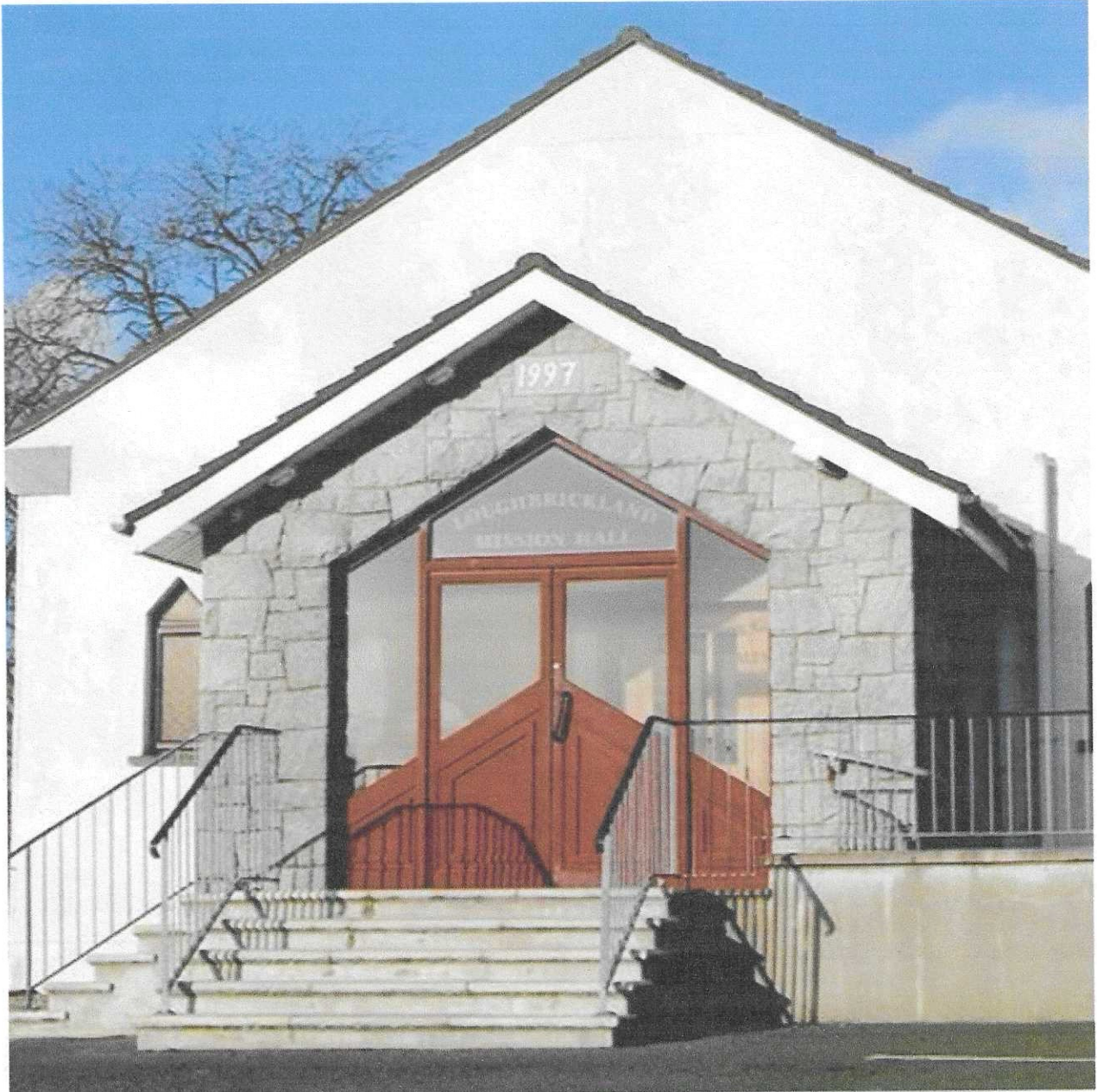


Loughbrickland Mission Hall

Trustees' Annual Report

1st January 2023 - December 31st 2023



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Charity Name: Loughbrickland Mission Hall (NIC Number: 100874)

Location: Loughbrickland Mission Hall
 Rathfriland Street
 Loughbrickland
 Co. Down
 BT32 3NQ

Working Address: 56 Chinauley Park,
 Banbridge,
 Co. Down,
 BT32 4JL

Purpose of Loughbrickland Mission Hall:

The promotion and advancement of Christianity on strictly non-sectarian principles with all trustees holding evangelical views- and adhering to the Mission Hall's 'Statement of Faith'.

The 'Statement of Faith' is annexed to this report.

The trustees are satisfied that both elements of the public benefit test are met.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include the raising of Christian moral values and standards amongst the people who attend the services and to wider society through seeing religious people in the community, the cultivation of cross-community relations (for example through common events like youth training and clubs which advance religious knowledge and education amongst children attending the activity).

Additional benefits include increased contribution to missionaries who adhere to our 'Statement of Faith', which sees improved relief to disadvantaged people at home and abroad. The benefits can be demonstrated through feedback from the beneficiaries and the visible presence of religion and its resources in the community.

No harm arises from any of the above.

The beneficiaries are primarily the users/ adherents of the hall and its statement of faith; and more widely the general public. There are no private benefits which are more than incidental or necessary, for example, a small token of gratitude to guest speakers etc.

Main Activities of Loughbrickland Mission Hall (1st Jan 2023 - 31st December 2023)

- **A Sunday evening service** was conducted weekly with a visiting speaker or missionary. These meetings served to raise Christian moral values and standards among its attendants. It is open to the public and has enjoyed regular attendance from a diverse range of people from the community. These meetings, as well as special mid-week meetings, were recorded and made available to those unable to attend, through the means of our website.
- **Tuesday evening prayer service.** In like manner, these meetings served to raise Christian moral values, and were an on-going opportunity to pray for the local community and its needs.
- **Youth Groups.** The Mission Hall was used for a special event run by an external organisation with a similar ethos. This was for a group of teenagers to have fun activities and benefit from the teaching of Christian beliefs. The Hall was also used on a regular basis for an older age group for the purpose of Christian fellowship and the promotion of Christian discipleship.
- **Support of local and international missionary organisations.** The Mission Hall hosted a number of missionaries and speakers during the year, and contributed collections to the respective missionary organisations. These organisations varied in their missional context: some organisations were primarily engaged in activity within Northern Ireland, whereas others were international in their outreach. However, all organisations supported by the Mission Hall had the shared purposes of alleviating poverty; providing relief to disadvantaged people, and ultimately, the furtherance of the evangelical Christian message in a local, as well as in an international context.

Governance of Loughbrickland Mission Hall

The charity is managed by a Committee, which in accordance to the Mission Hall's constitution (February 2015), must have more than 4 persons but not more than 15.

The Committee must have the following offices of chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer. Individuals, as well as officers, can be appointed at any one of the monthly meetings of the charity by the majority consent of the Committee. A trustee must be an adherent of the charity, agreeing with the Mission Hall's 'Statement of Faith' and regard the statutory guidance on public benefit requirements from the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland. Failure to adhere to the Mission Hall's 'Statement of Faith' as well as the statutory guidance of the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, would result in the disqualification of any trustee.

Committee

Throughout 2023, there have been 6 members on the Committee:

Mr. Jim Stewart (Chair)

Mr. David Meredith (Vice-Chair)

Mrs. Wilma Stewart (Secretary)

Mr. Stephen Bartley

Mr. Jeremy Young (Treasurer)

Mr. Phillip Buchanan

At least 10 meetings of the Committee are held annually (typically on a monthly basis), with a majority of trustees expected to be present in order to take decisions on behalf of the charity. Minutes are kept for every meeting.

Financial Report (1st January- 31st December 2023)

The opening bank balance on 1st January 2023 stood at £7,475.56

Throughout the year, the Mission Hall collected £52,816.65

Total expenditure throughout the year came to £46,322.73

The closing bank balance on 31st December 2023 stood at £13,969.48

Trustees at time of Report's Approval (04/11/2024):

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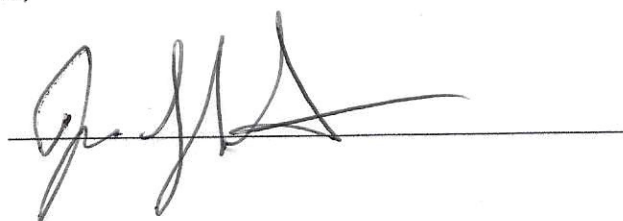
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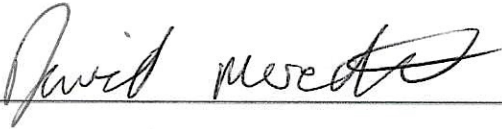
Mr. Jeremy Young (Treasurer)

Signed:

JIM STEWART (Chair)

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DAVID MEREDITH (Vice-Chair)



Date: 04/11/2024

In annex:

LOUGHBRICKLAND MISSION HALL

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- a. The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- b. The sovereignty of God in creation, providence, revelation, redemption, and the final judgement.
- c. The divine inspiration and entire trustworthiness of Holy Scripture as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- d. The sinfulness and guilt of all men since the Fall, rendering them subject to God's wrath and condemnation
- e. Redemption from the guilt, penalty, and power of sin only through the sacrificial death as our Representative and Substitute, of Jesus Christ the Incarnate Son of God.
- f. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and his ascension to the right hand of God the Father.
- g. The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting him repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ.
- h. The justification of the sinner by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ alone.
- i. The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
- j. The one holy, universal Church which is the Body of Christ, and to which all true believers belong.
- k. The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.