

## **Annual Report for Whitehead Baptist Church (NIC108971)**

**6 April 2023 – 5 April 2024**

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for year ending 5 April 2024

### **Objects and activities of Charity**

The Church acknowledges the headship of the Lord 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. They commit, with the help of God, to witness to the saving and sustaining power of the Lord Jesus Christ and to work for the extension of His Kingdom.

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.

The trustees have given careful consideration to guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on Public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

### **The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.**

- Held regular services for public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching for all age groups.
- Provided pastoral care to the members of the church through visitation and prayer.
- Organised meetings and events that promote our charitable purpose and participate in the life of the local community.
- Support other Christian organisations and charities through volunteering, financial gifts and prayer.

### **The main activities and performance to further the Charity's purpose for the public benefit**

The Church continues to meet the public benefit requirement by providing to its members and the public by making known the Christian gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the advancement of the Christian faith.

The Trustees continued to provide weekly Sunday services and prayer meetings offering the opportunity for prayer, Bible teaching and worship through the hearing of God's word and singing.

Performance was demonstrated through; the number of those attending activities and events and benefiting directly each week from the Bible teaching and the corporate worship,

the leaders and helpers mobilised each week through various programmes and the positive contributions of members within the wider community; and the effective pastoral care supporting both families and individuals.

### **Adults**

Sunday Services continue to be well attended with many visiting speakers from other Christian charitable organisations.

The mid-week prayer meeting has provided a number of bible studies, as well as a forum to bring prayers requests and give thanks.

A new men's monthly ministry meeting has started this year, providing opportunity for fellowship, bible study and prayer which has been very encouraging.

### **Youth**

The Youth group continue to meet weekly for Bible study and activities with some outings.

This year Bible Class has been organised a little differently with the two new younger-aged regulars either attending before church as previously or alongside Sunday School i.e. during the service.

### **Kids**

In the Summer of 2023, from 14-18 August, a Holiday Bible Club was held. It was well-attended by children not only from the Church but the wider community with numbers in the forties.

The Autumn programme commenced on 21 September 2023 with approximately 55 children signed up at the beginning of term and averaging the early forties at the latter part of the year.

The Sunday School continues to meet each Sunday and also got involved in a Craft & Coffee morning sale to raise money for a Northern Ireland based charity who support an orphanage in India.

### **Community**

Again this year a Christmas Carol service was organised with many visitors from the local community attending.

Some of the members also organised a mission trip to an Orphanage in Bangalore which was continues to be in great need of support.

The Church continued to support mission partners: Child Evangelism Fellowship; Rabboni Mercy Trust, Operation Mobilisation, Open Doors and Asialink both financially and prayerfully.

## **Structure, Management & governance of the Charity.**

**Charity Name:** Whitehead Baptist Church is an unincorporated entity operating under a constitution adopted in January 2023.

**Charity Number:** 108971 registered. 21 October 2022

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### **Trustee board:**

- Clifford Black
- Declan Curley
- Adrian Gregory
- Ronnie McIlwaine
- Keith Orr

## **Financial Review**

The church received income of £54,645 and incurred expenditure of £47,857 giving a net surplus for the year of £6,787 (all to 5 April 2024).

Unrestricted reserves at 5 April 2024 amounted to £64,605 across 4 accounts compared to £57,818 across 3 accounts in the previous year.

There were no restricted reserves.

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

This report was approved by the trustees on 19 January 2025 and signed for on their behalf

Ronnie McIlwaine

19 January 2025