

The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102143

Details

Known as	Emmanuel Christian Fellowship
Status	Received
Company number	628845
Registered	2015-05-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The Trust is established for charitable purposes only, specifically the advancement of Religion (specifically the Evangelical Christian Faith), the advancement of education and the advancement of community development. 3.2 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. 3.3 The Trust 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) The support and facilitation of the Church; (ii) Raising awareness and understanding of Evangelical Christian beliefs and practices; (iii) Carrying out missionary and outreach work with in the community served by the Church; and (iv) Holding regular public worship services in the context of the Church.

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

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Community enterprise, Counselling/support, Education/training, Relief of poverty, Religious activities, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Men,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Unemployed/low income,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£1,896,974	£733,201	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Keith Mccollum		
Mr Alain Emerson		
Mr Alan John Alexander Emerson		
Mr Colin Maccorkell		
Mr David Wylie		
Mr Jonathan Beggs		
Mr Richard Preston		
Mr Tim Parks		
Mr Warwick Mccullough		
Mrs Heather Mcdowell		
Mrs Sonya Rowe		

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Accounts

Company Registration Number: NI628845
Charity Number: NIC102143



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Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

for the financial period ended 31 August 2025

Daly Park & Company Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
4 Carnegie Street
Lurgan
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TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Trustees	Alan John Emerson Warwick McCullough Jonathan Andrew Beggs Colin Maccorkell Heather McDowell Timothy Parks Richard Preston
Company Secretary	Joanne Briggs
Charity Number in Northern Ireland	NIC102143
Company Registration Number	NI628845
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
for the financial period ended 31 August 2025

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial period ended 31 August 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 company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of The Emmanuel Churches Trust present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial period 31 August 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 Churches Trust is established for the benefit of the public in Northern Ireland and in any other part of the world, the Churches Trust's objects are specifically restricted to the following :

- The advancement of the Evangelical Christian Faith in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis of Faith in particular but not exclusively by public worship services, prayer meetings, bible studies, bible teaching, pastoral care, education, missionary and outreach work and in such other charitable means as the Trustees may from time to time think fit;
- The advancement of education, citizenship, community development, health, and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by any charitable means as the Trustees shall consider appropriate;
- To advance any other exclusively charitable purpose according to the law of Northern Ireland as the Trustees may, from time to time, decide.

Governance

Our Board of Directors have met regularly and have undertaken a full programme of board strategic and governance activity throughout the year. All company directors have confirmed their willingness and eligibility to act as a Director and have declared that they do not have any conflict of interest in doing so. Conflicts of Interest during board meetings are managed as per our agreed policy. There are no related parties or significant interest to be noted. Apart from one Lead Pastor, Directors are unpaid and are not remunerated for their trusteeship. New Directors are recruited as per the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

A review of the Articles of Association occurred during the year which amended the charitable objects to better describe the charitable work of Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust and to improve the governance arrangements of the Company. During the year, the Board of Directors conducted a due diligence review regarding merging with Emmanuel Portadown (ECF Trust). This decision was made after careful consideration by both boards of trustees, ensuring alignment of our governance arrangements to better reflect the one vision, mission and operations of the churches as we work closely together across the City of Craigavon to fulfil our vision. We believe this will allow the Board to function more effectively, ensuring the governance of both churches is fully aligned and to have consistent methods in place for managing finances, employing staff, overseeing health & safety and all the other key operational aspects in both of our churches. The Board approved the merger, with effect from 31st August 2025, with all assets, undertakings, operations and liabilities of ECF Trust transferred to The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust on this date. Our financial year was also changed to align with this merger and to bring consistency with our operational planning and budgets. Moving forward, our trustee merged board will include representatives from both churches, ensuring continuity, local input and shared expertise. Now that the merger is complete, the Board of Directors have also changed the name of the legal entity to 'The Emmanuel Churches Trust' on 3rd November 2025 and will update both Companies House and Charity Commission for Northern Ireland accordingly.

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Summary of Activities

Church Community

The primary gathering point for our church community is a Sunday morning with around 700 adults gathering across 2 services. A key element of creating space for our church family is between these services over tea, coffee and snacks.

We continue to gather on the first Sunday evening of each month for our 'Seek First' worship space and meet bi-weekly for prayer on a Wednesday night. On these nights we join our Portadown Church.

We have continued in our primary calling of discipleship, while continuing to dedicate babies, baptise believers, marry and bury people. Endeavouring to do all of these in a context of love, dignity and family. During the year, we launched women's ministries – 'Woven'; which meets monthly for connection and encouragement and 'EmpowHer' which meets 3 times per year, often with a guest speaker.

We continually endeavour to engage with our wider community demonstrating the love of God in words and actions. At Easter time and in the summer, we blessed the local community with gifts around doors and organised community events and community fun days. As well as these key events, we also have developed weekly Café drop-ins in Mournview and Shalom.

Our Alpha programme was delivered From January to April, culminating with a special Easter Outreach event with Gram Seed as a speaker. An alpha programme was also delivered in the local prison as part of our ongoing weekly visits for connection and pastoral support.

Life groups

With the larger numbers of people gathering on Sundays, Life groups are a key way for us to be able to connect in smaller numbers and allow people to build intentional relationships. An African proverb says, *"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together"*

Around a third of our church members are engaged with life group, with a hope of seeing this increase in the future.

Pastoral Care

As a church, we desire to have a robust pastoral care system, which ensures that people are cared for thoroughly. We have a staff member to coordinate and oversee these processes specifically, while our pastors and volunteer pastoral care team outwork everything on the ground. Life groups (mentioned in the section above) provide a primary form of pastoral care, with group leaders able to feedback information to church leadership, of issues or difficulties which have arisen in the lives of those connected to their groups.

Wider Church Networks

We also facilitate a partnership network for around 20 churches in connection with Tobar. This provides mutual encouragement, support and learning. Throughout the year, it has been a delight to host 'Tobar family nights' and we look forward to our annual conference in October. Alongside this we also partner with other churches to host a Christian festival, Nua, for around 1200 people across Ireland as a place to worship, learn and encounter. This year's festival in June, saw growth across all ages and programmes, with new church families attending, as we came together with a unified desire to seek God for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit on the island of Ireland. Planning for next year has already commenced with hopes to develop a dedicated youth festival within the larger festival.

Kids

Week on week we have routine programmes that run consisting of:

5 Sunday Environments for 15months – 11 years olds, that have an average of 130 collectively each Sunday and 110 different volunteers involved on a rota basis.

Kids Drop In, that offers a safe, fun and nurturing space to get homework done. We have between 12-15 who attend weekly from a range of different schools.

Shalom Kids Club, an outreach initiative happening in North Lurgan.

Tiny Tots, Carers & Preschools group, With an average attendance of 30 adults & 45 kids, with most parents/carers attending Tiny Tots only having a connection to Emmanuel Church through this ministry. We continue to see an increase of people from many different nationalities.

Quest and Impact for children in P1 - P7 which runs every Friday night. With 80 children attending each week it is easy to say, Friday nights are the highlights of the week for many children & leaders alike. We are so thankful for the dedicated team of 15 leaders who weekly give up their Friday nights to invest in our kids.



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Additionally our P6/7 lifegroup meets bi-weekly which is one of our favourite spaces to meet with each other and God. We were blessed with the most amazing weekend in Kilbroney in May with this group – memories made that will last a lifetime.

Local Schools

It has been wonderful to work closely with some of our local schools Kings Park, Carrick, Dickson Primary schools where we facilitated a number of assemblies during the year. We continue to partner with Aspire & Reach throughout the year by providing mentoring capacity. Transition Week ran for P7's with 7 local primary schools in June.

Family Ministries

Our heart is very much for family. In 2025, 14 babies were born and 9 babies were dedicated into the church family. We have quarterly Saturday mornings with young family to stay & play called 'Mini Morning'. Our Fostering & Adoption Support Group continues to meet every other month - it's been a great space to meet, chat and pray for one another, bringing much encouragement.

Other Events

Easter Kids Week – Joy Story - 95 kids and 40 volunteers.
NUA - 'IONS' - A large team supported a fun packed weekend in June for 400 kids.
Junior Kids Week – July - 35 Nursery/P1 kids.
Shalom & Mournview Kids Weeks – July
Kids Week – August – 90 kids/40 volunteers
Summer Activity Days – 7 different fun days throughout summer.

All of the above has been delivered with reduced staffing capacity during the reporting period. A recruitment procedure in May resulted in a successful appointment with a new member of staff joining the team in autumn 2025.



Youth

Friday night youth



Our theme this year was "Tending the Flame" - focusing on how we can keep the fire and passion for Jesus alive for the long haul. We taught young people about spiritual disciplines to enable them to continue tending to the flames of their hearts. In the last year, over 450 different young people attended and we engaged an average of 170 young people per week.



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Throughout the year, we took the young people on multiple trips including a weekend away to Greenhill YMCA in February. Our weekend was fully booked bringing 115 young people on the residential. It was a fantastic time where young people deepened their relationships with peers and leaders, were free in their worship and had life changing encounters with God.



FUSE Youth

In 2025 Fuse has grown to an average of 35 young people attending per week with 120 different young people in attendance this year. FUSE brought 14 of the older youth away on a residential to Todd's Leap. The residential was a real success, they had so much fun and strengthened our relationship with them. Three leaders were able to share their testimonies in the evening and the kids responded really positively. It has sparked a curiosity and it's moments like these that make it worthwhile and we're believing as we keep showing up, God will reveal his love to these kids and bring breakthrough in their lives. To give these kids an opportunity like this that they wouldn't otherwise have had was such an honour.

Shalom Drop In

This has been amazing for building and developing relationships with young people from North Lurgan, with an averaged 10-12 young people coming along.

Youth Alpha

We have ran the course with 21 classes in Craigavon Senior High, 10 3rd year classes in Lurgan Junior High School and at lunch times in Lurgan College. We have taken an estimated 650 pupils from Lurgan, Craigavon and Portadown through the course this year. Many seeds have been planted, many young people were prayed for and one 16 year old boy gave his life to Jesus. Through the Alpha course we also gave out numerous Bibles to young people who asked for one. The schools have really seen the benefit of the course and have asked us to continue to offer it annually in their schools.

Kingdom Youth

This a space on Sunday mornings for ages 11-14. The young people participate in a programme that is delivered in correspondence with the teaching series in Church but tailored to their age. Kingdom Youth engages roughly 40 young people each week over the two services. We have also ran a youth believing and belonging course for the year 10s who have transitioned into church. As part of the transition we ran Switch up Sunday with close to 50 young people serving and leading in our Sunday service.

Lifegroups

In 2025 we had 60 girls and 40 boys engaging regularly in Lifegroups. Having 100 young people in regular small groups, praying, reading scripture and keeping each other accountable in their faith is really significant and an important part of their discipleship.

Prayer and Pancakes

6 to 7 young people come to church every Monday morning before school from 8:00-9:00am to start their week off in prayer.

Drop in

In 2025 we had 132 different young people attend our Junior and Senior Drop Ins with an average of 40 per week.

Banquet

In 2025 we have had 8 young people who attended Banquet bi-weekly on Sunday nights.

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Summer Activities

In July and August 2025 we had over 200 young people engaging in our summer programme. Fuse, funded by EA Planned Intervention funding, ran a programme, that included activities aimed at promoting peace and combatting anti-social behavior. We went on a tour of Belfast, had a session with the police and also ran some fun trips. We had over 20 young people engage with this programme.



MOVE

We brought 50 young people to the CIY Move summer camp in Co. Kildare. It was an incredible time for our young people where many of them had deep encounters with God, were disciplined in small groups and made lots of new friends with other young Christians from around Ireland. It was a real marker moment for many of our young people.

NUA 2025

We facilitated the youth programme at the NUA Festival alongside Lagan valley Vineyard with the most young people attendance yet. We had over 320 young people across the festival. I would sum up the weekend with the word empowered. There was a powerful time of ministry where young people responded to the call of God on their lives. It felt catalytic for our youth, with many being filled with the Spirit and propelled into a passionate pursuit of Jesus.



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Glo

In 2025 we ran Easter and Summer Glo. This is an event where the youth groups from the local churches come together to pray, worship, and serve the people of Lurgan together.

Compassion

Over the past year, our programmes have continued to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people across our local community. By combining social, practical, and educational activities, we have created welcoming spaces where participants feel valued, supported, and connected.

Connect Café remains a cornerstone of this work, welcoming up to 60 people every Wednesday morning for coffee, conversation and friendship. During the winter months, monthly hot meals served 40–50 participants, providing nourishment as well as a chance for companionship, particularly for those living alone. The introduction of a Community Advice Advisor, through our partnership with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council, has made a

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real difference, giving people access to guidance on housing, debt, and benefits and helping them feel more confident and supported.

Summer trips, including visits to the Ulster Transport Museum, Hollywood, Newcastle, and Portrush, offered participants, many with limited transport options, fun and shared experiences that strengthened connections and created lasting memories.



During this period, Freedom Foods Pantry received a £10,000 grant from Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council to support the delivery of social supermarkets and wraparound services. This funding allowed us to strengthen our Pantry infrastructure, enhance promotional materials and expand both our food and course provision.

Between January and August, the Pantry recorded 884 visits and welcomed 72 new households.

This sustained, long-term approach to food support enables our staff to work closely with families, helping them achieve improved outcomes and develop the skills needed to better manage household budgets in the future.

Renew has continued to provide practical support, distributing essential clothing items and working alongside referral agencies, hospitals and social work teams to meet urgent needs. A highlight of this work is our annual School Uniform Exchange, which redistributed over 1,700 items of clothing. This not only helped families manage the costs of a busy time of year but also promoted sustainability by keeping these items out of landfill.



Our educational and skills building programmes have also flourished. Sixteen participants took part in *Cooking for Life* and Air Fryer courses, during the reporting period learning practical cooking skills while boosting confidence, self-esteem and social interaction. In June, our new gardening initiative "Bloom" engaged 14 participants in growing from seeds and planting pots and window boxes. The course was oversubscribed, reflecting strong interest, and brought together a diverse group of people who formed new friendships while enjoying the shared satisfaction of growing something together.

Together, these programmes demonstrate our ongoing commitment to supporting the community in practical and meaningful ways. By providing opportunities for social connection, skill development, and personal growth, we are helping people feel included, empowered and inspired. The impact of this work goes beyond the numbers, creating stronger networks, lasting friendships and a more connected, resilient community.



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None of this would be possible without the countless volunteers that give freely of both their time and their prayers and we are truly grateful and indebted to all of those people for all they continue to do.

Financial Review

The Trustees are very satisfied with this set of financial results. The level of increasing income from our congregation in support of our mission continues to surprise and provide us with reassurance as to what we are doing. We continue to focus on our aims and objectives and concentrate our expenditure on those areas that will enhance and meet our objectives both in the short and medium term. Our net deficit of £5,893 before depreciation and the exceptional item underlines the controls and governance in place within our church.

In addition this year, we have now the first steps in our strategic plan which has involved the consolidation of ECF Trust in Portadown into The Emmanuel Churches Trust.

The trustees are continuing to work on updating the charity's reserve policy, and aim to create free unrestricted reserves equating to three months' running costs.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £2,937,285 (2024 - £1,518,735) and liabilities of £280,289 (2024 - £25,512). The net assets of the charity have increased by £1,163,773.

Reference and Administrative details

Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Alan John Emerson
Warwick McCullough
Jonathan Andrew Beggs
Colin Maccorkell
Heather McDowell
Timothy Parks
Richard Preston

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

The secretary who served during the financial year was:

Joanne Briggs

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

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

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

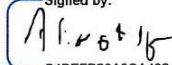
Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped achieve the charity purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

The Auditors

The auditors, Daly Park & Company Ltd, (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 2 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Alan John Emerson
Trustee

Signed by:

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Warwick McCullough
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 August 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of The Emmanuel Churches Trust 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 FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). 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 company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, 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.

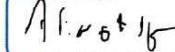
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and. 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditor in connection with preparing the auditor's report) of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

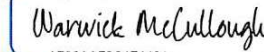
Approved by the Board of Trustees on 2 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:



Alan John Emerson
Trustee

Signed by:



Warwick McCullough
Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of The Emmanuel Churches Trust

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Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the charity financial statements of The Emmanuel Churches Trust ('the charity') for the financial period ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion, when reporting in accordance with a fair presentation framework the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 6, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

There is an inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities during audit. However the effectiveness of entity's controls, the nature and extent of audit procedures performed, gives us confidence in detecting irregularities.

Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the , whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
to the Members of The Emmanuel Churches Trust
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Ruairi Maginn (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
DALY PARK & COMPANY LTD
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
4 Carnegie Street
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2 December 2025

The Emmanuel Churches Trust
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the financial year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	3.1	1,829,686	14,633	1,844,319	981,578	-	981,578
Activities for generating funds	3.2	49,432	-	49,432	72,870	-	72,870
Investments	3.3	3,223	-	3,223	6,604	-	6,604
Total incoming resources		1,882,341	14,633	1,896,974	1,061,052	-	1,061,052
Resources Expended							
Charitable activities	4.1	720,007	13,194	733,201	1,063,805	-	1,063,805
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		1,162,334	1,439	1,163,773	(2,753)	-	(2,753)
Gross transfers between funds		(21,569)	21,569	-	(26,405)	26,405	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		1,140,765	23,008	1,163,773	(29,158)	26,405	(2,753)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	14	1,404,028	89,195	1,493,223	1,433,186	62,790	1,495,976
Total funds at the end of the year		2,544,793	112,203	2,656,996	1,404,028	89,195	1,493,223

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

The Emmanuel Churches Trust

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Company Number: NI628845

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 August 2025

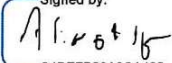
	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	2,564,451	1,221,110
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	26,190	26,775
Cash at bank and in hand	11	346,644	270,850
		372,834	297,625
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(280,289)	(25,512)
Net Current Assets		92,545	272,113
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		2,656,996	1,493,223
Funds			
Restricted trust funds		112,203	89,195
Designated funds (Unrestricted)		2,319,451	1,221,110
General fund (unrestricted)		225,342	182,918
Total funds	14	2,656,996	1,493,223

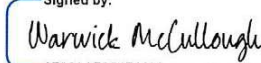
The total unrestricted funds includes a revaluation reserve of £652470 (2024 - £652470)

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 2 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Signed by:

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 Alan John Emerson
 Trustee

Signed by:

 A706AA59C174401
 Warwick McCullough
 Trustee

The Emmanuel Churches Trust
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the financial period ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movement in funds		1,163,773	(2,753)
Adjustments for:			
Exceptional items		(1,214,708)	-
Depreciation		45,042	71,190
Interest receivable and similar income		(3,223)	(6,604)
		<u>(9,116)</u>	<u>61,833</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		1,215,293	13,276
Movement in creditors		9,856	(31,813)
		<u>1,216,033</u>	<u>43,296</u>
Cash generated from operations			
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		3,223	6,604
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(1,388,383)	(24,992)
		<u>(1,385,160)</u>	<u>(18,388)</u>
Net cash used in investment activities			
Cash flows from financing activities			
New short term loan		245,000	-
Advances from subsidiaries/group companies		(2,164)	(4,012)
		<u>242,836</u>	<u>(4,012)</u>
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities			
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		73,709	20,896
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		270,850	249,954
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	11	<u>344,559</u>	<u>270,850</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 August 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Emmanuel Churches Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is 23a Castle Lane, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, BT67 9BD, Northern Ireland which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 August 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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	- 4% Straight line
Plant and machinery	- 25% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 25% Straight line

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 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.

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7.	INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME	2025	2024
		£	£
	Bank interest	<u>3,223</u>	<u>6,604</u>
8.	EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION		
	Number of employees		
	The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:		
		2025	2024
		Number	Number
	Employees	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
	The staff costs comprise:		
		2025	2024
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	320,867	445,821
	Pension costs	<u>6,622</u>	<u>8,720</u>
		<u>327,489</u>	<u>454,541</u>
9.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
		Land and buildings freehold	Plant and machinery
		£	£
		Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
		£	£
	Cost		
	At 1 January 2025	1,906,049	34,976
	Additions	1,360,013	-
	At 31 August 2025	<u>3,266,062</u>	<u>34,976</u>
	Depreciation		
	At 1 January 2025	717,754	34,976
	Charge for the financial year	41,561	-
	At 31 August 2025	<u>759,315</u>	<u>34,976</u>
	Net book value		
	At 31 August 2025	<u>2,506,747</u>	<u>-</u>
	At 31 December 2024	<u>1,188,295</u>	<u>-</u>
10.	DEBTORS		
		2025	2024
		£	£
	Trade debtors	14,609	22,006
	Prepayments and accrued income	<u>11,581</u>	<u>4,769</u>
		<u>26,190</u>	<u>26,775</u>

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for the financial year ended 31 August 2025

11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2025	2024	
	£	£	
Cash and bank balances	108,233	110,663	
Bank overdrafts	(2,085)	-	
Cash equivalents	238,411	160,187	
	<u>344,559</u>	<u>270,850</u>	
12. CREDITORS	2025	2024	
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£	
Bank overdrafts	2,085	-	
Property Loan	245,000	-	
Trade creditors	11,914	6,595	
Amounts owed to connected parties (Note 16)	-	2,164	
Taxation and social security costs	13,310	8,257	
Accruals and deferred income	7,980	8,496	
	<u>280,289</u>	<u>25,512</u>	
13. RESERVES	Revaluation	Funds	Total
	reserve		
	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	(652,470)	2,145,693	1,493,223
Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year	-	1,163,773	1,163,773
	<u>(652,470)</u>	<u>3,309,466</u>	<u>2,656,996</u>
At the end of the year			
14. FUNDS			
14.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	1,433,186	62,790	1,495,976
Movement during the financial year	(29,158)	26,405	(2,753)
	<u>1,404,028</u>	<u>89,195</u>	<u>1,493,223</u>
At 31 December 2024			
Movement during the financial year	1,142,156	21,617	1,163,773
	<u>2,546,184</u>	<u>110,812</u>	<u>2,656,996</u>
At 31 August 2025			

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for the financial year ended 31 August 2025

14.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Exceptional items	Transfers between funds £	Balance 31 August 2025 £
Restricted funds						
Restricted - Projects	89,195	14,633	13,194	-	21,569	112,203
Unrestricted funds						
Designated Property Reserve	1,221,110	-	45,042	1,143,383	-	2,319,451
Unrestricted General	182,918	671,270	678,602	71,325	(21,569)	225,342
	<u>1,404,028</u>	<u>671,270</u>	<u>(723,644)</u>	<u>1,214,708</u>	<u>(21,569)</u>	<u>2,544,793</u>
Total funds	<u><u>1,493,223</u></u>	<u><u>685,903</u></u>	<u><u>736,838</u></u>	<u><u>1,214,708</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,656,996</u></u>

15. STATUS

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following amounts are due to other connected parties:

2025 £	2024 £
-	2,164
<u>-</u>	<u>2,164</u>

17. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT

	Opening balance £	Cash flows £	Closing balance £
Short-term borrowings	-	(245,000)	(245,000)
Total liabilities from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(245,000)</u>	<u>(245,000)</u>
Total Cash at bank and in hand (Note 11)			<u>344,559</u>
Total net debt			<u><u>99,559</u></u>

18. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

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

19. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

None of the Trustees received nor waived any kind of remuneration for their services as Trustees during the current or previous financial year. One of the Trustees, was paid £28,750 by way of a salary for his role as Pastor in the Church.

The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102143

Accounts

Company Registration Number: NI628845
Charity Number: NIC102143

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Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

Daly Park & Company Ltd
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TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Trustees	Alan John Emerson Warwick McCullough Alain Emerson (Resigned 3 December 2024) Christopher Leech (Resigned 3 December 2024) Jonathan Andrew Beggs Colin Maccorkell (Appointed 3 December 2024) Heather McDowell (Appointed 3 December 2024) Timothy Parks (Appointed 3 December 2024) Richard Preston (Appointed 3 December 2024)
Company Secretary	Leonard Adamson (Resigned 3 December 2024) Joanne Briggs (Appointed 3 December 2024)
Charity Number in Northern Ireland	NIC102143
Company Registration Number	NI628845
Registered Office	23a Castle Lane Lurgan Co. Armagh BT67 9BD Northern Ireland
Principal Address	23a Castle Lane Lurgan Craigavon Co. Armagh BT67 9BD Northern Ireland
Auditors	Daly Park & Company Ltd Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 4 Carnegie Street Lurgan Craigavon County Armagh BT66 6AS Northern Ireland
Principal Bankers	First Trust Bank 8 Market St Lurgan Co. Armagh BT66 6AQ Northern Ireland

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 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 company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 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.

Principal Activity

The Trust is established for charitable purposes only, specifically the advancement of Religion (specifically the Evangelical 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 Trust 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) The support and facilitation of the Church;
- (ii) Raising awareness and understanding of Evangelical Christian beliefs and practices;
- (iii) Carrying out missionary and outreach work with in the community served by the Church; and
- (iv) Holding regular public worship services in the context of the Church.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance
Summary of Activities

Church Community

The primary gathering point for our church community is a Sunday morning with around 700 adults gathering across 2 services. A key element of creating space for our church family is between these services over tea, coffee and snacks.

We continue to gather on the first Sunday evening of each month for our 'Seek First' worship space and meet bi-weekly for prayer on a Wednesday night. On these nights we join our Portadown Church.

We have continued in our primary calling of discipleship, while continuing to dedicate babies, baptise believers, marry and bury people. Endeavouring to do all of these in a context of love, dignity and family.

We continually endeavour to engage with our wider community demonstrating the love of God in words and actions. At both Easter and November half term break we bless the local community with gifts around doors and have organised community events such as firework displays and community fun days.

Life groups

With the larger numbers of people gathering on Sundays, Life groups are a key way for us to be able to connect in smaller numbers and allow people to build intentional relationships. An African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together"

Around a third of our church members are engaged with life group, with a hope of seeing this increase in the future.

Pastoral Care

As a church, we desire to have a robust pastoral care system, which ensures that people are cared for thoroughly. We have a staff member to coordinate and oversee these processes specifically, while our pastors and volunteer pastoral care team outwork everything on the ground. Life groups (mentioned in the section above) provide a primary form of pastoral care, with group leaders able to feedback information to church leadership, of issues of difficulties which arisen in the lives of those connected to their groups.

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Kids

All Sunday Kids environments have been bursting with energy this year as we seek to love and inspire the next generation. Environments are provided for kids aged from 15 months to P7, that include stories from the Bible, worship, memory verses, games, crafts, prayer stations, as well as free & sensory play for our youngest Kingdomers. We started a new environment for Nursery & P1 - bringing us to a total of 5 age specific environments for Kids on Sunday mornings. Kids Ministry themes over the past year have included Women of the Bible, The God Story and a fun 'INSIDE OUT' themed 8 week programme over summer. There is an average of 160 kids coming through the programmes each Sunday morning.

Kids Drop In

Junior Drop In is an environment provided for children in P4-P7 after school mid-week. It has the purpose to have food, fun, for the kids to make friends from other schools, to get support with their homework with the help of our volunteers. This environment is also utilised as an access point for kids to be welcomed into church as for many of these children, it is their first contact point with Emmanuel. From this environment, many of our kids start attending our Friday night and Sunday environments. We have between 12-15 who attend weekly from a range of different schools.

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots is an environment that provides a place for parents and carers to bring their children, from the age of 0 - pre-school. It continues to grow with new families attending each week. There is an average attendance of 30 adults & 45 kids, with the majority of parents/carers attending Tiny Tots only having a connection to Emmanuel Church through this ministry. We continue to see an increase of people from many different nationalities. This is only possible because of the strong dedicated volunteer team which has really grown this season.

Quest & Impact

Quest and Impact is an environment that is provided for children in P1 - P7 which runs every Friday night. Quest is for children in P1-P3 and Impact is for P4-P7. The purpose of our Friday nights is to provide a structured programme with a more casual approach after the kids finish a full week of school. Here, the kids learn more about the Bible in a fun and interactive way; and enjoy playing with their friends in a safe environment. This year we have gone through the life stories of Moses and Joshua as well as Kings & Queens of the Bible and Children of the Bible. With 80 children attending each week it is easy to say, Friday nights are the highlights of the week for many children & leaders alike. We are so thankful for the dedicated team of 15 leaders who weekly give up their Friday nights to pour into our kids.



Local Schools

It has been wonderful to work closely with some of our local schools throughout the year taking assemblies in Kings Park, Carrick, Dickson and Moira Primary schools. We have had an excellent opportunity to partner with Aspire & Reach, which has given us extra time in our schedules to give hours towards Carrick on a weekly basis. We had an excellent time hosting the Transition Week for P7's with our local primary schools in June.

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Lifegroups

Our P6 & P7 Lifegroup is an environment which involves; connecting with peers, playing games, praying for each other, and reading the Bible together. We have generated an average attendance of 45 kids bi-weekly which creates a positive atmosphere of healthy learning and development within our kids who are seeking it. We had a sleepover in church with this environment for the purpose of providing the kids with preparation before going on our yearly residential as many of them have never stayed overnight away from home before.

46 of our P6 & P7 Lifegroup took off to Kilbroney in May for the residential to where they had a fantastic time building friendships, challenging fears, and seeking Jesus. The weekend finished with a family BBQ and games, which was a huge hit for all 120 people who attended.



Family Ministries

Our heart is very much for family. In 2024, 15 babies were born into our church family and New Baby Hampers were delivered to these families. 13 babies were dedicated into the church family. We have loved our quarterly Saturday mornings with young family stay & play called 'Mini Morning' - it has been a great opportunities for parents and carers to connect. Equally so has our Fostering & Adoption Support Group which meets every other month.

Other Events

NUA- A large team of kids volunteers were involved in organising and running the kids environments at NUA in June. It was a fun packed weekend with a circus theme called 'From Now On'.

Easter Kids Week - In April we hosted our annual Easter Kids Week. This year's theme was 'Finding Jesus'. We had so much fun as we opened the doors to 100 kids and 45 volunteers.



Junior Kids Week -

In July we have a 3 day kids weeks for those going into nursery/P1. We had lots of fun through free play, bible stories, games and sensory play.



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Kids Week - We had our annual Kids Activity Week in August where 100 children took part in either a sports or arts program, as well as engaging in Bible lessons. On the Thursday night of this week, we hosted a family night for the children that were involved in the Activity week.



Summer Activity Days - Over summer we hosted 11 activity days to allow kids to gather, build relationships and have fun.

Home For Good Summit - We had the privilege of providing the kids programme for P1-7 at the annual Home for Good Summit.

Shalom - We had the immense pleasure of running multiple kids events in Shalom including a month of weekly kids clubs in May. A Holiday Bible Club in July and a Christmas Party in December.

Youth

Friday night youth

This year we combined Vital and Collective youth environments to create one Emmanuel Youth discipleship environment on Friday nights for young people aged 11-18. This has been a very successful transition. We have witnessed salvations, baptisms and young people growing deeper in their faith and bearing much fruit. We have created space for young people to lead from preaching, hosting and leading worship which has been key in developing young leaders within our church.



Our theme this year was "Tending the Flame" - focusing on how we can keep the fire and passion for Jesus alive and how we sustain our faith over the long term.

In the last year, over 420 different young people attended and we engaged an average of 170 young people per week.

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During this year we took the young people on multiple trips including a weekend away to Greenhill YMCA. Our weekend was fully booked bringing 115 young people on the residential. It was a fantastic time where young people deepened their relationships with peers and leaders, were free in their worship and had life changing encounters with God. We had some of the most powerful prayer ministry times with young people that we've ever had.



FUSE Youth

Over the past year we have witnessed the growth of our FUSE detached Youth work programme largely due to the recruitment of Marty Timlin as our Outward focused Youth Pastor. Since this recruitment, FUSE has grown from an average of 10-15 young people to an average of 35 young people per week.

Kingdom Youth

With changes to Vital and Collective environments on Friday evenings, we also introduced Kingdom Youth on Sunday mornings for ages 11-14. This program aligns with the church's teaching series but is tailored for youth. Around 40 young people participate each week over two services. We also ran a successful youth course for year 10s transitioning into church, led by Robbie and Pastor Phil. It taught the importance of church and Emmanuel's core values and beliefs.

Banquet is for young people deepening their faith and committing to God. It focuses on teaching them to read the Bible and listen to the Holy Spirit. In 2024/25, 10 young people attended Banquet bi-weekly on Sunday nights.

Youth Alpha Course

Through our relationships with local schools, we have been presented with the wonderful opportunity to run the Youth Alpha course in several schools. This year alone, we have conducted the course for 21 classes at Craigavon Senior High, 10 third-year classes at LJHS, and during lunch times at Lurgan College. In total, approximately 650 pupils from Lurgan, Craigavon, and Portadown participated in the program.

At the conclusion of each series of classes, we hosted Alpha round-up sessions where students gathered for pizza, listened to a gospel message, and were given the opportunity to receive prayers. Numerous seeds of faith were planted, many young people were prayed for, and notably, one 16-year-old boy committed his life to Jesus.

Additionally, we distributed numerous Bibles to students who requested them. The participating schools have recognized the benefits of the course and have expressed their desire for us to continue offering it annually. Due to the success of the Youth Alpha course, other schools are now reaching out to invite us to implement the program in their schools, presenting us with further opportunities to expand our outreach.

1 WAY EVENT In October and November 2024, we partnered with Crown Jesus Ministries and local churches to host a city-wide youth outreach at South Lakes Leisure Centre. The initiative included three weeks of school outreach, the main event, and follow-up activities. About 1400 young people attended, with 334 responding to the gospel. It was an incredible experience to lead and run this event.

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Uganda

In summer 2024 we took a team of 17 teenagers to Jandira in Uganda for a mission trip. The team led a kids week in the primary school and Bible studies and sports in the secondary school with many of the young people stepping up to lead in different areas. We delivered two women's nights in the church making jewellery and doing arts and crafts. We contributed to the Sunday service in the local church as well.



Lifegroups

In 2024/25 we had 60 girls and 40 boys engaging regularly in Lifegroups. To have 100 young people in regular small groups, praying, reading scripture and keeping each other accountable in their faith is really significant and an important part of their discipleship.

Prayer and Pancakes

6 to 7 young people come to church every Monday morning before school from 8:00-9:00am to start their week off in prayer.

Drop in

In 2024/25 we had 132 different young people attend our Junior and Senior Drop Ins with an average of 40 per week.

Signal Fires

Signal Fires is an initiative where we gather young individuals to pray, worship, and seek God together for a renewed movement of His Spirit in our land. These events are designed to equip young people to pray and encourage them to live mission-focused lives, thus preparing the ground for renewal and awakening.

In September, we collaborated with the Tobar Conference to host a Signal Fires event. This event saw the highest number of participating churches and locations across Ireland, with an attendance of 250 individuals. Notably, five young people dedicated their lives to Jesus during this gathering.

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We have established a core team that has diligently worked to create a distinct identity for Signal Fires, clarifying its objectives and what it can offer to churches nationwide. This core team now meets monthly to pray and plan, which has provided Signal Fires with much-needed structure and direction.

Looking ahead, we have scheduled four events in Derry, Cork, Dublin, and Belfast over the next 12 months.



Summer Activities

In July and August 2024 we had 200 young people engaging in our summer programme.

MOVE

We brought 35 young people to the CIY Move summer camp in Co. Kildare. It was an incredible time for our young people where many of them had deep encounters with God, were discipled in small groups and made lots of new friends with other young Christians from around Ireland.



NUA We facilitated the youth programme at the NUA Festival with Lagan Valley Vineyard Church. It was a remarkable weekend where many young people experienced freedom and healing in worship. Over the past two years, NUA has significantly impacted our youth, inspiring many to passionately pursue Jesus.



Glo

In 2024 we ran Summer Glo. This is an event where the youth groups from the local churches come together to pray, worship, and serve the people of Lurgan together. We do things like gardening, community clean ups and area fun days. It's great to watch young people from different churches work together to serve and glorify God.

Volunteers

We have established and developed healthy teams with approximately 60 volunteers serving cross all of our youth environments. Rebekah Baker also started her internship with us in September 2024 and she has been a great addition to our team. We have watched her grow in confidence, leadership and authority and has become a capable leader that we can entrust with responsibility. The development of the Intern Programme will be a key priority in 2025.

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A big thank you to our amazing volunteers (some pictured below)



Compassion

Over the past year, our work has continued to grow in depth and reach, driven by a passionate team of 72 volunteers and 3 staff members. Together, we've created spaces of welcome, support and transformation, helping individuals navigate hardship while offering pathways to stability and renewed hope. From the warmth of Connect Café and the practical support of Renew, to the empowerment of English lessons and the long term impact of Freedom Foods Pantry, each initiative reflects our commitment to seeing people not only survive difficult times but truly thrive.



Connect Café

Connect Café has continued to flourish as a welcoming and inclusive space with up to 60 individuals regularly attending on Wednesday mornings for coffee, conversation and connection. For many attendees, this remains a critical part of their weekly routine which combats loneliness and provides a measure of structure to the week.

During the winter months, we expanded our outreach by providing hot meals monthly following the café (12:00–1:00 p.m.) serving between 40 to 50 individuals per session. These gatherings offered not only food but also warmth and companionship.

Staff from our local Jobs and Benefits office now visit Connect regularly to support clients with understanding changes to Universal Credit and help them complete forms and paperwork. Although a recent addition, this support has already made a big difference, breaking down barriers and helping people get the outcomes they need.

A significant highlight of the year was our Christmas dinner, where 120 members of the community came together to enjoy a traditional festive meal, followed by games and entertainment. A joyful event that brought a strong sense of celebration and togetherness.

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Throughout the summer we organised day trips to Newcastle, Bangor, and Portrush. These outings are particularly meaningful for many participants offering rare opportunities to travel beyond the local area, enjoy nature, and share a picnic together.

Drop-in Cafes

Our Monday evening (open to all) and Thursday morning (Men's Drop-In) cafés have remained vibrant and well-attended. Collectively, these sessions welcome approximately 70 participants weekly, offering food, social interaction and activities such as pool competitions and games. These gatherings have played a key role in fostering friendships and building community with many describing them as a weekly highlight.

Renew

Renew supported 377 individuals this year through appointments providing clothing and essential items. In addition, we held targeted initiatives including a Winter Coat Drive, Christmas Pyjama Appeal and our annual Uniform Exchange which involved six local schools and redistributed over 2000 items of clothing.

Renew continues to build strong links with Pantry members, allowing us to address practical needs, particularly evident during the winter months, when the coat appeal helped ease financial pressures for families with growing children.

Foodbank

In partnership with our local Trussell Foodbank, we issued 61 vouchers during 2024, supporting approximately 200 individuals in immediate crisis. This relationship remains a vital part of our compassion response to urgent need.

Freedom Foods Pantry

Freedom Foods Pantry plays a key role in our long-term, holistic approach to food insecurity. In 2024 we welcomed 110 new members and recorded 1034 pantry visits.

A significant development this year was receiving the Social Supermarket and Wraparound Services Grant in November 2024. This funding enabled us to enhance our food provision, expand support services and improve outreach. We developed promotional videos and multilingual flyers to better explain the social supermarket model and preserve members' dignity and understanding, raising awareness and increasing accessibility to the service.

We also launched the Health for Life Programme in collaboration with health visitors, the Southern Health & Social Care Trust and other professionals. This four-week series addressed topics such as physical health, oral hygiene, first aid, mental well-being, nutrition and child safety, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants.

English Lessons

Our English language classes have continued to thrive with over 91 students enrolled across three levels. This programme is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers and currently represents learners from 17 countries from Ukraine to Afghanistan. It continues to be a key initiative helping individuals integrate and thrive within our local community.

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Christmas Support Program



At Christmas, we delivered 120 festive hampers to our Pantry members and provided gifts for 15 children. In addition, through our Christmas Savings Scheme, parents saved for 22 children, an empowering initiative that enabled families to purchase their own gifts. It was inspiring to see the pride and independence this brought to those involved and we look forward to growing this scheme in future years.

Once again, local businesses and schools partnered with us by collecting food donations and making financial contributions. We were also able to provide gift bags for young adults at Bocombra Residential Home and deliver Christmas presents to 128 children connected with the local charity Aspire.

A true highlight of the season was our visits to Belvedere and Aughnacloy House residential care homes, where we spent a fun afternoon singing carols and sharing festive food with residents, a meaningful time of connection and celebration

Recognition

We were honoured to welcome Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester in September 2024, recognising the positive impact of our work within the community. The visit was a memorable occasion that left a lasting impression on our team, volunteers and those we serve.

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Governance

Our Board of Directors have met regularly and have undertaken a full programme of board strategic and governance activity throughout the year. All company directors have confirmed their willingness and eligibility to act as a Director and have declared that they do not have any conflict of interest in doing so. Conflicts of Interest during board meetings are managed as per our agreed policy. There are no related parties or significant interest to be noted. Apart from the lead Pastor, Directors are unpaid and are not remunerated for their trusteeship.

New Directors are recruited as per the Memorandum and Articles of Association. During the year, the Board was strengthened by 3 new members. This helps to diversify board membership and ensures a broad range of skills and experience at Board level. A review of the Articles of Association has occurred during the year which amended the charitable objects to better describe the charitable work of Emmanuel Lurgan Church Trust and to improve the governance arrangements of the Company. As we look ahead to next year, and the continued development of close partnership working with Emmanuel Church Portadown (ECF Trust), the Board of Directors will conduct a due diligence review regarding merging the 2 charitable trusts so that governance arrangements better reflect the one vision, mission and operations of the churches across the City of Craigavon.

Financial Review

The Trustees are very satisfied with this set of financial results. The level of increasing income from our congregation in support of our mission continues to surprise and provide us with reassurance as to what we are doing. We continue to focus on our aims and objectives and concentrate our expenditure on those areas that will enhance and meet our objectives both in the short and medium term. Our net surplus of £51k before depreciation underlines the controls and governance in place within our church. None of this would be possible without the countless volunteers that give freely of both their time and their prayers and we are truly grateful and indebted to all of those people for all they continue to do. The trustees are continuing to work on updating the charity's reserve policy, and aim to create free unrestricted reserves equating to three months' running costs, which would be approximately £130k in total.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £1,515,625 (2023 - £1,557,313) and liabilities of £25,512 (2023 - £61,337). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £(5,863).

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Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Alan John Emerson
Warwick McCullough
Alain Emerson (Resigned 3 December 2024)
Christopher Leech (Resigned 3 December 2024)
Jonathan Andrew Beggs
Colin Maccorkell (Appointed 3 December 2024)
Heather McDowell (Appointed 3 December 2024)
Timothy Parks (Appointed 3 December 2024)
Richard Preston (Appointed 3 December 2024)

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

The secretary who served during the financial year was:

Leonard Adamson (Resigned 3 December 2024)
Joanne Briggs (Appointed 3 December 2024)

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

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

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

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped achieve the charity purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.


The Auditors

The auditors, Daly Park & Company Ltd, (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Alan John Emerson
Trustee



Warwick McCullough
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust 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 FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). 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 company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, 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 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 and. 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.

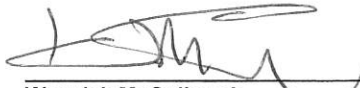
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditor in connection with preparing the auditor's report) of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Alan John Emerson
Trustee



Warwick McCullough
Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust

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Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the charity financial statements of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust ('the charity') for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion, when reporting in accordance with a fair presentation framework the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its deficit for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

There is an inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities during audit. However the effectiveness of entity's controls, the nature and extent of audit procedures performed, gives us confidence in detecting irregularities.

Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the , whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Ruairi Maginn (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
DALY PARK & COMPANY LTD
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
4 Carnegie Street
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26th June 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	3.1	981,578	-	981,578	835,523	-	835,523
Activities for generating funds	3.2	72,870	-	72,870	68,531	-	68,531
Investments	3.3	6,604	-	6,604	3,583	-	3,583
Total incoming resources		1,061,052	-	1,061,052	907,637	-	907,637
Resources Expended							
Charitable activities	4.1	1,063,805	-	1,063,805	918,506	17,871	936,377
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(2,753)	-	(2,753)	(10,869)	(17,871)	(28,740)
Gross transfers between funds		(26,405)	26,405	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		(29,158)	26,405	(2,753)	(10,869)	(17,871)	(28,740)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	14	1,433,186	62,790	1,495,976	1,444,055	80,661	1,524,716
Total funds at the end of the year		1,404,028	89,195	1,493,223	1,433,186	62,790	1,495,976

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

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	<u>1,221,110</u>	<u>1,267,308</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	26,775	40,051
Cash at bank and in hand	11	<u>270,850</u>	<u>249,954</u>
		<u>297,625</u>	<u>290,005</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(25,512)</u>	<u>(61,337)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>272,113</u>	<u>228,668</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>1,493,223</u>	<u>1,495,976</u>
Funds			
Restricted trust funds		89,195	62,790
Designated funds (Unrestricted)		1,221,110	1,267,308
General fund (unrestricted)		<u>182,918</u>	<u>165,878</u>
Total funds	14	<u>1,493,223</u>	<u>1,495,976</u>

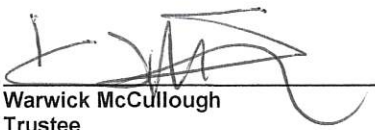
The total unrestricted funds includes a revaluation reserve of £652470 (2023 - £652470)

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by


Alan John Emerson
Trustee


Warwick McCullough
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movement in funds		(2,753)	(28,740)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		71,190	80,224
Interest receivable and similar income		(6,604)	(3,583)
		<u>61,833</u>	<u>47,901</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		13,276	14,550
Movement in creditors		(31,813)	(2,226)
		<u>43,296</u>	<u>60,225</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		6,604	3,583
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(24,992)	(7,163)
		<u>(18,388)</u>	<u>(3,580)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Advances from subsidiaries/group companies		(4,012)	(124)
		<u>20,896</u>	<u>56,521</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		249,954	193,433
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		270,850	249,954
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	11	<u>270,850</u>	<u>249,954</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is 23a Castle Lane, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, BT67 9BD, Northern Ireland which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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	-	4% Straight line
Plant and machinery	-	25% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% Straight line

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 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.

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Taxation and deferred taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

3. INCOME				
3.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income	<u>981,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>981,578</u>	<u>835,523</u>
3.2 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Activities for generating funds	<u>72,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,870</u>	<u>68,531</u>
3.3 INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Investments	<u>6,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,604</u>	<u>3,583</u>
4. EXPENDITURE				
4.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		Costs	2024	2023
		£	£	£
Cost of Charitable Activities		<u>1,063,805</u>	<u>1,063,805</u>	<u>936,377</u>
4.2 SUPPORT COSTS		Charitable Activities	2024	2023
		£	£	£
Missions		92,243	92,243	49,487
Support Costs		181,922	181,922	159,206
Depreciation		71,190	71,190	80,224
Church Ministry & Outreach		718,450	718,450	647,460
		<u>1,063,805</u>	<u>1,063,805</u>	<u>936,377</u>
5. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS			2024	2023
			£	£
Missions			92,243	49,487
Support Costs			181,922	159,206
Depreciation			71,190	80,224
Church Ministry & Outreach			718,450	647,460
			<u>1,063,805</u>	<u>936,377</u>

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6.	NET INCOMING RESOURCES	2024	2023		
		£	£		
	Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):				
	Depreciation of tangible assets	71,190	80,224		
	Auditor's remuneration:				
	- audit services	3,301	3,300		
		<u>3,301</u>	<u>3,300</u>		
7.	INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME	2024	2023		
		£	£		
	Bank interest	6,604	3,583		
		<u>6,604</u>	<u>3,583</u>		
8.	EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION				
	Number of employees				
	The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:				
		2024	2023		
		Number	Number		
	Employees	21	16		
		<u>21</u>	<u>16</u>		
	The staff costs comprise:	2024	2023		
		£	£		
	Wages and salaries	445,821	394,890		
	Pension costs	8,720	7,736		
		<u>454,541</u>	<u>402,626</u>		
9.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
		Land and buildings freehold	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				
	At 1 January 2024	1,906,049	34,976	130,102	2,071,127
	Additions	-	-	24,992	24,992
	At 31 December 2024	<u>1,906,049</u>	<u>34,976</u>	<u>155,094</u>	<u>2,096,119</u>
	Depreciation				
	At 1 January 2024	655,413	33,699	114,707	803,819
	Charge for the financial year	62,341	1,277	7,572	71,190
	At 31 December 2024	<u>717,754</u>	<u>34,976</u>	<u>122,279</u>	<u>875,009</u>
	Net book value				
	At 31 December 2024	<u>1,188,295</u>	-	<u>32,815</u>	<u>1,221,110</u>
	At 31 December 2023	<u>1,250,636</u>	<u>1,277</u>	<u>15,395</u>	<u>1,267,308</u>

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10. DEBTORS		2024	2023
		£	£
Trade debtors		22,006	32,027
Prepayments and accrued income		4,769	8,024
		26,775	40,051
11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		2024	2023
		£	£
Cash and bank balances		110,663	96,371
Cash equivalents		160,187	153,583
		270,850	249,954
12. CREDITORS		2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year		£	£
Trade creditors		6,595	32,329
Amounts owed to connected parties (Note 16)		2,164	6,176
Taxation and social security costs		8,257	11,018
Accruals and deferred income		8,496	11,814
		25,512	61,337
13. RESERVES		Funds	Total
		£	£
At the beginning of the year		1,495,976	1,495,976
Deficit for the financial year		(2,753)	(2,753)
At the end of the year		1,493,223	1,493,223
14. FUNDS			
14.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
		£	£
At 1 January 2023		1,444,055	80,661
Movement during the financial year		(10,869)	(17,871)
At 31 December 2023		1,433,186	62,790
Movement during the financial year		(29,158)	26,405
At 31 December 2024		1,404,028	89,195
			1,493,223

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14.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance 31 December 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Restricted - Projects	62,790	-	-	26,405	89,195
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted - Property Reserve	1,267,308	-	-	(46,198)	1,221,110
Unrestricted General	165,878	1,061,052	1,063,805	19,793	182,918
	<u>1,433,186</u>	<u>1,061,052</u>	<u>(1,063,805)</u>	<u>(26,405)</u>	<u>1,404,028</u>
Total funds	<u><u>1,495,976</u></u>	<u><u>1,061,052</u></u>	<u><u>1,063,805</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,493,223</u></u>

15. STATUS

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

16. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

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

17. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

None of the Trustees received nor waived any kind of remuneration for their services as Trustees during the current or previous financial year. One of the Trustees, appointed during the current year, was paid £3,344 by way of a salary for his role as Pastor in the Church.

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Annual report

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The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 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 company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 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.

Principal Activity

The Trust is established for charitable purposes only, specifically the advancement of Religion (specifically the Evangelical 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 Trust 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) The support and facilitation of the Church;
- (ii) Raising awareness and understanding of Evangelical Christian beliefs and practices;
- (iii) Carrying out missionary and outreach work with in the community served by the Church; and
- (iv) Holding regular public worship services in the context of the Church.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance
Summary of Activities

Church Community

The primary gathering point for our church community is a Sunday morning with around 700 adults gathering across 2 services. A key element of creating space for our church family is between these services over tea, coffee and snacks.

We continue to gather on the first Sunday evening of each month for our 'Seek First' worship space and meet bi-weekly for prayer on a Wednesday night. On these nights we join our Portadown Church.

We have continued in our primary calling of discipleship, while continuing to dedicate babies, baptise believers, marry and bury people. Endeavouring to do all of these in a context of love, dignity and family.

We continually endeavour to engage with our wider community demonstrating the love of God in words and actions. At both Easter and November half term break we bless the local community with gifts around doors and have organised community events such as firework displays and community fun days.

Life groups

With the larger numbers of people gathering on Sundays, Life groups are a key way for us to be able to connect in smaller numbers and allow people to build intentional relationships. An African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together"

Around a third of our church members are engaged with life group, with a hope of seeing this increase in the future.

Pastoral Care

As a church, we desire to have a robust pastoral care system, which ensures that people are cared for thoroughly. We have a staff member to coordinate and oversee these processes specifically, while our pastors and volunteer pastoral care team outwork everything on the ground. Life groups (mentioned in the section above) provide a primary form of pastoral care, with group leaders able to feedback information to church leadership, of issues of difficulties which arisen in the lives of those connected to their groups.

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Kids

All Sunday Kids environments have been bursting with energy this year as we seek to love and inspire the next generation. Environments are provided for kids aged from 15 months to P7, that include stories from the Bible, worship, memory verses, games, crafts, prayer stations, as well as free & sensory play for our youngest Kingdomers. We started a new environment for Nursery & P1 - bringing us to a total of 5 age specific environments for Kids on Sunday mornings. Kids Ministry themes over the past year have included Women of the Bible, The God Story and a fun 'INSIDE OUT' themed 8 week programme over summer. There is an average of 160 kids coming through the programmes each Sunday morning.

Kids Drop In

Junior Drop In is an environment provided for children in P4-P7 after school mid-week. It has the purpose to have food, fun, for the kids to make friends from other schools, to get support with their homework with the help of our volunteers. This environment is also utilised as an access point for kids to be welcomed into church as for many of these children, it is their first contact point with Emmanuel. From this environment, many of our kids start attending our Friday night and Sunday environments. We have between 12-15 who attend weekly from a range of different schools.

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots is an environment that provides a place for parents and carers to bring their children, from the age of 0 - pre-school. It continues to grow with new families attending each week. There is an average attendance of 30 adults & 45 kids, with the majority of parents/carers attending Tiny Tots only having a connection to Emmanuel Church through this ministry. We continue to see an increase of people from many different nationalities. This is only possible because of the strong dedicated volunteer team which has really grown this season.

Quest & Impact

Quest and Impact is an environment that is provided for children in P1 - P7 which runs every Friday night. Quest is for children in P1-P3 and Impact is for P4-P7. The purpose of our Friday nights is to provide a structured programme with a more casual approach after the kids finish a full week of school. Here, the kids learn more about the Bible in a fun and interactive way; and enjoy playing with their friends in a safe environment. This year we have gone through the life stories of Moses and Joshua as well as Kings & Queens of the Bible and Children of the Bible. With 80 children attending each week it is easy to say, Friday nights are the highlights of the week for many children & leaders alike. We are so thankful for the dedicated team of 15 leaders who weekly give up their Friday nights to pour into our kids.



Local Schools

It has been wonderful to work closely with some of our local schools throughout the year taking assemblies in Kings Park, Carrick, Dickson and Moira Primary schools. We have had an excellent opportunity to partner with Aspire & Reach, which has given us extra time in our schedules to give hours towards Carrick on a weekly basis. We had an excellent time hosting the Transition Week for P7's with our local primary schools in June.

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Lifegroups

Our P6 & P7 Lifegroup is an environment which involves; connecting with peers, playing games, praying for each other, and reading the Bible together. We have generated an average attendance of 45 kids bi-weekly which creates a positive atmosphere of healthy learning and development within our kids who are seeking it. We had a sleepover in church with this environment for the purpose of providing the kids with preparation before going on our yearly residential as many of them have never stayed overnight away from home before.

46 of our P6 & P7 Lifegroup took off to Kilbroney in May for the residential to where they had a fantastic time building friendships, challenging fears, and seeking Jesus. The weekend finished with a family BBQ and games, which was a huge hit for all 120 people who attended.



Family Ministries

Our heart is very much for family. In 2024, 15 babies were born into our church family and New Baby Hampers were delivered to these families. 13 babies were dedicated into the church family. We have loved our quarterly Saturday mornings with young family stay & play called 'Mini Morning' - it has been a great opportunities for parents and carers to connect. Equally so has our Fostering & Adoption Support Group which meets every other month.

Other Events

NUA- A large team of kids volunteers were involved in organising and running the kids environments at NUA in June. It was a fun packed weekend with a circus theme called 'From Now On'.

Easter Kids Week - In April we hosted our annual Easter Kids Week. This year's theme was 'Finding Jesus'. We had so much fun as we opened the doors to 100 kids and 45 volunteers.



Junior Kids Week -

In July we have a 3 day kids weeks for those going into nursery/P1. We had lots of fun through free play, bible stories, games and sensory play.



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Kids Week - We had our annual Kids Activity Week in August where 100 children took part in either a sports or arts program, as well as engaging in Bible lessons. On the Thursday night of this week, we hosted a family night for the children that were involved in the Activity week.



Summer Activity Days - Over summer we hosted 11 activity days to allow kids to gather, build relationships and have fun.

Home For Good Summit - We had the privilege of providing the kids programme for P1-7 at the annual Home for Good Summit.

Shalom - We had the immense pleasure of running multiple kids events in Shalom including a month of weekly kids clubs in May. A Holiday Bible Club in July and a Christmas Party in December.

Youth

Friday night youth

This year we combined Vital and Collective youth environments to create one Emmanuel Youth discipleship environment on Friday nights for young people aged 11-18. This has been a very successful transition. We have witnessed salvations, baptisms and young people growing deeper in their faith and bearing much fruit. We have created space for young people to lead from preaching, hosting and leading worship which has been key in developing young leaders within our church.



Our theme this year was "Tending the Flame" - focusing on how we can keep the fire and passion for Jesus alive and how we sustain our faith over the long term.

In the last year, over 420 different young people attended and we engaged an average of 170 young people per week.

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During this year we took the young people on multiple trips including a weekend away to Greenhill YMCA. Our weekend was fully booked bringing 115 young people on the residential. It was a fantastic time where young people deepened their relationships with peers and leaders, were free in their worship and had life changing encounters with God. We had some of the most powerful prayer ministry times with young people that we've ever had.



FUSE Youth

Over the past year we have witnessed the growth of our FUSE detached Youth work programme largely due to the recruitment of Marty Timlin as our Outward focused Youth Pastor. Since this recruitment, FUSE has grown from an average of 10-15 young people to an average of 35 young people per week.

Kingdom Youth

With changes to Vital and Collective environments on Friday evenings, we also introduced Kingdom Youth on Sunday mornings for ages 11-14. This program aligns with the church's teaching series but is tailored for youth. Around 40 young people participate each week over two services. We also ran a successful youth course for year 10s transitioning into church, led by Robbie and Pastor Phil. It taught the importance of church and Emmanuel's core values and beliefs.

Banquet is for young people deepening their faith and committing to God. It focuses on teaching them to read the Bible and listen to the Holy Spirit. In 2024/25, 10 young people attended Banquet bi-weekly on Sunday nights.

Youth Alpha Course

Through our relationships with local schools, we have been presented with the wonderful opportunity to run the Youth Alpha course in several schools. This year alone, we have conducted the course for 21 classes at Craigavon Senior High, 10 third-year classes at LJHS, and during lunch times at Lurgan College. In total, approximately 650 pupils from Lurgan, Craigavon, and Portadown participated in the program.

At the conclusion of each series of classes, we hosted Alpha round-up sessions where students gathered for pizza, listened to a gospel message, and were given the opportunity to receive prayers. Numerous seeds of faith were planted, many young people were prayed for, and notably, one 16-year-old boy committed his life to Jesus.

Additionally, we distributed numerous Bibles to students who requested them. The participating schools have recognized the benefits of the course and have expressed their desire for us to continue offering it annually. Due to the success of the Youth Alpha course, other schools are now reaching out to invite us to implement the program in their schools, presenting us with further opportunities to expand our outreach.

1 WAY EVENT In October and November 2024, we partnered with Crown Jesus Ministries and local churches to host a city-wide youth outreach at South Lakes Leisure Centre. The initiative included three weeks of school outreach, the main event, and follow-up activities. About 1400 young people attended, with 334 responding to the gospel. It was an incredible experience to lead and run this event.

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Uganda

In summer 2024 we took a team of 17 teenagers to Jandira in Uganda for a mission trip. The team led a kids week in the primary school and Bible studies and sports in the secondary school with many of the young people stepping up to lead in different areas. We delivered two women's nights in the church making jewellery and doing arts and crafts. We contributed to the Sunday service in the local church as well.



Lifegroups

In 2024/25 we had 60 girls and 40 boys engaging regularly in Lifegroups. To have 100 young people in regular small groups, praying, reading scripture and keeping each other accountable in their faith is really significant and an important part of their discipleship.

Prayer and Pancakes

6 to 7 young people come to church every Monday morning before school from 8:00-9:00am to start their week off in prayer.

Drop in

In 2024/25 we had 132 different young people attend our Junior and Senior Drop Ins with an average of 40 per week.

Signal Fires

Signal Fires is an initiative where we gather young individuals to pray, worship, and seek God together for a renewed movement of His Spirit in our land. These events are designed to equip young people to pray and encourage them to live mission-focused lives, thus preparing the ground for renewal and awakening.

In September, we collaborated with the Tobar Conference to host a Signal Fires event. This event saw the highest number of participating churches and locations across Ireland, with an attendance of 250 individuals. Notably, five young people dedicated their lives to Jesus during this gathering.

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We have established a core team that has diligently worked to create a distinct identity for Signal Fires, clarifying its objectives and what it can offer to churches nationwide. This core team now meets monthly to pray and plan, which has provided Signal Fires with much-needed structure and direction.

Looking ahead, we have scheduled four events in Derry, Cork, Dublin, and Belfast over the next 12 months.



Summer Activities

In July and August 2024 we had 200 young people engaging in our summer programme.

MOVE

We brought 35 young people to the CIY Move summer camp in Co. Kildare. It was an incredible time for our young people where many of them had deep encounters with God, were discipled in small groups and made lots of new friends with other young Christians from around Ireland.



NUA We facilitated the youth programme at the NUA Festival with Lagan Valley Vineyard Church. It was a remarkable weekend where many young people experienced freedom and healing in worship. Over the past two years, NUA has significantly impacted our youth, inspiring many to passionately pursue Jesus.



Glo

In 2024 we ran Summer Glo. This is an event where the youth groups from the local churches come together to pray, worship, and serve the people of Lurgan together. We do things like gardening, community clean ups and area fun days. It's great to watch young people from different churches work together to serve and glorify God.

Volunteers

We have established and developed healthy teams with approximately 60 volunteers serving cross all of our youth environments. Rebekah Baker also started her internship with us in September 2024 and she has been a great addition to our team. We have watched her grow in confidence, leadership and authority and has become a capable leader that we can entrust with responsibility. The development of the Intern Programme will be a key priority in 2025.

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A big thank you to our amazing volunteers (some pictured below)



Compassion

Over the past year, our work has continued to grow in depth and reach, driven by a passionate team of 72 volunteers and 3 staff members. Together, we've created spaces of welcome, support and transformation, helping individuals navigate hardship while offering pathways to stability and renewed hope. From the warmth of Connect Café and the practical support of Renew, to the empowerment of English lessons and the long term impact of Freedom Foods Pantry, each initiative reflects our commitment to seeing people not only survive difficult times but truly thrive.



Connect Café

Connect Café has continued to flourish as a welcoming and inclusive space with up to 60 individuals regularly attending on Wednesday mornings for coffee, conversation and connection. For many attendees, this remains a critical part of their weekly routine which combats loneliness and provides a measure of structure to the week.

During the winter months, we expanded our outreach by providing hot meals monthly following the café (12:00–1:00 p.m.) serving between 40 to 50 individuals per session. These gatherings offered not only food but also warmth and companionship.

Staff from our local Jobs and Benefits office now visit Connect regularly to support clients with understanding changes to Universal Credit and help them complete forms and paperwork. Although a recent addition, this support has already made a big difference, breaking down barriers and helping people get the outcomes they need.

A significant highlight of the year was our Christmas dinner, where 120 members of the community came together to enjoy a traditional festive meal, followed by games and entertainment. A joyful event that brought a strong sense of celebration and togetherness.

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Throughout the summer we organised day trips to Newcastle, Bangor, and Portrush. These outings are particularly meaningful for many participants offering rare opportunities to travel beyond the local area, enjoy nature, and share a picnic together.

Drop-in Cafes

Our Monday evening (open to all) and Thursday morning (Men's Drop-In) cafés have remained vibrant and well-attended. Collectively, these sessions welcome approximately 70 participants weekly, offering food, social interaction and activities such as pool competitions and games. These gatherings have played a key role in fostering friendships and building community with many describing them as a weekly highlight.

Renew

Renew supported 377 individuals this year through appointments providing clothing and essential items. In addition, we held targeted initiatives including a Winter Coat Drive, Christmas Pyjama Appeal and our annual Uniform Exchange which involved six local schools and redistributed over 2000 items of clothing.

Renew continues to build strong links with Pantry members, allowing us to address practical needs, particularly evident during the winter months, when the coat appeal helped ease financial pressures for families with growing children.

Foodbank

In partnership with our local Trussell Foodbank, we issued 61 vouchers during 2024, supporting approximately 200 individuals in immediate crisis. This relationship remains a vital part of our compassion response to urgent need.

Freedom Foods Pantry

Freedom Foods Pantry plays a key role in our long-term, holistic approach to food insecurity. In 2024 we welcomed 110 new members and recorded 1034 pantry visits.

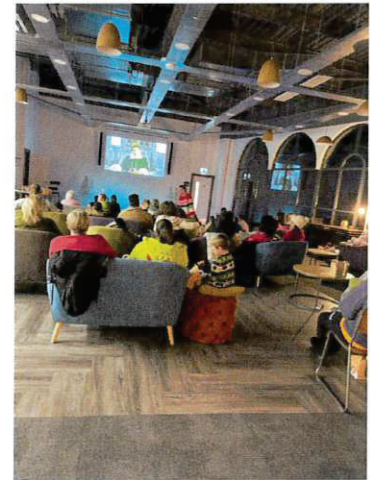
A significant development this year was receiving the Social Supermarket and Wraparound Services Grant in November 2024. This funding enabled us to enhance our food provision, expand support services and improve outreach. We developed promotional videos and multilingual flyers to better explain the social supermarket model and preserve members' dignity and understanding, raising awareness and increasing accessibility to the service.

We also launched the Health for Life Programme in collaboration with health visitors, the Southern Health & Social Care Trust and other professionals. This four-week series addressed topics such as physical health, oral hygiene, first aid, mental well-being, nutrition and child safety, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants.

English Lessons

Our English language classes have continued to thrive with over 91 students enrolled across three levels. This programme is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers and currently represents learners from 17 countries from Ukraine to Afghanistan. It continues to be a key initiative helping individuals integrate and thrive within our local community.

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Christmas Support Program



At Christmas, we delivered 120 festive hampers to our Pantry members and provided gifts for 15 children. In addition, through our Christmas Savings Scheme, parents saved for 22 children, an empowering initiative that enabled families to purchase their own gifts. It was inspiring to see the pride and independence this brought to those involved and we look forward to growing this scheme in future years.

Once again, local businesses and schools partnered with us by collecting food donations and making financial contributions. We were also able to provide gift bags for young adults at Bocombra Residential Home and deliver Christmas presents to 128 children connected with the local charity Aspire.

A true highlight of the season was our visits to Belvedere and Aughnacloy House residential care homes, where we spent a fun afternoon singing carols and sharing festive food with residents, a meaningful time of connection and celebration

Recognition

We were honoured to welcome Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester in September 2024, recognising the positive impact of our work within the community. The visit was a memorable occasion that left a lasting impression on our team, volunteers and those we serve.

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Governance

Our Board of Directors have met regularly and have undertaken a full programme of board strategic and governance activity throughout the year. All company directors have confirmed their willingness and eligibility to act as a Director and have declared that they do not have any conflict of interest in doing so. Conflicts of Interest during board meetings are managed as per our agreed policy. There are no related parties or significant interest to be noted. Apart from the lead Pastor, Directors are unpaid and are not remunerated for their trusteeship.

New Directors are recruited as per the Memorandum and Articles of Association. During the year, the Board was strengthened by 3 new members. This helps to diversify board membership and ensures a broad range of skills and experience at Board level. A review of the Articles of Association has occurred during the year which amended the charitable objects to better describe the charitable work of Emmanuel Lurgan Church Trust and to improve the governance arrangements of the Company. As we look ahead to next year, and the continued development of close partnership working with Emmanuel Church Portadown (ECF Trust), the Board of Directors will conduct a due diligence review regarding merging the 2 charitable trusts so that governance arrangements better reflect the one vision, mission and operations of the churches across the City of Craigavon.

Financial Review

The Trustees are very satisfied with this set of financial results. The level of increasing income from our congregation in support of our mission continues to surprise and provide us with reassurance as to what we are doing. We continue to focus on our aims and objectives and concentrate our expenditure on those areas that will enhance and meet our objectives both in the short and medium term. Our net surplus of £51k before depreciation underlines the controls and governance in place within our church. None of this would be possible without the countless volunteers that give freely of both their time and their prayers and we are truly grateful and indebted to all of those people for all they continue to do. The trustees are continuing to work on updating the charity's reserve policy, and aim to create free unrestricted reserves equating to three months' running costs, which would be approximately £130k in total.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £1,515,625 (2023 - £1,557,313) and liabilities of £25,512 (2023 - £61,337). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £(5,863).

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Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Alan John Emerson
Warwick McCullough
Alain Emerson (Resigned 3 December 2024)
Christopher Leech (Resigned 3 December 2024)
Jonathan Andrew Beggs
Colin Maccorkell (Appointed 3 December 2024)
Heather McDowell (Appointed 3 December 2024)
Timothy Parks (Appointed 3 December 2024)
Richard Preston (Appointed 3 December 2024)

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

The secretary who served during the financial year was:

Leonard Adamson (Resigned 3 December 2024)
Joanne Briggs (Appointed 3 December 2024)

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

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

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

Public Benefit


In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped achieve the charity purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

The Auditors

The auditors, Daly Park & Company Ltd, (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


Alan John Emerson
Trustee


Warwick McCullough
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust 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 FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). 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 company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

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

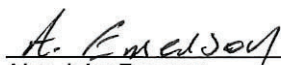
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, 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 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 and. 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.

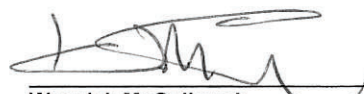
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditor in connection with preparing the auditor's report) of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Alan John Emerson
Trustee



Warwick McCullough
Trustee

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Annual return

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust

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Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the charity financial statements of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust ('the charity') for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion, when reporting in accordance with a fair presentation framework the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its deficit for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

There is an inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities during audit. However the effectiveness of entity's controls, the nature and extent of audit procedures performed, gives us confidence in detecting irregularities.

Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the , whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Ruairi Maginn (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
DALY PARK & COMPANY LTD
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
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26th June 2025

The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102143

Accounts

Company Registration Number: NI628845
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Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

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TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

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Charity Number in Northern Ireland	NIC102143
Company Registration Number	NI628845
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Principal Address	23a Castle Lane Lurgan Craigavon Co. Armagh BT67 9BD Northern Ireland
Auditors	Daly Park & Company Ltd Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 4 Carnegie Street Lurgan Craigavon County Armagh BT66 6AS Northern Ireland
Principal Bankers	First Trust Bank 8 Market St Lurgan Co. Armagh BT66 6AQ Northern Ireland

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

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 company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2023.

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.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance
Summary of Activities

CHURCH COMMUNITY

The primary gathering point for our church community is a Sunday morning with around 600 adults gathering across 2 services. A key element of creating space for our church family is between these services over tea, coffee and snacks. We continue to gather on the first Sunday evening of each month for our 'Seek First' worship space and meet bi-weekly for prayer on a Wednesday night. On these night we join our Portadown Church.

We have continued in our primary calling of discipleship, while continuing to dedicate babies, baptise believers, marry and bury people. Endeavouring to do all of these in a context of love, dignity and family.

We continually endeavour to engage with our wider community demonstrating the love of God in words and actions. At both Easter and November half term break we bless the local community with gifts around doors and have organised community events such as firework displays and community fun days.

LIFE GROUPS

With the larger numbers of people gathering on Sundays, Life groups are a key way for us to be able to connect in smaller numbers and allow people to build intentional relationships. An African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together"

Around a third of our church members are engaged with life group, with a hope of seeing this increase in the future.

PASTORAL CARE

As a church, we desire to have a robust pastoral care system, which ensures that people are cared for thoroughly. We have a staff member to coordinate and oversee these processes specifically, while our pastors and pastoral care team outwork everything on the ground.

Life groups (mentioned in the section above) provide a primary form of pastoral care, with group leaders able to feedback information to church leadership, of issues of difficulties which arisen in the lives of those connected to their groups.

KIDS

Kingdom Tots / Juniors / Kids

All Sunday Kids environments have been bursting with energy this year as we seek to love and inspire the next generation. Environments are provided for kids aged from 15 months to P7, that include stories from the Bible, worship, memory verses, games, crafts, prayer stations, as well as free & sensory play for our youngest Kingdomers. Kingdom Kids (P1-7) have had a focus on Heroes of the Bible from Hebrews 11 and Women of the Bible. There is an average of 90 kids coming through the programme each Sunday morning. Meanwhile Kingdom Tots & Juniors have worked their way through a number of series 'Kids like me', 'I'm thankful for' and 'Women of the Bible'. Numbers have been capped at 12 in each room for each service because of room & leader capacity.

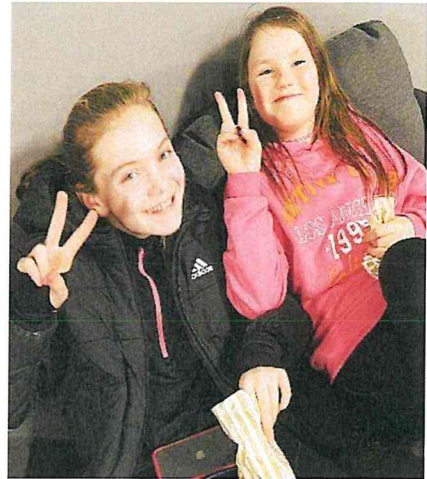
JUNIOR DROP IN

Junior Drop In is an environment provided for children in P4-P7. It has the purpose of having food, fun, for the kids to make friends from other schools, to get support with their homework with the help of our volunteers. This environment is also utilised as an access point for kids to be welcomed into church as for many of these children, it was their first contact point with Emmanuel. From this environment, many of our kids start attending our Friday night and Sunday environments. We have between 15-20 who attend weekly from a range of different schools.

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TINY TOTS

Tiny Tots is an environment that provides a place for parents and carers to bring their children, from the age of 0 - pre-school. It continues to grow with new families attending each week. There is an average attendance of 45 adults & 60 kids, with the majority of parents/carers attending Tiny Tots only having a connection to Emmanuel Church through this ministry. This is only possible because of the strong dedicated volunteer team which has really grown this season.



QUEST & IMPACT

Quest and Impact is an environment that is provided for children in P1 - P7 which runs every Friday night. Quest is for children in P1-P3, and Impact is for P4-P7. The purpose of our Friday nights is to provide a structured programme with a more striped back, casual approach after the kids finish off a full week of school. Here, the kids learn more about the Bible in a fun and interactive way; and enjoy playing with their friends in a safe environment. This year we have gone through 'the parables' and 'fruit of the spirit'. With 76 children attending each week it is easy to say, Friday nights are the highlights of the week for many children & leaders alike. We are so thankful for the dedicated team of 15 leaders who weekly give up their Friday nights to pour into our kids.

LOCAL SCHOOLS

It has been wonderful to work closely with some of our local schools throughout the year taking assemblies in Kings Park, Carrick, Lurgan Model, Tandragee and Moira Primary schools. We have had an excellent opportunity to partner with Aspire & Reach, which has given us extra time in our schedules to give hours towards Carrick on a weekly basis. We had an excellent time hosting the Transition Week for P7's with our local primary schools in June.

KIDS LIFE GROUPS

Our P6 & P7 Life group is an environment which involves; connecting with peers, playing games, praying for each other, and reading the Bible together. We have generated an average attendance of 45 kids biweekly which creates a positive atmosphere of healthy learning and development within our kids who are seeking it.

We had a sleepover in church with this environment for the purpose of providing the kids with preparation before going on our yearly residential as many of them have never stayed overnight away from home before. After this, our P6 & P7 Life group took off to Kilbroney in May for the residential to where they had a fantastic time building friendships, challenging fears, and seeking Jesus.



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Other Events

EASTER KIDS WEEK

In April we hosted our annual Easter Kids Week. This year's theme was 'Kingdom Rock - Where Kids Stand Strong For God'. We had so much fun as we opened the doors to 110 kids and 42 volunteers.

NUA

A large team of kids' volunteers were involved in organising and running the kids environments at NUA in June, it a fun packed weekend with an island theme called 'OHANA'.

JUNIOR KIDS WEEK

In July we have a 3-day kids weeks for those going into nursery/P1. We had lots of fun through free play, bible stories, games and sensory play.

KIDS WEEK

We had our annual Kids Activity Week in August where 100 children took part in either a sports or arts program, as well as engaging in Bible lessons. On the Thursday night of this week, we hosted a family night for the children that were involved in the Activity week.

SUMMER ACTIVITY DAYS

Over summer we hosted 4 activity days to allow kids together, build relationships and have fun.



HOME FOR GOOD SUMMIT

We had the privilege of providing the kids programme for P1-7 at the annual Home for Good Summit. Our heart is very much for family. In 2023, 19 babies were born into our church family and New Baby Hampers were delivered to these families. 17 babies were dedicated into the church family. This year it has been too great to create more spaces to support families in the wider sense and with that in mind we started a new ministry called 'Mini Mornings' that happens once a term and allows those with young families to gather on a Saturday morning for fellowship. We were also pleased to see our fostering & adoption support group make a return to meeting every 6 weeks.

Local Mission / Compassion

CONNECT CAFÉ

Connect cafe plays a vital role in our weekly activities where our local community can drop in for a cuppa and a chat and access the help they require. Up to 70 people access this weekly with various levels of need. We continued with our lunch club once a month in response to the current cost of living crisis, providing a hot meal on a Wednesday after Connect Cafe 12 – 1. Once again these proved very popular with approx. 40- 50 people each week, providing a warm space and a meal. The end of the year was celebrated with our Christmas dinner when 150 people gathered for a traditional Christmas dinner followed by games and entertainment. It was such a highlight of the year.

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Buggy Push runs alongside Connect Cafe where new mums can gather to go for a walk together and come back to the cafe for a cuppa and a chat. This has proven to be a lifeline for many of these new mums to get out of the house and chat about the challenges they are facing at this stage of life.



MEN'S DROP-IN

Men's drop-in has continued to thrive providing a space for men to form relationships and connect with others. These have been great times with up to 40 men coming weekly for breakfast baps, pool competitions, games, and chat. There has been a real community built during these times with many telling us this is the highlight of their week.

RENEW

Renew continues to thrive and clothed over 350 people within our local community this year. We ran clothing initiatives alongside this e.g. winter coat drive where everyone who needed one was able to avail of a winter coat, Christmas pyjama appeal where all of our children connected with our Pantry received their Christmas pyjamas and our annual School Uniform Exchange where 6 local schools participated and over 2000 items of clothing was redistributed.

FOODBANK

In 2022 we issued 70 foodbank vouchers feeding 157 people.

FREEDOM FOOD PANTRY

Freedom Foods Pantry celebrated its 2nd Birthday. Where a Foodbank parcel is an emergency response the Pantry offers a more longer term approach supporting families to make a change in their current situation and helping them with a more holistic approach. This year we have had 150 new member households with 1607 pantry visits. An important aspect of the work in the Pantry is the wrap around services and signposting to enable people to help themselves out of the situation they find themselves in e.g. budgeting, benefit assistance, debt planning etc as well as practical support in running cooking courses etc to help educate families on making healthier food choices and giving essential cooking skills.



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ENGLISH LESSONS

English lessons continue to thrive and this year we had over 75 students enrolled with 3 levels being taught and a great team of volunteers. There are 13 countries represented within these classes from Ukraine - Afghanistan. This is an amazing ministry helping people who have come to this country to thrive within our local community.

CHRISTMAS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

At Christmas we delivered 150 hampers to our Pantry members and provided 10 children with their Christmas gifts. This year we built upon the success of the previous year with our children's Christmas saving scheme helping families save for their children's gifts from September - December and 47 children were saved for through this scheme. We have really seen the benefits of this initiative not only for Christmas savings but instilling saving habits in our members and this is something we will continue to do annually. Local businesses and schools partnered with us this year again by receiving donations of food at their premises and through financial gifts. Gift bags containing (dressing gowns, sweets, hats, toiletries etc) were also given to young adults in Bocombra residential home and 150 children linked to local charity Aspire received Christmas gifts. This year our local football club again collected over 200 pairs of children pyjamas, and these were given out alongside the children's gifts.

COURSES

In addition to our weekly activities we have various courses that run throughout the year in response to need. This year we ran two Well being Journey courses, Hope Rising (for people struggling with mild depression and anxiety) and Transform your trolley in house as well in conjunction with a local football team (Lurgan Town) we ran a four week men's mental health programme which opened up great conversations and pathways of support for those that need it.

Youth

VITAL & COLLECTIVE

Vital and Collective are our discipleship environments on Friday nights. Vital and Collective are for young people from 11-18 and is an environment that welcomes young people from all backgrounds to have fun, build relationships and learn more about God. Young people have time to hang out, eat food, play football and many other games together. There is an opportunity to worship, encounter God and hear a talk every week. Our theme this year was "Lifestyle matters" and our talks were mainly delivered by the youth team but we also had some great guest speakers, whose input has been invaluable.

In the last year vital was able to connect with over 339 different young people and engaged an average of 95 young people per week.

During this year we took the young people on multiple trips including a weekend away to Greenhill YMCA. Our weekends were fully booked bringing 85 on Vital and Collective residential. It was a fantastic time where young people deepened their relationships with peers and leaders, were free in their worship and had life changing encounters with God.

FUSE

We managed to create space in the building to accommodate the detached young people who were being drawn to our building. We mobilised a group of volunteers to launch FUSE and how the leaders have created space to love these kids has been amazing. They took 15 on a trip, have been to their sports matches and have built good relationships over the year. Fuse engaged with 21 different young people, with an average of 9 young people attending per week.

VITAL SUNDAY

Vital Sunday is a space on Sunday mornings for ages 11-14. The young people go The young people participate in a programme that is delivered in correspondence with the teaching series in Church but tailored to their age. Vital Sunday engages roughly 40 young people each week over the two services. We also run a youth believing and belonging course for the year 10s who are transitioning into church. Robbie and Pastor Phil facilitated this over two Sunday evenings and it was very successful in teaching young people what church is, why church is important and what Emmanuel's core values and beliefs are.

BANQUET

Banquet is for those who we identify as young leaders, people who are maturing in their faith and want to give their all to God. This group is less about us teaching them and more of a space for them to start hearing from God for themselves. This means that there is specific focus on how to read the bible as well as listening to Holy Spirit. Banquet is also focused on leadership and aims to disciple young people so that they will disciple their peers in turn. In 2023/24 we had 8 young people who attended Banquet bi-weekly on Monday nights.

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DROP IN

In 2023/24, we had 193 different young people attend our Vital and Collective Drop Ins with an average of 50 per week.

SCHOOLS WORK

The youth team have coached football, rugby and hockey in Lurgan Junior high School and Lurgan College. We also ran Youth Alpha in Craigavon Senior High with 3 different classes and approximately 40 pupils, seeing two salvations. The youth team also gave some of their time to volunteer with Reach mentoring. This was beneficial for Reach and for Emmanuel Youth as it gave us the opportunity to be a presence in a wider range of schools, such as Lurgan college and St. Ronan's.

Emmanuel Youth team have also participated and Scripture Union and school assemblies throughout the year in various local schools.

LIFE GROUPS

In 2023/24 we had 53 girls and 29 boys regular attending a youth Life group. That is 82 young people regular attending a small group where they read the Bible, pray, and keep each other accountable in their walk with Jesus.

PRAYER AND PANCAKES

6 to 7 young people come to church every Monday morning before school from 8:00-9:00am to start their week off in prayer.

GLO

In 2023 we ran Easter and Summer Glo. This is an event where the youth groups from the local churches come together to pray, worship, and serve the people of Lurgan together. We do things like gardening, community clean ups and area fun days. It's great to watch young people from different churches work together to serve and glorify God.

SIGNAL FIRES

Signal Fires was birthed out of years of praying for young people and the nation of Ireland. We aim to gather young people together from different backgrounds and denominations in unity to worship Jesus, with the hope that what God does on these nights will spill over into their everyday lives, wherever God has positioned them. In partnership with 24/7 prayer and other churches and organisations, we were delighted to run Signal Fires in Lisburn, Sligo and Dublin this year.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

July and August 2023 we had 154 young people engaging in our summer programme.

NUA

We facilitated the youth programme at the NUA Festival alongside Lagan valley Vineyard. It was a fantastic weekend where God poured out his presence on the young people in a way we have never witnessed before. Many were filled with the Spirit and this moment has propelled them into a passionate pursuit of Jesus.

Financial Review

The Trustees are very satisfied with this set of financial results. The level of increasing income from our congregation in support of our mission continues to surprise and provide us with reassurance as to what we are doing. We continue to focus on our aims and objectives and concentrate our expenditure on those areas that will enhance and meet our objectives both in the short and medium term. Our net surplus of £51k before depreciation underlines the controls and governance in place within our church. None of this would be possible without the countless volunteers that give freely of both their time and their prayers and we are truly grateful and indebted to all of those people for all they continue to do. The trustees are continuing to work on updating the charity's reserve policy, and aim to create free unrestricted reserves equating to three months' running costs, which would be approximately £130k in total.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £1,557,313 (2022 - £1,588,403) and liabilities of £61,337 (2022 - £63,687). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £(28,740) .

Reference and Administrative details

Organisation

The Board of Directors administers the charity. The Board meets at least monthly to manage the day to day affairs and operations of the charity.

Appointment of Director

As described in the Articles of Association, a new director may be eligible for appointment if 21 days before the annual general meeting, written notice is deposited with the registered office of the intended proposal, signed by a member and signed by the person to be proposed, so as to indicate their willingness to be elected.

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Director Induction & Training

New Directors are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board and decision making processes and recent financial performance of the charity. Directors are encouraged to view the Charities Commission website so as to gain a full understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

Risk Management

The Directors have a risk management strategy which comprises an annual review of the risks the company faces, the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the company.

Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Alan John Emerson
Robert McCullough
Alain Emerson
Leech Christopher Robert George
Jonathan Andrew Beggs

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

The secretary who served during the financial year was:

Leonard Adamson

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

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

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

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped achieve the charity purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

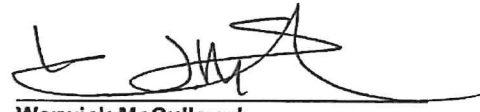
The Auditors

The auditors, Daly Park & Company Ltd, (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Alan John Emerson
Trustee



Warwick McCullough
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust 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 FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). 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 company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, 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 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 and. 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.

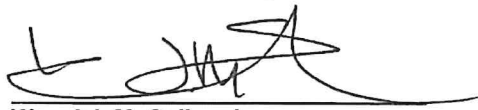
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditor in connection with preparing the auditor's report) of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Alan John Emerson
Trustee



Warwick McCullough
Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust

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Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the charity financial statements of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust ('the charity') for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion, when reporting in accordance with a fair presentation framework the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its deficit for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

There is an inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities during audit. However the effectiveness of entity's controls, the nature and extent of audit procedures performed, gives us confidence in detecting irregularities.

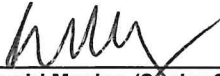
Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the , whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Ruairi Maginn (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
DALY PARK & COMPANY LTD
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
4 Carnegie Street
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28th June 2024

The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	3.1	835,523	-	835,523	712,918	22,598	735,516
Activities for generating funds	3.2	68,531	-	68,531	41,430	-	41,430
Investments	3.3	3,583	-	3,583	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		907,637	-	907,637	754,348	22,598	776,946
Resources Expended							
Charitable activities	4.1	918,506	17,871	936,377	919,405	10,593	929,998
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(10,869)	(17,871)	(28,740)	(165,057)	12,005	(153,052)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	(42,463)	42,463	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		(10,869)	(17,871)	(28,740)	(207,520)	54,468	(153,052)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	14	1,444,055	80,661	1,524,716	1,651,575	26,193	1,677,768
Total funds at the end of the year		1,433,186	62,790	1,495,976	1,444,055	80,661	1,524,716

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

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	<u>1,267,308</u>	<u>1,340,369</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	40,051	54,601
Cash at bank and in hand	11	249,954	193,433
		<u>290,005</u>	<u>248,034</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(61,337)</u>	<u>(63,687)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>228,668</u>	<u>184,347</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>1,495,976</u>	<u>1,524,716</u>
Funds			
Restricted trust funds		62,790	80,661
Designated funds (Unrestricted)		1,267,308	1,345,341
General fund (unrestricted)		165,878	98,714
Total funds	14	<u>1,495,976</u>	<u>1,524,716</u>

The total unrestricted funds includes a revaluation reserve of £652470 (2022 - £652470)

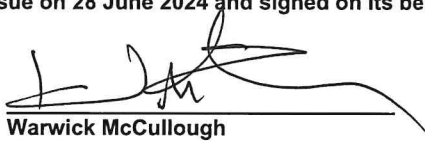
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Alan John Emerson
Trustee



Warwick McCullough
Trustee

The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movement in funds		(28,740)	(153,052)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		80,224	78,850
Interest receivable and similar income		(3,583)	-
		<u>47,901</u>	<u>(74,202)</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		14,550	(36,495)
Movement in creditors		(2,226)	34,058
		<u>60,225</u>	<u>(76,639)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		3,583	-
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(7,163)	(14,913)
		<u>(3,580)</u>	<u>(14,913)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Advances from subsidiaries/group companies		(124)	3,549
		<u>56,521</u>	<u>(88,003)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		193,433	281,436
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		193,433	193,433
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	11	<u>249,954</u>	<u>193,433</u>

The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is 23a Castle Lane, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, BT67 9BD, Northern Ireland which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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	-	4% Straight line
Plant and machinery	-	25% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% Straight line

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 the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at 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.

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Taxation and deferred taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

3. INCOME					
3.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income		<u>835,523</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>835,523</u>	<u>735,516</u>
3.2 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Activities for generating funds		<u>68,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,531</u>	<u>41,430</u>
3.3 INVESTMENTS		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Investments		<u>3,583</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,583</u>	<u>-</u>
4. EXPENDITURE					
4.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2023
		£	£	£	£
Cost of Charitable Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>936,377</u>	<u>936,377</u>
4.2 SUPPORT COSTS				Charitable Activities	2023
				£	£
Missions				49,487	42,472
Support Costs				159,206	150,789
Depreciation				80,224	78,850
Church Ministry & Outreach				647,460	657,887
				<u>936,377</u>	<u>929,998</u>
5. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS				2023	2022
				£	£
Missions				49,487	42,472
Support Costs				159,206	150,789
Depreciation				80,224	78,850
Church Ministry & Outreach				647,460	657,887
				<u>936,377</u>	<u>929,998</u>
6. NET INCOMING RESOURCES				2023	2022
				£	£
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):					
Depreciation of tangible assets				<u>80,224</u>	<u>78,850</u>

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7. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME		2023	2022	
		£	£	
Bank interest		<u>3,583</u>	<u>-</u>	
8. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION				
Number of employees		2023	2022	
The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:		Number	Number	
Employees		<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	
The staff costs comprise:		2023	2022	
		£	£	
Wages and salaries		<u>394,890</u>	328,842	
Pension costs		<u>7,736</u>	5,802	
		<u>402,626</u>	<u>334,644</u>	
9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
	Land and buildings freehold	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	1,906,049	34,976	122,939	2,063,964
Additions	-	-	7,163	7,163
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,906,049</u>	<u>34,976</u>	<u>130,102</u>	<u>2,071,127</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	593,072	27,764	102,759	723,595
Charge for the financial year	62,341	5,935	11,948	80,224
At 31 December 2023	<u>655,413</u>	<u>33,699</u>	<u>114,707</u>	<u>803,819</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,250,636</u>	<u>1,277</u>	<u>15,395</u>	<u>1,267,308</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,312,977</u>	<u>7,212</u>	<u>20,180</u>	<u>1,340,369</u>
10. DEBTORS		2023	2022	
		£	£	
Trade debtors		<u>32,027</u>	52,031	
Prepayments and accrued income		<u>8,024</u>	2,570	
		<u>40,051</u>	<u>54,601</u>	

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11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		2023	2022
		£	£
Cash and bank balances		96,371	193,433
Cash equivalents		153,583	-
		249,954	193,433
12. CREDITORS		2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year		£	£
Trade creditors		32,329	32,157
Amounts owed to connected parties (Note 16)		6,176	6,300
Taxation and social security costs		11,018	9,218
Accruals and deferred income		11,814	16,012
		61,337	63,687
13. RESERVES			
	Revaluation reserve	Funds	Total
	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	(652,470)	2,177,186	1,524,716
Deficit for the financial year	-	(28,740)	(28,740)
At the end of the year	(652,470)	2,148,446	1,495,976
14. FUNDS			
14.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
		£	£
At 1 January 2022		1,651,575	26,193
Movement during the financial year		(207,520)	54,468
At 31 December 2022		1,444,055	80,661
Movement during the financial year		(10,869)	(17,871)
At 31 December 2023		1,433,186	62,790
			1,495,976

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14.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance 31 December 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Restricted - Projects	79,441	-	16,651	-	62,790
Restricted - All Churches Trust	1,220	-	1,220	-	-
	<u>80,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,790</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted - Emmanuel Africa	4,972	-	4,972	-	-
Unrestricted - Property Reserve	1,340,369	-	-	(73,061)	1,267,308
Unrestricted General	98,714	907,637	913,534	73,061	165,878
	<u>1,444,055</u>	<u>907,637</u>	<u>(918,506)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,433,186</u>
Total funds	<u>1,524,716</u>	<u>907,637</u>	<u>936,377</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,495,976</u>

15. STATUS

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following amounts are due to other connected parties:

	2023 £	2022 £
	<u>6,176</u>	<u>6,300</u>

ECF Trust is a Related Party, operating and registered in Northern Ireland. At the year end £6,176 is owed to ECF Trust for management services provided to The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust. At the year end £2,550 was also owed from ECF Trust for services provided by The Emmanuel Lurgan Church Trust.

During the year £72,498 was donated from The Emmanuel Church Trust to ECF Trust Building Fund.

£3,930 was reimbursed to a Trustee for travel, mobile phone and other expenses. These expenses were incurred in connection with the exercise of their powers and discharge of their duties in relation to the charity, as allowed under the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

17. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

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

18. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

None of the Trustees received or waived any kind of remuneration for their services as Trustees during the current or previous financial year.

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The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

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 company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

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.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

Summary of Activities

CHURCH COMMUNITY

The primary gathering point for our church community is a Sunday morning with around 600 adults gathering across 2 services. A key element of creating space for our church family is between these services over tea, coffee and snacks. We continue to gather on the first Sunday evening of each month for our 'Seek First' worship space and meet bi-weekly for prayer on a Wednesday night. On these night we join our Portadown Church. We have continued in our primary calling of discipleship, while continuing to dedicate babies, baptise believers, marry and bury people. Endeavouring to do all of these in a context of love, dignity and family. We continually endeavour to engage with our wider community demonstrating the love of God in words and actions. At both Easter and November half term break we bless the local community with gifts around doors and have organised community events such as firework displays and community fun days.

LIFE GROUPS

With the larger numbers of people gathering on Sundays, Life groups are a key way for us to be able to connect in smaller numbers and allow people to build intentional relationships. An African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together"

Around a third of our church members are engaged with life group, with a hope of seeing this increase in the future.

PASTORAL CARE

As a church, we desire to have a robust pastoral care system, which ensures that people are cared for thoroughly. We have a staff member to coordinate and oversee these processes specifically, while our pastors and pastoral care team outwork everything on the ground.

Life groups (mentioned in the section above) provide a primary form of pastoral care, with group leaders able to feedback information to church leadership, of issues of difficulties which arisen in the lives of those connected to their groups.

KIDS

Kingdom Tots / Juniors / Kids

All Sunday Kids environments have been bursting with energy this year as we seek to love and inspire the next generation. Environments are provided for kids aged from 15 months to P7, that include stories from the Bible, worship, memory verses, games, crafts, prayer stations, as well as free & sensory play for our youngest Kingdomers. Kingdom Kids (P1-7) have had a focus on Heroes of the Bible from Hebrews 11 and Women of the Bible. There is an average of 90 kids coming through the programme each Sunday morning. Meanwhile Kingdom Tots & Juniors have worked their way through a number of series 'Kids like me', 'I'm thankful for' and 'Women of the Bible'. Numbers have been capped at 12 in each room for each service because of room & leader capacity.

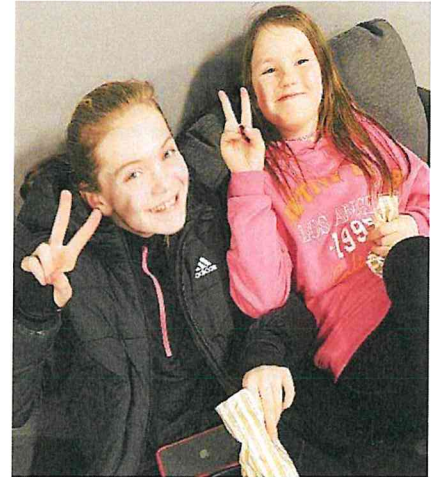
JUNIOR DROP IN

Junior Drop In is an environment provided for children in P4-P7. It has the purpose of having food, fun, for the kids to make friends from other schools, to get support with their homework with the help of our volunteers. This environment is also utilised as an access point for kids to be welcomed into church as for many of these children, it was their first contact point with Emmanuel. From this environment, many of our kids start attending our Friday night and Sunday environments. We have between 15-20 who attend weekly from a range of different schools.

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TINY TOTS

Tiny Tots is an environment that provides a place for parents and carers to bring their children, from the age of 0 - pre-school. It continues to grow with new families attending each week. There is an average attendance of 45 adults & 60 kids, with the majority of parents/carers attending Tiny Tots only having a connection to Emmanuel Church through this ministry. This is only possible because of the strong dedicated volunteer team which has really grown this season.



QUEST & IMPACT

Quest and Impact is an environment that is provided for children in P1 - P7 which runs every Friday night. Quest is for children in P1-P3, and Impact is for P4-P7. The purpose of our Friday nights is to provide a structured programme with a more striped back, casual approach after the kids finish off a full week of school. Here, the kids learn more about the Bible in a fun and interactive way; and enjoy playing with their friends in a safe environment. This year we have gone through 'the parables' and 'fruit of the spirit'. With 76 children attending each week it is easy to say, Friday nights are the highlights of the week for many children & leaders alike. We are so thankful for the dedicated team of 15 leaders who weekly give up their Friday nights to pour into our kids.

LOCAL SCHOOLS

It has been wonderful to work closely with some of our local schools throughout the year taking assemblies in Kings Park, Carrick, Lurgan Model, Tandragee and Moira Primary schools. We have had an excellent opportunity to partner with Aspire & Reach, which has given us extra time in our schedules to give hours towards Carrick on a weekly basis. We had an excellent time hosting the Transition Week for P7's with our local primary schools in June.

KIDS LIFE GROUPS

Our P6 & P7 Life group is an environment which involves; connecting with peers, playing games, praying for each other, and reading the Bible together. We have generated an average attendance of 45 kids biweekly which creates a positive atmosphere of healthy learning and development within our kids who are seeking it.

We had a sleepover in church with this environment for the purpose of providing the kids with preparation before going on our yearly residential as many of them have never stayed overnight away from home before. After this, our P6 & P7 Life group took off to Kilbroney in May for the residential to where they had a fantastic time building friendships, challenging fears, and seeking Jesus.



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Other Events

EASTER KIDS WEEK

In April we hosted our annual Easter Kids Week. This year's theme was 'Kingdom Rock - Where Kids Stand Strong For God'. We had so much fun as we opened the doors to 110 kids and 42 volunteers.

NUA

A large team of kids' volunteers were involved in organising and running the kids environments at NUA in June, it a fun packed weekend with an island theme called 'OHANA'.

JUNIOR KIDS WEEK

In July we have a 3-day kids weeks for those going into nursery/P1. We had lots of fun through free play, bible stories, games and sensory play.

KIDS WEEK

We had our annual Kids Activity Week in August where 100 children took part in either a sports or arts program, as well as engaging in Bible lessons. On the Thursday night of this week, we hosted a family night for the children that were involved in the Activity week.

SUMMER ACTIVITY DAYS

Over summer we hosted 4 activity days to allow kids together, build relationships and have fun.



HOME FOR GOOD SUMMIT

We had the privilege of providing the kids programme for P1-7 at the annual Home for Good Summit. Our heart is very much for family. In 2023, 19 babies were born into our church family and New Baby Hampers were delivered to these families. 17 babies were dedicated into the church family. This year it has been too great to create more spaces to support families in the wider sense and with that in mind we started a new ministry called 'Mini Mornings' that happens once a term and allows those with young families to gather on a Saturday morning for fellowship. We were also pleased to see our fostering & adoption support group make a return to meeting every 6 weeks.

Local Mission / Compassion

CONNECT CAFÉ

Connect cafe plays a vital role in our weekly activities where our local community can drop in for a cuppa and a chat and access the help they require. Up to 70 people access this weekly with various levels of need. We continued with our lunch club once a month in response to the current cost of living crisis, providing a hot meal on a Wednesday after Connect Cafe 12 – 1. Once again these proved very popular with approx. 40- 50 people each week, providing a warm space and a meal. The end of the year was celebrated with our Christmas dinner when 150 people gathered for a traditional Christmas dinner followed by games and entertainment. It was such a highlight of the year.

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Buggy Push runs alongside Connect Cafe where new mums can gather to go for a walk together and come back to the cafe for a cuppa and a chat. This has proven to be a lifeline for many of these new mums to get out of the house and chat about the challenges they are facing at this stage of life.



MEN'S DROP-IN

Men's drop-in has continued to thrive providing a space for men to form relationships and connect with others. These have been great times with up to 40 men coming weekly for breakfast baps, pool competitions, games, and chat. There has been a real community built during these times with many telling us this is the highlight of their week.

RENEW

Renew continues to thrive and clothed over 350 people within our local community this year. We ran clothing initiatives alongside this e.g. winter coat drive where everyone who needed one was able to avail of a winter coat, Christmas pyjama appeal where all of our children connected with our Pantry received their Christmas pyjamas and our annual School Uniform Exchange where 6 local schools participated and over 2000 items of clothing was redistributed.

FOODBANK

In 2022 we issued 70 foodbank vouchers feeding 157 people.

FREEDOM FOOD PANTRY

Freedom Foods Pantry celebrated its 2nd Birthday. Where a Foodbank parcel is an emergency response the Pantry offers a more longer term approach supporting families to make a change in their current situation and helping them with a more holistic approach. This year we have had 150 new member households with 1607 pantry visits. An important aspect of the work in the Pantry is the wrap around services and signposting to enable people to help themselves out of the situation they find themselves in e.g. budgeting, benefit assistance, debt planning etc as well as practical support in running cooking courses etc to help educate families on making healthier food choices and giving essential cooking skills.



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ENGLISH LESSONS

English lessons continue to thrive and this year we had over 75 students enrolled with 3 levels being taught and a great team of volunteers. There are 13 countries represented within these classes from Ukraine - Afghanistan. This is an amazing ministry helping people who have come to this country to thrive within our local community.

CHRISTMAS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

At Christmas we delivered 150 hampers to our Pantry members and provided 10 children with their Christmas gifts. This year we built upon the success of the previous year with our children's Christmas saving scheme helping families save for their children's gifts from September - December and 47 children were saved for through this scheme. We have really seen the benefits of this initiative not only for Christmas savings but instilling saving habits in our members and this is something we will continue to do annually. Local businesses and schools partnered with us this year again by receiving donations of food at their premises and through financial gifts. Gift bags containing (dressing gowns, sweets, hats, toiletries etc) were also given to young adults in Bocombra residential home and 150 children linked to local charity Aspire received Christmas gifts. This year our local football club again collected over 200 pairs of children pyjamas, and these were given out alongside the children's gifts.

COURSES

In addition to our weekly activities we have various courses that run throughout the year in response to need. This year we ran two Well being Journey courses, Hope Rising (for people struggling with mild depression and anxiety) and Transform your trolley in house as well in conjunction with a local football team (Lurgan Town) we ran a four week men's mental health programme which opened up great conversations and pathways of support for those that need it.

Youth

VITAL & COLLECTIVE

Vital and Collective are our discipleship environments on Friday nights. Vital and Collective are for young people from 11-18 and is an environment that welcomes young people from all backgrounds to have fun, build relationships and learn more about God. Young people have time to hang out, eat food, play football and many other games together. There is an opportunity to worship, encounter God and hear a talk every week. Our theme this year was "Lifestyle matters" and our talks were mainly delivered by the youth team but we also had some great guest speakers, whose input has been invaluable.

In the last year vital was able to connect with over 339 different young people and engaged an average of 95 young people per week.

During this year we took the young people on multiple trips including a weekend away to Greenhill YMCA. Our weekends were fully booked bringing 85 on Vital and Collective residentials. It was a fantastic time where young people deepened their relationships with peers and leaders, were free in their worship and had life changing encounters with God.

FUSE

We managed to create space in the building to accommodate the detached young people who were being drawn to our building. We mobilised a group of volunteers to launch FUSE and how the leaders have created space to love these kids has been amazing. They took 15 on a trip, have been to their sports matches and have built good relationships over the year. Fuse engaged with 21 different young people, with an average of 9 young people attending per week.

VITAL SUNDAY

Vital Sunday is a space on Sunday mornings for ages 11-14. The young people go The young people participate in a programme that is delivered in correspondence with the teaching series in Church but tailored to their age. Vital Sunday engages roughly 40 young people each week over the two services. We also run a youth believing and belonging course for the year 10s who are transitioning into church. Robbie and Pastor Phil facilitated this over two Sunday evenings and it was very successful in teaching young people what church is, why church is important and what Emmanuel's core values and beliefs are.

BANQUET

Banquet is for those who we identify as young leaders, people who are maturing in their faith and want to give their all to God. This group is less about us teaching them and more of a space for them to start hearing from God for themselves. This means that there is specific focus on how to read the bible as well as listening to Holy Spirit. Banquet is also focused on leadership and aims to disciple young people so that they will disciple their peers in turn. In 2023/24 we had 8 young people who attended Banquet bi-weekly on Monday nights.

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DROP IN

In 2023/24, we had 193 different young people attend our Vital and Collective Drop Ins with an average of 50 per week.

SCHOOLS WORK

The youth team have coached football, rugby and hockey in Lurgan Junior high School and Lurgan College. We also ran Youth Alpha in Craigavon Senior High with 3 different classes and approximately 40 pupils, seeing two salvations. The youth team also gave some of their time to volunteer with Reach mentoring. This was beneficial for Reach and for Emmanuel Youth as it gave us the opportunity to be a presence in a wider range of schools, such as Lurgan college and St. Ronan's.

Emmanuel Youth team have also participated and Scripture Union and school assemblies throughout the year in various local schools.

LIFE GROUPS

In 2023/24 we had 53 girls and 29 boys regular attending a youth Life group. That is 82 young people regular attending a small group where they read the Bible, pray, and keep each other accountable in their walk with Jesus.

PRAYER AND PANCAKES

6 to 7 young people come to church every Monday morning before school from 8:00-9:00am to start their week off in prayer.

GLO

In 2023 we ran Easter and Summer Glo. This is an event where the youth groups from the local churches come together to pray, worship, and serve the people of Lurgan together. We do things like gardening, community clean ups and area fun days. It's great to watch young people from different churches work together to serve and glorify God.

SIGNAL FIRES

Signal Fires was birthed out of years of praying for young people and the nation of Ireland. We aim to gather young people together from different backgrounds and denominations in unity to worship Jesus, with the hope that what God does on these nights will spill over into their everyday lives, wherever God has positioned them. In partnership with 24/7 prayer and other churches and organisations, we were delighted to run Signal Fires in Lisburn, Sligo and Dublin this year.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

July and August 2023 we had 154 young people engaging in our summer programme.

NUA

We facilitated the youth programme at the NUA Festival alongside Lagan valley Vineyard. It was a fantastic weekend where God poured out his presence on the young people in a way we have never witnessed before. Many were filled with the Spirit and this moment has propelled them into a passionate pursuit of Jesus.

Financial Review

The Trustees are very satisfied with this set of financial results. The level of increasing income from our congregation in support of our mission continues to surprise and provide us with reassurance as to what we are doing. We continue to focus on our aims and objectives and concentrate our expenditure on those areas that will enhance and meet our objectives both in the short and medium term. Our net surplus of £51k before depreciation underlines the controls and governance in place within our church. None of this would be possible without the countless volunteers that give freely of both their time and their prayers and we are truly grateful and indebted to all of those people for all they continue to do. The trustees are continuing to work on updating the charity's reserve policy, and aim to create free unrestricted reserves equating to three months' running costs, which would be approximately £130k in total.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £1,557,313 (2022 - £1,588,403) and liabilities of £61,337 (2022 - £63,687). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £(28,740) .

Reference and Administrative details

Organisation

The Board of Directors administers the charity. The Board meets at least monthly to manage the day to day affairs and operations of the charity.

Appointment of Director

As described in the Articles of Association, a new director may be eligible for appointment if 21 days before the annual general meeting, written notice is deposited with the registered office of the intended proposal, signed by a member and signed by the person to be proposed, so as to indicate their willingness to be elected.

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Director Induction & Training

New Directors are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board and decision making processes and recent financial performance of the charity. Directors are encouraged to view the Charities Commission website so as to gain a full understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

Risk Management

The Directors have a risk management strategy which comprises an annual review of the risks the company faces, the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the company.

Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Alan John Emerson
Robert McCullough
Alain Emerson
Leech Christopher Robert George
Jonathan Andrew Beggs

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

The secretary who served during the financial year was:

Leonard Adamson

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

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

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

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped achieve the charity purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.


The Auditors

The auditors, Daly Park & Company Ltd, (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Alan John Emerson
Trustee



Warwick McCullough
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust 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 FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). 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 company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, 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 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 and. 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.


In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditor in connection with preparing the auditor's report) of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Alan John Emerson
Trustee



Warwick McCullough
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust

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Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the charity financial statements of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust ('the charity') for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion, when reporting in accordance with a fair presentation framework the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its deficit for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of The Emmanuel Church Lurgan Trust

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

There is an inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities during audit. However the effectiveness of entity's controls, the nature and extent of audit procedures performed, gives us confidence in detecting irregularities.

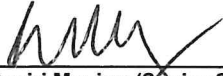
Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the , whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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