

Omagh community Church Trustees' Annual Report for 2024/2025

Statement of charity's purpose

Omagh Community Church exists for the public benefit through the advancement of the Christian Faith by the promotion, organisation and encouragement of the worship of God and the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Omagh Community Church is a community of people passionate in the pursuit of Jesus, radical in the demonstration of His love and sacrificial in meeting the needs of others.

The beneficiaries of the Charity

We, the Trustees, are committed to providing a free, safe, non-judgemental, family environment whereby people from Omagh and the surrounding districts, without distinction of age, gender, colour, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, and can meet together to benefit through the various activities provided by the charity.

We also seek to have international as well as local influence through our giving in support of the world-wide sponsorship of children through Compassion Ireland Christian Child Development. Our previous support of an orphanage in Salem, Tamil Nadu in India has been suspended due to new restrictions under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act which is mandatory for charities receiving funding in India. [Any money received in support of this orphanage has been returned to the giver. Where it has not been possible to identify or contact the giver the money has been placed in a saving account in the hope that some day the restriction will be lifted.]

We believe that our purpose satisfies the public benefit requirement and that there is a direct benefit, which flows from this purpose through the adoption of a moral framework which encourages people to be good citizens and good neighbours.

The activities of the charity

The activities of the charity are provided to meet the holistic, spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the individual. This is achieved through worship, prayer, bible teaching, pastoral care team, home visits, Connect Kidz, creche, school visits, Christmas food hampers, Christmas Day dinner, Macmillan coffee morning, distribution of Christian literature, audiovisual and internet outreach. (For further details visit OCC website.)

We offer two services every Sunday to support people in their faith journey. The 9:30 am Holy Communion celebration is reflective in nature including worship, thanksgiving and the sharing of bread and wine. The larger 11:30 am meeting is our main weekly worship with contemporary worship songs and a message from our pastor. Creche, Kid's Connect group and Youth groups meet during this time.

Other church activities, included the Wednesday lunchtime prayer group, the mid week fellowship groups, the pastoral care group and leaders meetings.

The (2024) Christmas Day dinner was, once again, a great success and was held in our premises in Old Market Place. This year 70 meals were provided with an additional 30 delivered to peoples' homes.

Mitigation of harm

The Trustees are committed to providing a free, safe, non-judgemental, family environment for all its activities. In providing a safe space, we are prepared to refuse admission to people who are disruptive, disrespectful to staff or others, intimidating or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Private benefit

In order for the charity to effectively fulfil its purposes it employs a full time pastor. This enables the charity to provide the services to the church and the wider community. We believe that such an

outlay is entirely necessary to achieve the aims as set out by the organisation.

In preparing this report, we the trustees, have paid regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Succession of trustees

The board of trustees, as part of its governance succession, is undergoing a planned transition in its membership effective from Monday 5th January 2026.

Mr Alan Miller, Mr Robert Wilson, Mrs Nadine Grant and Mrs Susan Miller will have concluded their terms and are transitioning off the board.

We appoint and welcome as new trustees

Mr James Reilly (chair person),

Mrs Judith Somerville,

Ms Kristina Keen (treasurer),

Mr Jonny Mullan,

as they transition onto the board of trustees of Omagh Community Church effective from the 5th January 2026.

Approved by the trustees 17th December 2025.

Alan Miller, Nadine Grant, Robert Wilson, Susan Miller.

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