



Bangor Community Church

Unaudited Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2020

Charity Commission Number: NIC 101857



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Trustees and other information

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Structure, governance and management

The governance and management of Bangor Community Church is made up of Trustees, Pastors and Deacon Board. All decisions regarding church affairs and how church funds are spent is handled by the Elders.

Objectives and activities

Bangor Community Church continues to exist to glorify God, preach the gospel to everyone and make a difference in our community.

There was no harm flowing from the Charities purposes and there was no private benefit.

All trustees of the Charity are aware of the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidelines.



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Achievements and performance

TRUSTEES

Over the pandemic, we have actually grown as a church as there is such a desire in the community to connect and have fellowship. We have a young congregation of many young families and we desire to reach those around us all with the hope message of the gospel in these dark days. We have been involved in various outreaches in the community before the pandemic such as mother and toddler groups, fun days, holiday clubs etc. We really aspire to build on these while offering the community a safe place where they feel they are with family and can get the help and support they need.

Our mission as a church is to show and spread the love of God to those in our community who do not yet know Him. We continue to do this in a practical manner.

Because of the year we have all been through, we are seeing such a desire for connection and fellowship; we aspire to answer this need in creative ways. Those who will benefit from these outreaches are the congregation, our neighbours, the wider community and therefore our town. We do not discriminate and God's love is open to receive all.

We currently have a Children's Co-ordinator on staff and we desire to employ more staff for youth work and outreach. We are currently working with local schools to support them and desire to see this area of ministry grow. Coming out of lockdowns and covid restrictions, we have identified the need for children to be in a school setting therefore we are planning on opening and government recognised learning centre within the church building. The needs of the community around us in this fast changing world and we are seeing a need for food banks, financial advice services, mental health support and these are all areas we would like to explore for the near future.

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship team is now fully functioning on a new platform with new drum booth and total drum mic rig. The new digital PA desk has enabled the full team to have individual in ear monitor mixes. Each musician and vocalist own a personal set of in ears and these Improvements have really helped with sound quality of the team and has helped to create confidence. Team discussion, prayer and encouragement has increased. We have also introduced more prayer into our practice and Sunday morning times together. We continue to practice new material and introduce numerous material that glorifies God. Moving forward, we want to strengthen the team with new male and female vocalists, develop more worship leaders who can faithfully lead in anointed Praise and Worship, and to be a training centre for youth in worship. Our Team Goal is to be a vanguard which leads this generation church into a special place of worship through lively spirit led thanks and Praise without the trappings of form and past expression. To restore the cloud of His glory through true worship. Encouraging and developing church members in their gifting by being part of a strong musical team.

PA DEPT

The PA dept has recently transitioned from an analogue desk to a new up-to-date digital desk, this change in technology has made a massive impact on being able to both control the sound being sent out to the congregation and the ability for our worship team to be able to use in-ears on stage. This means each individual person on stage is able to manage their own mix to suit their needs. The improvement in sound quality has been we are now also able to speak to individual members on stage from the PA desk through their in-ears rather than shouting down the sanctuary.

Next stage is to upgrade the visual side of the PA dept, we are currently using a very old built PC which is quite unreliable at the minute. We are also using free software available online to display songs, scriptures, presentations, etc on our projector. We are hoping to invest in a Mac mini also purchasing pro presenter software, which will give us the ability to show live services online and will make our presentations more appealing to the public.



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CHILDREN'S CHRECHE MINISTRY

We believe every child can experience the wonderful love of God through the crèche ministry. We present a biblical, age-appropriate teaching tailored for each child because we believe each "little one" can learn about God. We pray with and for all of our little ones. We strive to promote a Christ-centred atmosphere through bible stories, songs and role-play or even interacting with the children as they play is a great way to communicate Christ to infants and toddlers. I believe we can plant seeds through stories, art and creative teaching, but the best way a child will remember church is by the way they were loved, Jesus style.

We have a good number of volunteers who are also parents of children who attend so there are familiar faces, which is paramount for the children. We aim to grow our numbers of children and then grow our team to fulfil the ratio of children and adults to train up our children in the way they should go.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We all know it has been a challenging time during a pandemic to run a youth group and a challenging time for the youth as individuals. However, God uses everything for good and He has done this with our young people. Before this, we found it hard to motivate our youth to bring friends along or even regularly attend themselves. Society was offering them other things that seemed better and therefore there was a lack of commitment. Since everything closed down, whenever we could offer anything from zoom meetings to meet-ups at the beach they wanted to come and they wanted to bring friends. This has injected a fresh excitement and commitment into the group. Our leader's numbers have dropped to just a few and so we cannot offer a weekly youth group but hope to be able to do this soon. On a Sunday morning we offer specific youth teaching (2 Sundays a month), the leaders have noticed such a desire in them for this time, to talk to each other, their leaders and also to God, where they pray out in front of each other. As leaders, we are learning and growing, understanding better how to relate to this next generation. We are praying for labourers into this ripe harvest field and trust that as we continue with a vision for this generation that God will supply all we need. We desire to see salvations this year not just among young people but that those young people would influence their family and friends too. We see youth rising up in BCC to take their place. They have much in them waiting to be unpacked. We will continue to build on our monthly outings and in doing so, building trust and relationship so youth have that safe space for them be open to the things of God. We are planning to start a second youth group called 4:12 where those who express a desire, will be nurtured further. This will become something all youth will in time, aspire to. We trust God with this generation as we go forward, knowing His plans are good.

GENERATION KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Last year we were able to do the following. Back to school service in person. Christmas puppet show video. This was sent to 70 schools across Ards, North Down and around 50 in Belfast and from this, contact with one Belfast school made. We were able to hold Christmas carol service and GK nativity in the church building. School assembly videos were produced and sent out. We held a themed PJ party for Generation Kids who were able to invite friends. We have also been able to grow our school ministry by adding more school to our list. Our online videos are freely available for children's church, school ministry and we have videos online with song time for little blessings group. With the connections made with little blessings families, we were able at Easter and Christmas to go round the families doing deliveries of fun packs and gifts. We had our first set of parents saved through their children coming to GK. To date we have raised £1500 towards horsebox. This will be a multipurpose tool, which will also house a mobile puppet theatre. We will use this for all outreach events. We would like to do another School Christmas puppet show, and have the children's bused to BCC from their schools (with no cost to the school). We are currently looking and applying for grants). Moving forward, we want to get back into schools in person, be more involved with teaching, and continue to produce quality online content. We aim to grow Little Blessings and make use the new garden space at church. We aim to grow our schools ministry by adding more team members and have more schools and more involvement within the school. We are also looking to grow the puppet ministry by training more youth and adults and restart in person activities like our holiday bible club and glow party.



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Our Goals, Ideas & Vision are...

Church life

Hold Generation Kids lead family service. These will be services where kids and youth can lead/take all off/ or part of the Sunday morning service. This will be great opportunity to invite the parents.

School ministry prayer week

This would take place at end of August before the start of the new school year. This could be sent as hard copy or via text. As a church, we would spend the week praying for school ministry, with daily prayer points forwarded to church members who would take each point to pray into. We would pray for the schools that we go into, for the children and staff saved and unsaved. The prayer week will finish with a back to school service on the Sunday morning,

Community Outreach

Grow little blessings - starting by meeting at castle park for a walk and picnic (parents bring own food) when allowed to move back into church building we will be able to use the new garden and have inside and outside play. Toddlers has a small amount of money collected that will go to buying outside toys.

Puppet show

Next year it could run over 2/3 days with 2 shows per day. We will need two buses for the 3/2 days. We didn't get a big pick up on these in 2019. It seemed transport was the main issue.

Prayer Space

We would love to do a prayer space where could invite either the whole school or just certain year groups. Transport would need to be provided. The children would come to BCC and take part in learning about prayer and how important it is for their lives. We trialed something similar at the last Holiday bible club and it worked well.

We'd love to take H.B.C on the road - As well as our usual Holiday bible Club in house we could do an on the road H.B.C. for one week we could take the horse box to a different place each day, Crawfordsburn, Bangor sea front, Killcooley etc. and do a pop up show. This would comprise of worship, puppet show, a short word/message, games and fun. It could be advertised in local newspaper, radio, social media but the idea will be whoever is there will see us.

Small group/ Disciple class – We would love to implement a small group time on a Sunday morning or one evening a week. This would allow the children to have a more structured and in-depth study into Gods word. The children would be in age/ school year groups so we would need more leaders who would be able to teach such a class.

GK Team – We aim to continue to grow the leaders within children's church and within their own spiritual life. Maybe read a book together that may help or inspire them in the ministry. Attend children's ministry conferences together, and continue to do life together. Provide training; grow the team with more leaders, especially those who may be good with special needs children.

Working with parents – We would love to collaborate with parents in training their children. We could do training evenings with the parents to help them understand the importance of living their faith out at home, praying, reading and worshipping God together as a family. We have a full program of monthly events planned for the coming year.



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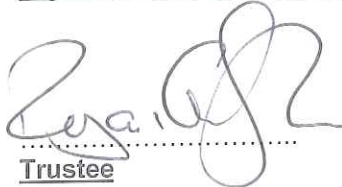
Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of Financial Statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the surplus or deficit arising in the period and of the assets and liabilities of the Charity as at the end of the financial period.

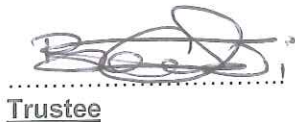
The Financial Statements are to be prepared under Section 64(1) of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity at any given time. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking all necessary steps for the prevention or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:


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Trustee

Dated: 10.12.21


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Trustee

Dated: 19/12/2021

