

CRUMLIN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023, 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

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 continued throughout 2023. The central focus of our life as a church is the gathering for worship each Sunday, both morning and evening. We welcome anyone from our immediate community in Crumlin and beyond to come along and benefit from what takes place as we gather for our services. We were encouraged to see the attendances at our weekly services continue to grow in 2023. Throughout the year, three baptisms took place, and three new members were added to the church.

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, a Thursday evening youth ministry, 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. In May, we held a weekend away as a church family at Castlewellan Castle, hearing a series of talks on the book of Genesis.

Over the course of 2023 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 representatives from Equipped Sweden, African Christian Textbooks, London City Mission, and European Mission Fellowship.

In 2023 Crumlin Evangelical Presbyterian Church was able to provide £37,450 to the central fund of the Evangelical Presbyterian church for the support of its ministers, as well as contributing over £12,000 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 2023.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income of the congregation during the year was £92,363 compared to £118,015 in the previous year. The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering which decreased from £47,810 in 2022 to £46,196 in 2023. The amounts received from The Mackey Estate (Crumlin EPC) to cover the congregational utility, building and ground maintenance expenses increased from £15,718 in 2022 to £30,415 in 2023. During the 2022 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.

Total expenditure increased from £84,441 in 2022 to £103,647 in 2023. This increase is mainly due to increased building and maintenance costs during the 2023 year.

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 2023 can be signed off on a going concern basis.

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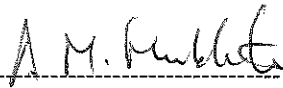
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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.

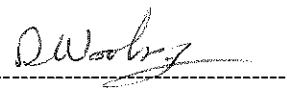
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for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

Approved at a meeting on 21st February 2024 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by:



Rev Andrew Miles Hambleton

Trustee and minister



Mr David Noel Woolsey

Trustee