

# Maranatha Christian Church Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100471

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-03-23
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The Charity is established for the advancement of religion and in particular to provide or make arrangements for the provision of: - 3.1 The promotion of the spiritual teaching of a religious body 3.2 The promotion of the observances which give expression and substance to the religion.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Education/training, Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£23,597	£30,126	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Andrew Wallace Fca		
Mr James Gheel Phd		
Mr Richard Bassett		
Mr Tiago De Castro Carvalho		

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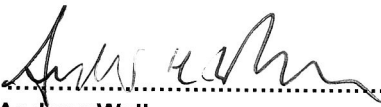
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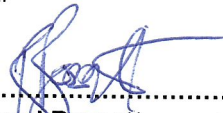
# Accounts

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<b>Maranatha Christian Church Trust</b>			
<b>Profit and Loss account for the year ended:</b>	<b>31/Dec/2024</b>		<b>31/Dec/2023</b>
	£		£
<b>Receipts</b>			
TITHES	23,597		15,230
OFFERINGS	-		-
OTHER INCOME	-		52
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,597</b>		<b>15,282</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
RENT OF ROOMS	-		-
BUILDING REPAIRS	3,011		-
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	4,020		-
FIXTURES & FITTINGS	15,875		-
EQUIPMENT	1,339		4,907
CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES	-		-
RATES	267		201
TELEPHONE / IT	1,425		1,442
ENERGY	2,145		1,476
INSURANCE	1,208		1,212
EVANGELISM	90		-
FLIGHTS	-		-
TRAVEL EXPENSES	-		-
HOTEL & ACCOMODATION EXPENSES	-		-
SEMINARS / MEETINGS	407		-
BANK CHARGES	191		182
SUNDRIES	148		275
TRAINING	-		-
Other payments	-		-
PROFESSIONAL FEES	-		-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>30,126</b>		<b>9,695</b>
<b>NET Receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 6,529</b>		<b>5,586</b>
<b>Reconciliation as at year end</b>			
Cash at bank & in hand - Opening	52,337		46,751
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	- 6,529		5,586
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand - Closing</b>	<b>45,808</b>		<b>52,337</b>

<b>Maranatha Christian Church Trust</b>			
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>			
Bank Current account		45,808	52,337
Deposit account		-	-
Cash in hand		-	-
		<b>45,808</b>	<b>52,337</b>
<b>Other assets for Charity's own use</b>			
Building (Actual value)		125,500	125,500
Musical Equipment (estimated value)		7,000	7,000
Sound Equipment (estimated value)		2,000	2,000
IT equipment (estimated value)		3,500	3,500
		<b>138,000</b>	<b>138,000</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Other Liabilities		-	-
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Approved by the trustees on 12th October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:			

  
 .....  
**Andrew Wallace**  
 Chair

  
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**Richard Bassett**  
 Trustee

  
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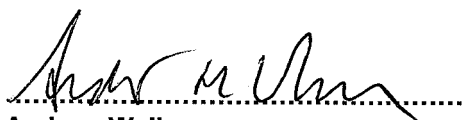
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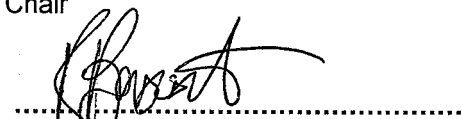
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OFFERINGS	-		-
OTHER INCOME	52		2,774
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,282</b>		<b>18,181</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
RENT OF ROOMS	-		-
BUILDING REPAIRS	-		-
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	-		-
FIXTURES & FITTINGS	-		-
EQUIPMENT	4,907		-
CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES	-		-
RATES	201		167
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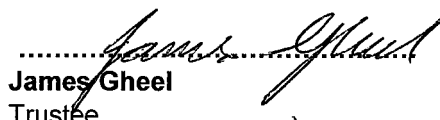
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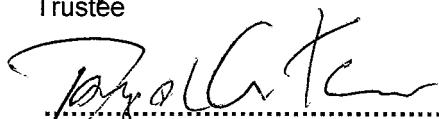
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# Annual report

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# **The Maranatha Christian Church Trust**

**Charity Commission for Northern Ireland - NIC100471**

## **Annual Report & Statement of Accounts**

For the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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## Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

The trustees of the Maranatha Christian Church Trust are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period 01<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### Main Activities

To promote the celebration of the Worship of God and His son Jesus Christ and the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the promotion of the spiritual teaching of a religious body

### Achievements

The year 2023 was the first full year where there were no restrictions in physical gathering since the COVID-19 pandemic. The church continued to meet regularly and had a number of seminars during the year with visitors from the USA and Portugal.

We had a celebration of some water baptisms at one of the events during the summer with many friends and family of those who were being baptised in attendance.

An online prayer meeting continues and has provides some opportunities for regular fellowship with some brethren from Europe and North America. This also is provides an opportunity to share in fellowship and to provide contact especially to those who felt isolated or lived alone.

The church continued to receive teaching from the Bible on a range of practical and prophetic teachings. These studies took place each Sunday morning. The objective is to spiritually strengthen the brethren to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and apply His teachings in our daily lives.

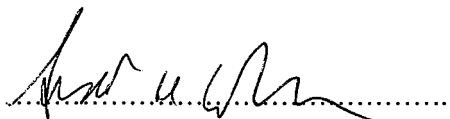
The church continued its efforts in evangelism with regular monthly Saturday or Sunday evangelical evening services being held. The brethren were encouraged to invite people to hear the message of hope through the sharing of the good news of the gospel.

There was an invitation from our sister church in Portugal to attend the anniversary celebration in Lisbon in October 2023. A couple of people were able to attend and it enabled some fellowship in order to strengthen the bonds between us.

The Sunday school classes continue to meet, hear God's Word and share some of their experiences. The age appropriate teachings were provided to help the children grow in the knowledge and grace of the Lord.

The bi-weekly young adults (those 15 years and over) meeting continued on Sunday mornings which provided some discussions on practical issues that the young people face and the biblical teachings and answers related to these. The young adults group found this very beneficial.

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the Trustees on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and signed on their behalf,



Andrew Wallace

Chair

## ***Financial Review***

### **Financial Performance**

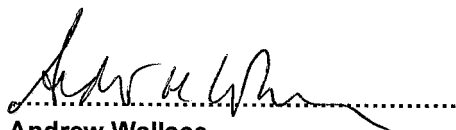
Financial performance in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 has shown a surplus of income over expenditure of £5,586 was achieved for the year compared to a surplus of £12,431 in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

The year ended with a general fund balance of £52,337 (compared £46,751 for the same date last year). Detailed accounts can be found on page 5 & 6.

The income for 2023 included a claim for gift aid relief of £0 from HMRC.

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Other Liabilities	-		-
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Approved by the trustees on 13th October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:			

  
 Andrew Wallace  
 Chair

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

### **Charity Name**

The Maranatha Christian Church Trust.

### **Charity Number**

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, NIC100471

### **Principal Address**

2 Willowfield Street  
Belfast  
BT6 9AU

### **Charity Trustees as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

Mr Andrew Wallace  
Mr James Gheel  
Mr Richard Bassett  
Mr Tiago de Castro Carvalho

## ***Structure, Governance, and Management***

### **Governing Document and Constitution**

The Trust is an unincorporated association and is governed by a Trust Deed adopted 18<sup>th</sup> February 2003.

The Trust is managed and overseen by the trustees who meet regularly and at least once per month to discuss the administrative and spiritual needs of the church. Regular ad hoc meetings are also held.

## ***Objectives and Activities***

### **Charitable Objects**

The objects of the Trust as set out in our Trust Deed the advancement of religion and in particular to provide or make arrangements for the provision of:

1. The promotion of the spiritual teaching of a religious body.
2. The promotion of the observances which give expression and substance to the religion.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The trustees of The Maranatha Christian Church Trust confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the Trust in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

In evaluating public benefit, the trustees note the following benefits:

1. Having a place to meet which is welcoming to the general public in order to have fellowship and community
2. The spiritual growth of the believer and upholding of moral and ethical values based on biblical teaching.
3. To tell others of the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ

These benefits are or will be demonstrated through:

1. Provisions of churches and places of worship which are open to the general public during regular services times
2. The happiness and well-being of the believer or follower.
3. Better moral and ethical values demonstrated in the lives of the believer or follower.

The purposes do not lead to harm.

The church's beneficiaries are:

- The church members or regular attendees and the general public. All our regular services are open to the general public.

There are no private benefits flowing from these purposes.

### **Summary of Main Activities**

Our church is a community of believers who seek to follow and live the way of Jesus Christ according to the Bible. We meet together to worship God and to be taught by Him through His Holy Word and guided by the Holy Spirit. We seek to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ and to facilitate the spiritual growth of the believer.



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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of the Maranatha Christian Church Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

### **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 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.

Signature: *Linda Sands*

Name: LINDA SANDS

Relevant professional qualification or body: IATI - Membership No. MO1152

Address: 9 CAIRNMORE PARK, LISBURN, BT28 2DN

Date: *23/09/2024*

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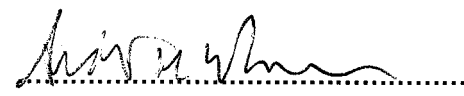
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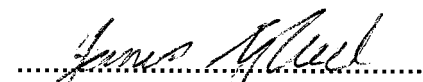
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FIXTURES & FITTINGS	-		-
EQUIPMENT	-		-
CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES	-		-
RATES	<b>167</b>		156
TELEPHONE / IT	<b>1,284</b>		756
ENERGY	<b>2,018</b>		1,281
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SUNDRIES	-		127
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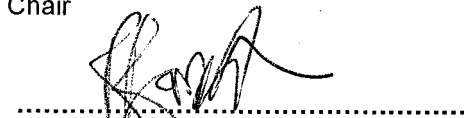
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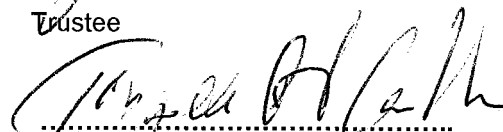
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# Annual report

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## Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

The trustees of the Maranatha Christian Church Trust are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period 01<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

### Main Activities

To promote the celebration of the Worship of God and His son Jesus Christ and the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the promotion of the spiritual teaching of a religious body

### Achievements

The year 2022 was challenging with coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions it had on many aspects of church life, but also very rewarding to being able to get back to meeting in person.

The services returned to physical meetings with some socially distanced protocols still in place in the early part of the year where the guidance from the authorities required this. Not all services returned to meeting physically in person. An online prayer meeting continues and has provided some opportunities for fellowship with some brethren from Europe and North America. This also provides an opportunity to share in fellowship and to provide contact especially to those who felt isolated or lived alone.

The church continued to receive teaching from Bible on a range of practical and prophetic teachings. These studies took place each Sunday morning. The objective is to spiritually strengthen the brethren to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and apply His teachings in our daily lives.

A significant part of the teaching the Lord directed us in was to stir up the church in evangelism. There is an ongoing focus on sharing our faith in Jesus Christ and to share the greatest hope through the sharing of the gospel. A regular evening service was held once per month on a Saturday or Sunday evening with the focus on evangelism.

The church also participated in a live streamed online International Conference with our associated fellowships in the USA, Canada, Brazil and Portugal in March 2022. There was a time of worship, fellowship and teaching in order to strengthen the fellowship between us.

The Sunday school classes which had been curtailed significantly due to the pandemic were able to meet in person again to pray together, hear God's Word and share some of their experiences. The age appropriate teachings were provided to help the children grow in the knowledge and grace of the Lord.

Through the Lord's direction a new group was set up for the young adults, meaning those who had left the Sunday school due to being over 15 years old. This is run bi-weekly and enables some discussion and prayer on topics facing the young adults and the biblical teachings and answers related to these.

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the Trustees on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 and signed on their behalf,



Andrew Wallace

Chair

## ***Financial Review***

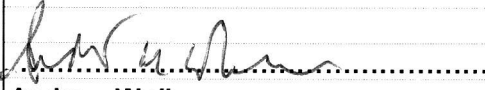
### **Financial Performance**

Financial performance in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 has shown a surplus of income over expenditure of £12,431 was achieved for the year compared to a surplus of £11,372 in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

The year ended with a general fund balance of £46,751 (compared £34,320 for the same date last year). Detailed accounts can be found on page 5 & 6.

The income for 2022 included a claim for gift aid relief of £2,774 from HMRC.

<b>Maranatha Christian Church Trust</b>			
<b>Profit and Loss account for the year ended:</b>	<b>31/Dec/2022</b>		<b>31/Dec/2021</b>
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
TITHES	<b>15,408</b>		9,875
OFFERINGS	-		-
OTHER INCOME	<b>2,774</b>		3,986
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,181</b>		<b>13,861</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
RENT OF ROOMS	-		-
BUILDING REPAIRS	-		-
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	-		-
FIXTURES & FITTINGS	-		-
EQUIPMENT	-		-
CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES	-		-
RATES	<b>167</b>		156
TELEPHONE / IT	<b>1,284</b>		756
ENERGY	<b>2,018</b>		1,281
INSURANCE	<b>2,105</b>		-
EVANGELISM	-		-
FLIGHTS	-		-
TRAVEL EXPENSES	-		-
HOTEL & ACCOMODATION EXPENSES	-		-
SEMINARS / MEETINGS	-		-
BANK CHARGES	<b>176</b>		169
SUNDRIES	-		127
TRAINING	-		-
Other payments	-		-
PROFESSIONAL FEES	-		-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>5,751</b>		2,488
<b>NET Receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>12,431</b>		<b>11,372</b>
<b>Reconciliation as at year end</b>			
Cash at bank & in hand - Opening	<b>34,320</b>		22,948
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	<b>12,431</b>		11,372
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand - Closing</b>	<b>46,751</b>		34,320

<b>Maranatha Christian Church Trust</b>			
<b>Statement of assets and liabilities as at:</b>	<b>31/Dec/2022</b>		<b>31/Dec/2021</b>
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>			
Cash at bank & in hand - Opening	<b>34,320</b>		22,948
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	<b>12,431</b>		11,372
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand - Closing</b>	<b>46,751</b>		34,320
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>			
Bank Current account	<b>46,751</b>		34,320
Deposit account	-		-
Cash in hand	-		-
	<b>46,751</b>		34,320
<b>Other assets for Charity's own use</b>			
Building (Actual value)	<b>125,500</b>		125,500
Musical Equipment (estimated value)	<b>2,500</b>		2,500
Sound Equipment (estimated value)	<b>2,000</b>		2,000
IT equipment (estimated value)	<b>3,500</b>		3,500
	<b>133,500</b>		133,500
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Other Liabilities	-		-
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	-		-
Approved by the trustees on 22nd October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:			
			
<b>Andrew Wallace</b> Chair			

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

### **Charity Name**

The Maranatha Christian Church Trust.

### **Charity Number**

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, NIC100471

### **Principal Address**

2 Willowfield Street  
Belfast  
BT6 9AU

### **Charity Trustees as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

Mr Andrew Wallace  
Mr James Gheel  
Mr Richard Bassett  
Mr Tiago de Castro Carvalho

## *Structure, Governance, and Management*

### **Governing Document and Constitution**

The Trust is an unincorporated association and is governed by a Trust Deed adopted 18<sup>th</sup> February 2003.

The Trust is managed and overseen by all the trustees who meet regularly and at least once per month to discuss the administrative and spiritual needs of the church. Regular ad hoc meetings are also held.

## ***Objectives and Activities***

### **Charitable Objects**

The objects of the Trust as set out in our Trust Deed the advancement of religion and in particular to provide or make arrangements for the provision of:

1. The promotion of the spiritual teaching of a religious body.
2. The promotion of the observances which give expression and substance to the religion.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The trustees of The Maranatha Christian Church Trust confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the Trust in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

In evaluating public benefit, the trustees note the following benefits:

1. Having a place to meet which is welcoming to the general public in order to have fellowship and community
2. The spiritual growth of the believer and upholding of moral and ethical values based on biblical teaching.
3. To tell others of the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ

These benefits are or will be demonstrated through:

1. Provisions of churches and places of worship which are open to the general public during regular services times
2. The happiness and well-being of the believer or follower.
3. Better moral and ethical values demonstrated in the lives of the believer or follower.

The purposes do not lead to harm.

The church's beneficiaries are:

- The church members or regular attendees and the general public. All our regular services are open to the general public.

There are no private benefits flowing from these purposes.

### **Summary of Main Activities**

Our church is a community of believers who seek to follow and live the way of Jesus Christ according to the Bible. We meet together to worship God and to be taught by Him through His Holy Word and guided by the Holy Spirit. We seek to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ and to facilitate the spiritual growth of the believer.



**Maranatha Christian Church Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100471

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of the Maranatha Christian Church Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

### **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 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.

Signature: *Linda Sands*

Name: LINDA SANDS

Relevant professional qualification or body: IATI - Membership No. MO1152

Address: 9 CAIRNMORE PARK, LISBURN, BT28 2DN

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023