



(FORMERLY BANGOR INTER-CHURCHES COMMUNITY INITIATIVE)

The Trustees of Church Works North Down present their annual report together with a financial statement for the year ending 31 March 2018. Church Works North Down is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under charity number 100239.

### **Objectives**

The objectives are set out in the constitution are as follows:

- Such charitable objects as shall provide social outreach to members of the community of North Down or such wider area within Northern Ireland as the committee shall from time to time seem appropriate;
- To engage with Christian Churches operating within the North Down area or such other organisations which shall be charitable in their objective which operate within the North Down area and shall be compatible with having a Christian ethos.

### **Constitution matters**

As agreed at last year's Annual General meeting (AGM) the Executive Committee reviewed the Constitution during the year. Proposed amendments including the change of name to Church Works North Down, were circulated and then taken to the Annual General Meeting which was held on 21 October 2017. All amendments were agreed by the AGM. The revised Constitution was sent to the Charity Commission on 15 November 2017

There was one Trustee resignation at the AGM and one new member appointed. The remaining existing Executive members were returned unopposed. In February 2018 there were 2 further Trustee resignations. The Charity Commission was informed on 23 February. There are now four remaining Trustees in line with the amended Constitution.

### **Conference**

We followed the AGM with a Conference entitled "Joining the dots...Life, Faith and Justice" with Dr John Kyle as the inspirational speaker. All members had been invited and about 25 attended.

### **Executive meetings**

Church Works North Down Executive at 31 March 2018 comprises Rev David Stanfield (Chairman), Mary Braithwaite, Trevor Magee, David McClarin, Elizabeth Porter, Joy Ward, Neilson Wylie and Irene Armstrong as Secretary.

The executive met on 5 May, 26 June, 16 August and 1 December in 2017 and 2 February 2018. The main items of business during the year included the review of the Constitution, the development of Story Works on the web site, the Disability Inclusion Group and the Churches Enabling Seniors.

### **Churchworksnorthdown.com**

The web site has good viewing figures and churches can now update their entry to the Churches Directory and a "how to" video is available to assist this. Churches can also submit events on the web. This is not used as much as it could be. Our Web site manager had to stand down, however we now have a volunteer willing to assist with the technicalities of the website. The Directory will be updated this year.

### **BICCI Disability Inclusion Group**

This group has continued to be active in raising awareness of the need for inclusion of all peoples in churches. Members were invited to a conference in June 2017 called "Life Changes" which focussed on raising awareness of the isolation people experience, encouraging community integration and equipping the church to support young people during the transition from childhood to adulthood. A follow up meeting in November gave families and churches the opportunity to share experiences and support one another.

### **Churches Enabling Seniors**

During the last year CES have produced a teaching resource based on the conference "Gods purpose for Seniors in our churches" held in 2016. This included a DVD of the conference message and CD with a wide range of follow up study notes, Power Point presentations and printable hand-outs. This was launched in Autumn 2017, 18 hardcopies were taken up on the day. The resource is available free at: - [www.hrpc.org.uk/family-life/gods-purpose-for-seniors.php](http://www.hrpc.org.uk/family-life/gods-purpose-for-seniors.php) or as DVD/CD hardcopy's by contacting CES email: [churchesenablingseniors@gmail.com](mailto:churchesenablingseniors@gmail.com) Useful information relevant events/training/funding opportunities are sent out monthly to "CES Link" people in 22 local churches. The group continue to engage with statutory and voluntary agencies in the area of dealing with loneliness/isolation, Care home support, Community Planning and the Age Friendly Alliance.

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### **Other meetings of Church Works North Down members**

During 2017-18 Members were also invited to meetings/events as follows:

- A Seminar on Domestic Violence Awareness
- A Conference on Life Changes
- A Lecture entitled "Ups and Downs of Bangor Abbey"
- A Fundraiser for The Accessible Bible Project
- A Meeting exploring "Answers in Genesis"
- A Training Session on Internet Safety for Parents and Grandparents
- A Syrian cultural event
- A Local Council Intergenerational Programme
- A Service for the Persecuted Church.

### **Storehouse North Down**

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Forty seven churches, individuals and businesses support Storehouse North Down with groceries and other donations. The Charity could not exist without this support. In the year to 31 January 2018 the Charity issued 1,744 food parcels and fresh food to the value of £92,870.

A hot two course lunch is provided fortnightly on a Sunday in the local YMCA premises. This is free and enjoyed by 15-30 people. Special events are also arranged to mark occasions such as St Patrick's Day, St Valentine's Day. Other support is offered, for example, help with homework, housing problems, hospital visiting.

Christmas dinner on Christmas Day was hosted by Wesley Centenary Methodist Church, 34 people attended. Once again a great success in bringing together people who may otherwise have spent the day alone.

### **Declaration**

This Report has been approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Rev David Stanfield      Chairman

Irene Armstrong          Secretary

# BICCI ACCOUNTS from 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

This is a summary of receipts and payments for the above period

Opening balance at bank £497.58

Income total was £ zero

Expenditure total was £244.87 as follows

11.10.17	Website Hosting Big Wet Fish	53.88
19.10.17	Sarah Etheridge Flyer Design	50.00
01.11.17	Mary Braithewaite Printing Flyers	30.99
13.11.17	Website events calendar renewal	60.00
06.12.17	John Kyle conference speaker	50.00

Closing balance at Bank was £252.71



Trevor Magee PFA

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As an independent person I have carried out an examination of BICCI accounts for this period



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