

Larne Free Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the Year End 5th April, 2024

Registered Charity No.

109396 (date of Registration 22nd February 2023)

Address for Charity Correspondence

120, Mill Brae
LARNE
BT40 2BZ

Charity Trustees

David Brown (Rev)
John Craig
Hill Reid
Ken Sampson
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Independent Examiner

D. N. Mawhinney FCCA

Governing Document

Constitution

The Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees.

Objects

The objects of the Charity are the propagation and practice of the Christian Faith as described in the historic Reformed Confessions such as the Westminster Standards, to the glory of God and for the benefit of all mankind.

Activities

In planning activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular the specific guidance on Charities for the advancement of religion.

For the Charity to achieve its objects satisfying public benefit requirements, the Trustees have determined that the Charity's principal activities necessitate gather in person for the provision of charitable services.

Larne Free Presbyterian Church (Larne FPC) is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and serve the living God, to be instructed in the Christian Faith. Services of public worship are open to all without charge and are prominently advertised on the noticeboard outside the Church Building in Larne and in the press. Recording of Sermons are regularly uploaded and freely available to all via the Internet.

To facilitate this work, it is important that the fabric of its premises at 120, Mill Brae, Larne, BT40 2BZ is maintained. These premises are owned by the Larne Free Presbyterian Church.

Personnel

The Rev David J Brown is the Minister of the Church and a full-time employee of the congregation. Along with Elders, Trustees and other helpers of the Church is responsible for the voluntary support of activities throughout the year.

Achievements and Performance

During the course of the year Larne FPC conducted over one hundred services of public worship in the Church building. Weekly Bible Studies and prayer meetings were maintained, and the Lord's Supper was observed monthly. Weekly children's meetings were held and a weeklong Holiday Bible Club during the summer, where approximately sixty children attended. Twenty-one thousand leaflets were delivered to the farming community. Two weeklong Gospel Missions were conducted for the public to attend. Weekly outreach was organised to give people an opportunity to ask questions about the Gospel and receive literature. Throughout the year those suffering from addictions were counselled.

Pastoral visitation continues to be undertaken by the Minister and Elders of the Church.

The Trustees and Elders of the Church attend regular meetings of the Presbytery of the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster of which this congregation is a member.

Financial Review

Accounts have been prepared on a cash accounting basis in accordance with S64(3)(a) of The Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 reporting Receipts and Payments with a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Total incoming resources of £65,106 (2022, £67,567) for the year included donations of £52,222 and Special Offerings of £3,604, Gift Aid Tax Repayment £8,029, Grant towards Heating £600 and Bank Interest of £651.

As is usual for a charity of this type and size, a significant proportion of the payments of £60,598 (previous year (£61,692)) relates, generally, to stipend and ministerial support.

The Church made Grants of £5,580 to specific ministries during this accounting year (2022 £4,800)

Income received exceeded resources expended by £4,508 (2022 £5,875). In both these accounting years the surplus being added to Reserves.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Trustees is not to accumulate Reserves, but to use Reserve in the promotion of the Charity's objects, maintaining a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months unrestricted payments to cover unforeseen situations that may arise from time.

Signed by all Trustees:


David Brown (Rev)


John Craig


Ken Sampson


Hill Reid


R. Semple


Date