

EAST END BAPTIST CHURCH - NIC 109167

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present the Annual Report, together with the financial statements, of East End Baptist Church for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The charity was registered in Northern Ireland with the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland (CCNI) with charity number NIC 109167, with effect from 27th November 2022.

The charity registered and principal address is 53-57 Templemore Avenue, Belfast, BT5 4FP.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is an unincorporated entity under the Constitution of East End Baptist Church.

Our Governing Document is contained in the Constitution of the Charity.

Recruitment and Appointment

Given the nature of their responsibilities, the duly appointed Elders and Deacons (collectively referred to as the 'Office-Bearers') serve as the Charity Trustees, in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The Church Members' Meeting appoint, remove and accept the resignation of Charity Trustees.

Appointment to the role of Charity Trustee will terminate on cessation of holding the office of Elder or Deacon.

No person may serve as a Charity Trustee, who is disqualified by law from acting as a Charity Trustee.

Trustees

The Trustees who served East End Baptist Church during 2023 included Mr Roy Hamilton, Mr Marshall Stewart, Mr Chris McCausland, Mr Albert McCallum, Mr Robert Gorman, Mr Colin Piggott, Mr Mark Piggott, and Mr Gideon Cresswell.

Trustees' records are updated on the charity commission website to represent any changes.

Trustees meet on at least two occasions during the year.

Payments to Trustees

None of the Trustees have received any payment for undertaking Trustee duties. A small stipend is paid to the pastor, Roy Hamilton, for ministerial duties provided to the church.

Objectives and Activities

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 Church 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 objective of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture.

Public Benefit

The Church meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of the Christian Faith.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to all its activities.

During 2023, the Church continued to benefit the community in a number of ways, including via Sunday Worship Services; Weekly Prayer Meeting/Bible Study; Parents and toddler group, Friday night good news club for primary school aged children, and a summer Bible Club.

Achievements and Performance

As a small inner city church, we endeavoured to continue to be faithful to the charity's objectives.

We sought to increase awareness of our church's presence through continued use of our Church website and greater use of social media, in order to promote our church's activities to a wider audience.

We had a number of visits from representatives of a number of missionary organisations during the year, giving us the opportunity to receive information about their work and witness both in N. Ireland and further afield, and we were able to financially support a number of missionary organisations throughout the year.

Financial Review

The Church is funded by voluntary gifts and donations, and we make use of the Gift Aid Scheme.

The annual accounts show a surplus for the year 2023 of £11,292 and Closing Funds Carried Forward of £95,633.

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 31st December 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Mr Roy Hamilton
Trustee



Date: 20/10/2024

Charity Commission Number: NIC 109167