

Company Registration Number: NI648897  
Charity Number: NIC108294

**ECF Trust**

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

**Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**

**for the financial year ended 31 December 2024**

Daly Park & Company Ltd  
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### **TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION**

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| <b>Trustees</b>                                | David Wylie<br>Warwick McCullough<br>Jonathan Andrew Beggs<br>Alan Emerson<br>Philip Emerson (Resigned 3 December 2024)<br>Alain Emerson (Appointed 3 December 2024)<br>Keith McCollum (Appointed 3 December 2024) |
| <b>Company Secretary</b>                       | Joanne Briggs (Appointed 3 December 2024)<br>Leonard Adamson (Resigned 3 December 2024)  |
| <b>Charity Number in Northern Ireland</b>      | NIC108294  |
| <b>Company Registration Number</b>             | NI648897   |
| <b>Registered Office and Principal Address</b> | 23a Castle Lane<br>Lurgan<br>Co. Armagh<br>BT67 9BD<br>Northern Ireland  |
| <b>Independent Examiner</b>                    | Daly Park & Company Ltd<br>Chartered Accountants<br>4 Carnegie Street<br>Lurgan<br>Craigavon<br>Co. Armagh<br>BT66 6AS<br>Northern Ireland   |

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### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of ECF Trust present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2024.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

#### **Mission, Objectives and Strategy**

##### **Mission Statement**

As a local church, it is our desire to outwork the mission and life of Jesus to those around us. Our vision statement is "to help rewrite the story of Craigavon, Ireland and the Nations with the good news of the Kingdom of God." At Emmanuel, we seek to be a community which is there to support one another but also be equipped to serve the people in our local area to demonstrate God's love in word and action.

An example of our services and programmes are:

- As a community of faith, we gather for coffee, connection, worship, and teaching on Sundays.
- Kids and youth environments on Sunday mornings,
- Midweek Lifegroups for various age groups, demographics etc. which offer study, training and support in the Christian life and service.
- We run several drop-in coffee mornings and evenings to allow people who are lonely/isolated to gather.
- Provision of a food pantry twice per week and other compassionate support for people in need.
- Courses to help explore the English language and how this helps express a multicultural, welcoming church environment.

##### **Building Project.**

We have been operating in our new building for one year and have been developing many of the spaces to maximise ministry. We are paying back our loan at a total of £5k per month, with tithes and offerings more than adequately covering these costs. The building continues to be internally developed in order to meet the needs of our congregation and local community.

During the year, we established a 'building management team' who meet three times a year to help ensure all health and safety requirements, policies and procedures are adhered to.

We continue to have a lot of interest from various agencies about using the building. To date we have been able to facilitate room hire and community space provision for Links Counselling, Vital Connexions, Coalition of Christian Voices Against Poverty, Armagh Banbridge Craigavon Council, NI Housing Executive, Craigavon Area Compassion Project / Craigavon Area Food Bank, Lisburn City Choir, Chamber of Commerce/Counsel, Foster and Adoption support group, REACH, Craigavon YFC and Trussell Trust.

##### **Governance**

Our Board of Directors have met regularly and have undertaken a full programme of board strategic and governance activity throughout the year. All company directors have confirmed their willingness and eligibility to act as a Director and have declared that they do not have any conflict of interest in doing so. Conflicts of Interest during board meetings are managed as per our agreed policy. There are no related parties or significant interest to be noted. Apart from the lead Pastor, Directors are unpaid and are not remunerated for their trusteeship.

New Directors are recruited as per the Memorandum and Articles of Association. During the year, the Board was strengthened by new members. This helps to diversify board membership and ensures a broad range of skills and experience at Board level. A review of the Articles of Association has occurred during the year which amended the charitable objects to better describe the charitable work of ECF Trust and to improve the governance arrangements of the Company. As we look ahead to next year, and the continued development of close partnership working with Emmanuel Church Lurgan, the Board of Directors will conduct a due diligence review regarding merging the 2 charitable trusts so that governance arrangements better reflect the one vision, mission and operations of the churches across the City of Craigavon.

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### Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

#### Church Community

In Emmanuel Portadown, we have a regular weekly attendance of approximately 220 people. We have seen a number of salvations over the past year and it has been beautiful to have a "home" in which people can find family. We continue to meet for one morning service on a Sunday morning, and it is such an encouragement to see so many new people become welcomed and integrated into the church family. Our foyer facilitates a great family 'feel' as we are able to connect with one another over tea/coffee after our Sunday gatherings.

We also use this space to develop other community and compassion activities during the week as we develop more connections in the town and further afield. Our Caretaker continues to help facilitate practical developments and implement the necessary health and safety standards within our building which have been progressing well.

#### In-person gatherings

We are continuing to see the benefit of our teaching that was delivered throughout our 'God Story' series. It has been an encouragement to see so many people receive revelation that their story is interwoven in God's bigger story.

As our church family grows, we have had to be adaptable in how we use the various spaces within the building. There has been a steady increase in attendance, with new faces coming along more regularly. We have begun the process of developing the sensory room, however this will require additional funding to develop the space fully.

The various gatherings each week have been life-giving to our congregation and enabled us to provide additional support to more vulnerable people. We were delighted to be able to host both nine baptisms and lots of dedication services for the many babies born into our church family over the year.

Our faithful volunteers remain key to how our Sunday services and weekly ministries operate. It takes 160 people serving on rota to make Sundays happen in their current format. And we are grateful for their commitment and heart as they do so.

#### Courses

We have seen an increase in the number of those attending our English classes every week, anywhere between 12 to 28 people come along. This is such a vital and fruitful ministry which helps provide support to the increasing number of foreign national families God is bringing to our body. This environment is delivered by 14 volunteers and 1 staff member who foster a real sense of community for people from all over the world. In addition, the church provides one-to-one support for many people from the migrant community in terms of employment, housing and access to various resources. This is carried out in partnership with various local statutory agencies and charities.

We have been able to host two Newcomer's Cafe environments which create a more intimate environment to get to know those who are new to the body. Following this we had 15 people attend our 'Believing and Belonging' course which provides a wonderful opportunity to share our key Vision and Values.

#### Lifegroups

Our Life groups continue to meet every other week, with about 110 people meeting together across the town in 17 groups. This is a key element of our church for building community and connection amongst a growing congregation. This year we were able to delve deeper into our God Story series as the small group guides proved a useful resource.

#### Prayer

Gathered Prayer took on a slightly different form this year, by changing venues to the Glass space in Lurgan and The Hub in Portadown. It continues to run every other week alternating between these venues with a new starting time of 7.30pm.

A faithful group of 6-10 people meet every Friday night in the church car park to pray around the town. These have proved to be great times of fellowship as well as prayer.

Our prayer room has been well established, running weekly on Fridays from 10am- 7pm. It is our dream to see this continue to grow and an appetite for the presence of the Lord to increase.

Prayer ministry is offered after each Sunday morning service with training taking place for all volunteers on the teams. These teams also help facilitate prayer in spaces like Nua and the Tobar conference.

We have also seen weekly prayer points established that are communicated across various social media and communications platforms, including our Friday email, all with the aim to create a more sustained, informed and specific culture of prayer.

It has been both a joy and an encouragement to see our part time prayer coordinator lead this area so passionately and diligently and to feel the spiritual temperature increase across both churches.

It has also been an encouragement to see coordination of our Prophetic Ministry across Emmanuel Lurgan and Emmanuel Portadown. Training and support happen monthly, whilst also creating an avenue for collective prayer.

#### Pastoral Care

Our part time Pastoral Care Coordinator oversees pastoral support for the members of our church body who require specific support in their lives. We continue to support a wide range of individuals and families from those who have just had babies to those recently bereaved and a complex range of needs.

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#### **Kids &Tots**

On average we have around 9 pre-school children and 30 Primary School kids on a Sunday. Our additional needs team continues to evolve, offering support for anywhere between two and four children on any given Sunday. We have made an initial start on furnishing the sensory room which for now gives those children that require it, a safe space to encounter Jesus during our Sunday morning sessions. Looking to next year, we see the development of our additional needs provision as being a key priority for the church.

We have 9 volunteers for Kingdom Tots, approximately 27 volunteers for kingdom kids, including 4 team leaders and 8 volunteers for our Additional Needs team. It has been really wonderful to facilitate all of our kids accessing the God Story alongside our adult members of the church family. What has also been really beautiful is that we were teaching the same topics as Emmanuel Lurgan which is strengthening connections across the city.

Sunday mornings have different areas set up and kids can rotate through with a group of kids their own age. The programme includes Bible teaching, games, memory verses, worship and prayer.

#### **Youth**

Our youth ministry continues to expand. We now average 30 youth each week, which will increase again come September. We currently have 9 volunteer leaders facilitating this on a three weekly cycle. Our young people have also been delving deeper into the God Story alongside our teaching theme. It was a joy to see them lead a song during our Carol service, and we have seen youth worship mornings established once every two months.

Whilst our youth programs are supported by a dedicated team of volunteer leaders, we are hopeful that a part-time youth worker can be employed in the coming year. We have begun to furnish our youth room thanks to an anonymous donation, however it does require more funds to purchase more teen friendly resources.

Safeguarding is overseen by a volunteer leader with expertise in this area, with regular training carried out for volunteers in all of our environments throughout the year.

#### **Local Mission / Compassion**

##### **Connect Café**

This environment provides a safe and free cafe-style environment where people can experience a warm welcome and a listening ear, they can get tea and snacks but also support, care and signposting to other support mechanisms. This environment averaged around 40-50 weekly visitors over the year facilitated by 12 volunteers. Over the winter months we have provided a soup lunch on a regular basis to supplement the service we provide.

##### **Food Pantry, Foodbank & Compassion services**

With increasing demand on our Freedom Foods Pantry both our Thursday evening and Friday morning sessions continue to be a busy hive of activity connecting people with practical support and community. Freedom Foods Pantry is part of the Your Local Pantry UK wide network of Social Supermarkets. Our social supermarket is connected into the strategic plan for the ABC Council area, working with the ABC Community Food Hub and four other pantry's to cover the whole council area.

This area of support continues to be key to help lift the financial burden from those in the local community as well as provide practical financial management support. There is a wonderful team of 24 volunteers who help facilitate the running of this ministry led diligently and ably by our Pantry coordinator. Those from the community who come to Pantry report how well they are loved which speaks volumes as to the level of care taken by our team.

Hope Café continues to operate once a month on a Friday evening, creating space for connection through craft, games and music, all over a cup of tea and coffee.

Emmanuel Portadown has a strategic partnership with Craigavon Area Food Bank and we act as a distribution centre for this vital community service. Working alongside the food bank, we continue to provide food bank referrals for those in need, ensuring that vital support is given in a timely manner. Additionally, signposting is provided to other support mechanisms to provide a wrap-around service.

##### **Christmas Support Program**

Targeted support was given over Christmas to those in need in our local community, including food hampers, fuel, electricity, and toys. The needs of our local community continue to grow, and the church seeks to find new ways to bring solutions and support. We were also able to bless the local community around the church with a token gift from everyone at Emmanuel Portadown.

Christmas dinner for 80 attendees

Christmas movie night - 50 in attendance

120 hampers delivered

Hope Cafe open on Boxing Day - Chosen Christmas special

##### **Local Mission Partners**

We hosted a café type environment as a means of connection with our community during the "Country Comes to Town" event, which happens annually during the month of September in Portadown. Our location, right beside key car

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parks, was helpful to create a relaxed, open environment for people to call for a cup of coffee and a chat. We also had a team of people sharing invitations around the town which helped to draw people in.

As our posture is to connect, support and work together across our communities we partner practically, prayerfully, and financially with the following local organisations: -

- 24/7 Prayer Ireland
- Aspire NI
- REACH
- LINKS Counselling
- Shalom Life
- Youth for Christ
- Shalom Life
- Craigavon Area Compassion Project / Food Bank
- D & C Bailie - Ballina
- Home for Good
- CARA Craigavon

### **Global Mission**

We may not be able to go all over the world regularly, but we believe it is our mandate to connect and support global mission. We partner practically, prayerfully, and financially with the following global organisations: -

- 24 7 Prayer International
- P & J Swaffield (WEC International)
- Elam Ministries
- Open Doors

We continue to financially and prayerfully support W & S Robinson and their family who are living as missionaries in Madrid, Spain. They are part of the WEC team there and are still in the language learning phase, while also developing connections to the local community and supporting local churches and ministries. A small team, led by two of our Elders, spend time with them online with a prayer group, helping to support and encourage them.

### **Financial Review**

The results for the financial year are set out on page 11 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

### **Financial Results**

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £1,465,970 (2023 - £1,494,146) and liabilities of £296,675 (2023 - £392,969). The net assets of the company have increased by £68,118.

### **Trustees**

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

David Wylie  
Warwick McCullough  
Jonathan Andrew Beggs  
Alan Emerson  
Philip Emerson (Resigned 3 December 2024)  
Alain Emerson (Appointed 3 December 2024)  
Keith McCollum (Appointed 3 December 2024)

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The secretaries who served during the financial year were:

Joanne Briggs (Appointed 3 December 2024)  
Leonard Adamson (Resigned 3 December 2024)

### **Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards**

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. ECF Trust subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Alain Emerson  
Trustee



Warwick McCullough  
Director



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# STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECLARATION ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

### General responsibilities

The trustees, who are also directors of ECF Trust for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Trustees' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes:

The trustees approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgements underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have made available to Daly Park & Company Ltd, Chartered Accountants, all the company's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Alain Emerson  
Trustee



Warwick McCullough  
Director



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# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ECF TRUST**

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The company's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The company's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

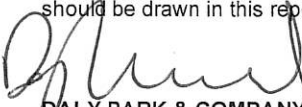
We have examined your company financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



**DALRY PARK & COMPANY LTD**  
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**Date: 26 June 2025**

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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

|   |              | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2024<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2024<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|---|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                                   | <b>Notes</b> |                                    |                                  |                             |                                    |                                  |                             |
| Donations and legacies                                      | 3.1          | 369,718                            | -                                | 369,718                     | 634,383                            | -                                | 634,383                     |
| Investments   | 3.2          | 201                                | -                                | 201                         | 683                                | -                                | 683                         |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                             |              | <b>369,919</b>                     | <b>-</b>                         | <b>369,919</b>              | <b>635,066</b>                     | <b>-</b>                         | <b>635,066</b>              |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                                   |              |                                    |                                  |                             |                                    |                                  |                             |
| Charitable activities                                       | 4.1          | 296,182                            | 5,619                            | 301,801                     | 260,096                            | 6,381                            | 266,477                     |
| <b>Net incoming/outgoing<br/>resources before transfers</b> |              | <b>73,737</b>                      | <b>(5,619)</b>                   | <b>68,118</b>               | <b>374,970</b>                     | <b>(6,381)</b>                   | <b>368,589</b>              |
| Transfers between funds                                     |              | -                                  | -                                | -                           | -                                  | -                                | -                           |
| <b>Net movement in funds for<br/>the financial year</b>     |              | <b>73,737</b>                      | <b>(5,619)</b>                   | <b>68,118</b>               | <b>374,970</b>                     | <b>(6,381)</b>                   | <b>368,589</b>              |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>                             |              |                                    |                                  |                             |                                    |                                  |                             |
| Total funds beginning of the<br>year                        | 13           | 1,095,558                          | 5,619                            | 1,101,177                   | 720,588                            | 12,000                           | 732,588                     |
| <b>Total funds at the end of<br/>the year</b>               |              | <b>1,169,295</b>                   | <b>-</b>                         | <b>1,169,295</b>            | <b>1,095,558</b>                   | <b>5,619</b>                     | <b>1,101,177</b>            |

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.  
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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## BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2024

|   |       | 2024             | 2023             |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
|   | Notes | £                | £                |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                                   |       |                  |                  |
| Tangible assets                                       | 9     | <u>1,398,883</u> | <u>1,428,499</u> |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                                 |       |                  |                  |
| Debtors   | 10    | 11,267           | 17,206           |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | <u>55,820</u>    | <u>48,441</u>    |
|   |       | <u>67,087</u>    | <u>65,647</u>    |
| <b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b> | 11    | <u>(296,675)</u> | <u>(392,969)</u> |
| <b>Net Current Liabilities</b>                        |       | <u>(229,588)</u> | <u>(327,322)</u> |
| <b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>          |       | <u>1,169,295</u> | <u>1,101,177</u> |
| <b>Funds</b>  |       |                  |                  |
| Restricted trust funds                                |       | -                | 5,619            |
| Designated funds (Unrestricted)                       |       | 1,113,883        | 1,054,370        |
| General fund (unrestricted)                           |       | <u>55,412</u>    | <u>41,188</u>    |
| <b>Total funds</b>                                    | 13    | <u>1,169,295</u> | <u>1,101,177</u> |

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The trustees confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Alain Emerson  
Trustee



Warwick McCullough  
Director



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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

ECF Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is 23a Castle Lane, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, BT67 9BD, Northern Ireland which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the company has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

### Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

### Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

#### Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the company.

#### Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the company.

- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

### Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the company has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

### Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

|                                  |   |                   |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Land and buildings freehold      | - | 2% Straight line  |
| Fixtures, fittings and equipment | - | 25% Straight line |

**Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the company from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

**Taxation and deferred taxation**

No current or deferred taxation arises as the company has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future. Timing differences are temporary differences between the company's taxable income and its results as stated in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are anticipated to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

|            |                                      |                           |                         |                |                |
|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>3.</b>  | <b>INCOME</b>                        |                           |                         |                |                |
| <b>3.1</b> | <b>DONATIONS AND LEGACIES</b>        | <b>Unrestricted Funds</b> | <b>Restricted Funds</b> | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|            |                                      | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
|            | Donations and legacies               | <u>369,718</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>369,718</u> | <u>634,383</u> |
| <b>3.2</b> | <b>INVESTMENTS</b>                   | <b>Unrestricted Funds</b> | <b>Restricted Funds</b> | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|            |                                      | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
|            | Investments                          | <u>201</u>                | <u>-</u>                | <u>201</u>     | <u>683</u>     |
| <b>4.</b>  | <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                   |                           |                         |                |                |
| <b>4.1</b> | <b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>         |                           | <b>Costs</b>            | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|            |                                      |                           | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
|            | Expenditure on charitable activities |                           | <u>301,801</u>          | <u>301,801</u> | <u>266,477</u> |

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|   |  |                        |                        |
|---|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>4.2 SUPPORT COSTS</b>  | <b>Charitable<br/>Activities<br/>£</b> | <b>2024<br/>£</b>      | <b>2023<br/>£</b>      |
| Administration Costs  | 25,859                                 | 25,859                 | 23,784                 |
| Church Ministry   | 60,833                                 | 60,833                 | 54,762                 |
| Other Support Costs   | 35,477                                 | 35,477                 | 28,530                 |
| Support   | 39,030                                 | 39,030                 | 33,301                 |
| Staff Costs   | 140,602                                | 140,602                | 111,158                |
|   | <u>301,801</u>                         | <u>301,801</u>         | <u>251,535</u>         |
| <b>5. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS</b>   |  | <b>2024<br/>£</b>      | <b>2023<br/>£</b>      |
| Administration Costs  |  | 25,859                 | 23,784                 |
| Church Ministry   |  | 60,833                 | 54,762                 |
| Other Support Costs   |  | 35,477                 | 28,530                 |
| Support   |  | 39,030                 | 33,301                 |
| Staff Costs   |  | 140,602                | 111,158                |
|   |  | <u>301,801</u>         | <u>251,535</u>         |
| <b>6. NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>  |  | <b>2024<br/>£</b>      | <b>2023<br/>£</b>      |
| <b>Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):</b>  |  |                        |                        |
| Depreciation of tangible assets   |  | 34,120                 | 14,942                 |
| Independent Examiner's remuneration:<br>- independent examination services                                      |  | 1,800                  | 2,400                  |
|   |  | <u>35,920</u>          | <u>17,342</u>          |
| <b>7. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME</b>   |  | <b>2024<br/>£</b>      | <b>2023<br/>£</b>      |
| Bank interest   |  | 201                    | 683                    |
|   |  | <u>201</u>             | <u>683</u>             |
| <b>8. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION</b>  |  |                        |                        |
| <b>Number of employees</b>  |  | <b>2024<br/>Number</b> | <b>2023<br/>Number</b> |
| The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows: |  |                        |                        |
| Employees   |  | 8                      | 6                      |
|   |  | <u>8</u>               | <u>6</u>               |
| <b>The staff costs comprise:</b>  |  | <b>2024<br/>£</b>      | <b>2023<br/>£</b>      |
| Wages and salaries  |  | 138,219                | 108,920                |
| Pension costs   |  | 2,383                  | 2,238                  |
|   |  | <u>140,602</u>         | <u>111,158</u>         |

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**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                               | Land and<br>buildings<br>freehold<br>£ | Fixtures,<br>fittings and<br>equipment<br>£ | Total<br>£              |
|-------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                   |  |   |                         |
| At 1 January 2024             | 1,390,044                              | 55,981                                      | 1,446,025               |
| Additions                     | 4,504                                  | -   | 4,504                   |
| At 31 December 2024           | <u>1,394,548</u>                       | <u>55,981</u>                               | <u>1,450,529</u>        |
| <b>Depreciation</b>           |  |   |                         |
| At 1 January 2024             | 993                                    | 16,533                                      | 17,526                  |
| Charge for the financial year | 20,125                                 | 13,995                                      | 34,120                  |
| At 31 December 2024           | <u>21,118</u>                          | <u>30,528</u>                               | <u>51,646</u>           |
| <b>Net book value</b>         |  |   |                         |
| At 31 December 2024           | <u><u>1,373,430</u></u>                | <u><u>25,453</u></u>                        | <u><u>1,398,883</u></u> |
| At 31 December 2023           | <u><u>1,389,051</u></u>                | <u><u>39,448</u></u>                        | <u><u>1,428,499</u></u> |

**10. DEBTORS**

|   | 2024<br>£     | 2023<br>£     |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Trade debtors                               | 7,867         | 5,062         |
| Amounts owed by connected parties (Note 16) | (947)         | 6,176         |
| Prepayments and accrued income              | 4,347         | 5,968         |
|   | <u>11,267</u> | <u>17,206</u> |

**11. CREDITORS**

| Amounts falling due within one year | 2024<br>£      | 2023<br>£      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Property Loan                       | 285,000        | 350,000        |
| Trade creditors                     | 5,306          | 39,761         |
| Taxation and social security costs  | 4,300          | 324            |
| Other creditors                     | (500)          | (500)          |
| Accruals and deferred income        | 2,569          | 3,384          |
|                                     | <u>296,675</u> | <u>392,969</u> |

**12. RESERVES**

|                                | 2024<br>£        | 2023<br>£        |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| At the beginning of the year   | 1,101,177        | 732,588          |
| Surplus for the financial year | 68,118           | 368,589          |
| At the end of the year         | <u>1,169,295</u> | <u>1,101,177</u> |

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**13. FUNDS****13.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

|                                    | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| At 1 January 2023                  | 720,588                    | 12,000                   | 732,588             |
| Movement during the financial year | 374,970                    | (6,381)                  | 368,589             |
| At 31 December 2023                | 1,095,558                  | 5,619                    | 1,101,177           |
| Movement during the financial year | 73,737                     | (5,619)                  | 68,118              |
| At 31 December 2024                | <u>1,169,295</u>           | <u>-</u>                 | <u>1,169,295</u>    |

**13.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS**

|                           | Balance<br>1 January<br>2024<br>£ | Income<br>£    | Expenditure<br>£ | Transfers<br>between<br>funds<br>£ | Balance<br>31 December<br>2024<br>£ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wilson Trust Grant        | 5,619                             | -              | 5,619            | -                                  | -                                   |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                                   |                |                  |                                    |                                     |
| Building Fund             | 1,054,370                         | -              | -                | 59,513                             | 1,113,883                           |
| Unrestricted General      | 41,188                            | 369,919        | 296,182          | (59,513)                           | 55,412                              |
|                           | <u>1,095,558</u>                  | <u>369,919</u> | <u>(296,182)</u> | <u>-</u>                           | <u>1,169,295</u>                    |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>1,101,177</u>                  | <u>369,919</u> | <u>301,801</u>   | <u>-</u>                           | <u>1,169,295</u>                    |

**14. STATUS**

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

**15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

**16. TRUSTEE RENUMERATION**

None of the Trustees received nor waived any kind of remuneration for their services as Trustees during the current or previous financial year. One of the Trustees, appointed during the current year, was paid £3,798 by way of salary for his role as Pastor in the Church.

**17. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

Daly Park & Company Ltd charged a fee of £1,800 for their independent examination work in the current year. The comparative year's fee was £2,400.