

Millbrook Church of the Nazarene

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100312

Details

Known as	Millbrook Nazarene
Status	Received
Registered	2015-01-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Website	www.millbrooknazarene.co.uk

Activities

Purposes: The primary objective of the Church of the Nazarene is to advance God's kingdom by the preservation and propagation of Christian holiness as set forth in the Scriptures.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion, The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development, Religious activities, Youth development

Who the charity helps: General public, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£43,556	£64,820	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr James Dunn		
Mr John Henderson		
Mr Matthew Beggs		
Mr Rhyan Mccoy		
Mr Scott Mcclean		
Mrs Carolyn Mundell		
Mrs Emma Beggs		
Mrs Kirsty Campbell		
Mrs Megan Ross		

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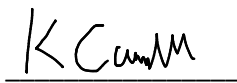
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Signed



Trustee



Trustee

Date

(Church AGM date)

02/02/2025

Millbrook Church of the Nazarene

Millbrook Community Centre

Drumahoe Road

Millbrook

BT40 2PF

Millbrook Church of the Nazarene

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 30 September 2024

	Year ended 30 September 2024		Year ended 30 September 2023	
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £
Receipts				
Offerings/Gifts	32,558	1,837	30,060	1,476
Gift Aid	5,337	-	5,829	-
Grants	-	3,824	-	5,832
Love Gifts	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts	37,895	5,661	35,889	7,308
Payments				
Salaries	32,697	-	26,782	-
BIND	9,600	-	2,800	-
Rent	3,860	-	2,488	-
E3 Scripture Union	600	-	600	-
Mileage and expenses	1,850	-	1,795	-
Speaker Gifts	310	-	50	-
Love Gifts	591	-	200	-
Training/Conferences	841	-	1,669	-
Stationery	105	-	68	-
Food/Resources/Prizes	1,054	-	1,258	-
Ministry Expenses	2,483	4,968	1,039	6,167
Website Hosting/Licencing/Insurance	700	-	1,042	-
Equipment	2,856	-	407	-
Missionary Offerings	1,272	693	348	1,141
General Expenses	228	-	-	-
Bank Charges	111	-	126	-
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Total Payments	59,159	5,661	40,670	7,308
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Surplus/(Deficit)	(21,264)	-	(4,782)	-
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

30 September 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash Funds		
Cash in bank b/fwd	52,008	56,790
Surplus/(Deficit)	(21,264)	(4,782)
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Cash in bank c/fwd (<i>Funds note</i>)	30,744	52,008
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<i>Funds</i>	2024	2023
<i>General Fund</i>	£5,744	£27,008
<i>Legacy Gift</i>	£25,000	£25,000
<i>Total Funds</i>	<hr/> £30,744	<hr/> £52,008
Other Monetary Assets		
	2024 £	2023 £
Gift Aid Reclaim Due	5,546	3,446
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Assets retained for charity's own use		
Equipment (at original cost)	17,796	14,940
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Signed



Trustee



Trustee

Date

29 January 2024

Millbrook Church of the Nazarene
Millbrook Community Centre
Drumahoe Road
Millbrook
BT40 2PF

Millbrook Church of the Nazarene

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 30 September 2023

	Year ended 30 September 2023		Year ended 30 September 2022	
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £
Receipts				
Offerings/Gifts	30,060	1,476	30,636	615
Gift Aid	5,829	-	9,910	-
Grants	-	5,832	-	5,075
Love Gifts	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts	35,889	7,308	40,546	5,690
Payments				
Salaries	26,782	-	26,432	-
BIND	2,800	-	-	-
Rent	2,488	-	3,493	-
E3 Scripture Union	600	-	600	-
Mileage and expenses	1,795	-	1,000	-
Speaker Gifts	50	-	1,120	-
Love Gifts	200	-	-	-
Training/Conferences	1,669	-	1,322	-
Stationery	68	-	-	-
Food/Resources/Prizes	1,258	-	1,787	-
Ministry Expenses	1,039	6,167	632	5,250
Website Hosting/Licencing/Insurance	1,042	-	1,284	-
Equipment	407	-	940	-
Missionary Offerings	348	1,141	961	440
General Expenses	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	126	-	117	-
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Total Payments	40,670	7,308	39,688	5,690
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Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,782)	-	857	-
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

30 September 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash Funds		
Cash in bank b/fwd	56,790	55,933
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,782)	857
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Cash in bank c/fwd (<i>Funds note</i>)	52,008	56,790
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<i>Funds</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>General Fund</i>	<i>£27,008</i>	<i>£31,790</i>
<i>Legacy Gift</i>	<i>£25,000</i>	<i>£25,000</i>
<i>Total Funds</i>	<hr/> <i>£52,008</i>	<hr/> <i>£56,790</i>
Other Monetary Assets		
	2023 £	2022 £
Gift Aid Reclaim Due	3,446	1,937
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Assets retained for charity's own use		
Equipment (at original cost)	14,940	14,533
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Millbrook Church of the Nazarene

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Annual report

Millbrook Church of the Nazarene
Trustees' Report
for the financial year ended 30th September 2023

Millbrook Church of Nazarene

Trustees

Mrs Kirsty Campbell
Miss Emma McFarlane
Mr Rhyan McCoy
Mrs Carolyn Mundell – voted on 10/2/23
Mr Matthew Beggs – voted on 10/2/23
Mr James Dunn
Mrs Julie Murphy
Mrs Sharon McGregor
Mr Melville Smyth – Stepped down 10/2/23
Mrs June Smyth – Stepped down 10/2/23

Charity Number in Northern Ireland

100312

Registered Office and Principal Address

2 Old Forge Manor
Larne
Co Antrim
BT40 2RY

Accountants

Dinsmore & Co
Chartered Accountants
15 Duke St
Ballymena
BT43 6BL

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report and the receipts and payments accounts for the financial year ended 30 September 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 as amended by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 where applicable.

In this report the trustees of Millbrook Church of the Nazarene present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 30 September 2023.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Advancement of God's Kingdom – This is achieved through public worship, missionary and outreach work. The beneficiaries of this Charity are members of Millbrook Church of the Nazarene, their families and the General public within the Millbrook, Larne and Carrickfergus area. Our services are open to all sections of the community who wish to find out more about the Christian Faith and these services are advertised on our website (www.millbrooknazarene.co.uk). The direct benefit of participation in church life includes mental, emotional health and wellbeing contributing to a positive moral and social impact on the community. Benefit demonstrated through observation of improved behaviour, public testimony and monitoring of pastoral care. The indirect benefits which flow from this purpose include the moral improvement in society as a whole which religion is considered to encourage.

Advancement of Community Development – “Millbrook Church of the Nazarene - in the heart of the community with the community at its heart.” One of our aims as a Church is to reach out into the local Millbrook Community in which we are based to provide practical, emotional and spiritual support. We organise a number of activities to this end including, but not limited to: Youth 'Drop in', Family fun days, Acoustic and community café, family Cinema nights and Holiday bible club for children. The direct benefit which flows from this is the encouragement and reduced social isolation of those who live in the locality of our Church as they participate in activities organised by us.

Through the provision of entertainment, or a safe place for children and young people to 'hang out, it is well documented that Churches help decrease the occurrence of crime and deviance amongst local teenagers and this benefits the community and provides positive role models for young people to follow. Benefit demonstrated through on-going feedback from community representatives, parents and team leaders.

The church had four part-time employees during this period. There are no other private benefits. We do not anticipate that any harm will flow from any of the above.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

The charity has a management committee of up to 13 members who meet at least four times a year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policies of the charity. At present the charity has 13 members of the leadership team from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility of the services rest with the Trustees. They are responsible for ensuring the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met.

Governance

The charity is constituted and governed by the Church of the Nazarene Manual (last updated 2 June 2023) and can be found online at: [2023 Manual | Church of the Nazarene](#)

The charity has been registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland from 26/01/2025 under registration number 100312.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance and it meets the requirements through its charitable purposes as set out above.

Financial Review

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £52,008 (2022: £56,790) and liabilities of £0 (2022 - £0).

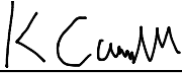
Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Mrs Kirsty Campbell
Miss Emma McFarlane
Mr Rhyan McCoy
Mrs Carolyn Mundell – voted on 10/2/23
Mr Matthew Beggs – voted on 10/2/23
Mr James DunnMrs Julie Murphy
Mrs Sharon McGregor
Mr Melville Smyth – stepped down 10/2/23
Mrs June Smyth – stepped down 10/2/23

Approved by the Trustees on 29/01/2024

and signed on its behalf by:



Millbrook Church of the Nazarene

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Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MILLBROOK CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

I report on the financial statements of Millbrook Church of the Nazarene for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 as amended by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 where applicable.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me reasonable cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Jonathan McNeill
Chartered Accountants Ireland
Keith A Dinsmore Ltd
15 Duke Street
Ballymena
BT43 6BL

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Millbrook Church of the Nazarene

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**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Millbrook Church of the Nazarene
Year ending 30 September 2020**

This report is made to the Trustees of Millbrook Church of the Nazarene in accordance with the terms of my engagement. I have reviewed the financial statements of the church which comprise of a Statement of Receipts and Payment and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities from the books of account and information and explanations you have given to me.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
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My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention

William Wilson FCA
Chartered Accountant

28 October 2020

Millbrook Church of the Nazarene

We confirm that:

- i) we approve the accounts set out on pages 3 and 4 and confirm that we are responsible for them, including the selection of the accounting policies and the judgements underlying them.
- ii) we have made available to William Wilson, all the accounting records of the Church and have provided him with all the information necessary for the completion of the accounts.
- iii) to the best of our knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions entered into by the Church in the year ended 30 September 2020.

Signed



Trustee



Trustee

Date 24 March 2021 (Church AGM Date)

Millbrook Church of the Nazarene
Millbrook Community Centre
Drumahoe Road
Millbrook
BT40 2PF

Millbrook Church of the Nazarene

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 30 September 2020

	Year Ended 30 September 2020		Year Ended 30 September 2019	
	Un- Restricted £	Restricted £	Un- Restricted £	Restricted £
Receipts				
Offerings / Gifts	23,481	281	28,640	2,252
Gift Aid	5,915	-	7,893	-
Parent & Toddler Income	-	-	269	-
Stationery Appeal	-	365	-	-
Neighbourly Community Grant	-	400	-	-
BIND Grant	15,000	-	15,000	-
Legacy Gift	-	-	25,000	-
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Total Receipts	44,396	1,046	76,802	2,252
Payments				
Payroll - Pastor & Youth Worker	31,960	-	27,485	-
Expenses reimbursement	702	-	1,062	-
Community Centre Rent	2,154	-	3,977	-
District Dues	530	-	530	-
Speaker Gifts	100	-	530	-
Love Gifts	2,140	-	1,474	1,300
Missionary Offerings	150	281	7	952
Ministry Expenses	1,804	-	2,876	-
Parent & Toddler Expenses	170	-	270	-
E3 Scripture Union	600	-	1,227	-
Resources / Prizes	325	-	1,175	-
Training / Conferences	225	-	131	-
Stationery / Marketing	180	-	1,208	-
Insurance	382	-	372	-
Equipment	167	-	2,263	-
Caravan (Children's Space)	-	-	122	-
Stationery Appeal	466	765	-	-
Website Hosting/Licencing	235	-	120	-
General Expenses	32	-	11	-
Bank Charges	103	-	182	-
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Total Payments	42,426	1,046	45,022	2,252
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Surplus	1,971	-	31,780	-
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities 30 September 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash Funds		
Cash in bank b/fwd	51,192	19,412
Surplus	1,971	31,780
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Cash in bank c/fwd (Funds Note)	53,163	51,192
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<i>Funds</i>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
General Fund	£ 3,546	£ 12,229
Legacy Gift	£ 25,000	£ 25,000
BIND Grant	£ 24,617	£ 13,963
Total Funds	£ 53,163	£ 51,192
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Other Monetary Assets		
Gift aid reclaim due	1,190	1,819
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Assets retained for charity's own use		
Equipment (at original cost)	9,163	8,996
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Liabilities		
Building Rent	-	(306)
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Millbrook Leadership Team Report 2020

MARCH 2021

2020 has been a year like no other in many ways so much has happened it was easier to split the report into 4 quarters to recap on the eventful year:

January – March 2020

- Pastor embarked on New Testament teaching, starting with the Gospels. We are privileged to sit under the teaching and wisdom of our gifted Pastor each week. We are always reassured of God's grace and love and encouraged to be both practical and intentional in sharing our faith with those around us. From the outset, and on behalf of the Leadership Team, I would like to thank the Pastor for their commitment this year, it has been a challenging year for all, and have gone above and beyond, recording a sermon into a camera is not the same as delivering in person.
- In January, the Leadership Team confirmed the appointment of a new Youth and Community Worker. Throughout 2020 they have been an inspirational addition to Millbrook Church of the Nazarene. Passion for young people is contagious and the light of Jesus truly shines through their ministry. We are continually impressed by the impact of approach and attitude in a year when Youth ministry has been extremely difficult.
- Rising community cases of Covid 19 took hold in mid-March and as a result the Church ceased meeting in person. Our first online service took place on Sunday 22nd March 2020, the first of many... (in fact by end of the year a total of 40 services have been recorded, edited, and posted).

April – June 2020

- Challenged with the new restrictions, Millbrook Church of the Nazarene continued to Preach, Teach, Reach and Pray:
- Producing a Sunday Service online involves so much more time, effort, and expertise than a traditional congregational meeting in the Community Centre. I must at this juncture thank publicly those who through their tireless endeavor made it possible over the last 10 months. Few will know the time, and stress, committed to provide the content online including coordinating all the worship too. Thank you for your commitment and dedication in this.



- Community Pastor in waiting, and the merry band of volunteers, were dedicated to help the local Millbrook community at this time of crisis. A great response followed to support in the delivery of food parcels to vulnerable or shielded individuals. Towards the end of June, we delivered 15 hampers to local GP surgeries, pharmacies and care homes to thank those for their dedication over the difficult spring period.
- We moved our Children's message online to a Friday night slot with stories presented by several of our Sunday School Teachers. These were very well received and thank you to all those who took part.
- Easter, a most important date in the Church's calendar, was observed as best we could within the guidelines. The worship service on Good Friday was a highlight. We rejoiced on Easter Sunday morning with a new song in our hearts: "*Praise the King, He is risen, Praise the King, He's alive*". We equally enjoyed a special Easter Sunday Children's message accompanied with a craft pack delivered to each home so the everyone could all take part.
- As the weeks progressed, Pastor and those heavily involved in filming were rightly fed up being the only ones in front of the camera and encouraged other members of our congregation to take part. Members recorded material for the service including a welcome, prayer, Bible reading or music. Thank you to all those who gave of their time and talents to expand the cast members of Millbrook Netflix equivalent.
- Our weekly prayer time led by Youth and Community worker was so important during these months. We had much to pray for, and still do. The topics and needs were so thoughtfully and meticulously considered each week.
- A few events to finish off the spring quarter included a combined streamed Pentecost service with the British Isle North District, our first Millbrook Zoom communion, a dedicated Children's service at the end of June, Cheesy Nachos via continued via Zoom and an all request acoustic worship set.

July – September 2020

- Kids Club in 2020 went virtual. Craft and activity packs all delivered to the doorsteps of those signed up. Over 60 homes viewed all videos across the week. It was so important to continue this ministry which has been at the core of our Church from its beginnings.
- In late August, in preparation for schools in returning, the Leadership Team were burdened for those less privileged pupils and the obligation to double up on stationery provisions. We appealed to the Church, and how generous and passionate they were, that over 300 stationary packs were made up and distributed

to 10 local schools – these were very well received. Cost to Church was around £500 and the rest funded by a combination of the community grant and generous member donations.

- Millbrook Youth managed to close out the summer with a socially distanced party which was well attended and enjoyed by all.
- Sunday School returned in September via Zoom on alternate weeks. The children love the format and enjoy sharing with each other their news. This is an important ministry to maintain contact with the children. We are so thankful to our head of Children's Ministry and their team, for their dedication and commitment to this vital outreach.
- A few events to round off the Autumn period; Home Group restarted, and Child protection training was completed, both via Zoom. A moving selection of doorstep videos introducing a number of Millbrook members to the Youth. Unfortunately, due to continued restrictions we were unable to restart Parent and Toddler group in 2020.

October to December 2020

- Monthly prayer meetings resumed in October via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We are reminded in Philippians 4:6 *"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything"*. This has been an important time to seek God's guidance for our Church and community.
- Relaxation of restrictions in October allowed for recording to move to the Community Centre. This was a welcome change and whilst added some fresh technological challenges, the editing and production time was greatly reduced.
- Important Covid-19 risk assessments were completed and in November, after 8 months, we finally welcomed limited numbers of our congregation back into the Community Centre to our live service recording. This allowed us to continue to stream a recording of the service to those unable to join physically.
- Unfortunately, the time we could meet in person was short lived, as new restrictions were introduced late December, but not before we held our fabulous Christingle Carol Service. 2 services were available which allowed more of our congregation to attend in person.
- As a Church we did not want the restrictions to impact our ability to minister to our neighbours. In an almost military operation, over 300 hampers and Christingle packs

were delivered personally door to door by members of our Church and continue to show those in our community that we care.

The Church in Numbers 2020

Given the restrictions on gathering during the year, the 2020 average attendance figures are reflective of just the first few months:

- 2020: 76 (56 Adults / 20 Children)
- 2019: 70 (48 Adults / 22 Children)
- 2018: 74 (49 Adults / 25 Children)

An increase on prior years which is encouraging. During the physical closure of our meetings it can be difficult to gauge how many of our congregation have continued to engage with the Church remotely on a week to week basis, but we are blessed to know that the online format has reached a number of new families.

Year ended 30 September 2020 Offerings/Gifts in aggregate were down 23% from 2019 (2020: £23,762, v £30,892), Gift Aid income of £5,915 was back 25% from the £7,893 received in 2019, broadly in line with income shift and expenses at £43,472 down 8% from £47,274 in 2019.

In 2020 we received our 2nd installment of £15,000 financial grant from the British Isles North District. This amount reflects the year 2 of a 3-year commitment from the District. The Leadership Team have allocated this fund towards the employment of our fantastic Youth and Community worker, who joined us in February 2020.

I would like to thank you all for your generous and faithful giving to this Church, particularly since March when the offerings and gifts have mostly been made online. Your giving has been even more important this year to enable the Church to continue to operate throughout this challenging year.

Closing

22nd March 2020 was the 1st Online service, reading that day came from Matthew Ch5 v 13-16:

“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

What strikes me about this passage is the journey Millbrook has been on as a Church since this message in March. When the word “Church” comes up in conversation, the first thing

many think of is a building or a place go to on Sundays. In 1 Timothy 5, Paul describes the Church as **people** dedicated to doing whatever it takes to reach out and help others.

At Millbrook Church of the Nazarene we have always believed in this concept and the restrictions this year have pushed us out of our comfort zone and into the community where we have had the opportunity to be the Church and to be salt and light. The volunteers and outreach at the height of lockdown, hampers and food parcels to those most in need, stationery appeal to support those pupils returning to school, Christmas hampers and sharing the Christingle story. I am most encouraged by these opportunities to show the love of Jesus, through our Church, indeed meeting the need in a practical way to people on our doorstep.

Tonight, the members of this Church will have an opportunity to vote in a new Leadership Team. As Chairperson of this group of individuals, may I publicly commend each person who served over the last 12 months and thank you for your time, hard work and sacrifice given to this Church. This year has been exceptionally busy, and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I am confident that Millbrook have a great team which possess the skills, desire and dedication to deliver on the mission statement of this Church “to be a Church in the heart of the community with the community at its heart”.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Murphy', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Alan Murphy (Chairperson)

Millbrook Church of the Nazarene

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100312

Annual return



Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Millbrook Church of the Nazarene
Year ending 30 September 2020

This report is made to the Trustees of Millbrook Church of the Nazarene in accordance with the terms of my engagement. I have reviewed the financial statements of the church which comprise of a Statement of Receipts and Payment and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities from the books of account and information and explanations you have given to me.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity for the year ended to 30 September 2020, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention

William Wilson FCA
Chartered Accountant

28 October 2020