

## **Charity Registration**

**Number:** 106630

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### **Larne Evangelical Church Annual Report by the Trustees for the year 13:01:23 - 13:01:24**

#### **Summary of the charity's main activities to further its purposes for the public benefit.**

**Public benefit.** The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and ongoingly seek to ensure that any activities undertaken meet with the criteria in that guidance and thereby achieve the charity's purposes as laid out in Larne Evangelical Church Constitution and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

We the Trustees once again recount God's faithfulness, with our sincere gratitude to Him alone, in the following :-

1. Services continue as normal.

The Gospel preached by the Elders and another member of the church and other preachers invited by the Elders has benefitted the Church Members who have attended faithfully throughout the year. Thereby those who have heard the Gospel have had opportunity to not only hear the Truth, but to live in obedience to the Word of God in the community of Larne and wider afield, shedding their godly influence to others.

2. The centrality of the preaching of the Word of God is reflected in the practice of the church at each service on the Lord's day and both Elders have thereby sought to honour

Christ as the Head of the Church, to the benefit of the hearers.

The continued broadcasting of services on the Church Facebook page and YouTube has enabled us to encourage members who are physically unable to attend and others in the community who avail themselves of the facility.

3. Members continue to be faithful in attendance at the meetings of the local Church which are occasioned for the mutual encouragement of the members with the intent to maintain the government of the same under the Headship of Christ. Remembering that Christ wanted His house to be called a house of prayer, members who are able enthusiastically attend the midweek prayer meeting and benefit as they fellowship and share their burdens with one another and more importantly speak to God their Heavenly Father. Maintaining these times of prayer remain a focal point in the ministry bringing encouragement to the members in their ever-present trials in the face of the current social climate.

4. Continuing their visitation of elderly members of the Church who are unable to attend, the Elders have sought to address their role faithfully and prayerfully, thereby offering support and encouragement, to those in infirmity or old age. In their visitation of non-members they have intended to evangelise and build contacts with people in the community who are going through difficult experiences or find themselves in any need of help.

5. Both of the Elders support one another in the ministry of expository teaching from the Word of God morning and evening on the Lord's day, with help from gifted members and visiting preachers, and the Deacons and another church member continued the consecutive readings of Scripture each Lord's day morning and so show faithful adherence to the Church Statement of Doctrine.

6. In obedience to God the Lord's Table has been celebrated each Lord's day morning. It is a mainstay of the recognition of our need of the Lord Jesus Christ as the only atonement for sin, and a rich benefit to the souls of Church members who faithfully attended to show the Lord's death, resurrection, ascension and promised return.

We also give thanks to the Lord for the observance of the ordinance of baptism by immersion as a new confessing believer came into membership.

7. The Deacons continue to faithfully fulfil the duties by attending to the material and financial affairs of the Church, keeping the accounts and maintaining the Church property and generally helping with care of the attending people, to the glory of God

and for the benefit of the surrounding community.

The accounts are herewith added to verify their faithfulness and moreover the faithfulness of God in supplying the needs of His Church here. \*

8. Many members have been active in visiting those in the community and further afield who manifest needs both spiritual, physical and material, being enabled with God's grace to offer them encouragement, support and genuine Christian love through sharing the Gospel.

To the glory of God, we believe there are those in the community of Larne and much further afield who have benefitted and been helped spiritually and practically through the continued efforts of the Church as a whole.

It has been good to have many new visitors from Larne and beyond the immediate area, join us and say that they benefitted from the Word of God and the simple scriptural pattern of worshipping the one true and living God they experienced.

#### **Restrictions on who can benefit.**

There are no financial charges for those who can benefit. The use of the church building is for members who hold to the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith. Any general public are welcomed to the two public services and on other occasions, where the Truth of the Bible is preached and opportunities for worship, fellowship and encouragement given.

#### **Harm.**

No harm has flowed from the charity's purposes this year.

#### **Private Benefit.**

The private benefit of the Pastor has been for his maintenance, so that he may provide, under God, for preaching to the public benefit of the Church and the community by the hearing of the Truth and the practical ministries attached to such a calling.

### **Confirmation of Current Constitution and Purposes of the Church.**

Larne Evangelical Church is constituted as such and details of the current constitution

are as previously forwarded with ammendments. Reviewed and confirmed with no changes at 2024 A.G.M.

The summary description of the purposes of this Church are clearly stated at the start of the constitution.

The constitution also clearly states how new trustee members will be chosen, appointed and dismissed.

- Larne Evangelical Church Financial Statement

Balance carried forward from year 2022	£11,515.76
Total income for year 2023	£19,433.50
Total	£30,949.26
Total expenditure for year 2023	£17,266.82
Balance on hand carried forward to year 2024	£13,682.44

**Signatures of Trustees**

Pastor Mervyn Darragh

*M. Darragh* 20.3.24

Pastor Richard Rennie

R. Rennie 20-3-24

Mr James Mc Gillis

James McGillis 23-3-24

Mr David Craig

David Craig 20-3-24.