

ANNUAL REPORT FOR MILLTOWN BAPTIST – 2023

TRUSTEES REPORT 2023

We started the year on a positive note with the major refurbishment in our hall and heating system completed. This gave us the opportunity to restart our Tiny Tots morning and to make full use of the hall and kitchen.

Nathan Anderson our community pastor finished his time with us in June 2023 and we thank him for his work in both the church and the local community during his time with us.

We had 3 indoor picnics during the year, including one to celebrate the Coronation. This was a great way of bringing all the church together for lunch after the Sunday Service.

Another new event was a church weekend, which was held in Bushmills. We were able to spend time together in an informal setting and enjoy some teaching from a local youth worker.

During the summer we celebrated the wedding of Mr & Mrs Hamilton and they held their reception in the church.

As a church we still face challenges with the numbers of workers we have to run our activities. We want to record our thanks to all the workers and leaders who work so hard to keep all our activities running.

Financially we remain in stable position and thanks to the members and friends who so faithfully support the work of the church financially, prayerful and in ministry.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Children & Youth

We have a number of activities for our children and youth,

Kids club KFC – KFC provides a community for children to enjoy games, crafts, hear stories from the bible, singing songs and having quizzes. At Christmas a special party night was organised and the families of some of the children came along.

Rock Solid – Sunday morning activity for primary school children during the sermon. Activities vary and include games, memory verse, bible story, quiz, craft, worksheets and songs. Rock Solid normally runs three times a month during term time.

Parents and Tots – restarted in February with a new name “Tiny Tots” and a new team. We refurbished the toys that had been in storage during lockdown and replaced the tables and chairs. We have made a good contact with the local community and most of the adults and children attending are from the local area.

In August a mission for the local kids was held and a Fun Day for the community which was very successful.

Adult

- House groups met every alternative week
- Prayer meeting is on alternative Wednesdays
- Sunday morning worship continued all year. We have continued the online ministry as this is popular with those unable to attend the service in person.

Pastoral

Our pastoral care continued throughout the year. Pastoral care continues with in person and by phone.

Senior's

This ministry continued throughout the year. Numbers attending varied and unfortunately, a number of our regular attenders and leaders are now too frail to come along.

During the summer a special lunch was held to celebrate the King's Coronation and in December all the Seniors came together for a lunch and a time of carol singing to celebrate the Christmas season.

Beta Group: Normally meet twice a month and a group of seniors get together to have an informal bible study.

Fellowship Hour: The group meet once a month for tea/coffee, followed by exercise time, singing followed by a guest speaker.

Time for Men: a group of senior men who meet every Wednesday to play games, chat, have some tea and toast and listen to a short thought from the bible.

The 3 CCC's: the ladies enjoy various craft activities and a chat on alternative Wednesday mornings. In June a coffee morning and sale was held and collected over a £1000 for the work of Feed my Lambs in Cambodia.

Community

We have a good relationship with many in our local community and our Pastor has been involved in weddings, funerals, child dedications and visiting those in need.

Dreamscheme returned to using our premises in September and they continue to support the local youth encouraging their personal growth.

Mission

We have been supporting Made for More, a local charity working with young people supporting their mental health. We continue to support a missions worker with the local Chinese community.

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the Trustees on Jun 4th 2024 and signed on their behalf,

Roger Lindsay Trustee

