

# Journey Community Church Antrim

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100630

## Details

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**Known as** JCC

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2014-09-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Church's objects and purpose are specifically restricted to the promotion and advancement of the Christian faith, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants in the Antrim area of Northern Ireland primarily and in any other part of the world as the directors may think fit ("hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability/ability, race, ethnic origin, political, religious or other opinion with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular: (a) To advance the Christian faith and promote Christianity in such ways and in such areas as the Directors from time to time may think fit, and in particularly but not exclusively through the provision of preaching, the distribution of Christian literature and the education of people in the area of benefit through evangelism and the provision of biblically based teaching, discipleship training, meetings, bible studies and social activities; (b) To train Leaders and Pastors and volunteers so that they may work on projects promoted by the Church in the area of benefit; (c) To train Christians so that they may seek to plant churches and to encourage new, and strengthen existing, partnerships with churches and evangelical groups in the area of benefit; (d) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in the area of benefit as the Directors may from time to time may think fit.

**What the charity does:** The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of religion, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, The relief of those in need by reason

of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Counselling/support,Education/training,General charitable purposes,Grant making,Overseas aid/famine relief,Relief of poverty,Religious activities,Volunteer development,Welfare/benevolent,Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse),Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),Ethnic minorities,General public,Men,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Sensory disabilities,Specific areas of deprivation,Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£464,973	£503,254	£-353,706	11

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Catherine Mckee		
Ian Somerville		
John Ashe		
Mrs Rachel Ashe		
Mrs Zara Monteith		

**Journey Community Church Antrim**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100630

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# Accounts

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## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Donations received	3	412,620	38,287	450,907	498,065
Other income	4	14,066	-	14,066	-
<b>Total income</b>		<u>426,686</u>	<u>38,287</u>	<u>464,973</u>	<u>498,065</u>
<b>Resources expended:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	375,250	45,081	420,331	438,497
Depreciation	5	82,923	-	82,923	80,119
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>458,173</u>	<u>45,081</u>	<u>503,254</u>	<u>518,616</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		(31,487)	(6,794)	(38,281)	(20,551)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	8	310,913	(310,913)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>279,426</u>	<u>(317,707)</u>	<u>(38,281)</u>	<u>(20,551)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		3,079	317,707	320,786	341,337
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>282,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>282,505</u>	<u>320,786</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION / BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST 2024 (Company Registration Number: NI619075)

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	9	600,134	641,589
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>600,134</u>	<u>641,589</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	10	23,856	24,904
Cash at bank		12,221	28,602
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>36,077</u>	<u>53,506</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	11	53,706	75,062
		<u>53,706</u>	<u>75,062</u>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<u>(17,629)</u>	<u>(21,556)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>582,505</u>	<u>620,033</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due after one year	12	(300,000)	(299,247)
<b>Total net assets</b>	13	<u>282,505</u>	<u>320,786</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General funds	14	282,505	3,079
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<u>282,505</u>	<u>3,079</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>	14	-	317,707
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>282,505</u>	<u>320,786</u>

For the financial year ended 31st August 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

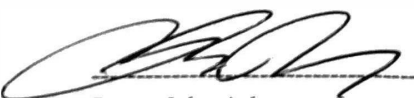
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

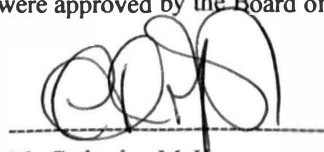
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with Charities SORP-FRS102.

The notes on pages 12 to 18 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 10 to 18 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Pastor John Ashe

  
Ms Catherine McKee

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements

**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024**

**1. Company information**

The Company is limited by guarantee and is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 3 Orchard Close, Antrim. BT41 2RZ. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 20 June 2025.

**2. Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

**Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis**

The charity generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the charity has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

**Incoming resources**

Donations received comprises all cash receivable for the accounting period, including any related tax recoverable under Gift Aid.

**Resources expended**

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

**Tangible assets**

The tangible assets of the charity comprise of equipment, motor vehicles and buildings.

Equipment and Motor Vehicles are depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its expected normal life on a reducing balance basis at a rate of 20% per annum.

The Antrim Buildings are depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its lease on a straight line balance basis at a rate of 20% per annum.

The Downpatrick Buildings are depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its lease on a straight line balance basis at a rate of 2% per annum.

## **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024 (continued)**

#### **Accounting policies (continued)**

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in "other operating gains/(losses)".

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

#### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

#### **Funds**

Funds are classified as either unrestricted funds, restricted or endowment funds, defined as follows.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the charity.

#### **Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty**

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Company's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024 (continued)

### 3. Donations received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
General donations	312,998	-	315,198	243,008
Tax recovered on donations	60,409	-	60,409	54,486
Antrim & Newtownabbey BC grant	-	3,000	3,000	-
Real love ministries grant	-	8,486	8,486	-
Choice housing Ireland grant	-	2,000	2,000	-
Blairs trust grant	-	3,500	3,500	-
Home campaign	3,267	-	3,267	-
Grant funding	-	-	-	3,250
Summer Scheme	-	3,291	3,291	-
Do it for max	-	4,176	4,176	-
Toytals	-	5,117	5,117	-
Other staff support fund	-	1,787	1,787	-
Youth weekend	-	1,083	1,083	-
Kids Mission Trip	-	180	180	-
Other income	1,317	-	1,317	-
Missions, Youth & Outreach	-	1,467	1,467	60,196
Festival income	-	(263)	(263)	66,918
Course and other income	34,629	-	34,629	28,608
Staff support receipts	-	2,730	2,730	4,587
Building fund	-	1,733	1,733	37,012
	<u>412,620</u>	<u>38,287</u>	<u>450,907</u>	<u>498,065</u>

### 4. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Rent	14,066	-	14,066	-
Other income	-	-	-	-
	<u>14,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,066</u>	<u>-</u>

**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024 (continued)**

**5. Analysis of expenditure**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Wages and salaries	164,367	9,171	173,538	132,818
Mission, Youth & Outreach	-	23,188	23,188	61,810
Festival costs	-	-	-	77,542
Donations	3,360	4,236	7,596	-
Prophetic conference costs	6,308	-	6,308	-
Course costs	17,246	-	17,246	11,363
Running costs	103,212	-	103,212	81,952
Repairs & computer expenses	15,459	-	15,459	17,206
Travel expenses	22,962	8,486	31,448	19,839
Governance costs	38,148	-	38,148	18,922
Other expenses	4,188	-	4,188	17,045
	<u>375,250</u>	<u>45,081</u>	<u>420,331</u>	<u>438,497</u>
Depreciation	82,923	-	82,923	80,119
Total	<u>458,173</u>	<u>45,081</u>	<u>503,254</u>	<u>518,616</u>

**6. Taxation**

The organisation is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

**7. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel**

*Employees*

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	173,538	132,818
Total	<u>173,538</u>	<u>132,818</u>

**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024 (continued)**

The average number of employees during the year, was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Directors	1	1
Others	11	9
	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>

There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

During the year, Mr Ashe acted as the Church Pastor in addition to his position as a trustee. His Pastor's emoluments from the company was £37,349 (2023: £35,587). No other directors received any remuneration during the year. No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

**8. Transfer between Funds**

Unrestricted funds are spent or applied at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes. Unrestricted funds may be used to supplement expenditure made from restricted funds.

The Church properties were funded through specific donations and fundraisers, and as such, were held in a restricted fund. The terms of the gifts place no requirement for the Charity to hold the properties for a specific purpose on an on-going basis. Following completion of the properties, the Trustees consider that the terms of the gifts have been met, and therefore the Charity is permitted to use these assets on an unrestricted basis for any charitable purpose.

**9. Tangible fixed assets**

	Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At beginning of the year	656,934	5,000	249,416	911,350
Additions	1,508	-	44,160	45,668
Disposals	-	-	(4,200)	(4,200)
<b>At end of the year</b>	<u>656,934</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>289,376</u>	<u>952,818</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At beginning of the year	166,431	-	103,330	269,761
Charge for year	55,516	750	26,657	82,923
On disposals	-	-	-	-
<b>At end of the year</b>	<u>221,947</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>129,987</u>	<u>352,684</u>
<b>Net book value at beginning of the year</b>	<u>490,503</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>146,086</u>	<u>641,589</u>
<b>Net book value at end of the year</b>	<u>436,495</u>	<u>4,250</u>	<u>159,389</u>	<u>600,134</u>

**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024 (continued)**

**10. Debtors**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift aid refund	21,705	21,976
Other debtors	2,151	2,928
	<u>23,856</u>	<u>24,904</u>

**11. Creditors Amounts Due within 1 Year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors	17,284	23,120
Other creditors	18,072	17,762
Loans	5,500	5,000
Accruals	12,850	29,180
	<u>53,706</u>	<u>75,062</u>

**12. Creditors Amounts Due after 1 Year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Loans	300,000	299,247
	<u>300,000</u>	<u>299,247</u>

The Loan is secured by way of a first ranking legal Charge in favour of the Lender against the property situated and known as 2b Strangford Road, Downpatrick.

**13. Analysis of Net Assets**

	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	600,134	-	-	600,134
Current assets	36,077	-	-	36,077
Current liabilities	(53,706)	-	-	(53,706)
Creditors due after one year	(300,000)	-	-	(300,000)
<b>Net assets at 31st August 2024</b>	<u>282,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>282,505</u>

## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024 (continued)

#### 14. Funds of the Charity

	At 1st September 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	3,079	426,686	(458,173)	310,913	282,505
	<u>3,079</u>	<u>426,686</u>	<u>(458,173)</u>	<u>310,913</u>	<u>282,505</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Building	317,707	-	-	(317,707)	-
Antrim & Newtownabbey BC grant	-	3,000	(3,011)	11	-
Real love ministries grant	-	8,486	(8,486)	-	-
Choice housing Ireland grant	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Blairs trust grant	-	3,500	(3,500)	-	-
Missions, Youth & Outreach	-	1,467	(4,654)	3,187	-
Festival income	-	(263)	-	263	-
Staff support receipts	-	2,730	(2,730)	-	-
Building fund	-	1,733	-	(1,733)	-
Summer Scheme	-	3,291	(7,350)	4,059	-
Do it for max	-	4,176	(4,236)	60	-
Toytals	-	5,117	(5,781)	664	-
Other staff support fund	-	1,787	(1,787)	-	-
Youth weekend	-	1,083	(1,105)	22	-
Kids Mission Trip	-	180	(441)	261	-
	<u>317,707</u>	<u>38,287</u>	<u>(45,081)</u>	<u>(310,913)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><b>320,786</b></u>	<u><b>464,973</b></u>	<u><b>(503,254)</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>282,505</b></u>

#### Purposes of Restricted Funds

Mission, Youth & Outreach fund: This is a fund to be used towards mission, youth and outreach expenses.

Festival fund: This is a fund to be used towards festival costs.

Staff support fund: This is a fund to be used towards staff costs.

Building fund: This was a fund to be used towards new building and repair costs. Following completion of these buildings, this restriction has been ended.

#### 15. Related party transactions

During the year, Mr Ashe acted as the Church Pastor in addition to his position as a trustee. His Pastor's emoluments from the company was £37,349 (2023: £35,587). No other directors received any remuneration during the year.

#### 16. Controlling party

During the year Journey Community Church was under the control of the Trustees (who are also the directors).

**Journey Community Church Antrim**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100630

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# Accounts

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**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023**

**Company Registration Number: NI619075**

**Charities Registration Number: NIC100630**

# **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023**

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# **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT)**

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st August 2023, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

### **Reference and administrative details**

Registered charity name: Journey Community Church  
Charity Commission registration number: NIC100630  
HMRC charity reference: NI00408  
Company registration number: NI619075  
Principal office and registered office: 3 Orchard Close  
Antrim.  
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### **Directors and Trustees of the Company**

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Pastor J. Ashe (Chairman)  
Mrs. R. Ashe  
Ms. C. McKee  
Mr. I. Somerville

### **Structure, governance and management**

Journey Community Church was incorporated 25th June 2013. It is currently managed by the trustees and all decisions are passed by a majority vote at their regular trustee meetings.

The Company is a charity limited by guarantee without share capital which avails of the "Limited" exemption. The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Company and is actively involved in the day to day management of the organisation. Directors are appointed in line with the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the company. The Board of Directors are also known as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Risks identified, such as the financial viability and sustainability of the charitable company, have been reviewed to ensure that a level of funding is maintained that is necessary for the charitable company to continue to meet its objectives. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of company policies such as the policy on financial controls, which require the authorisation of all transactions at the regular trustee meetings and segregation of duties where possible. The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

# **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued**

### **Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)**

The Church's objects and purpose are specifically restricted to the promotion and advancement of the Christian faith, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants in the Antrim area of Northern Ireland primarily and in any other part of the world as the directors may think fit ("hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability/ability, race, ethnic origin, political, religious or other opinion with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular:

- (a) To advance the Christian faith and promote Christianity in such ways and in such areas as the Directors from time to time may think fit, and in particular but not exclusively through the provision of preaching, the distribution of Christian literature and the education of people in the area of benefit through evangelism and the provision of biblically based teaching, discipleship training, meetings, bible studies and social activities;
- (b) To train Leaders and Pastors and volunteers so that they may work on projects promoted by the Church in the area of benefit;
- (c) To train Christians so that they may seek to plant churches and to encourage new, and strengthen existing, partnerships with churches and evangelical groups in the area of benefit;
- (d) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in the area of benefit as the Directors may from time to time may think fit.

The Company is a non-profit making entity. The principal activity of the company is that of an evangelical community church which is registered according to the law of Northern Ireland to advance the Christian faith.

Journey Community Church holds weekly Sunday morning worship services and a monthly evening service. It also facilitates regular fun events and outreach work which includes a holiday bible club, sports academy and various evening activities. There is no entry fee charged for any of the charities activities and these are primarily held within the curtilages of Antrim and Downpatrick towns to benefit these communities and promote the underlying principles of the Christian faith.

### **Public Benefit**

Journey Community Church strives to ensure that they provide public benefit. Public benefit is at the heart of what it means to be a charity. To achieve this objective, Journey Community Church meets the following purposes:

Purpose (a) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the provision of instruction and encouragement on living a moral and law abiding lifestyle. The benefit will be demonstrated by the growth of attendance and through feedback from beneficiaries via comments on social media, emails to the church and pastor, verbal approbation from community representatives and positive feedback from local council and funding bodies. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are regular attendees of Journey Community Church (adults, children and the aged) and inhabitants of the Antrim and Downpatrick areas and all others who wish to attend our meetings. We have identified no private benefit flowing from this purpose.

Purpose (b) - The direct benefit from this purpose is that those attending any of our services or events will be able to avail of help, support and assistance from well-trained people well able to meet their practical, emotional and spiritual needs. This benefit will be demonstrated by the ability of those trained to be able to effectively assume positions of leadership and responsibility and that the public will be aided and protected. Records will exist as people complete training in areas such as child protection and leadership development. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit.

# **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued**

The beneficiaries are those being trained but also the wider public (adults and children) who will benefit from the availability of trained persons at our regular meetings and large public events. Private benefit from this purpose may be that training provided may also be of use outside of the charity situation but this is incidental.

Purpose (c) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the promotion of good relations with other similar organisations and the strengthening of partnerships to contribute to and tap into a larger wealth of experience and skills with which to assist the community. In training members to plant new churches we will provide new opportunities for advancement of moral standards. This benefit will be demonstrated by the planting of other churches and by good relations and co-operation with other churches and groups. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are local, national and multi-national individuals, communities and organisations. There may be slight benefit to some relating to resources now available to them through charity contacts, but this is incidental.

Purpose (d) - Direct benefit from this purpose is the welfare and well-being of the public will be enhanced and improved by services provided by the charity. For example, free events which enable those in financial difficulty to attend, giveaway of hampers at Christmas, the intended establishment of a regular prayer/counselling service. The future establishment of a hardship fund to help those in need. Benefit demonstrated by regularly held free public events, endorsed and part funded by local council, large quantities of provisions distributed via Christmas hampers, positive feedback from beneficiaries via social media, by email and verbal approbation. We have been unable to identify any harm flowing from this benefit. Who is the benefit for? The beneficiaries are primarily adults and children in the Antrim area and surrounding towns but it is probable that people from further a-field will also visit to avail of our events and services, as there are no geographical restrictions. Private benefit may occur during training whereby the person may avail of counselling services themselves during the training process but this benefit is incidental and necessary to properly equip the person being trained.

### **Financial review and funds policy**

The company is a non profit making entity. During the year the charity received income totalling £498,065 and had expenditure of £438,497, so recorded a surplus before depreciation of £59,568. The depreciation charge for the year was £80,119, so this resulted in a deficit for the year of £20,551. The directors expect the charity to report an overall surplus in the incoming year.

The principal funding source of Journey Community Church is from freewill offerings given at church services and by online giving.

The directors consider it prudent to hold monies in reserve in the event that unforeseen circumstances may arise that could lead to financial difficulties which might put its future into jeopardy. At the year end the charity had £28,602 of cash funds to meet the continuing running costs of the company. The directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves taking into account the risks that they have recognised. The reserves policy requires that reserves are maintained at a level which ensures that the core activity of the company could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The company plans to continue its activities in the forthcoming years.

# **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued**

### **Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others**

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

### **Small companies provision statement**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors (who are the trustees of Journey Community Church) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant accounts information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant accounts information and to establish that the charitable company's independent examiners are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board on 30th May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Pastor John Ashe

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st August 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of the Institute of Financial Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

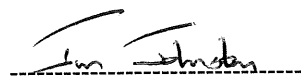
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the 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. The accounting records were not kept as required by 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 Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed an independent examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) 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.



Mr Ian Johnston (A.F.A.)  
For and on behalf of Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants  
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue  
Ballymena  
BT43 7AA

Date 30th May 2024

## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Donations received	3	297,494	200,571	0	498,065	494,607
Other income	4	0	0	0	0	723
<b>Total income</b>		<u>297,494</u>	<u>200,571</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>498,065</u>	<u>495,330</u>
<b>Resources expended:</b>						
Charitable activities	5	274,938	163,559	0	438,497	415,669
Depreciation	5	0	80,119	0	80,119	82,524
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>274,938</u>	<u>243,678</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>518,616</u>	<u>498,193</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		22,556	(43,107)	0	(20,551)	(2,863)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		(18,555)	18,555	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>4,001</u>	<u>(24,552)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(20,551)</u>	<u>(2,863)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		(922)	342,259	0	341,337	244,200
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>3,079</u>	<u>317,707</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>320,786</u>	<u>341,337</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH


## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION / BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST 2023

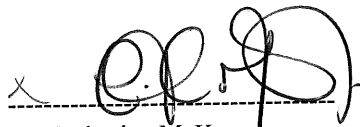
	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	8	641,589	325,836
Intangible fixed assets		0	0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>641,589</u>	<u>325,836</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	9	24,904	31,711
Cash at bank		28,602	52,787
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>53,506</u>	<u>84,498</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	10	75,062	68,997
<b>Total creditors</b>		<u>75,062</u>	<u>68,997</u>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<u>(21,556)</u>	<u>15,501</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>620,033</u>	<u>341,337</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due after one year	11	(299,247)	0
<b>Total net assets</b>	12	<u><u>320,786</u></u>	<u><u>341,337</u></u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General funds	13	3,079	(922)
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<u>3,079</u>	<u>(922)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>	13	317,707	342,259
<b>Endowment funds</b>	13	0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u><u>320,786</u></u>	<u><u>341,337</u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under The Companies Act 2006 and with Charities SORP-FRS102.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
 Pastor John Ashe

  
 Ms Catherine McKee

Date 30th May 2024

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023

### 1. Company information

The Company is limited by guarantee and is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 3 Orchard Close, Antrim. BT41 2RZ. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 30th May 2024.

### 2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

#### **Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis**

The charity generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the charity has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### **Incoming resources**

Donations received comprises all cash receivable for the accounting period, including any related tax recoverable under Gift Aid.

#### **Resources expended**

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### **Tangible assets**

The tangible assets of the charity comprise of equipment and buildings.

Equipment is depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its expected normal life on a reducing balance basis at a rate of 20% per annum.

Buildings is depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its lease on a straight line balance basis at a rate of 20% per annum.

## **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023 (continued)**

#### **Accounting policies (continued)**

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in "other operating gains/(losses)".

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

#### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

#### **Funds**

Funds are classified as either unrestricted funds, restricted or endowment funds, defined as follows.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the charity.

#### **Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty**

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Company's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023 (continued)

#### 3. Donations received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General donations	243,008	0	0	243,008	253,512
Tax recovered on donations	54,486	0	0	54,486	51,323
Missions, Youth & Outreach	0	60,196	0	60,196	28,000
Festival income	0	66,918	0	66,918	44,359
Course income	0	28,608	0	28,608	31,223
Staff support receipts	0	4,587	0	4,587	6,410
Building fund	0	37,012	0	37,012	27,780
Grant funding	0	3,250	0	3,250	52,000
	<u>297,494</u>	<u>200,571</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>498,065</u>	<u>494,607</u>

#### 4. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Interest received	0	0	0	0	1
Other income	0	0	0	0	722
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>723</u>

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023 (continued)

### 5. Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Wages and salaries	114,006	18,812	0	132,818	141,551
Mission, Youth & Outreach	1,614	60,196	0	61,810	35,655
Festival costs	10,624	66,918	0	77,542	65,127
Course costs	0	11,363	0	11,363	12,497
Running costs	75,682	6,270	0	81,952	96,723
Repairs & computer expenses	17,206	0	0	17,206	12,572
Travel expenses	19,839	0	0	19,839	14,239
Governance costs	18,922	0	0	18,922	16,169
Other expenses	17,045	0	0	17,045	21,136
	<b>274,938</b>	<b>163,559</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>438,497</b>	<b>415,669</b>
Depreciation	0	80,119	0	80,119	82,524
<b>Total</b>	<b>274,938</b>	<b>243,678</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>518,616</b>	<b>498,193</b>

### 6. Taxation

The charity is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

### 7. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

#### Employees

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	132,818	141,551
<b>Total</b>	<b>132,818</b>	<b>141,551</b>

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023 (continued)

The average number of employees during the year, was as follows:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Directors	1	1
Others	9	9
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

During the year, Mr Ashe acted as the Church Pastor in addition to his position as a trustee. His Pastor's emoluments from the company was £40,282 (2022: £40,751). No other directors received any remuneration during the year. No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

### 8. Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Equipment £	Motor Vehicles	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At beginning of the year	277,027	0	238,451	515,478
Additions	379,907	5,000	10,965	395,872
<b>At end of the year</b>	<u>277,027</u>	<u>238,451</u>	<u>249,416</u>	<u>515,478</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At beginning of the year	111,125	0	78,517	189,642
Depreciation	55,306	0	24,813	80,119
<b>At end of the year</b>	<u>166,431</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>103,330</u>	<u>269,761</u>
Net book value at beginning of the year	<u>165,902</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>159,934</u>	<u>325,836</u>
Net book value at end of the year	<u>490,503</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>146,086</u>	<u>641,589</u>

### 9. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift aid refund	21,976	21,415
Other debtors	2,928	10,296
	<u>24,904</u>	<u>31,711</u>

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023 (continued)

### 10. Creditors Amounts Due within 1 Year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors	23,120	12,907
Other creditors	17,762	8,519
Loans	5,000	15,000
Accruals	29,180	32,571
	<u>75,062</u>	<u>68,997</u>

### 11. Creditors Amounts Due after 1 Year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Loans	299,247	0
	<u>299,247</u>	<u>0</u>

### 12. Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	0	0	641,589	0	641,589
Current assets	53,506	0	0	0	53,506
Current liabilities	(50,427)	0	(24,635)	0	(75,062)
Creditors due after one year	0	0	(299,247)	0	(299,247)
<b>Net assets at 31st August 2022</b>	<u><b>3,079</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>317,707</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>320,786</b></u>

## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023 (continued)

#### 13. Funds of the Company

	At 1st September 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Endowment funds</b>	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Mission, Youth & Outreach	0	63,446	(63,446)	0	0
Festival	0	66,918	(66,918)	0	0
Building	342,259	37,012	(80,119)	18,555	317,707
Courses	0	28,608	(28,608)	0	0
Staff Support	0	4,587	(4,587)	0	0
	<u>342,259</u>	<u>200,571</u>	<u>(243,678)</u>	<u>18,555</u>	<u>317,707</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	(922)	297,494	(274,938)	(18,555)	3,079
	<u>(922)</u>	<u>297,494</u>	<u>(274,938)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><b>341,337</b></u>	<u><b>498,065</b></u>	<u><b>(518,616)</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>320,786</b></u>

#### Purposes of Restricted Funds

Mission, Youth & Outreach fund: This is a fund to be used towards mission, youth and outreach expenses.

Festival fund: This is a fund to be used towards festival costs.

Staff support fund: This is a fund to be used towards staff costs.

Building fund: This is a fund to be used towards new building costs.

Courses fund: This is a fund to be used towards courses costs.

#### 14. Related party transactions

During the year, Mr Ashe acted as the Church Pastor in addition to his position as a trustee. His Pastor's emoluments from the company was £40,382 (2022: £40,751). No other directors received any remuneration during the year.

#### 15. Controlling party

During the year Journey Community Church was under the control of the Trustees (who are also the directors).

**Journey Community Church Antrim**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100630

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# Annual report

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**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023**

**Company Registration Number: NI619075**

**Charities Registration Number: NIC100630**

**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023**

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**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023**

Charity Name: Journey Community Church

Charity Registration: NIC 100630

Principal Office: 3 Orchard Close, Antrim, BT41 2RZ

**Trustees:**

Pastor John Ashe (Chairperson)

Ms C. McKee (Secretary)

Mr I. Somerville

Mrs R. Ashe

**Elders:**

Mr J. Walker

Mr A. Khairrudin

Mrs E. Khairrudin

Mr G. Smith

Mr E. Cooke

Mr T. Leavy

Mrs R. Brubaker

Mr M. Brubaker

Mr I. Watt

Bank: Danske Bank  
10 Donegall Square W, Belfast  
BT1 6JS

Accountant: Stevenson and Wilson  
22 - 30 Broadway Avenue, Ballymena  
BT43 7AA

## **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023**

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st August 2023, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

### **Reference and administrative details**

Registered charity name:	Journey Community Church
Charity Commission registration number:	NIC100630
HMRC charity reference:	NI00408
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### **Risk management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Risks identified, such as the financial viability and sustainability of the charitable company, have been reviewed to ensure that a level of funding is maintained that is necessary for the charitable company to continue to meet its objectives. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of company policies such as the policy on financial at the regular trustee meetings and

## **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023**

segregation of duties where possible. The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

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### **Financial review and funds policy**

The company is a non profit making entity. During the year the charity received income totalling £498,065 and had expenditure of £438,497, so recorded a surplus before depreciation of £59,568. The depreciation charge for the year was £80,119, so this resulted in a deficit for the year of £20,551. The directors expect the charity to report an overall surplus in the incoming year.

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The directors consider it prudent to hold monies in reserve in the event that unforeseen circumstances may arise that could lead to financial difficulties which might put its future into jeopardy.

## **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023**

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The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

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### **Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors (who are the trustees of Journey Community Church) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant accounts information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant accounts information and to establish that the charitable company's independent examiners are aware of that information.

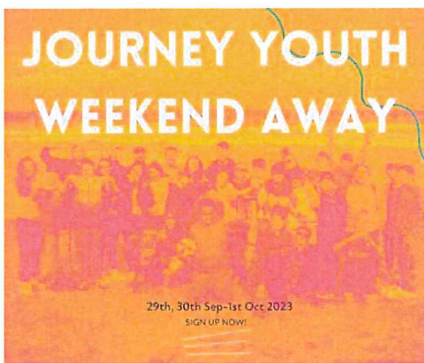
**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023**

**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

**September 2022**

After the Kingdom Come Conference in August 2022, we sensed a need to sustain the spirit of prayer and worship within our Church community. Thus, we introduced the Friday Revival nights, providing a space for people to gather and engage in heartfelt prayer and worship, with a specific focus on revitalizing faith in Ireland. Concurrently, we embarked on a week of intentional prayer and fasting in mid-September.

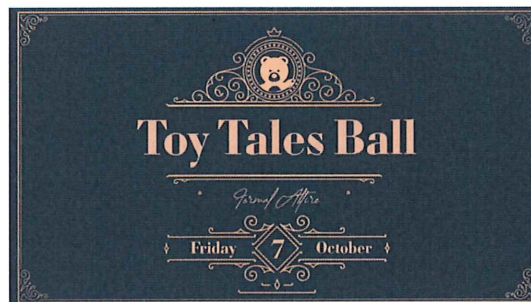
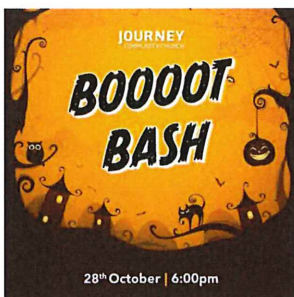
Additionally, we launched our Alpha Course, designed for those seeking answers about faith and Christianity. At the end of the month, our Youth went on a weekend retreat to Exodus in Coleraine, where 30 young individuals and their leaders came together for a time of fellowship and growth



**October 2022**

In October, we hosted our Toytales Charity Ball to fundraise for Toytales Christmas Appeal. We also had a baptism service in which 10 people were baptised.

At the end of October, we held our second Boooobash event in our Church carpark with 20 cars participating in this trick or treat style event followed by a fireworks display.



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**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR (Continued)**

**November & December 2022**

In November, we held a Baptism service in Downpatrick with six people getting baptised. We also began a new level 1 Theotherapy Course both online and in person with over 50 participants.

The highlights of December included Walk through Bethlehem event, hosted at both of our sites, enchanted visitors with its immersive nativity experience, complete with live animals, crafts, and interactive displays that transported participants back in time.

Our Christmas services were also a great success with Christmas Chaos and Carol Services in both locations.



**January/February 2023**

In January we held our Pray31 initiative where we join as a congregation and pray for specific themes each day, as well as our week of prayer and fasting in mid-January. We changed up our Revival nights and hosted Creative Nights which encompassed the prophetic, movement, words and painting.

A team of 20 members of both Antrim and Downpatrick went on a trip to Israel to explore the sites and historical places Jesus would have been. This trip had a profound impact on those who went.

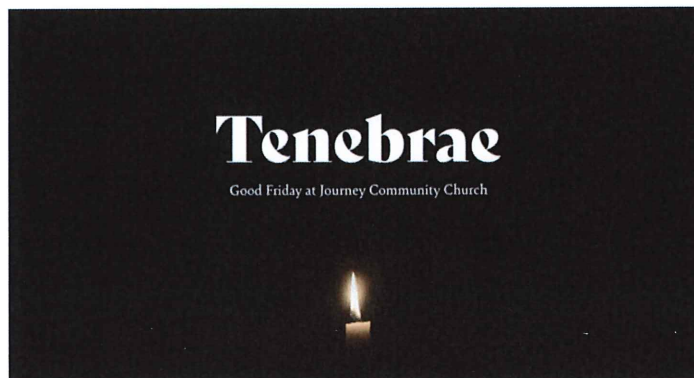
**March/April 2023**

March and April were very busy in the life of Church, starting with our Kids team hosting a mission trip alongside Causeway Coast Vineyard and Vibe Armagh. Our Downpatrick team took part again in the town's St Patrick's parade, this year with a Willy Wonka theme, giving out thousands of chocolate bars, with an invitation to church.

Come Alive – Youth Conference – In March we ran our first Youth & Young Adults Conference alongside a team from Bethel Young Saints, based in Redding, California. This weekend was attended by youth groups and young people from all over Ireland and was a great success.

**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
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**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR (Continued)**



'Tenebrae' was a special service on Good Friday as we observed the final part of Holy Week commemorating the sufferings and death of Christ. This was a unique service that brings to life the main characters who played their own part in the final days leading to the crucifixion of Jesus. The congregation are submerged in the story through drama, song and spoken word the unfolding of the Tenebrae meaning 'darkness' to the resurrection that served as an emblem of triumph over sin and death.

On Easter Saturday and Easter Monday our two Churches took part in our annual Eggsplosion event in both Antrim and Downpatrick. There was a great turn out in both locations and was the first time we got to use our new Downpatrick building for a community event.

**May/June 2023**

May & June, the focus was on the new building in Downpatrick and moving out of our previous building. The Downpatrick team worked hard painting and prepping the new building as well as installation of new staging and lights/sound systems to get it ready for services. This building has huge potential for community outreach and it is hoped that in future we will be able to use it for hiring out to community groups and our team are looking at options of putting a coffee shop in there.

**July/August 2023**

In Antrim and Downpatrick, we organised our Holiday Bible Club and Impact weeks with the theme 'Stellar'. In the afternoons and evenings, we led street clean ups and gardening projects in local housing estates. For the people we helped, and their neighbours, it was a huge help and was made a big impact for those who would otherwise not have been able to do these jobs for themselves.

In August we were invited by BBC radio to record a Sunday Service to go out via Radio Foyle. This was a wonderful opportunity for our Church to provide worship and teaching to a radio audience, we would otherwise not reach and the feedback was very encouraging from those who engaged with it.

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**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR (Continued)**

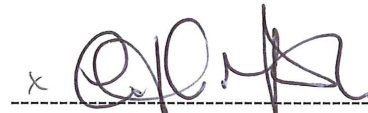
**Kingdom Come Conference 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> August at Shanes Castle**

This was definitely a highlight of the year, running our second Kingdom Come summer Conference at Shane's Castle in Antrim, with guest worship leaders and speakers such as Upperroom, Bethel Music, Jordan DiMarco and Lou Engle. Over the weekend we had seminars, prayer & healing tents, prophetic art and a tent for kid's ministry. It is difficult to put in to words the significance of this event for not only our Journey churches, but Churches across Ireland.



Approved by the Board on 30th May 2024 and signed on its behalf:

  
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Pastor John Ashe

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Ms Catherine McKee

**Journey Community Church Antrim**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100630

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# Annual return

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st August 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of the Institute of Financial Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

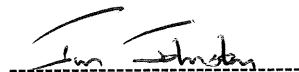
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the 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. The accounting records were not kept as required by 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 Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed an independent examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) 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.



Mr Ian Johnston (A.F.A.)  
For and on behalf of Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants  
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue  
Ballymena  
BT43 7AA

Date 30th May 2024

**Journey Community Church Antrim**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100630

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# Accounts

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**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022**

Company Registration Number: NI619075

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## ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR(S) (INCORPORATED TRUSTEES' REPORT) CONTENTS

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#### Directors and Trustees of the Company

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#### Business, governance and management

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## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT)

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## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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#### Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors (who are the trustees of Journey Community Church) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

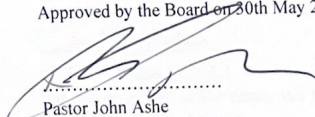
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant accounts information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant accounts information and to establish that the charitable company's independent examiners are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board on 30th May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Pastor John Ashe

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st August 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of the Institute of Financial Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

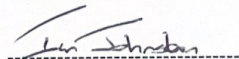
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the 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. The accounting records were not kept as required by 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 Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed an independent examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) 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.



Mr Ian Johnston (A.F.A.)  
For and on behalf of Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants  
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue  
Ballymena  
BT43 7AA

Date 30th May 2023

## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Note</b>					
Donations received	3	347,363	147,244	0	494,607	376,739
Other income	4	723	0	0	723	9,782
<b>Total income</b>		<u>348,086</u>	<u>147,244</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>495,330</u>	<u>386,521</u>
<b>Resources expended:</b>						
Charitable activities	5	302,475	195,718	0	498,193	326,206
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>302,475</u>	<u>195,718</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>498,193</u>	<u>326,206</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		45,611	(48,474)	0	(2,863)	60,315
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		(39,533)	39,533	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>6,078</u>	<u>(8,941)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,863)</u>	<u>60,315</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		(7,000)	351,200	0	344,200	283,885
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>(922)</u>	<u>342,259</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>341,337</u>	<u>344,200</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH


## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION / BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST 2022

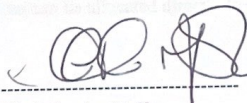
	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	8	325,836	391,057
Intangible fixed assets		0	0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>325,836</u>	<u>391,057</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	9	31,711	11,499
Cash at bank		52,787	5,020
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>84,498</u>	<u>16,519</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	10	68,997	48,376
<b>Total creditors</b>		<u>68,997</u>	<u>48,376</u>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<u>15,501</u>	<u>(31,857)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>341,337</u>	<u>359,200</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due after one year	11	0	(15,000)
<b>Total net assets</b>	12	<u>341,337</u>	<u>344,200</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General funds	13	(922)	(7,000)
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<u>(922)</u>	<u>(7,000)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>	13	342,259	351,200
Endowment funds	13	0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>341,337</u>	<u>344,200</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under The Companies Act 2006 and with Charities SORP-FRS102.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
 Pastor John Ashe

  
 Ms Catherine McKee

Date 30th May 2023

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022

### 1. Company information

The Company is limited by guarantee and is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 3 Orchard Close, Antrim. BT41 2RZ. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 30th May 2023.

### 2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

#### Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The charity generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the charity has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### Incoming resources

Donations received comprises all cash receivable for the accounting period, including any related tax recoverable under Gift Aid.

#### Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### Tangible assets

The tangible assets of the charity comprise of equipment and buildings.

Equipment is depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its expected normal life on a reducing balance basis at a rate of 20% per annum.

Buildings is depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its lease on a straight line balance basis at a rate of 20% per annum.

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022 (continued)

### Accounting policies (continued)

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in "other operating gains/(losses)".

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

### Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

### Funds

Funds are classified as either unrestricted funds, restricted or endowment funds, defined as follows.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the charity.

### Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Company's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022 (continued)

### 3. Donations received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General donations	253,512	0	0	253,512	171,330
Tax recovered on donations	41,851	9,472	0	51,323	33,438
Missions, Youth & Outreach	0	28,000	0	28,000	18,762
Festival income	0	44,359	0	44,359	0
Course income	0	31,223	0	31,223	21,578
Staff support receipts	0	6,410	0	6,410	6,305
Building fund	0	27,780	0	27,780	61,617
Grant funding	52,000	0	0	52,000	63,663
WeServe reimbursement	0	0	0	0	46
	<u>347,363</u>	<u>147,244</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>494,607</u>	<u>376,739</u>

### 4. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Interest received	1	0	0	1	129
Other income	722	0	0	722	9,653
	<u>723</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>723</u>	<u>9,782</u>

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022 (continued)

### 5. Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Wages and salaries	127,495	14,056	0	141,551	116,519
Mission, Youth & Outreach	5,247	30,408	0	35,655	22,363
WeServe costs	0	0	0	0	5,919
Festival costs	20,768	44,359	0	65,127	0
Course costs	0	12,497	0	12,497	13,276
Running costs	84,849	11,874	0	96,723	72,357
Repairs & computer expenses	12,572	0	0	12,572	7,989
Travel expenses	14,239	0	0	14,239	4,889
Depreciation	0	82,524	0	82,524	58,820
Governance costs	16,169	0	0	16,169	12,128
Other expenses	21,136	0	0	21,136	11,946
	<u>302,475</u>	<u>195,718</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>498,193</u>	<u>326,206</u>

### 6. Taxation

The charity is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

### 7. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

#### Employees

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	141,551	116,519
Total	<u>141,551</u>	<u>116,519</u>

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022 (continued)

The average number of employees during the year, was as follows:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Directors	1	1
Others	9	7
	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>

There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

During the year, Mr Ashe acted as the Church Pastor in addition to his position as a trustee. His Pastor's emoluments from the company was £40,751 (2021: £37,417). No other directors received any remuneration during the year. No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

### 8. Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At beginning of the year	271,005	227,170	498,175
Additions	6,022	11,281	17,303
<b>At end of the year</b>	<u>277,027</u>	<u>238,451</u>	<u>515,478</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At beginning of the year	55,720	51,398	107,118
Depreciation	55,405	27,119	82,524
<b>At end of the year</b>	<u>111,125</u>	<u>78,517</u>	<u>189,642</u>
Net book value at beginning of the year	215,285	175,772	391,057
<b>Net book value at end of the year</b>	<u>165,902</u>	<u>159,934</u>	<u>325,836</u>

### 9. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift aid refund	21,415	11,499
Other debtors	10,296	0
	<u>31,711</u>	<u>11,499</u>

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022 (continued)

### 10. Creditors Amounts Due within 1 Year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank overdraft	0	17,857
Creditors	12,907	3,448
Other creditors	8,519	1,759
Loans	15,000	7,000
Accruals	32,571	18,312
	<u>68,997</u>	<u>48,376</u>

### 11. Creditors Amounts Due after 1 Year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Loans	0	15,000
	<u>0</u>	<u>15,000</u>

### 12. Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	0	0	325,836	0	325,836
Current assets	53,075	0	31,423	0	84,498
Current liabilities	(53,997)	0	(15,000)	0	(68,997)
Creditors due after one year	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net assets at 31st August 2022</b>	<u>(922)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>342,259</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>341,337</u>

# JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021 (continued)

### Funds of the Company

	At 1st September 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Endowment funds</b>	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Mission, Youth & Outreach	0	30,408	(30,408)	0	0
Festival	0	44,359	(44,359)	0	0
Building	351,200	34,050	(82,524)	39,533	342,259
Courses	0	31,223	(31,223)	0	0
Staff Support	0	7,204	(7,204)	0	0
	<u>351,200</u>	<u>147,244</u>	<u>(195,718)</u>	<u>39,533</u>	<u>342,259</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	(7,000)	348,086	(302,475)	(39,533)	(922)
	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>348,086</u>	<u>(302,475)</u>	<u>(39,533)</u>	<u>(922)</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>344,200</u></u>	<u><u>495,330</u></u>	<u><u>(498,193)</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>341,337</u></u>

### Purposes of Restricted Funds

Mission, Youth & Outreach fund: This is a fund to be used towards mission, youth and outreach expenses.

Festival fund: This is a fund to be used towards festival costs.

Staff support fund: This is a fund to be used towards staff costs.

Building fund: This is a fund to be used towards new building costs.

Courses fund: This is a fund to be used towards courses costs.

### 14. Related party transactions

During the year, Mr Ashe acted as the Church Pastor in addition to his position as a trustee. His Pastor's emoluments from the company was £40,751 (2021: £37,417). No other directors received any remuneration during the year.

### 15. Controlling party

During the year Journey Community Church was under the control of the Trustees (who are also the directors).

**Journey Community Church Antrim**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100630

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# Annual report

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**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022**

**Company Registration Number: NI619075**

**Charities Registration Number: NIC100630**

**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022**

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**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022**

Charity Name: Journey Community Church  
Charity Registration: NIC 100630  
Principal Office: 3 Orchard Close, Antrim, BT41 2RZ

**Trustees:**

Pastor John Ashe (Chairperson)

Ms C. McKee (Secretary)

Mr I. Somerville

Mrs R. Ashe

**Elders:**

Mr J. Walker

Mr A. Khairrudin

Mrs E. Khairrudin

Mr G. Smith

Mr E. Cooke

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## **JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022**

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st August 2022, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

### **Reference and administrative details**

Registered charity name:	Journey Community Church
Charity Commission registration number:	NIC100630
HMRC charity reference:	NI00408
Company registration number:	NI619075
Principal office and registered office:	3 Orchard Close Antrim. BT41 4RZ

### **Directors and Trustees of the Company**

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Pastor J. Ashe (Chairman)  
Mrs. R. Ashe  
Ms. C. McKee  
Mr. I. Somerville

### **Structure, governance and management**

Journey Community Church was incorporated 25th June 2013. It is currently managed by the trustees and all decisions are passed by a majority vote at their regular trustee meetings.

The Company is a charity limited by guarantee without share capital which avails of the "Limited" exemption. The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Company and is actively involved in the day to day management of the organisation. Directors are appointed in line with the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the company. The Board of Directors are also known as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Risks identified, such as the financial viability and sustainability of the charitable company, have been reviewed to ensure that a level of funding is maintained that is necessary for the charitable company to continue to meet its objectives. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of company policies such as the policy on financial at the regular trustee meetings and

## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022

segregation of duties where possible. The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

### **Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)**

The Church's objects and purpose are specifically restricted to the promotion and advancement of the Christian faith, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants in the Antrim area of Northern Ireland primarily and in any other part of the world as the directors may think fit ("hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability/ability, race, ethnic origin, political, religious or other opinion with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular:

- (a) To advance the Christian faith and promote Christianity in such ways and in such areas as the Directors from time to time may think fit, and in particular but not exclusively through the provision of preaching, the distribution of Christian literature and the education of people in the area of benefit through evangelism and the provision of biblically based teaching, discipleship training, meetings, bible studies and social activities;
- (b) To train Leaders and Pastors and volunteers so that they may work on projects promoted by the Church in the area of benefit;
- (c) To train Christians so that they may seek to plant churches and to encourage new, and strengthen existing, partnerships with churches and evangelical groups in the area of benefit;
- (d) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in the area of benefit as the Directors may from time to time may think fit.

The Company is a non-profit making entity. The principal activity of the company is that of an evangelical community church which is registered according to the law of Northern Ireland to advance the Christian faith.

Journey Community Church holds weekly Sunday morning worship services and a monthly evening service. It also facilitates regular fun events and outreach work which includes a holiday bible club, sports academy and various evening activities. There is no entry fee charged for any of the charities activities and these are primarily held within the curtilages of Antrim and Downpatrick towns to benefit these communities and promote the underlying principles of the Christian faith.

### **Public Benefit**

Journey Community Church strives to ensure that they provide public benefit. Public benefit is at the heart of what it means to be a charity. To achieve this objective, Journey Community Church meets the following purposes:

Purpose (a) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the provision of instruction and encouragement on living a moral and law abiding lifestyle. The benefit will be demonstrated by the growth of attendance and through feedback from beneficiaries via comments on social media, emails to the church and pastor, verbal approbation from community representatives and positive feedback from local council and funding bodies. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are regular attendees of Journey Community Church

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adults, children and the aged) and inhabitants of the Antrim and Downpatrick areas and all others who wish to attend our meetings. We have identified no private benefit flowing from this purpose.

Purpose (b) - The direct benefit from this purpose is that those attending any of our services or events will be able to avail of help, support and assistance from well-trained people well able to meet their practical, emotional and spiritual needs. This benefit will be demonstrated by the ability of those trained to be able to effectively assume positions of leadership and responsibility and that the public will be aided and protected. Records will exist as people complete training in areas such as child protection and leadership development. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are those being trained but also the wider public (adults and children) who will benefit from the availability of trained persons at our regular meetings and large public events. Private benefit from this purpose may be that training provided may also be of use outside of the charity situation but this is incidental.

Purpose (c) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the promotion of good relations with other similar organisations and the strengthening of partnerships to contribute to and tap into a larger wealth of experience and skills with which to assist the community. In training members to plant new churches we will provide new opportunities for advancement of moral standards. This benefit will be demonstrated by the planting of other churches and by good relations and co-operation with other churches and groups. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are local, national and multi-national individuals, communities and organisations. There may be slight benefit to some relating to resources now available to them through charity contacts, but this is incidental.

Purpose (d) - Direct benefit from this purpose is the welfare and well-being of the public will be enhanced and improved by services provided by the charity. For example, free events which enable those in financial difficulty to attend, giveaway of hampers at Christmas, the intended establishment of a regular prayer/counselling service. The future establishment of a hardship fund to help those in need. Benefit demonstrated by regularly held free public events, endorsed and part funded by local council, large quantities of provisions distributed via Christmas hampers, positive feedback from beneficiaries via social media, by email and verbal approbation. We have been unable to identify any harm flowing from this benefit. Who is the benefit for? The beneficiaries are primarily adults and children in the Antrim area and surrounding towns but it is probable that people from further a-field will also visit to avail of our events and services, as there are no geographical restrictions. Private benefit may occur during training whereby the person may avail of counselling services themselves during the training process but this benefit is incidental and necessary to properly equip the person being trained.

### **Financial review and funds policy**

The company is a non profit making entity. During the year the charity received income totalling £495,330 and had expenditure of £498,193, recording a small deficit of £2,863 for the year. The directors expect the charity to report an overall surplus in the incoming year.

Coming out of covid lockdowns the church was able to continue to build community and reach those in need.

The principal funding source of Journey Community Church is from freewill offerings given at church services and by online giving.

The directors consider it prudent to hold monies in reserve in the event that unforeseen circumstances may arise that could lead to financial difficulties which might put its future into jeopardy.

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At the year end the charity had £52,787 of cash funds to meet the continuing running costs of the company. The directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves taking into account the risks that they have recognised. The reserves policy requires that reserves are maintained at a level which ensures that the core activity of the company could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The company plans to continue its activities in the forthcoming years.

### **Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others**

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

### **Small companies provision statement**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors (who are the trustees of Journey Community Church) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant accounts information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant accounts information and to establish that the charitable company's independent examiners are aware of that information.

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## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

### September & October 2021

In September Journey Youth in both Antrim & Downpatrick restarted meeting on a Friday, in Downpatrick and a Sunday evening, in Antrim, with steady numbers of teenagers joining in each week. The youth teams planned a fantastic programme over this first term including karaoke nights, themed night and trips out.

A highlight of October was our first Boooooot Bash in Antrim, which was a Halloween Outreach event. Church members got involved by decorating their car boots and kids got to collect sweets and take part in games at each boot. It was a wonderful family fun event, and it was great to invite the community along to our new building.



### November 2021

After a long while of not being able to run homegroups, our Journey Groups started back this month in both Antrim and Downpatrick. These groups really help build community within church and allow people to meet others they wouldn't normally get to chat to on a Sunday morning. The groups this year will run for 8-week blocks so people can switch around groups more frequently and meet a wide range of people. These groups always book up fast and are very popular.

### December 2021

We had planned our Christmas outreach "A walk through Bethlehem" in both locations but unfortunately had to cancel our Antrim event due to COVID. The event in Downpatrick has grown in popularity and is a highlight for many people in the town who don't regularly attend Church, but who always attend this event and bring family and friends with them.

### January/February 2022

In January we held our Pray31 initiative where we join as a congregation and pray for specific themes each day, as well as our week of prayer and fasting in mid-January. We also held a baptism service in January as there were several people so excited to get baptised who had been through our Alpha course.

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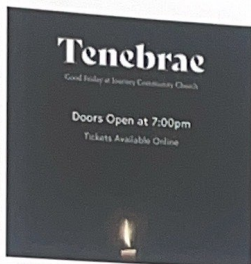
## JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

### March/April 2022

In March our Downpatrick team took part again in the town's St Patrick's parade with our float, alongside this the team also gave out thousands of chocolate bars, with an invitation to Church.

April was an extremely busy month with Easter preparations for our annual Eggsplosion events in Downpatrick and Antrim on Easter Saturday and Easter Monday, where thousands of people attend these outreaches each year.

This year we also added a new service to our Easter weekend called Tenebrae, which is a powerful Good Friday production, depicting the last moments of Jesus, with insights from the key people in the story. It was incredibly moving and really brought the Good Friday story to life. We then celebrated Easter Sunday with 8 children and adults choosing to get baptised at our Sunday Service.



### May/June 2022

We celebrated one year in our new building in Antrim in May, and it is encouraging to see the growth in congregation over this year, even to the point where we are already discussing plans for extensions for our Antrim building, especially to accommodate our tots and children's ministries. In Downpatrick, we held the first of our Family Fun Days in Crossgar, the aim of these events was to increase our visibility in the towns and surrounding areas, whilst also providing free, accessible fun days to bless the communities. We held the next Fun day in Killyleagh in early July.

### July/August 2022

#### IHeart Downpatrick and Antrim

This year we ran these events simultaneously with Holiday Bible Club each morning, followed by street clean ups and street parties in the evening in Downpatrick and our alleyway project in Antrim.

#### Redecorated 15d Alleyway

As part of our Summer Outreach we decided, instead of our usual street clean ups to use the week to completely overhaul the alleyway where we used to meet for Church in Antrim, 15d Market Square. The walls on the alleyway were getting vandalised and graffiti from the teenagers who hang out there, so we repainted the whole alley, added the umbrella features and two larger murals on the walls. Bringing a bit of life to this alleyway has made it a feature in Antrim and, we are happy to say, has reduced the amount of graffiti in that area.

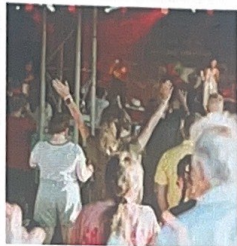
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**JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**



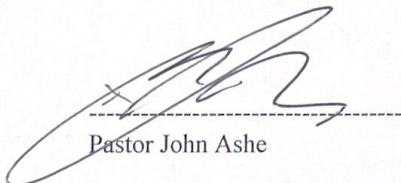
**Kingdom Come Conference 11-14th August at Shanes Castle**

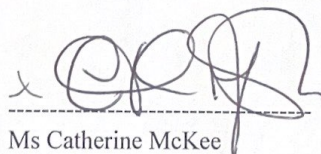
This was probably the highlight of the year, running our first Kingdom Come Conference at Shane's Castle in Antrim, with guest worship leaders and speakers such as Upperroom, Bethel Music, Jordan DiMarco and Chuck Parry. Over the weekend we had seminars, prayer & healing tents, prophetic art and a tent for kid's ministry. It is difficult to put in to words the significance of this event for not only our Journey churches, but Churches across Ireland and we are excited to be planning another conference for August 2023.



This reporting period has been a busy, full year with a return to 'normal' after those previous years of COVID and disruptions to plans. Having our own building in Antrim has made a significant difference to our growth and congregation, with many newcomers and visitors weekly. For our Downpatrick Church, this year has showed us the continued importance of being visible in the community and has encouraged us to acquire a new building in which we will be able to facilitate more community projects as well as grow our Downpatrick congregation.

Approved by the Board on 30th May 2023 and signed on its behalf:

  
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Pastor John Ashe

  
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Ms Catherine McKee

**Journey Community Church Antrim**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100630

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# Annual return

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st August 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of the Institute of Financial Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

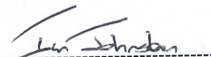
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the 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. The accounting records were not kept as required by 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 Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed an independent examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) 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.



Mr Ian Johnston (A.F.A.)  
For and on behalf of Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants  
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue  
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BT43 7AA

Date 30th May 2023