

Report of the Trustees' for the year ended 30th September 2022

In Compiling this Report the Trustees have had regard to the Northern Ireland Charity Commission's Public benefit requirements statutory guidance.

Public benefit Statement

The direct benefit are access to weekly services and other gatherings of worship and prayer for members and non-members promote family stability and wellbeing and increased ability to contribute positively to society. Access to support and guidance of its members that seek to promote an understanding of the Christian beliefs as set out in the Church's Articles of Faith, enables those members to be better able to serve the local community. The promotion of religious activity, health, wellbeing, spiritual life, education, relief of poverty, training and equipping, work with youth and the elderly, homeless and other local and national charities. The development of relationships with other churches in the local area, as well as nationally and overseas, which are mutually beneficial in advancing our aims. The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes mental, emotional health and wellbeing contributing to a positive moral and social impact on the community. Benefit is demonstrated through observance of improved behaviour, public testimony and pastoral care. The indirect benefits which flow from this purpose include the moral improvement in society as a whole which religion is considered to encourage as well as practical social help to the needy. We do not anticipate that any harm will flow from any of the above.

The beneficiaries are the general public. The only private benefit is to the pastor who receives a salary. However this is incidental and necessary to carry out our purpose.

Public access is made known through the use of printed material and social media.

Objectives and Activities

THE Church organises weekly services and other gatherings for members and non-members, to present the teachings of the Bible and to provide opportunities for Christian response, including but not limited to prayer and worship. The meetings are free of charge and open to all. Meetings are held every week on Sunday morning and evening. There are also midweek meetings providing gatherings to carry out the stated activities of the Church. Additionally the Church organises gatherings for specific disadvantaged groups. The Church employs a pastor to promote and coordinate this work with a committee of volunteers made up from Church members. The Church provides teaching and training opportunities for members, using the resources of the staff employed by the Church and also external courses and events. The Church assists the work of individual Christians and Christian organisations, insofar as those work, whether in this country or abroad, accords with the church's aims. The Church makes donations as agreed periodically by the members of the church. The purpose of these donations include the promotion of religious activity, relief of poverty, training and equipping, work with youth and the elderly, homeless and other local and national charities. Our members currently support a weekly gathering for elderly in the community, they provide facilities for various disadvantaged groups, and they provide facilities for youth.

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Achievements and Performance

Pastor, members, and friends

The duties of the trustees are to hold title to the church property and maintain.

This is to include the maintenance and repairs when necessary. The Church grounds and hedges have been maintained throughout the year by Sam and Marie Carson we would like to thank them for all their help in maintaining the church grounds.

The duties of the stewards are to assist the Pastor in organizing meetings and services within the church so that Christian service opportunities are available to all members. The congregation have been welcomed and greeted on arrival at every service.

The Lords Supper is served on the first Sunday morning in each month and would like to thank all who are involved in arranging this monthly.

On Behalf of the Committee

Muriel Gilliland

Financial Review

The Church is reliant upon the ongoing support, tithes and offerings of the members and friends of the Ebenezer Church of the Nazarene. Expenditure over Income for the year produced a deficit of £1,966 an improvement over the previous year's deficit of £4,850 This reduction in deficit is partly due to the increased numbers attending Sunday Services and other mid-week activity being resumed. Covid. Hopefully this trend will continue.

Reserve Policy

Unrestricted Reserves: These are retained as a buffer should the Church experience a drop in income and will enable the Church to meet any unexpected major expenditure that may incur without restricting its ongoing activities.

Restricted Reserves: These are held until such times that expenditure is made for the purpose that the donor(s) instructed.

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Structure Governance and Management**Governing Document**

The Charity is governed under a constitution. The Board of Trustees meets regularly, normally monthly, to consider the work and management of the Church, assess and plan the financial aspects as well as other aspects of the work and direction of the charity.

The risk management strategy of the church is in a continual process of formulation in response to the changing circumstances that could impact the work of the church.

The Board of Trustees, in considering this important task, take direction from on-going discussions with members both internally and through meetings with the Church of the Nazarene North District and other and other advisers, adopting appropriate policies as required or as they become necessary to the ongoing work of the church.

Appointment, Induction and Training of Trustees**Appointment of Trustees**

The Pastor of the Church is ex-officio chairperson of the Board of Charity Trustees. The remaining Trustees are elected annually by the members of Ebenezer Church of the Nazarene at the annual general meeting held in February each year.

Trustee Induction and Training

Trustees are made aware of the duties and obligations. Every effort is made to provide mentoring in a meaningful way to help Trustees be effective. Trustees are mentored in the various aspects of their duties as Trustees by their fellow Trustees on an individual basis and by the learning from, listening to and challenging one another on matters brought before meetings. There is a clear recognition that learning is an ongoing process of development leading to an enhancement of skills to increase their effectiveness.

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Reference and administrative details

Name of Charity

Greenisland Church of the Nazarene.

Other names used by the Charity

Greenisland Nazarene Ebenezer Church of the Nazarene

Charity number

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: NIC106497

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Trustees

Ms Heather Gray
Mrs Muriel Gilliland
Mr Trevor Brown
Miss Joan Ross
Mr Kenneth McFaul
Mrs Donna Crawley
Mrs Carole Dickson
Mrs L Brown

This report was approved by the Trustees on 18th October 2023.

Mr Kenneth McFaul, Trustee

Mrs Lida Brown, Trustee
