

Hollywood Baptist Church

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objects and aims

Hollywood Baptist Church ("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.

The principal charitable object of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teaching of scripture, understood in its historical and evangelical sense, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles. Its members devote themselves to the teaching of scripture, to fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer and evangelism.

Objectives, strategies, and activities

The activities carried out by the Church include:

- holding regular services for public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching for all age groups;
- 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 trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

Public benefit

The Church meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of the Christian Faith.

The Church continues to reach out into the community in several ways through different organisations as follows:

Sunday Services	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Home Groups	Pastoral Care Team
Sunday School/Bible Classes	Ignite Youth fellowship
Summer Schemes	Creche
Women's Fellowship	Men's Fellowship
Senior's Lunch	Prayer Team

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Achievements and performance

2024 was a year where there was cause to look back and reflect on the goodness of God to the fellowship with the highlights being recorded in the Annual Report, which is available on request from the church office.

Financial review

The church recorded a net surplus for the year of £56,176
Closing unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2023 were £23,983
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Policy on reserves

It is Church policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) which equate to at least 4 months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

This is estimated at £48,000 of unrestricted funds and on 31 December 2024 the Church had £45,159 of unrestricted funds available.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document:

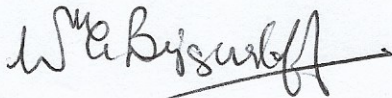
Holywood Baptist Church is an unincorporated entity operating under a constitution last updated in 22 March 2023.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

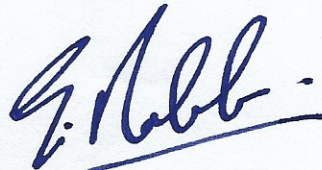
Pastor Alistair McNeice
Graham Speers
Jason McFerran
Angus Biggerstaff
Peter Cave
Colin Thompson
Audrey Lockhart
Mark McKeown

Pastor Aaron Williamson
Alan Mitchell
Tim Shaw
Gary Robb
Steven Patty
Gayle McKee
James Stevenson

This report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 9 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Angus Biggerstaff
Trustee – Church Treasurer



Gary Robb
Trustee – Church Secretary