

# **Holylands Christian Trust**

**Annual Report and Statement of Accounts**

**For the year to 31 March 2023**

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The Trustees of the Holylands Christian Trust are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

### **Charitable Objects**

The objects of the Holylands Christian Trust are: -

1. to further the religious and other charitable work of All Saints' Church, Canterbury Street, Belfast, BT7 1LB
2. to advance the Christian religion in any part of the world as expressed in the Holy Bible and the 39 Articles of the Church of Ireland; and,
3. to support the raising and training of those in Christian Ministry as the Trustees see fit.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Holylands Christian Trust exists for the following purposes and public benefits: -

1. Promoting a practice and maintaining a belief which are consistent with the religious and charitable ethos of All Saints' Church. In supporting the work of All Saints' Church, the Trust will aid the Church in facilitating more and higher quality engagement with the general public in pursuit of its aims. The benefits to these users can be assessed by reviews with staff workers at All Saints' Church and increased attendance, an increased programme of events or increased social integration. The beneficiaries of this purpose will be the members of All Saints' Church and other users of the services offered by All Saints' Church. The Trustees are not currently aware of any private benefit that may flow from this purpose to any individual. If a member or user of All Saints' Church were to apply to the Trust, the application for the award of a grant will be considered in the same way as all other applicants;
2. The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of public worship and the giving and receiving of pastoral ministry, improved understanding of the values relating to civic engagement, community cohesion and providing a bridge between diverse groups. This can be measured and evidenced through increased social integration and pastoral care delivered at the point of need. The beneficiaries of this purpose will be organisations, churches, individuals and the general public in any part of the world. Any private benefit arising out of the fulfilment of our Christian ministry is essential to the fulfilment of the purpose of the advancement of religion. No Trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

3. The general public will benefit in turn from their engagement with and exposure to the individual beneficiaries. The general public will further benefit from the increased number of people who are trained to further the work of All Saints' Church will and the Christian religion around the world by virtue of the grants made to individual beneficiaries. By the involvement of individual beneficiaries in the work of All Saints' Church or in advancing the Christian Religion throughout the world. The benefits can be also be evaluated by way of reviews of the training received, and the individual's subsequent employment prospects. The benefits are demonstrated by an individual finishing a training course or other training, working in a church or organisation or otherwise working in order to advance the Christian religion. The Trustees are aware that there is a remote possibility of harm resulting to a beneficiary of the Trust. The beneficiary's employment prospects may be enhanced by training that is partially funded by grants from the Trust and then gain work in a high-risk area of the world. The Trustees are aware that there is a slight possibility of harm such as anxiety and stress from a beneficiary undertaking bible classes and otherwise. However, the Trustees are not aware of other harm that may result from beneficiaries fulfilling this purpose. Furthermore, the wider benefit to the individuals in increased knowledge in religion and moral improvement will outweigh any detriment arising from the teaching of the Christian faith. The beneficiaries of this purpose will be individual recipients who are training for or engaged in Christian Ministry. Individual beneficiaries may benefit from financial support or increased employment prospects. Any private benefit arising out of the fulfilment of this purpose is essential to the fulfilment of the purpose of the advancement of religion. No Trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

### **Summary of Activities and Achievements**

Whilst the Holylands Christian Trust ("HCT") is in its infancy, the Trustees are pleased with the work that has been accomplished since HCT was incepted back in January 2020, and achieved its charitable status on 19 December 2021. It would be remiss of the Trustees to omit a word of thanks to Ms Valerie Miller, who resigned as a Trustee in May 2021, but committed so much of her time and energy during the early stages of HCT to help us achieve our charitable status, bank accounts etc. She was a great support to each of the Trustees, and no doubt remains supportive of HCT, and we express our thanks to her.

### **Presentations and discussions at All Saints' Church**

in 2022/2023, we were kindly invited to two church services in All Saints' Church (one being their evening worship service known as *UniChurch*) by their Rector, to speak to the congregants and inform them of the existence of HCT and to promote its purposes

and benefits. A short presentation was given by our Chairman, who remained behind after the services to speak with interested individuals.

We primarily wanted to speak with individuals who would be willing to partner with us, both spiritually and financially, into the long-term, in particular, those who have previously benefited from financial assistance to advance their training in Christian Ministry, who know the benefits of such funding, and would like to give back in kind, financially and spiritually. The Trustees were pleased with the responses that we received, with some committing to give financially following those discussions.

We also wanted to speak with individuals who may be interested in applying for funding from HCT to assist them in being raised and trained in Christian Ministry. We had a number of helpful, preliminary conversations.

All Saints' Church have been very accommodating to HCT from the early stages of the charity, and we were very grateful for the invitations, not only for the promotion and development of HCT, but also to fulfil our objects of furthering the work of All Saints' Church, and advancing the Christian religion (Objects 1 and 2), which benefits those who attend All Saints' Church, but also the public generally.

We look forward to further opportunities in the coming years to work with All Saints Church in furthering our charitable purposes.

#### Application Form

In 2022/2023, the Trustees were also working hard on carefully drafting appropriate application forms for individuals to complete, if they are seeking financial assistance from HCT with respect to their training in Christian Ministry. The Trustees, led by Ms King, took a lot of time, care and attention to this project to ensure that the application process was sufficient to ensure the Trustees could perform their due diligence with respect to any potential applicant, whilst also balancing the need for the process to not be unnecessarily onerous, so as to cause any form of barrier to individuals. We are pleased with what has been accomplished with this important step in the development of HCT.

Through this process we will be able to administer HCT funds appropriately between successful applicants to support the raising and training of as many individuals as possible who are engaged in Christian Ministry (Object 3) as the more people we can support, who are trained to further the work of All Saints' Church will and the Christian religion around the world, will benefit the public by virtue of the grants made to individual beneficiaries.

In setting out our activities and achievements for the year, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on

public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charities purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

### **Financial Review**

This is the first financial review of HCT, being for the year ended 31 March 2023. Entering this year, we had a bank balance of £2,012. In the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, we received donations of £2,190. The only expenditure/payments incurred were bank account fees of £30. HCT, therefore, holds £4,172 in funds at 31 March 2023.

HCT did not receive any applications for funds by individuals in the year to 31 March 2023.

HCT registered with HMRC for gift aid. No gift aid claims were made during the year.

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Wednesday 24 January 2024, and signed on their behalf.



Samuel A Francey  
Chairman

## Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

### Statement of receipts and payments:

	£
Receipts 1/4/22 to 31/3/23	2,190
Payments 1/4/22 to 31/3/23	<u>30</u>
Receipts less payments	2,160

### Statement of assets:

	£
Bank account at 1/4/22	2,012
Receipts less payments	<u>2,160</u>
Bank account at 31/3/23	4,172

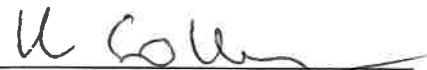
**All of these funds are unrestricted funds. There are no restricted funds.**

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Samuel A Francey  
Chairman

NI charity no. NI108278



Kathryn Collum  
Treasurer

## Reference and Administrative Details

### Charity Name

The Holylands Christian Trust

### Charity Number

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland No. 108278

### Principal Address

% Mrs Kathryn Collum  
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### Charity Trustees

Mr Samuel A Francey	Chairman
Mrs Kathryn Collum	Treasurer
Mr Michael Hamer	
Ms Laura King	

### Other Charity Trustees in the year to 31st March 2023

None

### Governance and Management

HCT is a charitable Trust constituted by a Trust Deed executed on 23 January 2020.

HCT is managed by a Board of Trustees which consists of all of the appointed Trustees, whose names are set out above.