

Newcastle Baptist Church

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December, 2023.

Name of the Charity: Newcastle Baptist Church

Address of Charity: 17 Bryansford Road, Newcastle, BT33 0HJ

Charity Number: NIC108093

Constitution: the Charity has Charity Trustees, Elder, Deacons and members. It is governed by a written constitution ('The Constitution of Newcastle Baptist Church'). The church is recognised as a Charity under the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. Date of registration: 20/09/21.

Names of Charity Trustees: Ivor James Anderson (resigned 30/8/2023, reappointed 16/04/24), Robert Allan Coffey, Robert Edward Freel, Samuel Drew Holmes, Thomas Gerard Killen, Clifford Moorhead (resigned 8/04/24), Robert James Spiers.

Purpose of Charity as listed on Register of Charities

The Church acknowledges the headship and ultimate authority 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 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 Scripture, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles.

Main activities to further its purpose for the public benefit

The main benefits were sharing the gospel in the public domain, whether through activities in the church building or outside; Bible teaching resulting in people living Christianly and the demonstration of care, often practical, in the community designed to impact people and society. Help was offered to those who find themselves in need, be that practical, emotional or spiritual. Services of worship for all ages; activities for children below primary school age, of primary school age and above primary school age; gatherings for mothers with pre-school children; meetings for senior citizens and events for teenagers and young adults all reflected the varied church programme designed to further the charities' purpose for the public benefit.

Main achievements during the year

Public worship services during the year were designed to enable people to engage in the public worship of Almighty God and to facilitate the hearing of the Christian gospel which brings salvation. Gathering together brought increased understanding of the Bible, increased awareness of each

others' needs, growth in spiritual understanding, moral awareness and mutual encouragement as people gained a greater understanding of Christian belief and expected behaviour. Loving God and, flowing from that, loving others, the church's motto, were two of the main outcomes of meeting together.

Other achievements of a personal nature were increased knowledge, growth in holiness, pastoral help in the troubles of life, comfort for the bereaved and care for the ill and elderly. There was also practical, financial and prayerful support for the Departments of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland as well as for missionary endeavours.

Review of the Charities' financial position at 31 December, 2023

The end of year balance was £65,017.

There were no funds held by the Charity that were materially in debt at the end of the year.

Compliance

All the trustees have complied with their duty under charity law to have regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Date report approved: 16 April, 2024

Signature (dated) of one of the Trustees:

Robert A Coffey 21-5-24

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