

Carrickfergus Baptist Church Trustee's Report

The trustees present their report and Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and activities

Carrickfergus 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, and the Doctrinal Statement. Its members devote themselves to the teaching of scripture, to fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer, and evangelism.

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.

Achievements and performance

The Church meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the public by making known the Christian gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of the Christian faith. The trustees continued to provide weekly Sunday services offering opportunity for prayer, Bible teaching and worship through the hearing of God's word and singing. Our desire is to be ever-growing in our lives of Prayer, Bible Study and worship.

Adults

The church continued to provide benefit to its members and public by making known the Christian Gospel and thus offering reconciliation with God to all those who hear.

Carrickfergus Baptist church offers the opportunity to meet in various groups throughout the year. This provides the attendees an avenue to pray, study Gods word and to discuss its implications for Christian living.

Monthly events are held to promote a wider understanding of the Christian church worldwide, providing a Christian worldview and the ability to offer prayer. These groups have included prayer and study groups, prayer meetings, missionary focus nights, Men and Women's Fellowship Groups, Senior Citizens Group and Precept bible study classes.

Children.

Young children up to year nine, are cared for in a variety of events, including Sunday school and youth club, engaging children with crafts, games and lessons from the Bible. At the request of the local community the church operates a Sunday children's class in the local community centre.

Teenagers.

Teenagers are offered activities to promote personal relationships and in developing a relationship with God. This can be in form of away time, fellowship nights and Bible study groups.

Community

The Trustees provide resources to help with those in need from within the local communities.

There are also volunteers serving Christians Against Poverty, a UK based charity for anyone struggling with debt.

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Financial Review

The church recorded a net surplus for the year of £6,230 (2022: £26,432).

Closing unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2023 were £119,538 (2022: £112,418).

Closing restricted reserves at 31 December 2023 were £707 (2021: £1,598). This represents funds held under the Community Fund and restricted donation received prior to the year-end but not yet passed on.

There are no funds held by the Church that are materially in deficit.

Structure, Governance and Management:

Carrickfergus Baptist Church is an unincorporated entity operating under a constitution last updated in 2018.

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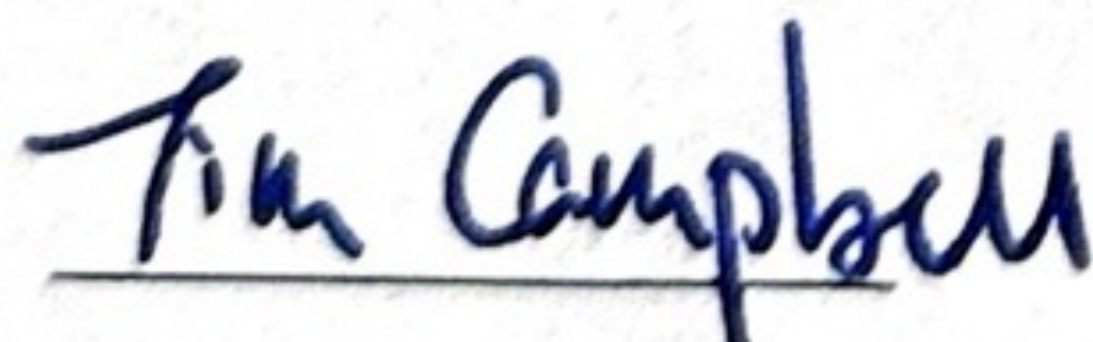
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The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Denis Auld
Mr Richard Best
Mr Tim Campbell
Mr Stephen Gordon
Mr Campbell Green
Mr David MacDermott
Mr Andrew MacDonald
Mr Hugh Mills
Mr A N Other
Mr A N Other
Mr A N Other
Mr Christopher Pollock
Mr David Ramsey
Mr Syd Rea
Mr Stanley Spray
Mr Mark Thompson
Mr Andrew Trimble
Mr Aaron White
Mr Chris Wolfe

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees



Trustee

Dated:29/10/24