

Table Church
Company limited by guarantee
Trustees Report/ Directors Report
Year ended 31st May 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their sixth annual directors' report together with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st May 2024. This report has also been prepared to meet with the requirements for a directors report and accounts for the purposes of the Companies Act.

The Directors/ Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mr David Spence

Dr Ashley Craig

Mr Stefan Kennedy (resigned 21st September 2023)

Mr Danial Latimer (appointed 13th March 2024)

Risk Management

The trustees actively review any major risks, which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining a certain level of cash reserves will be important for the financial security of the charity; when combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, the directors believe that this will provide sufficient resources for the incoming year. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the most significant risks.

Overview of Table Church

The purpose of Table Church is to (i) to advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in the area of benefit in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in the schedule; (ii) to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Tandragee particularly, and NI generally (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinion by establishing a place of worship for the Christian religion; (iii) the advancement of the Christian religion mainly, but not exclusively, by means of broadcasting Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature; (iv) To advance the Christian religion in the area of benefit for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, producing and/or distributing literature on the Christian religion to enlighten others about the Christian religion; (v) providing services of worship, religious teaching, facilities or services to allow believers to practice their faith or follow its doctrines, producing or making available literature explaining the doctrines involved and how to find out more about them Distribution of sacred texts in the area of benefit; and, (vi) associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities voluntary and other organisations in the area of benefit in a common effort to relieve poverty and advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of welfare for the recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

The direct benefits flowing from our purposes include the facilitation of regular public worship, that provides for the spiritual wellbeing of society and educates and encourages people in their Christian faith through Bible teaching, prayer and worship. The outcome of putting Christian teaching into practice will be the adoption of a moral framework which encourages people to be good citizens and will also result in increased family stability. Our local community will benefit as we aim to deal with issues of addiction and sexual exploitation through services and events held at our centre and in other locations. We aim to alleviate those in poverty through the establishment of a hardship fund. Another direct benefit is the education of members of the community regarding the Christian faith and life. The welfare of the local community will be improved as we provide facilities for recreation and socialising. These benefits are demonstrated by the members of the public who attend our weekly worship gatherings and other events, and the feedback they provide. Another indication of these benefits is the reduction in, and prevention of, addiction and associated behaviour, as well as feedback from those whose hardships have been alleviated. The enhanced welfare of the local community is evidenced by people participating in recreational and social activities that provide an alternative to isolation or anti-social

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behaviour and lead to an improvement in social, emotional and physical wellbeing of participants. There is no harm arising from the purposes of Table Church.

The charity's beneficiaries are the inhabitants of Tandragee particularly and Northern Ireland generally. Currently there is no private benefit flowing from any of our purposes. Due to continued growth of the church and the concomitant benefits to the local community it was necessary to recruit a part-time Pastor/ teacher (see note 11 and 12 for further details).

The Trustees have had regard to the Northern Ireland Charity Commission's Public benefit requirements, as demonstrated through the following overview of the years activities:

Table Church operation

This report provides an overview of the work of Table Church for the year ended 31st May 2024.

Table Church had a Board of 3 Trustees in the year to 31st May 2024, who also served as Directors. One of the key strengths of Table Church is its volunteer base, with 20 volunteering on a regular basis.

Ministry Work

The following ministries were operating in the year ending 31st May 2024:

- Sunday morning meeting – breakfast, praise, preaching; 40 regular attendance
- Table Kids – ministry to primary school age children on Sunday mornings
- Creche
- Hardship Fund – the church has a hardship fund with the aim of helping people who are struggling financially.
- Communion Meals – monthly meals continue to take place providing opportunity for connection and community.
- Community Fun Days – two events took place in August and November, attended by 120 and 80 people respectively. These involved bouncy castles, barbecues, games, and face-painting. Many local families were blessed by these free events.
- Small groups – four groups were set up to meet in locations across Tandragee and Portadown

Partnership with agencies

- thirtyone:eight (formerly known as the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service) – the church holds membership with thirtyone:eight and has found them to be an invaluable help on numerous occasions; all volunteers are Access NI checked and safeguarding training has taken place.
- Evangelical Alliance – the church is a member of Evangelical Alliance UK.
- Tobar – the church is a member of the Tobar network of churches in Ireland.
- Armagh Banbridge Craigavon Council (ABC) – we continue to liaise with local councillors for advice and support in planning events.
- o Christmas event at Tayto Castle – several members of the church volunteered as stewards at this very successful and well-attended event.
- Links Counselling:

- o The church continues to cover the cost of rent and ongoing bills for Links Counselling to have a permanent base in Tandragee.
- o This is open most days with two counsellors using the premises and providing much needed support for local people.
- o The Links counsellors continued to facilitate grief groups within the church building to provide comfort, community and support for those who have experienced bereavement.

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Donations

- The church makes contributions to visiting speakers.
- Donations were made to:
 - o Emmanuel Church, Portadown
 - o Times of Refreshing Ministries
 - o Craigavon Food Bank
 - o Links Counselling (ongoing cover of costs)

Publicity

- The church has a website (tabletandragee.org).
- The church has a social media presence via Facebook and Instagram
- Sunday sermons are recorded and posted on Soundcloud and Apple podcasts with approx. 4,000 listens during the year 1/6/22 to 31/5/23

The Future

In going forward the Trustees have identified a number of areas they would like to focus on:

- Links Counselling – a larger premises has been secured
- Donations – the church intends to continue to support charities and mission work, both local and global.
- Youth work – the church hopes to resume work among disaffected youth in the town as soon as volunteer capacity allows for it.
- Community fun days – we continue to organise community and kids' events to engage more with our local community
- Community space – the church is investigating options for creating an 'in between' space to enable more contact with the local community.
- Working with young men – we are looking to establish helpful connections with disillusioned and disaffected young men in the town who are trying to get free from addictions and associated mental health struggles. Currently, a Friday night drop-in takes place.
- Participation in other community events – we hope to be involved in helping with some events run in the town by ABC Council as a means of simply using our resources and volunteers to be a blessing to the community.
- Discipleship – small groups will continue to meet, structured around the study of another book, but also heavily focussed on community and mutual support.
- Prayer room – we have partnered with 24/7 prayer to operate a prayer room as part of their Year of Prayer campaign in Ireland.
- Young people – we are starting to meet with a new group of teens and 20s on Sunday nights for Bible teaching and community.

Financial Overview (all of which were unrestricted):

Total Incoming Resources £40,744 (2023; £36,942)
Total Resources Expended £34,398 (2023; £37,053)
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year £6,346 (2023; £(111))

No funds held by the charity were in deficit either during the year or at the year end.

Registration Details:

Registered Northern Ireland Charity No: 106866
Registered Limited Company No: NI645639
HMRC Charity Number NI00690

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Company Law requires the Trustees/ Directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. The Trustees/ Directors have taken the decision to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK GAAP (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). According to Company Law, these accounts must not be approved by the Trustees/ Directors unless they are satisfied that these accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and its income and expenditure.

In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

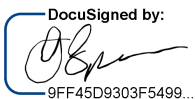
- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enabled them to ensure that the financial statements company with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the preventions and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 29th October 2024, and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr David Spence
Director