

Restricted Funds are subjected to restriction on their expenditure imposed by the donor. Unrestricted Funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives, at the discretion of the Trustees.

**4. INCOME**

All Income, including grants and investment income is recorded when received. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been provided in these financial statements.

**5. EXPENDITURE**

All Expenditure is recorded when paid. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

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**6. INDEPENDENT SCRUTINY**

In the year ended **20<sup>th</sup> July 2023** gross income did not exceeded £250,000 and therefore, in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act an independent examination has been 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

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and signed on their behalf.

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**REV PAUL S BURNS BTh(Hons.) Dip Theo**  
**Chairman**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
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**Charity Name:** Adullam Christian Ministries

**Northern Ireland Charity Number:** NIC105258

**Principal Address:** 105-107 Sandy Row, Belfast  
BT12 5ER

**Charity Trustees:** Rev Paul S Burns  
Rev Caroline Burns  
Mrs Mary Rae  
Ms. Ellen Allison