

CRUMLIN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022, including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Crumlin Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Address: 9 Lurgan Road, Crumlin, County Antrim. BT29 4QA.

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 105790).

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

- Rev Andrew Miles Hambleton
- Mr David Noel Woosley
- Mr Allister Lucas
- Mr Andrew Alexander Woosley (resigned 6th January 2022)

PRINCIPLE OFFICE BEARERS

Minister: Rev Andrew Miles Hambleton

Treasurer: Mr Allister Lucas

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr James Gillespie, Stevenson and Wilson, 22-30, Broadway Avenue, Ballymena. BT43 7AA.

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STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The governing document of the charity is a trust deed. The latest copy of the trust deed was signed on 8th September 2016.

Within Presbyterian Church polity the elders carry the responsibility of providing leadership to the church. The elders together make decisions about the running of the church. On a day-to-day basis the minister would be in operational control, but in consultation with the rest of the elders.

The elders are the Trustees of the church. New elders are chosen by means of elections, as and when there is need for additional elders, or when it becomes apparent that there are those within the congregation with suitable gifts in line with the biblical requirements for elders. All the members of the church can vote in this election to appoint the elders.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of Crumlin Evangelical Presbyterian Church is the advancement of religion.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

In accordance with the general purpose of advancing religion, Crumlin Evangelical Presbyterian Church seeks to communicate to all in the local community and further afield the message of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as the chief means of benefitting the lives of men, women, boys and girls both in this world and the hereafter. This gives assurance of well-being by increasing hope and potential for the future; contributes to the building up of character; reduces the attraction of harmful habits and pursuits; and encourages participation in beneficial activities. Benefits from the provision of opportunities for public worship are the fruits of Christian fellowship and social interaction. These are evidenced by appreciation of moral, spiritual and social benefits received from instruction, help, and support given in times of need in lives and families. This is equally true of support from the church for missionary activities abroad. Those who have benefitted show development in character and relationships, and become better motivated and better equipped to help others. With normal precautions and statutory protection policies being implemented in our activities we have no evidence of any harm arising from the pursuit of our policies. Church members and adherents, and the general public in the Crumlin area are the immediate beneficiaries, while those further afield and in other countries also receive much benefit from our ministries. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose relates to the employment of the minister of Crumlin Evangelical Presbyterian Church. He is paid a salary advanced through the denomination's office. He is also paid the rates on his house together with the relevant portion of his telephone bill, and any other incidental expenses incurred in carrying out his church duties. Much of his work is carried on from an office/study in his own home. His telephone is provided as the contact number for the church, from which calls are made on behalf of the charity. He also provides hospitality in his home on a regular basis. Any expenses are incidental and necessary in the furtherance of the aims and work of the charity, and provide no problem for the other trustees. The minister is not involved in determining the level of contribution to such expenses. These are managed by the trustees in accordance with denominational policy.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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 objective and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Crumlin Evangelical Presbyterian Church exists to proclaim and advance the Christian faith, in accordance with our subordinate standards: the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms. We seek to do this to the benefit of all people in the Crumlin area, and indeed globally through our links to mission partners.

The work of Crumlin Evangelical Presbyterian Church developed in various ways throughout 2022. Most importantly in our life as a church is the gathering for worship each Sunday, morning and evening, with our doors open for anyone in our community to come along and benefit from what takes place. We were encouraged to see the attendances at our weekly services grow significantly throughout the year, with new people from the immediate community and from further afield attending each week.

In addition to this, our prayer meeting takes place on a Wednesday evening, and a number of other ministries function at other times during the week. They include a weekly toddler group attended by numerous families from the area, and also a children's Sunday School which meets before the morning service each week during term time. On a monthly basis there is a Women's Bible Study, a Men's Group, and a Women's Meeting.

Over the course of 2022 various mission organisations that we support were represented at our various meetings in order to provide an update on the work taking place. These visitations included missionaries currently serving in Hungary, Israel, Poland, Moldova, and South East Asia.

Throughout the course of the year, four new members were welcomed into the church, and in September our new pastoral intern (Ethan McCarter) began his role at the church, assisting with the ministry of the church in general but also launching a new youth ministry which over 30 children from the area have attended.

In 2022 Crumlin Evangelical Presbyterian Church was able to provide £37,000 to the central fund of the Evangelical Presbyterian church for the support of its ministers, as well as contributing over £11,000 to various Christian Missionary organisations.

We are thankful that through all of the above means we were able to fulfil our aims as a charity in 2022.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income of the congregation during the year was £118,015 compared to £53,645 in the previous year. The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering which increased from £41,902 in 2021 to £47,810 in 2022. In addition to this, during the year the church also received £35,000 from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church central fund from the sale of property to be used for general church funding and £15,718 from The Mackey Estate (Crumlin EPC) to cover the congregational utility, building and ground maintenance expenses.

Total expenditure increased from £50,053 in 2021 to £84,441 in 2022. This increase is due to a combination of: increased contributions to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church central fund, increased congregational utility, building and maintenance costs, costs incurred in association with the funding of an intern and an increase in the level of charitable donations funding.

The trustees 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 31st December 2022 can be signed off on a going concern basis.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, The Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

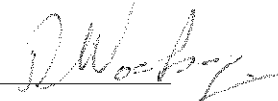
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for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

Approved at a meeting on 22nd February 2023 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by:



Rev Andrew Miles Hambleton

Trustee and minister



Mr David Noel Woolsey

Trustee