

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Elders of Keady Baptist Church, as Charity Trustees, present the following report on the work of the church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies and comply with the trust deed and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

### Structure, governance and management

The charity has Trustees as detailed out in the charity constitution. The church is recognised as a charity under the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland as at the date of registration being the 17 February 2022.

Where appropriate, Trustees are appointed following a selection process undertaken by the members of the church. The Trustees will hold their positions on a 5-year cycle until such times as they resign, retire or are removed.

Trustee's records are updated on the charity commission website to represent these changes.

### Organisation

The Trustees who have served during the year are detailed on page 3. The Trustees are expected to play several key roles in the running of the charity.

The principal function of the Church is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the Church the mission of the Gospel, pastoral, social and evangelistic. All the functions of the Church relate to the advancement of religion through holding regular worship and communicating and caring for worshippers of all ages especially the sick, elderly and others in our local community.

### Public Benefit

The charity trustees have complied with their duties in line with the Commission's Public Benefit statutory guidance. Regular worship and reaching out into the community as well as other activities both social and fundraising have been carried out throughout the year to fulfil our statement of public benefit. The premises are regularly used by various organisations within the church.

### Statement of Public Benefit

The direct benefits which flow from our purpose include attendance at meetings convened for the teaching of Scripture, for fellowship, for the breaking of bread, as well as involvement in prayer meetings and evangelism. This is evidenced in personal growth in faith of those who attend the church, comfort to the bereaved and to the sick and elderly members of the church who receive encouragement through visitation and prayer. The provision of religious education for children and young people. Financial support for the departments of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland and for missionaries sent out from our church locally and to other parts of the world through like-minded organisations.

These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from regular attendees at the various church services, interest in missions shown by prayer and financial support given, and the ongoing regular attendance of members at worship services.

The Trustees are satisfied that carrying out the purpose of our charity will not cause harm to any individual attending the church, or to any other members of the wider community. The charity's beneficiaries are church members and adherents, and anyone who chooses to attend the church services which are open to the general public. Any trustee who is a pastor, is an employee of Keady Baptist Church. Their salary and any incurred expenses are incidental and necessary to enable Keady Baptist Church to provide the pastoral support required to fulfil our stated purpose.

## Aims and Objectives

Keady Baptist Church conducts regular services for public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching for all age groups, and provides pastoral care to the sick and elderly of the church through visitation and prayer. Other activities of the church include Sunday School, Parent & Toddler Groups, Children's Meetings, Youth Meetings, together with regular outreach events to the wider community, in schools and care homes.

## 31 December 2023 Report

Keady Baptist church was constituted on 5th September 2021 and the purpose of our church as detailed in our Constitution is: -

*'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. Its members devote themselves to the teachings of Scripture, to fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer and evangelism. The principal charitable object of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles.'*

Regular worship and reaching out into the community as well as other activities both social and fundraising have been carried out throughout the year to fulfil our statement of public benefit.

## Outputs and outcomes

During the past year we have made significant progress in achieving our purpose.

We seek to advance the Christian faith, as outlined in the scriptures, so that those in the local community will hear the Good News of Salvation. We continue to meet together as a Church every Sunday morning for public worship at 10.30am. This service is preceded by a time of prayer starting at 10am. We also meet each Wednesday night at 8pm for prayer and bible study and the last Sunday of the month at 6pm. At these services we seek to worship God, learn from God's word and encourage each other in our faith.

## Children and Youth Activities

The church continues to encourage our children by through faithful teaching of God's word. Sunday school meets most Sundays during the main church service. There is also a crèche available for younger children. It's great to see so many children in our services each week.

The young people of our church continue to meet together each month in various homes. We seek to encourage them in their faith and help them to build friendships together.

## Outreach

We continue to reach out into the surrounding community sharing God's love and looking for opportunity to point people to Jesus. In July the Church ran a Holiday Bible Club again inviting children from the surrounding area to come along. God encouraged the church greatly by exceeding our expectation and we hope to build on these relationships made in our community.

Hope kids continues on Friday nights providing another opportunity for children to come into the TMAC centre and learn about God's love for them.

Little Steps, our baby and toddler group, continued throughout school term time on Friday mornings. God has blessed this outreach bringing numerous people in from the community, providing the opportunity to make connections and build relationships. Our prayer is that these connections will enable Gospel conversations. In October we were blessed with a team of 5 from the Baptist College. They helped to distribute flyers and publicise our latest form of outreach "Ask Anything". This gave our local community the opportunity to ask questions on what the bible says on matters close to their hearts. Once we received all the questions, we have recorded a series of

online videos fortnightly answering their questions bringing them to the Gospel. We trust God that through this many seeds will be sown and souls saved for his glory.

## Payment to Trustees

No Trustee received payment for undertaking trustee duties. Payments to the Pastor relate to expenses and salary incurred in the performance of the duties of Pastor. Where Trustees purchase items on behalf of the Charity these costs may be reimbursed.

2023 has been a busy year and we praise God for everyone who helps out in each department of our Church. Without this help we couldn't maintain the range of activities. It's encouraging to see how faithfully our members and adherents are in service to God through the work of the church.

## Financial Review and Reserves

The principle sources of income are mainly from gifts and donations. The annual accounts show a surplus for the year of £3,729. The trustees have reviewed the financial position of the Church and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Church can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

By order of the Board



Mr Paul McAdam  
Trustee

26/10/24  
Date

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