

## **THE MISSION HALL, GARVAGH REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 6 and comply with the Charity's Constitution and applicable law.

The Mission Hall, Garvagh is a small charitable group registered with the charity commission in Northern Ireland with registered charity number 107865.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Mission Hall has been offering a place of sanctuary to the local community of Garvagh for over 50 years. Opened in 1967 the Garvagh Mission Hall carries out its purposes through Gospel Services on a Sunday evening at 8.15pm to which a network of speakers are invited throughout the year to proclaim the Gospel. Prayer meetings are convened each Monday evening from 8pm to 9pm and these are open to the Churches in the local community to provide an opportunity for prayer and quiet reflection. All meetings are non-denominational and everyone is encouraged to come along for fellowship. The Christian faith is advanced in the lives of individuals through biblical teaching, worship and prayer and so the bond of fellowship is strengthened and personal spiritual development enhanced and encouraged. It has been observed over the years that some people in the local community who may not be members of a Church congregation attend the Services in the Mission Hall.

### **Public benefits**

The direct benefits flowing from these purposes include the raising of Christian/moral values and standards among those attending the Services which will in turn flow into wider society. The Public Benefits flowing from the purposes of The Mission Hall, Garvagh are evidenced by the personal testimony of changed lives. Personal character qualities are nurtured including honesty, integrity, respect for one's neighbours, greater devotion to family life and a strong commitment to adhere to Christian values and standards which benefit the local community often through acts of kindness and demonstrating respect for one's fellowman. Attendees become more actively committed within their own denomination/church. Attendees also gain a greater understanding of community as a result of sharing fellowship with people from different denominations. The transformation and change of lifestyle in the lives of men and women presents a great testimony to the community resulting in a very positive mindset in those observing or engaging with these individuals.

No harm will arise from any of the purposes or is expected to endanger anyone within the confines of The Mission Hall. The organisation's beneficiaries are the General Public.

There is no private benefit flowing from any of the purposes.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Mission Hall is almost entirely funded by the TBF and KL Thompson Trust with a retiring offering being received following each Sunday Gospel Meeting. The Bank Balance at the beginning of the financial year – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 was £928.75 and at the end of the financial year 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 £943.94.

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**Governance of Garvagh Mission Hall**

The Charity is managed by a Committee (who are also Trustees) in accordance to the Mission Hall's Constitution (17<sup>th</sup> May 1971). A Trustee must be an adherent of the Charity, agreeing with the purposes and objectives of the Mission Hall in according with the Constitution dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 1971. The Trustees of the TBF and KL Thompson Trust are also Trustees of Garvagh Mission Hall. The Mission Hall Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

**Trustee Board**

Mrs Joy Arbuthnot  
Mr John Burns  
Mr Brian Farlow (Secretary)  
Mr Joseph Gough  
Mr Noel Hara (Chairman)  
Mr Campbell Hutchinson  
Mrs Rosemary Hutchinson  
Dr Gordon McIlroy  
Mrs Betty Magowan (Treasurer)  
Mr Gordon Scott

The Trustees report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Mrs B Magowan**

Treasurer

21 December 2023