

Newtownards Reformed Presbyterian Church

Trustees Report

for year ending 31st December 2023

The trustees of Newtownards Reformed Presbyterian Church present:

(i) their trustees Report for the year ending 31st December 2023

(ii) their financial report for the year ending 31st December 2023

Both are presented in accordance with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland "The trustees annual report and public benefit report" (July 2016)

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name: Newtownards Reformed Presbyterian Church

Charity registration number: 106349

Address: Regent Street, Newtownards, County Down BT23 4LH

Structure, governance and management

The above charity is recorded as a Northern Ireland charity with registration number Nic 106349. The above-mentioned charity is under the trustees' control.

In drawing up this report the trustees have taken note of the provided guidance and sought to ensure that the charity has brought benefit to those in connection and the surrounding area.

Trustees

Mr Ronnie Balfour

Mr James McCavery

Dr Joel McCavery

Dr Trevor McCavery

Dr Gordon McEwen

Mr John McEwen

Rev Prof. David Sutherland

Objectives

The purpose of the Newtownards Reformed Presbyterian Church is to support and advance the Christian faith through the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Word of God, as interpreted by the Westminster Confession of Faith and the "Book of Government and Order of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland."

Activities & Achievements

During 2023, weekly services for public worship took place each Sunday morning and evening. These services involved worship, fellowship and an address providing an explanation and application of the Bible to various aspects of life. These worship services are open to the members and adherents of the church, and also to the general public. The services are broadcast on YouTube for those unable to attend and the sermons are uploaded to Sermonaudio.com and reach a worldwide audience. The local community was made aware of these opportunities for understanding the message of the Bible through the noticeboard, literature distribution, newspaper advertisements and personal invitation of the members.

Weekly midweek Bible studies and prayer continued throughout the year except July and August. Those attending were taught the meaning and application of various Bible passages and their relevance to life in the world and prayer was offered for the various needs of members and their friends and relatives and the needs of the nation in general. Activities and events were also held for the children of members and friends on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Members, adherents and visitors from the general public were invited each fortnight to a church lunch: this provides ongoing support to those in the church community and beyond. Members visited several residential/nursing homes on a regular basis in Newtownards, conducting worship and bringing messages from the Bible for the residents.

All who attend the church have received, as appropriate, pastoral support amidst the challenges of life.

Financial Review

The Trustees are thankful for the continued monetary support received in 2023. Total income received in the current financial year was £155,203. Expenditure for this year was £102,159.

Reserves policy

The Trustees monitor their income and expenditure, to determine the level of reserves needed to enable us to continue to meet our aims and objectives in future years.

Public Benefit of the Charity

Newtownards Reformed Presbyterian Church continues to benefit the church members, regular worshippers and community by sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is a life transforming message. The regular weekly presentation of the Word of God continues to shape the lives of all who attend and equip them intellectually, morally, socially and spiritually to serve in society. All the public times of worship are open to and advertised to the community through, for example, church noticeboard, banners, literature distribution, social media, and regular individual invitations.

All who attended the church receive the benefit of pastoral counsel as need arises. The minister also visits in the local community providing Bible teaching in different aspects of life.

Only the minister receives private benefit from the charity by way of employment benefits as payment for full time gospel ministry.

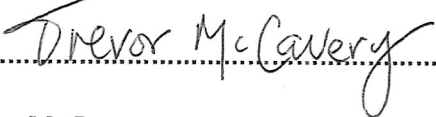
Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

For year ended 31st December 2023

The financial statements are prepared in line with set out regulations for preparing financial statements.

The Trustees have ensured that proper accounts are kept for the charity.

The Trustees have ensured that any assets of the charity are safeguarded against fraud and other irregularities.

Signed 

Date: 23 September 2024

Dr Trevor McCavery

Clerk of Session acting on behalf of the Trustees