

Coracle Christian Fellowship

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101705

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-03-23

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

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Trust are the advancement of the Christian Religion and other charitable purposes.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Counselling/support, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Overseas aid/famine relief, Relief of poverty, Religious activities, Volunteer development

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£17,357	£18,968	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Mark Beattie		
Mr Norman Gibson		
Mr Thomas Moore		

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Receipts & Payment Accounts Year Ending 5th April 2025.

Incoming Revenue

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Gifts Received	13780	15971.99
Tax Refund Under Gift Aid	3577.50	3612.50
Total Income	17357.50	19584.49

Expenditure

Car Expenses	160	558.54
Parish Rent	2700	2700.00
Pastoral Fees	10586.00	10586.00
Webhosting	120	200.46
Public Liability Insurance	286.93	265.72
Gifts To Charities & Visiting Speakers	3200	2640.00
Other amounts	<u>1916.05</u>	<u>849.08</u>
Total Expenditure	18968.98	17799.80

Balances Brought Forward (23/24) 12390.77

Balance at year end (24/25) 10779.29

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5 April 2024

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	3,613			3,613	
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	19,176	0	0	19,176	19,148
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Coracle Christian Fellowship
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
5 April 2024

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	----- 17,391 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 17,391 -----	----- 20,555 -----

4. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
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Annual report

Trustees Report

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Financial Review Apr 6th2023 – Apr 5th2024

Brought forward from 2022 -2023	£ 10606.08
Income	£ 19175.50
Expenditure	£ 17390.81
Balance	£ 12390.77

Trustees Responsibilities.

Under charity law Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that record the receipts and payments of the charity for each accounting period.

We, the undersigned, are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with relevant regulations.

We acknowledge that we have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take steps to prevent fraud or other irregularities. This report was approved by the Trustees of Coracle Christian Fellowship.


Thomas Moore


Norman Gibson


Mark Beattie

Date 18TH NOVEMBER, 2024

Coracle Christian Fellowship

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Coracle Christian Fellowship

I report on the accounts of Coracle Christian Fellowship for the year ended 5 April 2021~~4~~ which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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

David J. Harty

Chartered Accountant
250 Donaghadee Road,
Bangor.
BT19 6NH

23/12/24

Coracle Christian Fellowship
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 5 April 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	19,176	0	0	19,176	19,148
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Receipts		19,176	0	0	19,176	19,148
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Payments						
Charitable activities	3	17,391	0	0	17,391	20,555
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Payments		17,391	0	0	17,391	20,555
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net receipts / (payments)		1,785	0	0	1,785	(1,407)
Funds brought forward		10,606	0	0	10,606	12,013
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Funds carried forward	4	12,391	0	0	12,391	10,606
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Coracle Christian Fellowship
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
 As at 5 April 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	10,606	0	0	10,606	12,013
Net movement in funds	1,785	0	0	1,785	(1,407)
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bank and Cash at end of year	12,391	0	0	12,391	10,606
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Current Accounts				12,193	10,393
Cash in Hand				198	213
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				12,391	10,606
				=====	=====
Other Assets					
Gift Aid receivable on donations				3,577	3,612
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				3,577	3,612
				=====	=====

Approved by the Trustees at a meeting on *20.12.24* and signed on its behalf by

Mark Beattie
 Mark Beattie

NB Gibson
 Norman Gibson

Coracle Christian Fellowship

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

5 April 2024

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for the year ended 5 April 2023

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		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	19,148	0	0	19,148	20,175
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Receipts		19,148	0	0	19,148	20,175
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Payments						
Charitable activities	3	20,555	0	0	20,555	22,662
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Total Payments		20,555	0	0	20,555	22,662
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net receipts / (payments)		(1,407)	0	0	(1,407)	(2,487)
Funds brought forward		12,013	0	0	12,013	14,500
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Funds carried forward	4	10,606	0	0	10,606	12,013
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 5 April 2023

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	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	12,013	0	0	12,013	14,500
Net movement in funds	(1,407)	0	0	(1,407)	(2,487)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	10,606	0	0	10,606	12,013
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Current Accounts				10,393	11,855
Cash in Hand				213	158
				-----	-----
				10,606	12,013
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Other Assets					
Gift Aid receivable on donations				3,612	3,551
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				3,612	3,551
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4TH JANUARY, 2024
Approved by the Trustees at a meeting on

and signed on its behalf by

Mark Beattie
Mark Beattie

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	19,148	0	0	19,148	20,175
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Ministry staff costs	10,236	0	0	10,236	10,236
Fellowship running expenses	4,439	0	0	4,439	9,616
Donations to Missions and charities	5,880	0	0	5,880	2,810
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Thomas Moore *Thomas Moore*

Norman Gibson *N. Gibson*

Mark Beattie *Mark Beattie*

Date *31st OCTOBER, 2023*

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Bangor.
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10 January 2024