

# The Journey Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100981

## Details

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**Known as** The Journey

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2014-12-12

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

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Journey Church is established for charitable purposes only, specifically the advancement of religion (specifically the Christian Faith), the advancement of education and the advancement of community development. Such purposes must be carried out exclusively in a manner that is beneficial to the public and is recognised by the law of Northern Ireland as being charitable. The Journey Church shall participate only in initiatives that are reasonably conducive to the realisation of the above mentioned purposes, such initiatives including (but not limited to): (i) raising awareness and understanding of Evangelical Christian beliefs and practices; (ii) carrying out missionary and outreach work within the local community; (iii) holding regular public worship services.

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

**How the charity works:** Community development, Education/training, Religious activities, Sport/recreation, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£147,968	£149,487	£0	3

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Holly Helena Cairns		
Mr Colin William Patterson		
Mr David Adams		
Mr Matthew Kennedy		
Mr Neil Mcleese		
Mr Trevor Johnston		

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# Accounts

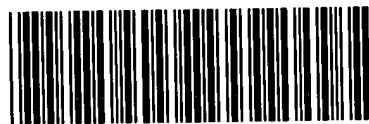
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Company Registration Number: NI623523  
Charity Number: 100981

**The Journey Church**  
**Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the financial year ended 31 March 2025**

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**The Journey Church**  
**TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION**

<b>Trustees</b>	Matthew John Kennedy Holly Cairns (Appointed 1 September 2024) Colin Patterson (Appointed 1 September 2024) Samuel Joseph Bittle (Resigned 1 September 2024) David William Adams (Appointed 1 January 2025) Colin Trevor Johnston (Appointed 1 January 2025) Neil William McLeese (Appointed 25 September 2025)
<b>Charity Number in Northern Ireland</b>	100981
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	NI623523
<b>Principal Address</b>	The Journey Church Unit 3B Moira Road Retail Park 45 Moira Road Lisburn Co Antrim BT28 1RH
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# **The Journey Church TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of The Journey Church present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2025.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

## **Mission, Objectives and Strategy**

### **Mission Statement**

The charity aims to teach the values outlined within the Bible to better improve people's lives and give them an opportunity to put their trust in God. The charity aims to provide a regular place of worship with a sense of community and belonging for its people. It also provides activities for children and young children.

### **Objectives**

The charity aims to work locally with all sections of the community, building relationships, sharing, and demonstrating the love of God. The charity is currently partnering with Lisburn Foodbank which is an organisation founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area. The Journey Church have been supporting the foodbank now over several years, through seasonal collections and now has a daily drop off point in the café entrance.

All these activities are run by volunteers, apart from the church teaching and pastoral care. The church employed Dave Wylie as a full time permanent pastor within the organisation with employment commencing in May 2024. The charity also has a part-time worship and music coordinator, training, and equipping others in leading worship and playing instruments. The charity also employs a part time administrator to assist with the administration of the church and to provide support to the leadership team in coordination and communication of the activities happening within church and through the other community services.

### **Strategy**

The Church owns a subsidiary company Happy Days (Lisburn) Limited, a soft play and café venture which has been operating for 3 years. This has been an amazing way to connect with the local community. This year, the café continued renovations to improve the facilities offered and increase the capacity available for customers.

Multiple spaces in the church building are used for groups to gather. A craft group runs one morning a week which has been a regular opportunity for women of all ages to gather and enjoy company over their crafts. There are also multiple exercise classes running in the church building during the week both free and private hire bookings, which is seeing many new people engage with the church services and other activities.

The charity also supports missionaries in Spain, Serbia, Italy and The Republic of Ireland. The charity aimed to have over one hundred regular attendees in worship services each week. Attendance has increased in the past year and the charity continues to improve its excellent facilities.

# The Journey Church

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Structure

The trustees also act as directors for the charity and make up the joint leadership team. Each director has equal responsibility, authority, and power in decision-making. When a unanimous decision cannot be achieved, a majority decision is reached. Within the context of the Journey Church these directors serve as leaders and are responsible for all decision-making along with the wider church leadership team.

The Journey Church has a memorandum and articles of association and is constituted as a limited company by guarantee.

#### Governance

All trustees must pass strict criteria, they must be above reproach, have a good reputation and be responsible with money. Outgoing Trustees must unanimously agree when appointing new trustees.

All risks posed to the charity are covered by professional indemnity insurance. Appropriate procedures and systems are in place to ensure that the criteria are always met to comply with insurance policies. The charity has a safeguarding policy in place for working with children and vulnerable adults. All volunteers within the charity are appropriately vetted.

#### Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 9 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail on page 18.

The charity has a healthy cash balance. The majority of the charity's income comes through donations from church members. A sizable amount of the charity's money is set aside for local compassion work and overseas mission work.

#### Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £651,970 (2024 - £653,781) and liabilities of £1,730 (2024 - £2,022). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £(1,519).

The charity is keen to expand its work in the heart of the local community. A major part of this work will include increasing awareness of the services offered at the church through links counselling service and continuing to build and grow partnerships with local community groups such as the Resurgam centre in one of the neighbouring estates. We also plan to continue expanding the services we are able to offer the local community through Happy Days.

#### Trustees

The current trustees are as set out on page 3

Matthew John Kennedy

Holly Cairns (Appointed 1 September 2024)

Colin Patterson (Appointed 1 September 2024)

Samuel Joseph Bittle (Resigned 1 September 2024)

David William Adams (Appointed 1 January 2025)

Colin Trevor Johnston (Appointed 1 January 2025)

Neil William McLeese (Appointed 25 September 2025)

#### Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. The Journey Church subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

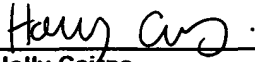
**The Journey Church**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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**Matthew John Kennedy**  
Trustee



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**Holly Cairns**  
Trustee

# The Journey Church

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of The Journey Church for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the trustees 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 charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period.


In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Matthew John Kennedy  
Trustee

  
Holly Cairns  
Trustee

# The Journey Church

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOURNEY CHURCH

I have examined the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



**John McCleary FCA**  
**MCCLEARY & COMPANY LTD**  
Chartered Accountants  
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BT28 1TP

**Date: 27 November 2025**

# The Journey Church

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and legacies	2.1	91,834	38,662	130,496	96,263	13,053	109,316
Other income	2.2	16,561	911	17,472	9,320	1,362	10,682
<b>Total income</b>		<b>108,395</b>	<b>39,573</b>	<b>147,968</b>	<b>105,583</b>	<b>14,415</b>	<b>119,998</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Charitable activities	3.1	115,349	34,138	149,487	96,728	36,570	133,298
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(6,954)</b>	<b>5,435</b>	<b>(1,519)</b>	<b>8,855</b>	<b>(22,155)</b>	<b>(13,300)</b>
Transfers between funds		(19,829)	19,829	-	(19,009)	19,009	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the financial year</b>		<b>(26,783)</b>	<b>25,264</b>	<b>(1,519)</b>	<b>(10,154)</b>	<b>(3,146)</b>	<b>(13,300)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds beginning of the year	12	646,251	5,508	651,759	656,405	8,654	665,059
<b>Total funds at the end of the year</b>		<b>619,468</b>	<b>30,772</b>	<b>650,240</b>	<b>646,251</b>	<b>5,508</b>	<b>651,759</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.  
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

**The Journey Church**  
 Company Number: NI623523  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
 as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	551,555	574,833
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	9	60,545	63,028
Cash at bank and in hand		39,870	15,920
		100,415	78,948
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	(1,730)	(2,022)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		98,685	76,926
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		650,240	651,759
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted funds		30,772	5,508
General fund (unrestricted)		619,468	646,251
<b>Total funds</b>	12	650,240	651,759

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The trustees confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

**Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by**



**Matthew John Kennedy**  
Trustee



**Holly Cairns**  
Trustee

# The Journey Church

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

#### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 March 2025 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

#### **Cash flow statement**

The charity has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charity.

#### **Fund accounting**

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

#### **Restricted funds**

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

#### **Unrestricted funds**

Unrestricted funds consist of General funds.

■ General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

#### **Income**

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the charity is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the charity.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

#### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	-	Not depreciated
Improvement to property	-	10% on reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	15% on reducing balance

# The Journey Church

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

### Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial year end, is included in debtors.

### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

### Taxation and deferred taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

<b>2.</b>	<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>2.1</b>	<b>DONATIONS AND LEGACIES</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Donations	72,181	23,662	95,843	91,247
	Gift aid	19,653	-	19,653	18,069
	Grants	-	15,000	15,000	-
		<u>91,834</u>	<u>38,662</u>	<u>130,496</u>	<u>109,316</u>
<b>2.2</b>	<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Other income	16,561	911	17,472	10,682
		<u>16,561</u>	<u>911</u>	<u>17,472</u>	<u>10,682</u>
<b>3.</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>3.1</b>	<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Direct Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Support Costs</b>	<b>2025</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2024</b>
	Expenditure on charitable activities	113,095	-	32,845	145,940
	Governance Costs (Note 3.2)	-	-	3,547	4,319
		<u>113,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,392</u>	<u>149,487</u>
<b>3.2</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	<b>Direct Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Support Costs</b>	<b>2025</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2024</b>
	Charitable activities - governance costs	-	-	3,547	4,319
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,547</u>	<u>4,319</u>
<b>3.3</b>	<b>SUPPORT COSTS</b>		<b>Charitable Activities</b>	<b>Governance Costs</b>	<b>2025</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2024</b>
	Office expenses		1,454	-	1,454
	Establishment costs		7,518	-	7,518
	Accountancy and legal fees		-	3,547	3,547
	Bank charges		295	-	295
	Improvements to property depreciation		23,578	-	23,578
			<u>32,845</u>	<u>3,547</u>	<u>36,392</u>
					<u>41,948</u>

**The Journey Church**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

**4. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>Basis of Apportionment</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Office expenses	100%	1,454	3,027
Establishment costs	100%	7,518	8,358
Accountancy and legal fees	100%	3,547	4,319
Bank charges	100%	295	311
Improvements to property depreciation	100%	23,578	25,933
		<u>36,392</u>	<u>41,948</u>

**5. NET INCOME**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
<b>Net Income is stated after charging/(crediting):</b>		
Depreciation of tangible assets	23,578	25,933
	<u>23,578</u>	<u>25,933</u>

**6. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Other income	17,472	10,682
	<u>17,472</u>	<u>10,682</u>

**7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION**

**Number of employees**

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:

	<b>2025 Number</b>	<b>2024 Number</b>
Management and administration	2	3
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>The staff costs comprise:</b>		
	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Wages and salaries	36,200	42,350
Pension costs	777	355
	<u>36,977</u>	<u>42,705</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

# The Journey Church

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

### 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings freehold £	Improvement to property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2024	350,000	326,659	44,541	721,200
Additions	-	-	300	300
At 31 March 2025	<u>350,000</u>	<u>326,659</u>	<u>44,841</u>	<u>721,500</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2024	-	123,404	22,963	146,367
Charge for the financial year	-	20,326	3,252	23,578
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>143,730</u>	<u>26,215</u>	<u>169,945</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2025	<u>350,000</u>	<u>182,929</u>	<u>18,626</u>	<u>551,555</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>350,000</u>	<u>203,255</u>	<u>21,578</u>	<u>574,833</u>

### 9. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	47,412	47,412
Taxation and social security costs	265	-
Prepayments and accrued income	12,868	15,616
	<u>60,545</u>	<u>63,028</u>

### 10. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	115	2,022
Accruals and deferred income:		
Pension accrual	40	-
Other accruals	1,575	-
	<u>1,730</u>	<u>2,022</u>

### 11. RESERVES

	2025 £	2024 £
At the beginning of the year	651,759	665,059
Deficit for the financial year	(1,519)	(13,300)
At the end of the year	<u>650,240</u>	<u>651,759</u>

## The Journey Church NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

### 12. FUNDS

12.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
At 1 April 2023	656,405	8,654	665,059
Movement during the financial year	(10,154)	(3,146)	(13,300)
At 31 March 2024	646,251	5,508	651,759
Movement during the financial year	(26,783)	25,264	(1,519)
At 31 March 2025	<b>619,468</b>	<b>30,772</b>	<b>650,240</b>

### 12.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance 31 March 2025 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Missionary Projects	-	15,537	29,225	13,688	-
Elisha (Building Project)	1,039	23,125	2,787	5,000	26,377
Links	3,660	-	-	-	3,660
Illuminate	-	409	1,551	1,142	-
Happy Market Days	698	-	-	-	698
Woven	111	502	575	(1)	37
	<u>5,508</u>	<u>39,573</u>	<u>34,138</u>	<u>19,829</u>	<u>30,772</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General	646,251	108,395	115,349	(19,829)	619,468
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><b>651,759</b></u>	<u><b>147,968</b></u>	<u><b>149,487</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>650,240</b></u>

### 12.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	30,772	-	30,772
Unrestricted general funds	551,555	69,643	(1,730)	619,468
	<u><b>551,555</b></u>	<u><b>100,415</b></u>	<u><b>(1,730)</b></u>	<u><b>650,240</b></u>

### 13. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

#### Trustee Remuneration

During 2025 H Cairns invoiced the Charity £6,030 for support services, (2024 £nil).

There were no trustee's expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the period ended 31 March 2024.

### 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The charity is governed by a board of trustees. Related parties include the trustees, persons connected to them and entities under the charity's control.

During the year, the charity paid for repair services amounting to £8,910 from Capstone Homes (NI) Ltd. Matthew Kennedy (trustee) is a director. The work was undertaken on normal commercial terms, and the trustee took no part in the decision to award or approve the contract. No amounts were outstanding at the year end.

## The Journey Church NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

During the year, trustees and companies connected to trustees made unrestricted donations to the charity totalling £6,550. These donations were made on an unconditional basis, and no goods or services were provided in return.

The charity owns 100% of the share capital of Happy Days (Lisburn) Limited, whose principal activity is providing soft play and cafe services.

At the year end, the subsidiary owed the charity £47,412 (2024: £47,412) in respect of an intercompany loan. The loan is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. The charity charged Happy Days (Lisburn) Ltd £8,100 for rent during the year. Happy Days (Lisburn) Ltd recharged the charity £3,870 for hospitality and event costs. (£1,575 was owed to Happy Days (Lisburn) Ltd at the year end.)

All transactions were conducted on normal commercial terms.

Apart from the above, there were no other related party transactions during the year requiring disclosure.

### 15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

**The Journey Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100981

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# Accounts

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**Company Registration Number: NI623523**  
**Charity Number: 100981**

**The Journey Church**  
**Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the financial year ended 31 March 2024**

**McCleary & Company Ltd**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
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**Co. Antrim**  
**BT28 1TP**

# The Journey Church

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## The Journey Church TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

<b>Trustees</b>	Holly Cairns (Appointed 1 September 2024) Samuel Joseph Bittle (Resigned 1 September 2024) Matthew John Kennedy Colin Patterson (Appointed 1 September 2024)
<b>Charity Number in Northern Ireland</b>	100981
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	NI623523
<b>Principal Address</b>	The Journey Church Unit 3B Moira Road Retail Park 45 Moira Road Lisburn Co Antrim BT28 1RH
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	McCleary & Company Ltd Chartered Accountants Garvey Studios 14 Longstone Street Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1TP
<b>Solicitors</b>	MacCorkell Legal Garvey Studios 8-10 Longstone Street Lisburn BT28 1TP

# The Journey Church

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of The Journey Church present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

### **Mission, Objectives and Strategy**

#### **Mission Statement**

The charity aims to teach the values outlined within the Bible to better improve people's lives and give them an opportunity to put their trust in God. The charity aims to provide a regular place of worship with a sense of community and belonging for its people. It also provides activities for children and young children.

#### **Objectives**

The charity aims to work locally with all sections of the community, building relationships, sharing, and demonstrating the love of God. The charity is currently partnering with Lisburn Foodbank which is an organisation founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area. The Journey Church have been supporting the foodbank now over several years, through seasonal collections and now has a daily drop off point in the café entrance.

All these activities are run by volunteers, apart from the church teaching and pastoral care, The church employed Aaron Molesky as a part time temporary pastor within the organisation with employment ending on 31st March 2024. The charity also has a part-time worship and music coordinator, training, and equipping others in leading worship and playing instruments. The charity also employs a part time administrator to assist with the administration of the church and to provide support to the leadership team in coordination and communication of the activities happening within church and through the other community services.

#### **Strategy**

Our Happy Days soft play venture has been operating for 2 years and has been an amazing way to connect with the local community. This year the café underwent some renovations to improve the facilities we offer and increase the capacity available for customers.

Multiple spaces in the church building are used for groups to gather. A craft group runs one morning a week which has been a regular opportunity for women of all ages to gather and enjoy company over their crafts. There are also multiple exercise classes running in the church building during the week both free and private hire bookings, which is seeing many new people engage with the church services and other activities.

The charity also supports missionaries in Spain, Serbia, Italy and Republic of Ireland. The charity aimed to have over one hundred regular attendees in worship services each week. Attendance has increased in the past year and the charity continues to improve its excellent facilities.

# The Journey Church

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Structure

The trustees also act as directors for the charity. The charity has a joint leadership team made up of the three directors. They each have equal responsibility, authority, and power in decision-making. When a unanimous decision cannot be achieved, a majority decision is reached. Within the context of the journey church these three directors serve as leaders and are responsible for all decision-making along with the wider church leadership team.

The Journey Church has a memorandum and articles of association, the charity is constituted as a limited company by guarantee.

#### Governance

All trustees must pass strict criteria, they must be above reproach, have a good reputation and be responsible with money. Outgoing Trustees must unanimously agree when appointing new trustees.

All risks posed to the charity are covered by professional indemnity insurance. All appropriate procedures and systems are in place to ensure that the criteria are always met to comply with insurance policies. The charity has a safeguarding policy in place for working with children and vulnerable adults. All volunteers within the charity are appropriately vetted.

#### Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 8 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail on page 16.

The charity has a healthy cash flow and has no outstanding debts. The majority of the charity's income comes through donations from church members. A sizable amount of the charity's money is set aside for local compassion work and overseas mission work.

#### Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £653,781 (2023 - £665,556) and liabilities of £2,022 (2023 - £497). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £(13,300).

The charity is keen to expand its work in the heart of the local community. A major part of this work will include increasing awareness of the services offered at the church through links counselling service and continuing to build and grow partnership with local community groups such as the Resurgam centre in one of the neighbouring estates. We also plan to continue expanding the services we are able to offer the local community through Happy Days that respond to the needs required.

#### Trustees

The current trustees are as set out on page 3

Holly Cairns (Appointed 1 September 2024)  
Samuel Joseph Bittle (Resigned 1 September 2024)  
Matthew John Kennedy  
Colin Patterson (Appointed 1 September 2024)

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

#### Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. The Journey Church subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

**The Journey Church**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 18 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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**Matthew John Kennedy**  
Trustee



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**Holly Cairns**  
Trustee

# The Journey Church

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of The Journey Church for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the trustees 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 charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

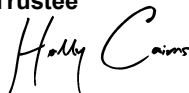
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies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

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on 18 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:**



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**Matthew John Kennedy**  
Trustee



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**Holly Cairns**  
Trustee

# The Journey Church

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOURNEY CHURCH

I have examined the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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**John McCleary FCA**  
**MCCLEARY & COMPANY LTD**  
Chartered Accountants  
Garvey Studios  
14 Longstone Street  
Lisburn  
Co. Antrim  
BT28 1TP

**Date: 18 December 2024**

# The Journey Church

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and legacies	2.1	96,263	13,053	109,316	109,553	379,225	488,778
Other income	2.2	9,320	1,362	10,682	91	5,591	5,682
<b>Total income</b>		<b>105,583</b>	<b>14,415</b>	<b>119,998</b>	109,644	384,816	494,460
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Charitable activities	3.1	96,728	36,570	133,298	115,283	57,950	173,233
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>8,855</b>	<b>(22,155)</b>	<b>(13,300)</b>	(5,639)	326,866	321,227
Transfers between funds		(19,009)	19,009	-	326,961	(326,961)	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the financial year</b>		<b>(10,154)</b>	<b>(3,146)</b>	<b>(13,300)</b>	321,322	(95)	321,227
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds beginning of the year	12	656,405	8,654	665,059	335,083	8,749	343,832
<b>Total funds at the end of the year</b>		<b>646,251</b>	<b>5,508</b>	<b>651,759</b>	656,405	8,654	665,059

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

**The Journey Church**  
 Company Number: NI623523  
**BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	<u>574,833</u>	<u>596,309</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	9	<u>63,028</u>	<u>61,719</u>
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>15,920</u>	<u>7,528</u>
		<u>78,948</u>	<u>69,247</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<u>(2,022)</u>	<u>(497)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>76,926</u>	<u>68,750</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>651,759</u>	<u>665,059</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted funds		<u>5,508</u>	<u>8,654</u>
General fund (unrestricted)		<u>646,251</u>	<u>656,405</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	12	<u>651,759</u>	<u>665,059</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The trustees confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

**Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by**



**Matthew John Kennedy**  
Trustee



**Holly Cairns**  
Trustee

# The Journey Church

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

#### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

#### **Cash flow statement**

The charity has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charity.

#### **Fund accounting**

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

#### **Restricted funds**

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

#### **Unrestricted funds**

Unrestricted funds consist of General funds.

■ General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

#### **Income**

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the charity is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the charity.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

#### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	-	Not depreciated
Improvement to property	-	10% on reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	15% on reducing balance

# The Journey Church

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

### Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial year end, is included in debtors.

### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

### Taxation and deferred taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

<b>2. INCOME</b>					
<b>2.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies		<u>96,263</u>	<u>13,053</u>	<u>109,316</u>	<u>488,778</u>
<b>2.2 OTHER INCOME</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£	£	£
Other income		<u>9,320</u>	<u>1,362</u>	<u>10,682</u>	<u>5,682</u>
<b>3. EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>3.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>Direct Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Support Costs</b>	<b>2024</b>
		£	£	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities		<u>98,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,143</u>	<u>133,298</u>
<b>3.2 SUPPORT COSTS</b>				<b>Charitable Activities</b>	<b>2024</b>
				£	£
Support				<u>35,143</u>	<u>53,292</u>
<b>4. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS</b>				<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
				£	£
Support				<u>35,143</u>	<u>53,292</u>
<b>5. NET INCOME</b>				<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
				£	£
<b>Net Income is stated after charging/(crediting):</b>					
Depreciation of tangible assets				<u>25,933</u>	<u>28,541</u>
<b>6. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME</b>				<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
				£	£
Other income				<u>10,682</u>	<u>5,682</u>

# The Journey Church

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

### 7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

#### Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Management and administration	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

The staff costs (inclusive of trustees' salaries) comprise:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	42,350	44,891
Pension costs	355	2,954
	<u>42,705</u>	<u>47,845</u>

### 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings freehold £	Improvement to property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2023	350,000	326,659	40,085	716,744
Additions	-	-	4,456	4,456
At 31 March 2024	<u>350,000</u>	<u>326,659</u>	<u>44,541</u>	<u>721,200</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2023	-	100,820	19,615	120,435
Charge for the financial year	-	22,584	3,348	25,932
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>123,404</u>	<u>22,963</u>	<u>146,367</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2024	<u>350,000</u>	<u>203,255</u>	<u>21,578</u>	<u>574,833</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>350,000</u>	<u>225,839</u>	<u>20,470</u>	<u>596,309</u>

### 9. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	47,412	40,351
Prepayments and accrued income	15,616	21,368
	<u>63,028</u>	<u>61,719</u>

### 10. CREDITORS

#### Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security costs	-	475
Other creditors	2,022	-
Pension accrual	-	22
	<u>2,022</u>	<u>497</u>

# The Journey Church

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

### 11. RESERVES

	2024 £	2023 £
At the beginning of the year	665,059	343,832
(Deficit)/Surplus for the financial year	(13,300)	321,227
At the end of the year	<u>651,759</u>	<u>665,059</u>

### 12. FUNDS

12.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
At 1 April 2022	335,083	8,749	343,832
Movement during the financial year	321,322	(95)	321,227
At 31 March 2023	656,405	8,654	665,059
Movement during the financial year	(10,154)	(3,146)	(13,300)
At 31 March 2024	<u>646,251</u>	<u>5,508</u>	<u>651,759</u>

### 12.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance 31 March 2024 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Missionary Projects	-	11,320	27,691	16,371	-
Elisha (Building Project)	2,866	-	2,060	233	1,039
Links	5,100	-	1,440	-	3,660
Illuminate	-	2,528	4,933	2,405	-
Happy Market Days	688	266	256	-	698
Woven	-	301	190	-	111
	<u>8,654</u>	<u>14,415</u>	<u>36,570</u>	<u>19,009</u>	<u>5,508</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General	656,405	105,583	96,728	(19,009)	646,251
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>665,059</u>	<u>119,998</u>	<u>133,298</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>651,759</u>

### 12.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	5,508	-	5,508
Unrestricted general funds	574,833	73,440	(2,022)	646,251
	<u>574,833</u>	<u>78,948</u>	<u>(2,022)</u>	<u>651,759</u>

### 13. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	2024 £	2023 £
Remuneration including pension contributions	-	22,641
	<u>-</u>	<u>22,641</u>

# The Journey Church

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

### Trustee Expenses

There were no trustee's expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the period ended 31 March 2023.

#### 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Happy Days (Lisburn) Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Journey Church. At 31 March 2024 £47,412 was owed to The Journey Church from Happy Days (Lisburn) Ltd (31 March 2023 - £40,350). Rent of £8,375 was charged by The Journey Church during the year to 31 March 2024.

#### 15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

**THE JOURNEY CHURCH**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

## The Journey Church

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Operating Statement

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income</b>	<b>109,316</b>	<b>488,778</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Wages	42,350	23,927
Trustees' salaries	-	20,964
Trustees' pensions paid	-	1,677
Pensions	355	1,277
Establishment costs	8,358	9,860
Travel expenses	-	591
Hospitality	2,003	444
Accountancy and legal fees	4,319	5,831
Bank charges	311	330
Event Expenses	3,511	5,917
Office Expenses	3,027	8,730
Outreach material & Speaker Costs	6,646	9,017
Sundries	2,725	4,905
Depreciation	25,933	28,541
Charitable donations	33,760	51,222
	<b>133,298</b>	<b>173,233</b>
<b>Miscellaneous income</b>		
Other income	10,682	5,682
<b>Net (deficit)/surplus</b>	<b>(13,300)</b>	<b>321,227</b>

**The Journey Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100981

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# Annual report

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# **The Journey Church**

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of The Journey Church present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

### **Mission, Objectives and Strategy**

#### **Mission Statement**

The charity aims to teach the values outlined within the Bible to better improve people's lives and give them an opportunity to put their trust in God. The charity aims to provide a regular place of worship with a sense of community and belonging for its people. It also provides activities for children and young children.

#### **Objectives**

The charity aims to work locally with all sections of the community, building relationships, sharing, and demonstrating the love of God. The charity is currently partnering with Lisburn Foodbank which is an organisation founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area. The Journey Church have been supporting the foodbank now over several years, through seasonal collections and now has a daily drop off point in the café entrance.

All these activities are run by volunteers, apart from the church teaching and pastoral care, The church employed Aaron Molesky as a part time temporary pastor within the organisation with employment ending on 31st March 2024. The charity also has a part-time worship and music coordinator, training, and equipping others in leading worship and playing instruments. The charity also employs a part time administrator to assist with the administration of the church and to provide support to the leadership team in coordination and communication of the activities happening within church and through the other community services.

#### **Strategy**

Our Happy Days soft play venture has been operating for 2 years and has been an amazing way to connect with the local community. This year the café underwent some renovations to improve the facilities we offer and increase the capacity available for customers.

Multiple spaces in the church building are used for groups to gather. A craft group runs one morning a week which has been a regular opportunity for women of all ages to gather and enjoy company over their crafts. There are also multiple exercise classes running in the church building during the week both free and private hire bookings, which is seeing many new people engage with the church services and other activities.

The charity also supports missionaries in Spain, Serbia, Italy and Republic of Ireland. The charity aimed to have over one hundred regular attendees in worship services each week. Attendance has increased in the past year and the charity continues to improve its excellent facilities.

# The Journey Church

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Structure

The trustees also act as directors for the charity. The charity has a joint leadership team made up of the three directors. They each have equal responsibility, authority, and power in decision-making. When a unanimous decision cannot be achieved, a majority decision is reached. Within the context of the journey church these three directors serve as leaders and are responsible for all decision-making along with the wider church leadership team.

The Journey Church has a memorandum and articles of association, the charity is constituted as a limited company by guarantee.

#### Governance

All trustees must pass strict criteria, they must be above reproach, have a good reputation and be responsible with money. Outgoing Trustees must unanimously agree when appointing new trustees.

All risks posed to the charity are covered by professional indemnity insurance. All appropriate procedures and systems are in place to ensure that the criteria are always met to comply with insurance policies. The charity has a safeguarding policy in place for working with children and vulnerable adults. All volunteers within the charity are appropriately vetted.

#### Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 8 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail on page 16.

The charity has a healthy cash flow and has no outstanding debts. The majority of the charity's income comes through donations from church members. A sizable amount of the charity's money is set aside for local compassion work and overseas mission work.

#### Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £653,781 (2023 - £665,556) and liabilities of £2,022 (2023 - £497). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £(13,300).

The charity is keen to expand its work in the heart of the local community. A major part of this work will include increasing awareness of the services offered at the church through links counselling service and continuing to build and grow partnership with local community groups such as the Resurgam centre in one of the neighbouring estates. We also plan to continue expanding the services we are able to offer the local community through Happy Days that respond to the needs required.

#### Trustees

The current trustees are as set out on page 3

Holly Cairns (Appointed 1 September 2024)  
Samuel Joseph Bittle (Resigned 1 September 2024)  
Matthew John Kennedy  
Colin Patterson (Appointed 1 September 2024)

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

#### Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. The Journey Church subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

**The Journey Church**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 18 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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**Matthew John Kennedy**  
Trustee



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**Holly Cairns**  
Trustee

**The Journey Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100981

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# Annual return

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# The Journey Church

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOURNEY CHURCH

I have examined the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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**John McCleary FCA**  
**MCCLEARY & COMPANY LTD**  
Chartered Accountants  
Garvey Studios  
14 Longstone Street  
Lisburn  
Co. Antrim  
BT28 1TP

**Date: 18 December 2024**

**The Journey Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100981

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI623523 (Northern Ireland)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 100981**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**  
**for**  
**The Journey Church**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

McCleary & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
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# The Journey Church

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**The Journey Church**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charity aims to teach the values outlined within the Bible to better improve people's lives and give them an opportunity to put their trust in God. The charity aims to provide a regular place of worship with a sense of community and belonging for its people. It also provides activities for children and young children.

The charity aims to work locally with all sections of the community, building relationships, sharing and demonstrating the love of God. The charity is currently partnering with an organisation called Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in order to educate the local community in how to organize their finances and assist those in debt or with financial problems.

All these activities are run by volunteers, apart from the church teaching and pastoral care. The church currently employs Aaron Molesky as a temporary part time pastor within the organisation. The charity also has a part-time worship and music coordinator, training and equipping others in the area of leading worship and playing instruments. The charity also employs a part time administrator to assist with the administration of the church and to provide support to the leadership team in leading the church and caring for people.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

Our partnership with Links Counselling continues to grow and, in line with planning permission, we constructed four new counselling rooms, office space and new youth facilities in part of our buildings. This allows us to expand our overall reach as a church into the community with services to change lives.

Our Happy Days soft play venture has been another amazing way to connect with the local community. We are able to offer free spaces to disadvantaged families and have seen a number of people connect with the church as a result of this venture.

The charity also supports a number of overseas mission projects including a family working in Italy and an education program in Kenya. The charity also supports missionaries in Spain, Serbia, Mexico and Republic of Ireland.

The charity aimed to have over 100 regular attendees added to worship services each week. Attendance has increased in the past year and the charity continues to improve its excellent facilities.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial review**

The charity has a healthy cash flow and has no outstanding debts. The majority of the charity's income comes through donations from church members. A sizable amount of the charity's money is set aside for local compassion work and overseas mission work. The charity has also received some grant funding from trusts that appreciate the positive impact the charity is having in the heart of their local community.

**FUTURE PLANS**

The charity is keen to expand its work in the heart of the local community. As well as continuing to develop the work of Happy Days and helping links counselling we also intend to pursue other ways of making a positive impact in our local area.

## **The Journey Church**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The three trustees also act as directors for the charity. The charity has a joint leadership team made up of the three directors. They each have equal responsibility, authority and power in decision-making. When a unanimous decision cannot be made a majority decision is reached. Within the context of the journey church these three directors serve as leaders and are responsible for all decision-making along with the wider church leadership team.

The Journey Church has a memorandum and articles of association, the charity is constituted as a limited company by guarantee.

All trustees must pass strict criteria, they must be above reproach, have a good reputation and be responsible with money. An unanimous decision must be reached by old trustees when appointing new trustees.

All risks posed to the charity are covered by professional indemnity insurance. All appropriate procedures and systems are in place to ensure that insurance policies criteria are always complied with. The charity has a safeguarding policy in place for working with children and vulnerable adults. All volunteers within the charity are appropriately vetted.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Company number**

NI623523 (Northern Ireland)

##### **Registered Charity number**

100981

##### **Registered office**

Journey Church  
Unit 3B Moira Road Retail Park  
45 Moira Road  
Lisburn  
Co. Antrim  
BT28 1RH

##### **Trustees**

Gary Francis Bolton Pastor (resigned 8.11.22)  
Mr Samuel Joseph Bittle Building Contractor  
Mr Matthew John Kennedy Builder  
Mr Neil McLeese (appointed 9.9.22)

##### **Independent Examiner**

John McCleary FCA  
McCleary & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
Garvey Studios  
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**The Journey Church**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Solicitors**

MacCorkell Legal  
Garvey Studios  
8-10 Longstone Street  
Lisburn  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Samuel Joseph Bittle - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Bittle', written in a cursive style.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Journey Church**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages six to fifteen.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 the independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. 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. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 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**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

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



John McCleary FCA

McCleary & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
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14 Longstone Street  
Lisburn  
Co. Antrim

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Journey Church**

BT28 1TP

13 December 2023

**The Journey Church**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

				Year Ended 31.3.23 Total funds £	Period 1.7.21 to 31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	
Donations and legacies	2	109,553	379,225	488,778	155,201
Other income		91	5,591	5,682	12,406
<b>Total</b>		<u>109,644</u>	<u>384,816</u>	<u>494,460</u>	<u>167,607</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct costs		65,344	54,597	119,941	88,742
Support costs		49,940	3,352	53,292	45,664
<b>Total</b>		<u>115,284</u>	<u>57,949</u>	<u>173,233</u>	<u>134,406</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(5,640)	326,867	321,227	33,201
Transfers between funds	11	<u>326,961</u>	<u>(326,961)</u>	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		321,321	(94)	321,227	33,201
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		335,083	8,749	343,832	310,631
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>656,404</u></u>	<u><u>8,655</u></u>	<u><u>665,059</u></u>	<u><u>343,832</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Journey Church**

**Balance Sheet  
31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	596,309	-	596,309	273,605
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	60,593	1,126	61,719	63,294
Cash at bank		-	7,528	7,528	8,748
		60,593	8,654	69,247	72,042
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(497)	-	(497)	(1,815)
		60,096	8,654	68,750	70,227
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		656,405	8,654	665,059	343,832
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		656,405	8,654	665,059	343,832
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		656,405	8,654	665,059	343,832
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	11			656,405	335,083
Unrestricted funds				8,654	8,749
Restricted funds				665,059	343,832
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				665,059	343,832

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Journey Church**

**Balance Sheet - continued**  
**31 March 2023**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr Samuel Joseph Bittle - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Bittle', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

## The Journey Church

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 10% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**The Journey Church**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Year Ended 31.3.23 £	Period 1.7.21 to 31.3.22 £
Donations	120,764	98,968
Gift aid	33,662	20,368
Grants	334,352	35,865
	<u>488,778</u>	<u>155,201</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	Year Ended 31.3.23 £	Period 1.7.21 to 31.3.22 £
House of Vic-Ryn Trust Limited	125,000	-
Government Grants - CJRS	-	9,949
TBF Thompson	20,000	5,000
Grace Trust	750	2,000
Other grants	14,901	7,416
Willats Trust	7,000	7,000
SMB Trust	-	1,500
Lottery Fund	1,701	-
Walter Watson Trust	40,000	1,000
Bishop Radford Trust	-	2,000
LCF Trust	125,000	-
	<u>334,352</u>	<u>35,865</u>

**3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Year Ended 31.3.23 £	Period 1.7.21 to 31.3.22 £
Depreciation - owned assets	28,541	22,952
	<u>28,541</u>	<u>22,952</u>

**The Journey Church**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

	Year Ended 31.3.23	Period 1.7.21 to 31.3.22
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	20,964	25,065
Trustees' pensions paid	1,677	2,134
	<u>22,641</u>	<u>27,199</u>

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the period ended 31 March 2022.

**5. STAFF COSTS**

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

	Year Ended 31.3.23	Period 1.7.21 to 31.3.22
Management & Admin	2	3
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	89,221	65,980	155,201
Other income	11,000	1,406	12,406
<b>Total</b>	<u>100,221</u>	<u>67,386</u>	<u>167,607</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct costs	60,327	28,415	88,742
Support costs	45,605	59	45,664
<b>Total</b>	<u>105,932</u>	<u>28,474</u>	<u>134,406</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(5,711)	38,912	33,201
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	110,738	(110,738)	-

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	105,027	(71,826)	33,201
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	230,056	80,575	310,631
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>335,083</u>	<u>8,749</u>	<u>343,832</u>

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2022	-	326,659	38,839	365,498
Additions	350,000	-	1,245	351,245
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2023	350,000	326,659	40,084	716,743
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2022	-	75,726	16,167	91,893
Charge for year	-	25,094	3,447	28,541
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2023	-	100,820	19,614	120,434
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2023	<u>350,000</u>	<u>225,839</u>	<u>20,470</u>	<u>596,309</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>250,933</u>	<u>22,672</u>	<u>273,605</u>

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**8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Other debtors	40,352	53,863
Prepayments and accrued income	21,367	9,431
	<u>61,719</u>	<u>63,294</u>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 10)	-	333
Social security and other taxes	475	1,268
Pension account	22	214
	<u>497</u>	<u>1,815</u>

**10. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	333
	<u>-</u>	<u>333</u>

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	335,083	(5,639)	326,961	656,405
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Missionary Projects	-	(15,775)	15,775	-
Elisha (Building Project)	2,564	350,302	(350,000)	2,866
NHS Meals	128	-	(128)	-
Links	5,100	-	-	5,100
Artlife	-	(572)	572	-
Illuminate	957	(1,120)	163	-
Gary Bolton Leaving / New International	-	(6,657)	6,657	-
Happy Market Days	-	688	-	688
	<u>8,749</u>	<u>326,866</u>	<u>(326,961)</u>	<u>8,654</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>343,832</u>	<u>321,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>665,059</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	109,644	(115,283)	(5,639)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Missionary Projects	14,680	(30,455)	(15,775)
Elisha (Building Project)	353,333	(3,031)	350,302
Cafe/Soft Play	7,000	(7,000)	-
Links	695	(695)	-
Artlife	1,701	(2,273)	(572)
Illuminate	3,120	(4,240)	(1,120)
Gary Bolton Leaving / New International	3,343	(10,000)	(6,657)
Happy Market Days	944	(256)	688
	<u>384,816</u>	<u>(57,950)</u>	<u>326,866</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>494,460</u></u>	<u><u>(173,233)</u></u>	<u><u>321,227</u></u>

#### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	230,056	(5,711)	110,738	335,083
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Missionary Projects	-	(11,643)	11,643	-
Elisha (Building Project)	-	2,564	-	2,564
Cafe/Soft Play	75,347	47,034	(122,381)	-
NHS Meals	128	-	-	128
Links	5,100	-	-	5,100
Illuminate	-	957	-	957
	<u>80,575</u>	<u>38,912</u>	<u>(110,738)</u>	<u>8,749</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>310,631</u></u>	<u><u>33,201</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>343,832</u></u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	100,221	(105,932)	(5,711)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Missionary Projects	11,877	(23,520)	(11,643)
Elisha (Building Project)	3,000	(436)	2,564
Cafe/Soft Play	50,602	(3,568)	47,034
Links	500	(500)	-
Illuminate	1,407	(450)	957
	67,386	(28,474)	38,912
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>167,607</b>	<b>(134,406)</b>	<b>33,201</b>

#### 12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Gross wages (£20,964) and pension contributions (£1,677) were paid to Gary Bolton during the course of the period for his role as Pastor. Gary Bolton was a trustee of the Charity during the period. £10,000 was donated to Gary Bolton on leaving his role as Pastor to go towards his new role with the charity New International.

Happy Days Lisburn Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Journey Church. At 31 March 2023 £40,350 was owed to The Journey Church by Happy Days Lisburn Ltd (2022 - £53,863)

**The Journey Church**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Year Ended 31.3.23 £	Period 1.7.21 to 31.3.22 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	120,764	98,968
Gift aid	33,662	20,368
Grants	334,352	35,865
	488,778	155,201
<b>Other income</b>		
Other income	5,682	12,406
	494,460	167,607
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Trustees' salaries	20,964	25,065
Trustees' pensions paid	1,677	2,134
Wages	23,927	26,045
Pensions	1,277	1,762
Charitable & missionary donations	51,222	28,043
Hospitality	444	1,087
Outreach material	579	97
Event expenses	5,917	849
Sundries	4,905	2,550
Travel expenses	591	810
Speaker costs	8,438	300
	119,941	88,742
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	330	167
<b>Other</b>		
Establishment costs	9,860	15,251
Office expenses	8,730	5,752
Carried forward	18,590	21,003

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**The Journey Church**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Year Ended 31.3.23 £	Period 1.7.21 to 31.3.22 £
<b>Other</b>		
Brought forward	18,590	21,003
Improvements to property depreciation	25,093	20,346
Fixtures and fittings depreciation	3,448	2,607
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	47,131	43,956
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	5,831	1,541
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Total resources expended	173,233	134,406
<b>Net income</b>	<u>321,227</u>	<u>33,201</u>

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**The Journey Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100981

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# Annual report

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## **The Journey Church**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The charity aims to teach the values outlined within the Bible to better improve people's lives and give them an opportunity to put their trust in God. The charity aims to provide a regular place of worship with a sense of community and belonging for its people. It also provides activities for children and young children.

The charity aims to work locally with all sections of the community, building relationships, sharing and demonstrating the love of God. The charity is currently partnering with an organisation called Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in order to educate the local community in how to organize their finances and assist those in debt or with financial problems.

All these activities are run by volunteers, apart from the church teaching and pastoral care. The church currently employs Aaron Molesky as a temporary part time pastor within the organisation. The charity also has a part-time worship and music coordinator, training and equipping others in the area of leading worship and playing instruments. The charity also employs a part time administrator to assist with the administration of the church and to provide support to the leadership team in leading the church and caring for people.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

Our partnership with Links Counselling continues to grow and, in line with planning permission, we constructed four new counselling rooms, office space and new youth facilities in part of our buildings. This allows us to expand our overall reach as a church into the community with services to change lives.

Our Happy Days soft play venture has been another amazing way to connect with the local community. We are able to offer free spaces to disadvantaged families and have seen a number of people connect with the church as a result of this venture.

The charity also supports a number of overseas mission projects including a family working in Italy and an education program in Kenya. The charity also supports missionaries in Spain, Serbia, Mexico and Republic of Ireland.

The charity aimed to have over 100 regular attendees added to worship services each week. Attendance has increased in the past year and the charity continues to improve its excellent facilities.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial review**

The charity has a healthy cash flow and has no outstanding debts. The majority of the charity's income comes through donations from church members. A sizable amount of the charity's money is set aside for local compassion work and overseas mission work. The charity has also received some grant funding from trusts that appreciate the positive impact the charity is having in the heart of their local community.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The charity is keen to expand its work in the heart of the local community. As well as continuing to develop the work of Happy Days and helping links counselling we also intend to pursue other ways of making a positive impact in our local area.

## **The Journey Church**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The three trustees also act as directors for the charity. The charity has a joint leadership team made up of the three directors. They each have equal responsibility, authority and power in decision-making. When a unanimous decision cannot be made a majority decision is reached. Within the context of the journey church these three directors serve as leaders and are responsible for all decision-making along with the wider church leadership team.

The Journey Church has a memorandum and articles of association, the charity is constituted as a limited company by guarantee.

All trustees must pass strict criteria, they must be above reproach, have a good reputation and be responsible with money. An unanimous decision must be reached by old trustees when appointing new trustees.

All risks posed to the charity are covered by professional indemnity insurance. All appropriate procedures and systems are in place to ensure that insurance policies criteria are always complied with. The charity has a safeguarding policy in place for working with children and vulnerable adults. All volunteers within the charity are appropriately vetted.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Company number**

NI623523 (Northern Ireland)

##### **Registered Charity number**

100981

##### **Registered office**

Journey Church  
Unit 3B Moira Road Retail Park  
45 Moira Road  
Lisburn  
Co. Antrim  
BT28 1RH

##### **Trustees**

Gary Francis Bolton Pastor (resigned 8.11.22)  
Mr Samuel Joseph Bittle Building Contractor  
Mr Matthew John Kennedy Builder  
Mr Neil McLeese (appointed 9.9.22)

##### **Independent Examiner**

John McCleary FCA  
McCleary & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
Garvey Studios  
14 Longstone Street  
Lisburn  
Co. Antrim  
BT28 1TP

**The Journey Church**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Solicitors**

MacCorkell Legal  
Garvey Studios  
8-10 Longstone Street  
Lisburn  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Samuel Joseph Bittle - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Bittle', written in a cursive style.

**The Journey Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100981

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Journey Church**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages six to fifteen.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 the independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. 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. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 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**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

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



John McCleary FCA

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