

Ballykeel Baptist Church

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 January 2024

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Report and Accounts

31 January 2024

Charity Registration Number: NIC107381

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The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for year ending 31 January 2024

Reference and administrative details:

The charity Name:

The legal name of the charity is Ballykeel Baptist Church.

The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration:

The charity is registered in Northern Ireland with the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland (CCNI) with charity number NIC107381.

Legal structure of the charity:

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated charity, established by a written constitution approved by the members, and endorsed by the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland (CCNI). There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

The Pastor and Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were as below:

Pastor A. Campbell
Pastor K. Humphries
Mr. S Chambers
Mr. R. Trimble
Mr. K Smith
Mr. W Bingham
Mr. S Walker
Mr. D Ball
Mr. M Ravey
Mr. G Burrows
Mr. I Crothers
Mr. J Moorhead
Mr. R Moorhead
Mr. R Kerr
Mr. M Hughes
Mr. R McCall
Mr. R. Rankin
Mr. A Foote
Mr. G Millar
Mr. R Poots

Payments to Trustees:

No Trustees received payment for undertaking trustee duties. Payments to the Pastor relate to expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of Pastor. Where Trustees purchase items on behalf of the charity, these costs may be reimbursed.

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The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:

228 Dromara Road, Hillsborough, County Down, BT26 6QW

Telephone: 028 97532171

Email Address: ballykeelbaptistchurch@outlook.com

Web address: www.ballykeelbaptistchurch.com

Objects and activities of the charity:

- The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.
- The Church acknowledges the headship of Jesus Christ over his Church and exists to glorify the Triune God by maintaining and promoting His worship both individually and corporately.
- Its members devote themselves to the teachings of the Scripture, to fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer, and evangelism.
- They commit, with the help of God, to witness to the saving and sustaining power of the Lord Jesus Christ and to work for the extension of His Kingdom.
- The principal charitable object of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of the Scripture, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles.

The main activities undertaken in relation to these purposes are as follows:

- Holding regular services for public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching for all age groups, and providing pastoral care to the members of the church through visitation and prayer.
- Organising meetings and events that promote our charitable purpose.
- Participating in the life of the local community.
- Supporting other Christian organisations and charities through volunteering, financial gifts, and prayer.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit:

Adults:

We aim to offer opportunities for discipleship to equip people to grow into devoted followers of Jesus:

- Various Small Groups for men & women- Throughout the year we offer a variety of small groups which allow participants to focus in on a particular study or course for a short period of time. These have included book clubs, Precept's bible studies, courses to help live out the Christian life, as well as social events and breakfasts.

Youth:

We seek to provide a cycle of activities to help young people encounter the big God of the Bible while coming alongside them dealing with issues they are confronting and drawing from our own life experience.

Children:

There are a range of activities for children aged 0 – 11 years in our Crèche, Children's Meeting and Mums & Tots.

Community:

We are engaged in a variety of activities to help live out God's love in our community:

- We support Connect – which offers a place for the community of Dromara to come together regularly offering light refreshments, an opportunity to chat and provide links into other services.
- Mums & Tots – is a place for parents and carers to bring their children and have a time of fellowship while the kids play in a safe environment.
- Fellowship Hour – provides an opportunity for senior members of the community to meet for fellowship, teaching and light refreshments.

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year:

The Church continued to hold regular services for public worship and organised events that promoted fellowship amongst the members of the church and provided outreach opportunities with the wider community (as detailed above).

The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity and to wider society.

The Church continued to provide benefit to its members and the public by making known the Christian gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of the Christian faith.

Structure, governance, and management of the charity:

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees -

In accordance with the constitution, the Church shall actively promote a Board of Trustees which includes a range of skill, experience, and knowledge in keeping with the pursuance of its Objects.

Financial review:

The church is funded by voluntary gifts and donations, and we make use of both the Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. The church does not seek funds from other sources.

Income for the year ended January 2024 increased by 8.37% to £192,066, this includes an amount of £20,822 in respect of Gift Aid Rebates. Expenditure was 17.13% higher at £184,417 resulting in a surplus for the year of £7,649. Uncleared payments at the 31st of January came to £868. Expenditure was greatly increased because of the cost related to such high inflation.

The Church uses Restricted and Unrestricted Funds in its accounting policies. Restricted Funds are used for money donated to the Church for specific purposes such as Missions, Youth Ministries etc. Unrestricted Funds from general offerings are used for all other purposes. Any shortfalls in the Restricted Funds are made up by transfers from the Unrestricted Fund.

Reserves Policy:

A policy on reserves has been reviewed and agreed by the Trustees. The income of the church is stable, and the risk of a sudden significant reduction of income is regarded as unlikely. In the event of an unexpected financial need the Trustees are confident that members would respond accordingly. The Trustees are satisfied that a figure equating to approximately two months' expenditure is an appropriate level of reserve balances at the present time. Cash balance at year end exceeded the level of Reserves required. These reserves will be kept in the unrestricted funds going forward, but if the need arises can be transferred to unrestricted funds to cover any shortfalls or unforeseen needs.

Details of The Independent Examiner:

Mr Philip Gibson FCA
15 The Gallops
Lisburn
Co. Antrim
N. Ireland
BT28 2QR

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008, as amended and The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Charity law requires the Trustees, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

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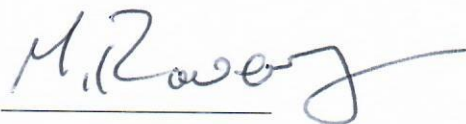
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The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008, as amended. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on Tuesday 12th November 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Ravey', is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Ravey

Trustee