

Kings Fellowship (Bangor)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102752

Details

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Registered	2015-06-19
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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Trust shall be to promote and further the Christian Faith and its practice among men and women and young people both at home and abroad in accordance with the teaching of the Holy Scriptures which are the word of God.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Asylum seekers/refugees, General public, Learning disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£393,814	£171,300	£-2,867	7

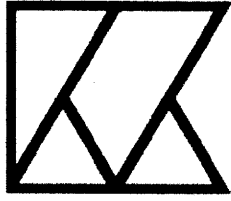
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jonathan Watters		
Mr Cliff Courtney		
Mr Peter Johnston		
Mrs Alison Pope		
Sam Deakin		
Sam Howard		

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Accounts



Kings Church Bangor

Annual Report and
Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st March 2025

Charity no: NIC102752

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General Information

Name of organisation	Kings Fellowship (Bangor)
Other name	Kings Church Bangor
Charity no.	102752
Registered office address	196 Seacliff Road, Bangor, County Down, BT20 5HA
Contact Details	Website: www.kingschurchbangor.org Email: office@kingschurchbangor.org
Legal status	Kings Fellowship (Bangor), established in 1985, is a registered charity and currently operates under a Trust Deed dated 19th March 2015. Its registered charity no. is NIC102752.
Bankers	Danske Bank Bloomfield Shopping Centre South Circular Road Bangor Co Down BT19 7HB
Independent Examiner	Michelle Robinson D N Robinson Ltd 17 Grays Hill Bangor Co Down BT20 3BB
Solicitor	CMG Solicitors 20 May Street Belfast, BT1 4NL

Governance and staffing structure

Leadership Team

The team provides spiritual leadership, general oversight, pastoral care and direction for all that happens in and through the church. The leadership team in place during 2024/25 were:

Peter Johnston
Lynn Johnston
Sam Deakin
Iain Stewart
Lesley Stewart
William Thompson
Ruth Justin
Stevie Garrett
Sam Howard (joined 1 September 2024)

Trustees

The trustees are responsible for the legal and financial matters of the church. Under the Trust Deed there must be at least 3 trustees. They are appointed for a term of three years which can be renewed by a resolution of the Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, they must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. The Trustees who acted during the year were:

Peter Johnston
Cliff Courtney
Ali Pope
Sam Howard
Sam Deakin was appointed as a trustee on 11 May 2024.

Jonny Watters was appointed as a trustee on 22 May 2025.

Staff Team

Our staff team are those employed to carry out the practical functions of the church, such as finances, administration, worship, children's and youth work.

Peter Johnston	Lead Pastor
Sam Deakin	Assistant Pastor
Lesley Stewart	Administrator and Global Mission Coordinator
Amy Titmus	Communications and Social Media
Lorraine Wilson	Caretaker
Stevie Garrett	Youth Pastor
Ruth Justin	Children's Pastor

Acknowledgements

Appreciation is expressed to the staff and many volunteers of the church who have put in so much time and effort during the past year. Without this help, the church would be ineffective.

The trustees express their appreciation for the faithfulness in giving by many members of the church.

We also want to express our gratitude for the many who have given to support our building refurbishment project over the past year. This includes church members, donors, friends and the local community. We are also grateful for the grants provided during the year from the Beatrice Laing Trust, Garfield Weston Trust, Ardbarron Trust and other trusts.

Our Aims and Objectives

Purpose per Trust Deed

“To promote and further the Christian Faith and its practice among men and women and young people both at home and abroad in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures which are the word of God.”

Our Vision is to:

Follow Jesus.

We want to be apprentices of Jesus, experiencing the abundant life that He brings by being with Him, becoming like Him, and doing what He did.

Make a difference

As we passionately seek God’s heart, we want to take actions to love people so that lives and communities will flourish.

Grow new disciples

We want people to encounter Jesus for the first time, experience His life-changing love, and journey with Him.

In Bangor

We long to see the Bangor area thrive by seeking to impact, love, and serve those who live nearby.

Our land

We want to love and pray for those on our island, partnering with others to see spiritual awakening and renewal.

Across the world.

We want to play our part in God’s worldwide plan, supporting and sending more people, to bring His hope and compassion to other countries.

Our values are:

Family: We welcome each person into our diverse multi-generational family, authentically loving and supporting one another through the ups and downs of life.

Presence: We desire to be continually filled and led by the Holy Spirit, seeking His transforming presence in our gatherings and daily lives.

Truth: We pursue, proclaim, and practice the freedom-giving message of God’s biblical Truth in an uncertain world.

Love: We express radical and sacrificial love through tangible expressions of generosity, seeking to reflect God’s heart towards all people by our giving, hospitality, and service.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the statutory guidance produced by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Our principal public benefit is the advancement of the Christian faith through a personal belief in Jesus Christ.

Strategic Priorities for the year

In order to provide our principal public benefit we set out below the strategic priorities agreed at the start of the year 2024/25 and the extent to which they were achieved:

1 Building Project

We plan to commence the full project after the summer of 2024. This will require us to move out of the building for a number of months. At the time of writing this Annual Report we have secured alternate premises from our Methodist friends in Bangor for which we are most grateful and work on Seacliff Road is commencing.

The building project commenced in September 2024 and we moved to alternate premises at Queens Parade Methodist Building. At the time of completing this Annual Report (October 2025) we are in the process of moving back to our renovated premises at Seacliff Road.

2 Pastoral Care

We are aware that our move from Seacliff Road premises will cause some disruption to our normal life as a church. A key emphasis will therefore be to reinforce church family relationships through strengthening our Connect Groups and other informal and more formal relational gatherings.

We have continued to reinforce the importance of church family relationships during our time out of our normal building. The church family has responded with grace and flexibility to our temporary change in premises. Whilst the space has been tight for some activities (particularly for the children) we have continued to be strengthened through our Connect Groups and other gatherings. Our numbers continue to grow.

3 Outreach

We want to grasp any new opportunities that may come with our temporary change in premises. We also want to develop existing areas of outreach. An Alpha Course in our temporary premises is planned to start after the summer. We are also planning a residential for the youth in September 2024. We will continue our work in the local hotel with asylum seekers seeking to help them with their English and build friendships.

We were able to run an Alpha Course at the temporary premises in the autumn of 2024 and the youth went on a successful residential trip in September 2024.

Our Create Space gathering on Friday mornings in the Fountain Centre at Queen's Parade thrived with some new people with some joining us. The Community Choir adapted to the change in premises and has reached out into the local community. We continued to join with other churches in providing English Speaking Classes to the asylum seekers in the local hotel. The hotel changed from housing all men to all women during the year and we were able to adapt – successfully drawing in more women from other churches to work with us.

4 Beyond Kings

We want to strengthen our connection with local churches in the area and within our Tobar network. We plan to play a part in the local Bangor Light of the World praise and prayer initiative and encourage our ties with churches in the Tobar network through its conference and other more informal gatherings.

An unexpected benefit of the temporary move to Queens Parade was the extent to which we have been welcomed by other churches in Bangor. We have played an active part in Light of the World (hosting some of the gatherings) and took part in Bangor Holy Week over Easter 2025 (again hosting one of the evening meetings). Our ties with churches in Tobar continue to strengthen with some speakers from Tobar preaching at Kings.

Summary of How We Provided A Public Benefit

A summary of our activities and actions undertaken in the year to meet our aims and objectives and to provide a public benefit is provided below. Further detail can be found below under “Kings Church Main Activities” at pages 9 to 14.

The direct benefits which have flowed from our actions in the year included the training and equipping of people in their Christian faith, the promotion of family stability and the well-being of those attending. Through our activities, people have increased their ability to contribute positively to society and to address poverty and those in need of care. We facilitated our members to carry out acts of social concern to benefit persons in North Down and the surrounding areas facing hardship based on their need and thereby promoting the practice of the Christian faith.

These benefits were evidenced through weekly meetings to present the teachings of the bible and the provision of opportunities for Christian response including but not limited to prayer and worship. The church provided teaching and training opportunities, using the resources of church staff, volunteers and also external courses and events. Our group activities were well attended: Men's Group (Kingsmen), Women's Group, (Gather), children's groups (Kings Kids Sunday, mothers and toddlers group (Kids and Co) (although it had to close with the move to the temporary premises in September 2024), our youth group (Kings Youth Fellowship) and our group for people with learning disabilities (the Friends Group).

The church's beneficiaries include those who have attended and participated in meetings and activities including children, youth, parents/carers with toddlers, the elderly and people with learning disabilities. The charity also brought benefits to the poor in the local community through supporting charitable organisations such as the Bangor Storehouse and our Community Fund as well as raising funds for people in poverty abroad. We continued our nursing home visits to Kingsland Nursing Home. We also worked in the year with other churches in the North Down area to promote joint events for the public. We worked with others in providing English Conversation Classes for asylum seekers. We continued to support our missionaries abroad who work to promote the Christian Faith alongside local churches and NGOs.

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However, they do demonstrate Kings Church is continuing to fulfill its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Kings Church Main Activities

Our activities during the year were heavily influenced by our temporary relocation from our permanent premises of 196 Seacliff Road in September 2024. The Church moved to Queen's Parade Methodist Church where we adapted our activities whilst also having to pause some ministries and start new ones.

Adult Ministries:

Over the year, Kings Church seeks to develop our Adult Ministries to best serve those currently in the church as well as bless and love those in our communities. The benefit from these actions enables members of Kings & those who also get involved to lead a more fulfilled and purposeful life.

Sunday Services:

Morning:

Our main weekly gathering takes place at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This year, we met across two venues, enjoying times of connection, sung worship, teaching from the Bible, and prayer for our lives and for the world around us. We welcomed a number of new people into our community, hosting two newcomers' lunches that saw 13 adults attend, most of whom chose to make Kings their home.

Attendance remained steady across the year, with a 2% increase in adult numbers compared to the previous year — averaging around 115 adults each Sunday. When we moved buildings in September, our livestreaming setup was paused, but we continued to upload recordings of our services within a few hours. These videos received around 50 views each week.

Our gatherings remain centred on worshipping God, studying Scripture, and praying for one another. A key focus this year was looking at the “God Story”, the book of Colossians, “Welcome” and “Worship”.

Evening:

Our monthly Sunday evening Presence Gathering continued on the third Sunday of each month. Meeting at 7:30 p.m., these relaxed and unstructured services focus on extended worship and creative response to a monthly theme. Around 40 adults attended each month.

Connect Groups:

Our Connect Groups — small communities of 6 to 20 people — meet weekly or fortnightly to build relationships, grow in faith, and live out our Church vision. Each group focuses on one or more of our four core values.

We've seen growth in both the number of groups and the number of people signing up. Around 45% of Kings adults are now part of a Connect Group. These groups support one another, reach out to our local community, and maintain partnership with our global missionaries.

Teams

All ministries at Kings run through the dedication of volunteer teams, many of which are supported by staff oversight. Our Church simply could not accomplish what it does — or pursue its future vision — without our incredible volunteers. We currently have 95 individuals serving across various teams.

Each team receives safeguarding training and regular input from its ministry leader. Once a year, we host our Teams Party to celebrate and thank all our volunteers for their faithful service.

Men's Ministry

Our men's ministry, Kingsmen, launched last year has continued to grow. The group meets monthly on Sunday evenings for community, conversation, and fun — often including refreshments and games. This space allows men to support one another in their walk with God.

Every few months, the men also gather for breakfast events featuring guest speakers, to which friends, family, and colleagues are invited. These have been well received by the wider community. Walking football was a regular part of the ministry but has now stopped due to reduced attendance.

Women's Ministry

After a pause in recent years, Gather — our women's ministry — experienced a fresh vision and new core team this year. Events included a breakfast gathering and a Christmas craft morning, both of which provided opportunities for connection, encouragement, and community engagement. Many attendees invited friends from outside Kings, helping others encounter the warmth of our Church family.

Global Mission:

Kings Church currently supports 7 families involved in Global Mission and has 1 other associated with the church. These families are involved in Japan, Kurdistan, Moldova, North Africa, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and the United Kingdom. They are involved in ministries including church planting, church pastoral work, development, evangelism, fundraising, medical work, outdoor pursuits, teaching, and working with refugees and asylum seekers.

One lady paid a visit to N Africa to see her friend involved in health care work. Another couple visited Nepal to check on the work of their partners and to see how their projects were developing.

We have a Global prayer meeting, once month and produce a prayer leaflet every month to help us pray effectively. We are still meeting on Zoom so that some of our missionaries can attend. About 12 people attend each month.

We had several "mission focus" Sundays throughout the year. At one of these services, we had a visiting speaker from Bangor World Missionary Convention that has been running for over 80 years.

In addition, we were delighted to host the Abaana New Life Choir from Uganda. The evening raised funds to transform children's lives through sponsorship while offering a joyful time of worship and inspiration for all who attended.

Kings Storehouse:

Storehouse North Down is a project bringing together different agencies to fight food poverty throughout the North Down area and beyond. Members of the congregation are invited to regularly donate suitable food products that are then collected and taken to the Storehouse premises for distribution. This is done regularly with extra times taken throughout the year for bigger collections.

Friends Group:

This is our group for adults with learning disabilities, their carers and friends.

The group provides opportunity for friendship, fun and learning to follow Jesus together. It meets fortnightly and has 25 regular attendees including 8 volunteers and support staff. The group has been able to meet regularly on a Wednesday night whilst also doing events outside of Kings. For all who attend, this is a valued place of connection and a place to belong, whilst for some it would be their "church service", as other services at Kings and other churches aren't accessible for them

Local Ministry

During the year, a number of asylum seekers were housed in a nearby hotel, providing an opportunity for our Church to serve. On Tuesday evenings, a small team visited to offer friendship and English lessons, while also providing practical support such as clothing, books, and shoes.

We also ran an Alpha Course — a 10-week journey exploring faith and life's big questions. Many participants were new to faith, and the course was led by dedicated Church volunteers.

A few times throughout the year, we visited a local nursing home to sing, share, and pray with residents.

Family Equipping

Across the year, we hosted several events to equip families at different stages of life. A 4-week Fatherhood Course supported over 20 dads in their parenting journey, and a number of parents attended Care for the Family events designed to strengthen and encourage families through teaching and discussion.

We also invested in marriages by sending 10 couples to attend Going the Distance, a marriage enrichment event run by a church in Belfast.

Community Fridays

Our Friday ministries, Create Space and Community Choir, continue to grow. Create Space offers a welcoming environment for creativity and connection. People from both Kings and the local community bring sewing, artwork, and other projects to work on together, while enjoying refreshments and games. It has also become a place where local asylum seekers feel valued and included — a space to build friendships, learn new skills, and practise English. Our Community Choir has over 20 regular members, most from the wider Bangor area. Many are not part of Kings, making the choir a wonderful bridge of community and shared joy through music.

Wider Events:

Throughout the year, Kings participated in several key gatherings:

- NUA Festival in Newcastle — attended by over 20 members, providing space to worship, connect, and grow with other churches.
- Tobar Conference in Lisburn — a one-day event uniting churches from the Tobar network, of which Kings Church is a part.
- Light of the World (LOTW) — a monthly prayer and worship gathering of Christians in Bangor, interceding for the city. Many from Kings attend, and some leaders help facilitate the events.
- Holy Week Gatherings — during Easter week, Kings partnered with four other local churches to host nightly gatherings across different venues, deepening unity and shared mission in our city.

Prayer:

Prayer is central to everything we do at Kings. Alongside prayer within our ministries, we held several dedicated prayer gatherings throughout the year, including a new Monday night prayer time and a Friday morning men's prayer meeting.

We also continued our thrice-weekly Zoom prayer meetings, connecting people locally and globally — including missionaries across the world. These times of intercession link closely with our monthly Global Prayer Meeting.

Building Redevelopment:

In September 2024, we moved out of 196 Seacliff Road to begin a major redevelopment project. We appointed a main contractor after securing funding through grants, a bank loan, and the generous giving of our members. This redevelopment marks an exciting new season for our Church. We eagerly anticipate returning to our renewed building in 2025, ready for the next chapter of ministry and mission.

Youth Ministries:

Kings Church has a deep passion to serve young people — both within our Church and across our local community. Our youth ministries aim to create spaces where young people can encounter God, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships.

Kings Youth Fellowship:

Kings Youth Fellowship (KYF) meets most Sunday evenings for fun, games, and times of discipleship. Together, our young people explore the Bible, discuss relevant topics, and encourage one another in their walk with Jesus.

This year, a few new members joined the group, bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm. As a result, the group has grown slightly in size and depth of connection.

We also launched midweek KYF Discipleship Groups, meeting every other week for those who want to go deeper in worship, prayer, and Bible study. These smaller gatherings have helped young people strengthen their faith and build closer community.

In September, the youth went on a weekend away filled with laughter, games, deep conversations, and spiritual growth. It was a highlight of the year and an important time for the group to bond and encounter God together.

Kings Youth Sundays:

Our twice-monthly Sunday morning breakfasts continued; we gather in the balcony room to explore faith together - at times revisiting a sermon series or often using other resources to follow a particular topic for a time.

Children's Ministries:

Kings Kids Sundays:

Our Kings Kids ministry continues to flourish, with around 50 children attending each week and 40 volunteers serving across the month. We offer four age-specific groups, along with a space for parents and carers with younger children.

When we moved to Queen's Parade, our available space was more limited, so the 4-11 age group met together for longer before splitting into smaller sections. Despite the change, the sessions remained fun, caring, and interactive — teaching children about God, faith, and Church life in creative ways that meet their varying needs and abilities.

Throughout the year, we enjoyed several special moments together:

- A family trip to the farm, which included both children and parents.
- A fun outing for older children to the bowling alley.

- An Autumn Celebration as an alternative to Halloween — a joyful and well-attended event.
- A Christmas Party to celebrate the season together.

We also placed renewed emphasis on family prayer, encouraging children to take part in all-Church prayer gatherings and helping parents grow in leading prayer at home.

Several new babies were born this year, and we were privileged to dedicate a number of them during our Sunday services — always a joyful highlight for our community.

Kids & Co:

Kids & Co is our long-running Parent and Toddler group, which meets on Tuesday mornings. It provides a welcoming space for parents, grandparents, childminders, and carers with babies and toddlers of pre-nursery age. On average, 40 children and 30 adults attend each week — most from our local community who don't regularly attend Kings. The sessions include playtime, crafts, singing, and refreshments, all run by a dedicated volunteer team.

After 18 years of continuous ministry, Kids & Co paused in September due to the building relocation and limited facilities at our temporary venue. We plan to relaunch the group once we move back into our newly renovated building, continuing this much-loved outreach to local families.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £393.8k (2024: £430.3k) and expenditure totalled £171.3k (2024: £173.5k) leaving a surplus for the year of £222.5k (2024 surplus £256.8k). The main movements between the two years are largely as a result of the following:

- Donations to the building fund decreased from £108.5k in 2024 to £99.4k in 2025. The building fund received grants of £90k (£108k 2024).
- Donations for Ministry & missions, public offerings and other gifts decreased in the year by £10.5k to £131.9k
- As a result of the decrease in giving as described above tax refunds from gift aid decreased by £3.8k to £47.6k
- Rental for use of the building increased by £5.2k to £11.9k (including £10k for renting the building out as a film location).
- Expenditure decreased by £2.2k to £171.3k. Within that there were a number of more significant movements. Salaries increased by £10.5k due to full employment of staff in the current year whilst in the previous year there were gaps in employment of a Youth Worker for 9 months and a Children's worker for 2 months; we paid rental of £9k for our temporary premises at Queens Parade Methodist Building (previous year nil); we started to pay loan interest (loan to help fund the building project) during the totaling £5k (previous year nil). These increases were more than offset by decreases including heat & light of £3.4k, decrease in repairs, maintenance & equipment of £12.1k (as funds spent on the building project), a decrease in outreach/alms of £2.9k and a decrease in missions gifts of £5.7k

Movement in Funds may be summarised as follows:

	Ministry £k	Building £k	Mission £k	Total £k
Income	119.5	232.7	41.6	393.8
Expenditure	(123.0)	(5.2)	(43.1)	(171.3)
Surplus	(3.5)	227.5	(1.5)	222.5
Transfer in funds	(13.5)	15.0	(1.5)	0
Opening balance 1/04/24	191.7	540.9	13.3	745.9
Closing balance 31/03/25	174.7	783.4	10.3	968.4

Note there are small rounding differences in the above table

The transfer in funds relates to expenditure incurred of £1.5k for mission purposes through the Ministry Fund and which are then reimbursed by the Mission Fund and a transfer of £15k from the Ministry Fund to the Building Fund to support the Building Project.

Reserves

Cash and short-term investment reserves at 31 March 2025 totalled £239.8k (2024: £544.9k). The decrease is due to the commencement of work on our building project in the current year. Whilst the church is seeking to upgrade its premises the trustees' reserve policy is to hold sufficient building fund cash reserves to complete the building project, maintain at least £4k in mission cash reserves and maintain general cash reserves at a level to service the day-to-day running costs. This policy will be reviewed once we have completed the building project.

Future Strategic Plans

Our vision is to: "Follow Jesus, Make a Difference and to Grow New Disciples in Bangor, our Land and across the World."

In pursuit of that vision in the forthcoming year to March 2026, Kings Church plans to strategically develop in the following areas –

1 Building Project

We plan to complete the full project after the summer of 2025 and move back to Seacliff Road Premises. At the time of writing this Annual Report we expect to be back in Seacliff Road in October 2025.

2 Pastoral Care

We will continue to emphasise our value of Family during this time of change. A key emphasis will therefore be to reinforce church family relationships through strengthening our Connect Groups. At the time of writing this report we have increased the number of Connect Groups to nine with one starting in Donaghadee and another starting to meet during the daytime.

3 Outreach

We want to grasp any new opportunities that may come with moving back to our premises at Seacliff Road. We plan a Community Day for the local community for those who are curious to see how the building has changed. We will also celebrate our 40th anniversary as a Church. We plan to use the new Community Area to good effect in attracting people into the building. We will continue our work in the local hotel with asylum seekers seeking to help them with their English and build friendships.

4 Beyond Kings

We want to further strengthen our connection with local churches in the area and within our Tobar network. We plan to continue to play a part in the local Bangor Light of the World praise and prayer initiative as well as a planned interchurch Christian Against Poverty (CAP) Group and Bangor City Chaplaincy. We will further develop our ties with churches in the Tobar network through its conference and other more informal gatherings.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Peter Johnston
Chair of Trustees

28 October 2025

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds		2025	2024
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	117,619	251,349	368,968	410,397
Income from other trading activities	1,906	10,000	11,906	6,715
Investment income	0	12,940	12,940	13,211
Total income	<u>119,525</u>	<u>274,289</u>	<u>393,814</u>	<u>430,323</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	122,962	48,338	171,300	173,467
Total expenditure	<u>122,962</u>	<u>48,338</u>	<u>171,300</u>	<u>173,467</u>
Net movement in funds	(3,437)	225,951	222,514	256,856
Transfers	(13,500)	13,500	0	0
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	191,667	554,231	745,898	489,042
Total funds carried forward	<u>174,730</u>	<u>793,682</u>	<u>968,412</u>	<u>745,898</u>

The notes on pages 20 to 24 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets		836,535		200,751
Current assets:				
Debtors	4,604		2,914	
Short term investments	12,513		444,535	
Bank and cash	<u>227,309</u>		<u>100,342</u>	
	244,426		547,791	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(2,867)</u>		<u>(2,644)</u>	
Net current assets		241,559		545,147
Bank loan		(110,000)		0
Total net assets		<u>968,412</u>		<u>745,898</u>

Funds of the Charity

Unrestricted income funds:

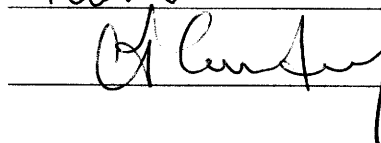
General	174,730	192,667
Designated	793,682	554,231
Total Charity funds	<u>968,412</u>	<u>745,898</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 28 October 2025, and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Johnston



Cliff Courtney



The notes on pages 20 to 24 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the Trustees regard the charity as having sufficient resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of the asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment: 25% straight line

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Bank interest paid

The charity writes off directly attributed borrowing costs to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are incurred.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds		2025	2024
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations for Ministry	91,480	0	91,480	90,116
Public offerings	932	0	932	335
Donations for missions	0	34,491	34,491	45,105
Donations for building account	0	99,407	99,407	108,524
Grant from Charities	0	90,000	90,000	108,000
Other gifts received	5,030	0	5,030	6,879
Tax refunds from Inland Revenue	20,177	27,451	47,628	51,438
	117,619	251,349	368,968	410,397

3. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2025	2024
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent from Building	1,906	10,000	11,906	6,715

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds		2025	2024
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	0	12,940	12,940	13,211

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2025	2024
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Salaries	75,345	0	75,345	64,841
Rent and water rates	10,424	0	10,424	1,302
Insurance	6,423	0	6,423	4,041
Heat & light	6,964	0	6,964	10,429
Repairs, maintenance & equipment	2,498	0	2,498	14,555
Cleaning	523	0	523	1,221
Telephone	979	0	979	1,157
Printing, postage & stationery	197	0	197	999
Computer costs	1,310	0	1,310	1,319
Travelling & conferences	840	0	840	442
Youth Ministry	5,577	0	5,577	4,389
Outreach	548	0	548	3,448
Gifts	4,287	43,143	47,430	55,975
Hospitality	3,853	0	3,853	5,623
Sundry expenses	2,863	120	2,983	2,823
Bank charges & interest	331	5,075	5,406	903
	<u>122,962</u>	<u>48,338</u>	<u>171,300</u>	<u>173,467</u>

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Seacliff Road	Equipment	Total
	Building		£
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 April 2024	200,751	20,576	221,327
Additions	636,102	0	636,102
Disposals	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2025	<u>836,853</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>857,429</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2024	0	20,576	20,576
Charge for year	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2025	<u>0</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>20,576</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2025	<u>836,853</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>836,853</u>
As at 1 April 2024	<u>200,751</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200,751</u>

7. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift aid tax recoverable	3,400	2,914
Other debtors	1,204	0
	<u>4,604</u>	<u>2,914</u>

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	2,867	2,644
	<u>2,867</u>	<u>2,644</u>

9. Bank Loan

	2025	2024
	£	£
	110,000	0
	<u>110,000</u>	<u>0</u>

A 15 year bank loan facility of £500,000 secured on the building at 196 Seacliff Road Bangor is in place. At 31 March 2025 £110,000 had been drawn down on the facility. The rate of interest on the loan is variable with the first year's repayments being interest only.

10. Designated funds

The Church operates two designated funds:

Building Fund - The church is in the process of developing the premises at Seacliff Road. This fund is used to cover costs associated with this development.

Mission fund - This fund is used to support various missionaries throughout the world.

	Building Fund	Mission Fund	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income	232,716	41,573	274,289	304,455
Expenditure:				
Costs re premises	5,195	0	5,195	803
Gifts	0	43,143	43,143	48,832
Total expenditure	<u>5,195</u>	<u>43,143</u>	<u>48,338</u>	<u>49,635</u>
Net movement in funds	227,521	(1,570)	225,951	254,820
Transfer to Unrestricted general funds	15,000	(1,500)	13,500	(1,500)
Total funds brought forward	540,914	13,317	554,231	300,911
Total funds carried forward	<u>783,435</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>793,682</u>	<u>554,231</u>

11. Related Party Transactions

During the year the following payments were made to trustees and connected persons as permitted by clauses 5 and 28 of the Trust Deed:

Year to 31 March 2025					
	Services Provided	Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	2,400	0	20	0
Lynn Johnston (wife of Peter Johnston)	Leadership Team	0	0	20	0
Sam Deakin (trustee) *	Assistant Pastor	31,556	2,313	1,014	0

Year to 31 March 2024					
	Services Provided	Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	1,200	0	0	0

*Sam Deakin was appointed as a trustee on 11 May 2024.

Included in Sam Deakin's expenses reclaimed is a counselling course which will be of benefit to the church as a result of the skills that he has gained.

None of the payments made above were in respect of work carried out as a trustee.

As part of the redevelopment of the Seacliff Road site the trustees have elected to utilise members of the church to provide a variety of services. These transactions have been performed at an arm's length basis and the trustees have followed due process in ensuring that these transactions represent value for money for the church. There have also been countless volunteer hours given to the project and the trustees wish to extend their immense gratitude for this.

The notes on pages 20 to 24 form part of these accounts

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 17 to 24.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charity Act
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

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

M Robinson

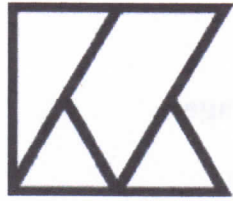
Michelle Robinson
Chartered Certified Accountant
17 Grays Hill, Bangor, Co Down,

Date: *28 October* 2025

Kings Fellowship (Bangor)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102752

Accounts



Kings Church Bangor

Annual Report and
Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st March 2024

Charity no: NIC102752

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General Information

Name of organisation	Kings Fellowship (Bangor)
Other name	Kings Church Bangor
Charity no.	102752
Registered office address	196 Seacliff Road, Bangor, County Down, BT20 5HA
Contact Details	Website: www.kingschurchbangor.org Email: office@kingschurchbangor.org
Legal status	Kings Fellowship (Bangor), established in 1985, is a registered charity and currently operates under a Trust Deed dated 19th March 2015. Its registered charity no. is NIC102752.
Bankers	Danske Bank Bloomfield Shopping Centre South Circular Road Bangor Co Down BT19 7HB
Independent Examiner	Michelle Robinson D N Robinson Ltd 17 Grays Hill Bangor Co Down BT20 3BB
Solicitor	CMG Solicitors 20 May Street Belfast, BT1 4NL

Governance and staffing structure

Leadership Team

The team provides spiritual leadership, general oversight, pastoral care and direction for all that happens in and through the church. The leadership team in place during 2023/24 were:

Peter Johnston
Lynn Johnston
Sam Deakin
Iain Stewart
Lesley Stewart
William Thompson
Ruth Justin
Stevie Garrett

Trustees

The trustees are responsible for the legal and financial matters of the church. Under the Trust Deed there must be at least 3 trustees. They are appointed for a term of three years which can be renewed by a resolution of the Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, they must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. The Trustees who acted during the year were:

Peter Johnston
Cliff Courtney
Ali Pope
Sam Howard

Sam Deakin was appointed as a trustee on 11 May 2024.

Staff Team

Our staff team are those employed to carry out the practical functions of the church, such as finances, administration, worship, children's and youth work.

Peter Johnston	Lead Pastor
Sam Deakin	Assistant Pastor
Lesley Stewart	Administrator and Global Mission Coordinator
Amy Titmus	Communications and Social Media
Lorraine Wilson	Caretaker
Rae O'Dowd	Youth Worker (resigned 18 June 2023)
Stevie Garrett	Appointed Youth worker on 18 March 2024
Anne Davey	Children's Worker (resigned 30 June 2023)
Ruth Justin	Appointed Children's Worker on 4 September 2023

Acknowledgements

Appreciation is expressed to the staff and many volunteers of the church who have put in so much time and effort during the past year. Without this help, the church would be ineffective.

The trustees express their appreciation for the faithfulness in giving by many members of the church.

We also want to express our gratitude for the many who have given to support our building refurbishment project over the past year. This includes church members, donors, friends and the local community. A grant of £108,000 from the Benefact Trust was a significant encouragement and support to us.

Our Aims and Objectives

Purpose per Trust Deed

“To promote and further the Christian Faith and its practice among men and women and young people both at home and abroad in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures which are the word of God.”

Our Vision is to:

Follow Jesus.

We want to be apprentices of Jesus, experiencing the abundant life that He brings by being with Him, becoming like Him, and doing what He did.

Make a difference

As we passionately seek God’s heart, we want to take actions to love people so that lives and communities will flourish.

Grow new disciples

We want people to encounter Jesus for the first time, experience His life-changing love, and journey with Him.

In Bangor

We long to see the Bangor area thrive by seeking to impact, love, and serve those who live nearby.

Our land

We want to love and pray for those on our island, partnering with others to see spiritual awakening and renewal.

Across the world.

We want to play our part in God’s worldwide plan, supporting and sending more people, to bring His hope and compassion to other countries.

Our values are:

Family: We welcome each person into our diverse multi-generational family, authentically loving and supporting one another through the ups and downs of life.

Presence: We desire to be continually filled and led by the Holy Spirit, seeking His transforming presence in our gatherings and daily lives.

Truth: We pursue, proclaim, and practice the freedom-giving message of God’s biblical Truth in an uncertain world.

Love: We express radical and sacrificial love through tangible expressions of generosity, seeking to reflect God’s heart towards all people by our giving, hospitality, and service.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the statutory guidance produced by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Our principal public benefit is the advancement of the Christian faith through a personal belief in Jesus Christ.

Strategic Priorities for the year

In order to provide our principal public benefit we set out below the strategic priorities agreed at the start of the year 2023/24 and the extent to which they were achieved:

1. Leadership & Discipleship

We plan to provide opportunities to grow as followers of Jesus and in leadership whatever our role. We will review and relaunch our community groups to ensure that they provide a place of family and discipleship.

We relaunched our Connect Groups (previously called Community Groups) in April 2023. Each Connect Group was launched with a host and co-leaders with a clear plan to live out our four values. A number of people stepped into the role of leadership of the groups and we continued to refine and develop the groups.

2 Pastoral Care & Mission

We will further develop pastoral care for our members and beyond as we all play our part. We will also consider how we can serve our local community in Bangor and further afield.

Pastoral care is an essential part of what we do. We sought to provide this through Connect Groups, meals and other practical helps for those in need. Create Space, Kids & Co, the Friends Group all helped in reaching out beyond ourselves.

We will continue our work in the local hotel with asylum seekers seeking to help them with their English and build friendships. As well as the weekly English Conversation Classes we ran some music and culture evenings and some away trips.

3 Vision & Values

We will continue to instill our vision and values (Family, Presence, Truth and Love) in all we do as we seek to reflect what we believe God is calling us to be and to do.

We continued to preach through our four values between April 2023 and March 2024 with some gaps for Christmas etc. That, plus the emphasis on values in our Connect Groups, has helped to instill our vision and values so they become part of the culture of the church.

4 *Building Project*

We will develop the design of the refurbished building at 196 Seacliff Road with the vision of it being used as both a home for Kings Church and also as a presence in the local community. We will also need to raise funds for the project from both our own members, the bank and trust funds. We plan to begin work on the ground in the later part of the year.

We continued work on the design of the refurbished building. We have included in the design a new community space at the front of the building as a way to contribute positively to our local community's life.

The leadership met with everyone in the church who wanted a meeting to discuss the building project and how people could contribute to it. We were most grateful for the response with a significant increase in the giving to the project. We also continued to apply for grants from Trust Funds. We received £108k from the Benefact Trust for the project in September 2023. This was a major encouragement for the project.

An external access ramp was built at the front of the building in the autumn of 2023 and work commenced on the major refurbishment in September 2024.

Summary of How We Provided A Public Benefit

A summary of our activities and actions undertaken in the year to meet our aims and objectives and to provide a public benefit is provided below. Further detail can be found below under "Kings Church Main Activities" at pages 9 to 13.

The direct benefits which have flowed from our actions in the year included the training and equipping of people in their Christian faith, the promotion of family stability and the well-being of those attending. Through our activities, people have increased their ability to contribute positively to society and to address poverty and those in need of care. We facilitated our members to carry out acts of social concern to benefit persons in North Down and the surrounding areas facing hardship based on their need and thereby promoting the practice of the Christian faith.

These benefits were evidenced through weekly meetings to present the teachings of the bible and the provision of opportunities for Christian response including but not limited to prayer and worship. The church provided teaching and training opportunities, using the resources of church staff, volunteers and also external courses and events. Our group activities were well attended: mothers and toddlers group (Kids and Co), Men's Group (Kingsmen), Women's Group, (Gather), children's groups (Kings Kids Sunday, our youth group (Kings Youth Fellowship) and our group for people with learning disabilities (the Friends Group).

The church's beneficiaries include those who have attended and participated in meetings and activities including children, youth, parents/carers with toddlers, the elderly and people with learning disabilities. The charity also brought benefits to the poor in the local community through supporting charitable organisations such as the Bangor Storehouse and our Community Fund as well as raising funds for people in poverty abroad. We continued our nursing home visits to Kingsland Nursing Home. We also worked in the year with other churches in the North Down area to promote joint events for the public. We worked with others in providing English Conversation Classes for asylum seekers. We continued to support our missionaries abroad who work to promote the Christian Faith alongside local churches and NGOs.

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However, they do demonstrate Kings Church is continuing to fulfill its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Kings Church Main Activities

Adult Ministries:

Over the year, Kings Church seeks to develop our Adult Ministries to best serve those currently in the church as well as bless and love those in our communities. The benefit from these actions enables members of Kings & those who also get involved to lead a more fulfilled and purposeful life.

Sunday Services:

Morning:

The main weekly gathering at Kings Church happens at 10.30am on Sunday morning in our church building. This includes a time to connect with one another, a time of sung worship, a talk from the Bible as well as times to pray for things happening in our lives and further afield across the world.

Across the year we had many new people joining our community. We held 3 Newcomers Lunches which saw over 47 people (28 Adults) attend with the majority of these committing to join the church. Attendance to our Sunday morning services slowly increased throughout the year with around a 10% increase from the year before. We continued to live-stream these services to care for those who felt vulnerable in public but still wanted to be part of our church community.

Our gatherings are centred around worshipping God, studying scripture and praying for one another. One of the main focuses for the year was studying our four values: Family, Presence, Truth & Love,

Evening:

The monthly Sunday Evening "Presence" Gathering continued on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Being held at 7.30pm meant that usually this was just adults that attended. The service is more relaxed and less structured, centring around an extended time of sung worship as well as responding creatively to the theme that month. On average 40 adults attended each month.

Connect Groups:

Connect Groups are groups of 6-20 people who meet weekly together. These were launched in April 2023 with a fresh vision and new structure. We began with five groups & increased to a sixth during the year. Each week they focus on one or more of our four values, holding these values to achieve our Church vision. These groups support one another, help one another grow in their faith, as well as reaching out, supporting and loving our local community and also partnering with our global missionaries. There are about 40% of our adults in Kings who are actively involved in a Connect Group.

Men's Ministry

2023 saw the start of Kingsmen, a new Men's Ministry at Kings. This includes a number of different elements:

Walking Football. We encourage guys from Kings to invite friends from outside church to meet up every couple of weeks to play walking football.

Fuel. This is a monthly meet-up in Kings, where men gather around coffee, cake, games, worship and prayer, to build relationships and support each other on our journey with Jesus.

Refuel. Every couple of months we meet up to share breakfast. We invited guys from the local area to share their stories, which has been really inspirational and encouraging. A great opportunity to invite friends and family who don't normally attend church.

Intake. Once a term we had a social event, just time to invite friends and family and hang out together.

It's been a great first year for Kingsmen and we look forward to what God has in store for us in the coming year.

Global Mission:

Kings Church currently supports 7 families involved in Global Mission and has 1 other associated with the church. These families are involved in Japan, Kurdistan, Moldova, North Africa, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and the United Kingdom. They are involved in ministries including church planting, church pastoral work, development, evangelism, fundraising, medical work, outdoor pursuits, teaching, and working with refugees and asylum seekers.

One of our missionary couples, working in N Africa spent some time back with us and we had meetings in the church to promote their work. One lady paid a visit to N Africa to see her friend involved in healthcare work. Another couple visited Nepal to check on the work of their partners and to see how their projects were developing. Over the past year asylum seekers have been housed locally and a small group has reached out to them. This involves social events including a weekly drop-in coffee type event in our building and weekly conversation classes with them in the hotel to help improve their English. We have a Global prayer meeting, once month and produce a prayer leaflet every month to help us pray effectively. We are still meeting on Zoom so that some of our missionaries can attend. About 12 people attend each month. We continued to pray for Thirty: praying for 30 cities. We also had several "mission focus" Sundays throughout the year. At one of these services, we had a visiting speaker, from a Missions Conference in Bangor that has been running for over 80 years and which some of our members attend.

Storehouse:

Storehouse North Down is a project bringing together different agencies to fight food poverty throughout the North Down area and beyond. There is a shopping trolley positioned in the church building and members of the congregation are invited to regularly donate suitable food products that are then collected and taken to the Storehouse premises for distribution. This is done regularly with extra times taken throughout the year for bigger collections.

Friends Group:

This is our group for adults with learning disabilities, their carers and friends. The group provides opportunity for friendship, fun and learning to follow Jesus together. It meets fortnightly and has around 25 regular attendees including 8 volunteers and support staff. The group has been able to meet regularly in Kings on a Wednesday night whilst also doing events outside of Kings. For all who attend, this is a valued place of connection and a place to belong, whilst for some it would be their "church service", as other services at Kings and other churches aren't accessible for them.

Marriage Preparation:

For those engaged to be married, Kings Church offers marriage preparation, which is an informal course run by members of the Leadership Team. The purpose is to help couples build strong foundations for their future together. One couple went through Marriage Preparation and were also married by one of the Pastors in Kings.

Create Space:

On a Friday morning Create Space is a place for people to come and enjoy some time together. It's a space for friendships to be built but also a place for creativity to happen. Individuals from both Kings, and the local community, bring sewing, artwork, or projects to work on. As well as this there are refreshments and games for people to play. Create Space has also been a place where local Asylum Seekers have felt very welcome - a place to meet others, feel valued, learn new skills, and practice their English.

We started the Community Choir this year. Overlapping with Create Space and integrating the two communities, it is a choir for anyone who wants to attend. Since starting it has grown and regularly has 20+ singers, mostly from the Bangor area, who don't attend Kings regularly.

Wider Events:

Across the Year, Kings ran multiple events that served and blessed members of Kings as well as the wider community. We had our Handmade Christmas Market which supported local small businesses who came to sell their products to over 700 people who came through the doors. The majority of these people were not linked to Kings and were invited to following Christmas events.

We had other community events like our Light Party for "All Saints Day". Over 200 people attended an evening of fun & games as well as hearing about the

“Light of the World.” Our Family Fun Day in the summer at Kingsland Park and our Easter Eggstravaganza at Crawfordsburn Park were brilliant for those in Kings and others invited.

We have also regularly been going into Kingsland Nursing Home to pray for and sing with the elderly in the home.

Prayer:

Prayer is central to nearly everything that we do at Kings. Whilst many of the groups and events will have some elements of prayer included we also had several prayer gatherings throughout the year. Groups would go on prayer walks, we opened up our prayer room for a January month of prayer with at least one person committing to pray for the work of Kings every day. Three times a week we have groups meeting on zoom to pray as well as our monthly Global prayer.

During Holy Week, we sent out resources and devotionals for people to pray each day through the Easter story and we’ve also had prayer meetings for our Building redevelopment.

Building Redevelopment:

Over this past year we have been fundraising for and designing our redevelopment of 196 Seacliff Road. We have been applying for grants, fundraising within our church and our local community. As part of this, we installed new front steps and a ramp to make our building more accessible.

Youth Ministries:

Kings Church has a passion to serve Youth in our church and in the local community. Since hiring a new Youth Worker we have been able to focus both on the youth that are in our Church community and in the wider community.

Kings Youth Fellowship:

Shortly after the start of this year we were disappointed in June time to lose our youth worker who had served us well for the past 15 months. The team regathered and delivered an exciting Summer week programme in early August, running activities in the building and around the town - on the theme of running the good race. The week culminated in an evening of paddle-boarding and pizza. Our attendance rose to an average session attendance of 15 between September 23 and March 24 at our Sunday night slot known as Kings Youth Fellowship (KYF).

In KYF, we worked to create a varied programme in consultation with the youth which was delivered by 7 committed volunteers. To help young people explore their faith we followed the Gospel of Mark each week, taking small passages to discuss and learn from. Young people of faith and none participated in this, embracing some of the fun activities and growing in confidence and knowledge.

A programme of games and activities helped build relationships among the group and with the leaders. Our Christmas celebration night saw all 25 of our registered young people attend which was a brilliant night of games and food.

We also worked with another local youth group and visited them and offered hospitality too, fostering an environment where young people could meet new faces while playing, growing and learning together. We also attended the St Patrick's Day Parade in Belfast to help broaden the horizons of the young people while exploring the relevance of such a historical figure.

Kings Youth Sundays:

Our twice-monthly Sunday morning slots continued in this period, affectionately known as Breakfast Club by the youth; we gather in the balcony room to explore faith together - at times revisiting a sermon series or often using the Urban Saints resources to follow a particular topic for a time.

Children's Ministries:

Kings Kids Sundays:

On Sunday Mornings our children's ministry continues to grow and flourish. On average we have about 50 children each Sunday with around 40 volunteers. We have 4 groups that are specifically catered towards different age groups as well as a space for Parents/Carers to go with their children. In these groups the children have been taught about God, faith, and church in a fun, caring and interactive way. Our programme meets the needs of the different abilities we have among the children.

At the end of the year, we went on a trip to the farm, this was for kids and parents. We took the older children to the bowling alley and then out for an ice cream.

We have had a number of new babies born this year whilst also dedicating some of our babies throughout the year.

Kids & Co:

Kids and Co is a Parent and Toddler group that runs every Tuesday morning.

They welcome parents, grandparents, child-minders and carers with babies and toddlers of pre-nursery age. On average, 40 children and 30 adults attend each week. The majority of these children and adults are members of the community who wouldn't attend Kings Church regularly.

Kids and Co has been running for over 17 years with a team of volunteers who run the programme, by setting up a hall with toys, providing craft, a sing a long and refreshments.

Holiday Bible Club:

In Summer 23 we had a Holiday Bible Club which saw 40 children come for a couple of hours in the morning or evening for fun activities, dramas, games & stories. The majority of these individuals came from outside of Kings Church.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £430.3k (2023: £181.6k) and expenditure totalled £173.5k (2023: £167.7k) leaving a surplus for the year of £256.8k (2023 surplus £13.9k). The main movements between the two years are largely as a result of the following:

- Donations to the building fund increased from £22.7k in 2023 to £108.5k in 2024. In addition, the building fund received a grant of £108k (nil 2023).
- Donations for Ministry & missions, public offerings and other gifts increased in the year by £23.0k to £142.4k
- As a result of the increase in giving as described above tax refunds from gift aid increased by £19.6k to £51.4k
- Investment income from our Nationwide interest-bearing account increased by £11.7k from the previous year as a result of accumulating funds in the building fund in readiness for our building project.
- Expenditure increased by £5.8k to £173.5k due to a range of factors including increases in gifts from the Mission Fund by £11.5k and other gifts of £3.4k, increase in repairs, maintenance & equipment by £5.7k, an increase in youth ministry expenditure by £2.4k and hospitality by £2.1k partially offset by reductions in building costs by £19.4k (this was expenditure incurred in the previous year in relation to legacy work for planning applications for our premises at Seacliff Road).

Movement in Funds may be summarized as follows:

	Ministry £k	Building £k	Mission £k	Total £k
Income	125.9	248.8	55.6	430.3
Expenditure	(123.8)	(0.8)	(48.8)	(173.5)
Surplus	2.1	248.0	6.8	256.8
Transfer in funds	1.5	0	(1.5)	0
Opening balance 1/04/23	188.1	292.9	8.0	489.0
Closing balance 31/03/24	191.7	540.9	13.3	745.9

Note there are small rounding differences in the above table

The transfer in funds relates to expenditure incurred for mission purposes through the Ministry Fund and which are then reimbursed by the Mission Fund.

Reserves

Cash and short-term investment reserves at 31 March 2024 totalled £544.9k (2023: £335.5k). Whilst the church is seeking to upgrade its premises the trustees' reserve policy is to continue to build up building fund cash reserves, maintain at least £4k in mission cash reserves and maintain general cash reserves at a level to service the day-to-day running costs. This policy will be

reviewed once we have suitable premises.

Future Strategic Plans

Our vision is to: "Follow Jesus, Make a Difference and to Grow New Disciples in Bangor, our Land and across the World."

In pursuit of that vision in the forthcoming year to March 2025, Kings Church plans to strategically develop in the following areas –

1 Building Project

We plan to commence the full project after the summer of 2024. This will require us to move out of the building for a number of months. At the time of writing this Annual Report we have secured alternate premises from our Methodist friends in Bangor for which we are most grateful and work on Seacliff Road is commencing.

2 Pastoral Care

We are aware that our move from Seacliff Road premises will cause some disruption to our normal life as a church. A key emphasis will therefore be to reinforce church family relationships through strengthening our Connect Groups and other informal and more formal relational gatherings.

3 Outreach

We want to grasp any new opportunities that may come with our temporary change in premises. We also want to develop existing areas of outreach. An Alpha Course in our temporary premises is planned to start after the summer. We are also planning a residential for the youth in September 2024. We will continue our work in the local hotel with asylum seekers seeking to help them with their English and build friendships.

4 Beyond Kings

We want to strengthen our connection with local churches in the area and within our Tobar network. We plan to play a part in the local Bangor Light of the World praise and prayer initiative and encourage our ties with churches in the Tobar network through its conference and other more informal gatherings.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Peter Johnston
Chair of Trustees

29 September 2024

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	119,153	291,244	410,397	173,913
Income from other trading activities	6,715	0	6,715	6,179
Investment income	0	13,211	13,211	1,486
Total income	<u>125,868</u>	<u>304,455</u>	<u>430,323</u>	<u>181,578</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	123,832	49,635	173,467	167,707
Total expenditure	<u>123,832</u>	<u>49,635</u>	<u>173,467</u>	<u>167,707</u>
Net movement in funds	2,036	254,820	256,856	13,871
Transfers	1,500	(1,500)	0	0
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	188,131	300,911	489,042	475,171
Total funds carried forward	<u>191,667</u>	<u>554,231</u>	<u>745,898</u>	<u>489,042</u>

The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets		200,751		152,426
Current assets:				
Debtors	2,914		4,519	
Short term investments	444,535		281,486	
Bank and cash	100,342		54,008	
	<u>547,791</u>		<u>340,013</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(2,644)</u>		<u>(3,397)</u>	
Net current assets		545,147		336,616
Total net assets		<u>745,898</u>		<u>489,042</u>

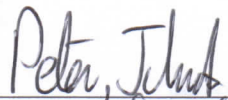
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Unrestricted income funds:

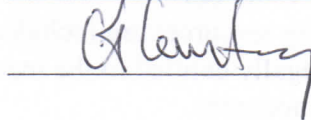
General	191,667	188,131
Designated	554,231	300,911
Total Charity funds	<u>745,898</u>	<u>489,042</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 29 September 2024, and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Johnston



Cliff Courtney



The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the Trustees regard the charity as having sufficient resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of the asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment: 25% straight line

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Bank interest paid

The charity writes off directly attributed borrowing costs to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are incurred.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations for Ministry	90,116	0	90,116	80,811
Public offerings	335	0	335	1,223
Donations for missions	0	45,105	45,105	33,622
Donations for building account	0	108,524	108,524	22,657
Grant from Charities	0	108,000	108,000	0
Other gifts received	6,879	0	6,879	3,752
Tax refunds from Inland Revenue	21,823	29,615	51,438	31,848
	<u>119,153</u>	<u>291,244</u>	<u>410,397</u>	<u>173,913</u>

3. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent from Building	6,715	0	6,715	6,179

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	0	13,211	13,211	1,486

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Salaries	64,841	0	64,841	66,188
Water rates	1,302	0	1,302	725
Insurance	4,041	0	4,041	3,326
Heat & light	10,429	0	10,429	12,874
Repairs, maintenance & equipment	14,555	0	14,555	8,898
Cleaning	1,221	0	1,221	950
Telephone	1,157	0	1,157	1,074
Printing, postage & stationery	999	0	999	997
Computer costs	1,319	0	1,319	1,557
Travelling & conferences	442	0	442	2,507
Youth Ministry	4,389	0	4,389	2,001
Outreach	3,448	0	3,448	1,602
Gifts	7,143	48,832	55,975	41,053
Building costs	0	0	0	19,375
Hospitality	5,623	0	5,623	3,028
Sundry expenses	2,020	803	2,823	710
Bank charges & interest	903	0	903	842
	<u>123,832</u>	<u>49,635</u>	<u>173,467</u>	<u>167,707</u>

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Seacliff Road		Total
	Building	Equipment	
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 April 2023	152,426	20,576	173,002
Additions	48,325	0	48,325
Disposals	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2024	<u>200,751</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>221,327</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2023	0	20,576	20,576
Charge for year	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>20,576</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2024	<u>200,751</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200,751</u>
As at 1 April 2023	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>152,426</u>

7. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift aid tax recoverable	2,914	4,519
Other debtors	0	0
	<u>2,914</u>	<u>4,519</u>

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	2,644	3,397
	<u>2,644</u>	<u>3,397</u>

9. Designated funds

The Church operates two designated funds:

Building Fund - The building fund will be used to refurbish the accommodation at Seacliff Road.

Mission fund - This fund is used to support various missionaries throughout the world.

	Building Fund	Mission fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income	248,832	55,623	304,455	71,877
Expenditure:				
Costs re premises	803	0	803	19,375
Gifts	0	48,832	48,832	37,325
Total expenditure	<u>803</u>	<u>48,832</u>	<u>49,635</u>	<u>56,700</u>
Net movement in funds	248,029	6,791	254,820	15,177
Transfer to Unrestricted general funds	0	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
Total funds brought forward	292,885	8,026	300,911	287,234
Total funds carried forward	<u>540,914</u>	<u>13,317</u>	<u>554,231</u>	<u>300,911</u>

10. Related Party Transactions

During the year the following payments were made to trustees and connected persons as permitted by clauses 5 and 28 of the Trust Deed:

		Year to 31 March 2024			
	Services Provided	Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	1,200	0	0	0

		Year to 31 March 2023			
	Services Provided	Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	1,200	0	0	0
Iain Stewart* (Architect)	Architectural Fees	0	0	0	17,335
Lesley Stewart (wife of Iain Stewart)	Administration	9,802	0	0	0

*resigned as trustee on 10th January 2023

The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 16 to 23.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charity Act
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

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



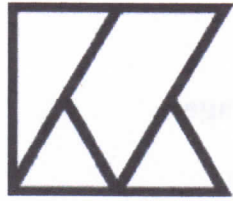
Michelle Robinson
Chartered Certified Accountant
17 Grays Hill, Bangor, Co Down,

Date: 29 September 2024

Kings Fellowship (Bangor)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102752

Annual report



Kings Church Bangor

Annual Report and
Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st March 2024

Charity no: NIC102752

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General Information

Name of organisation	Kings Fellowship (Bangor)
Other name	Kings Church Bangor
Charity no.	102752
Registered office address	196 Seacliff Road, Bangor, County Down, BT20 5HA
Contact Details	Website: www.kingschurchbangor.org Email: office@kingschurchbangor.org
Legal status	Kings Fellowship (Bangor), established in 1985, is a registered charity and currently operates under a Trust Deed dated 19th March 2015. Its registered charity no. is NIC102752.
Bankers	Danske Bank Bloomfield Shopping Centre South Circular Road Bangor Co Down BT19 7HB
Independent Examiner	Michelle Robinson D N Robinson Ltd 17 Grays Hill Bangor Co Down BT20 3BB
Solicitor	CMG Solicitors 20 May Street Belfast, BT1 4NL

Governance and staffing structure

Leadership Team

The team provides spiritual leadership, general oversight, pastoral care and direction for all that happens in and through the church. The leadership team in place during 2023/24 were:

Peter Johnston
Lynn Johnston
Sam Deakin
Iain Stewart
Lesley Stewart
William Thompson
Ruth Justin
Stevie Garrett

Trustees

The trustees are responsible for the legal and financial matters of the church. Under the Trust Deed there must be at least 3 trustees. They are appointed for a term of three years which can be renewed by a resolution of the Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, they must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. The Trustees who acted during the year were:

Peter Johnston
Cliff Courtney
Ali Pope
Sam Howard

Sam Deakin was appointed as a trustee on 11 May 2024.

Staff Team

Our staff team are those employed to carry out the practical functions of the church, such as finances, administration, worship, children's and youth work.

Peter Johnston	Lead Pastor
Sam Deakin	Assistant Pastor
Lesley Stewart	Administrator and Global Mission Coordinator
Amy Titmus	Communications and Social Media
Lorraine Wilson	Caretaker
Rae O'Dowd	Youth Worker (resigned 18 June 2023)
Stevie Garrett	Appointed Youth worker on 18 March 2024
Anne Davey	Children's Worker (resigned 30 June 2023)
Ruth Justin	Appointed Children's Worker on 4 September 2023

Acknowledgements

Appreciation is expressed to the staff and many volunteers of the church who have put in so much time and effort during the past year. Without this help, the church would be ineffective.

The trustees express their appreciation for the faithfulness in giving by many members of the church.

We also want to express our gratitude for the many who have given to support our building refurbishment project over the past year. This includes church members, donors, friends and the local community. A grant of £108,000 from the Benefact Trust was a significant encouragement and support to us.

Our Aims and Objectives

Purpose per Trust Deed

“To promote and further the Christian Faith and its practice among men and women and young people both at home and abroad in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures which are the word of God.”

Our Vision is to:

Follow Jesus.

We want to be apprentices of Jesus, experiencing the abundant life that He brings by being with Him, becoming like Him, and doing what He did.

Make a difference

As we passionately seek God’s heart, we want to take actions to love people so that lives and communities will flourish.

Grow new disciples

We want people to encounter Jesus for the first time, experience His life-changing love, and journey with Him.

In Bangor

We long to see the Bangor area thrive by seeking to impact, love, and serve those who live nearby.

Our land

We want to love and pray for those on our island, partnering with others to see spiritual awakening and renewal.

Across the world.

We want to play our part in God’s worldwide plan, supporting and sending more people, to bring His hope and compassion to other countries.

Our values are:

Family: We welcome each person into our diverse multi-generational family, authentically loving and supporting one another through the ups and downs of life.

Presence: We desire to be continually filled and led by the Holy Spirit, seeking His transforming presence in our gatherings and daily lives.

Truth: We pursue, proclaim, and practice the freedom-giving message of God’s biblical Truth in an uncertain world.

Love: We express radical and sacrificial love through tangible expressions of generosity, seeking to reflect God’s heart towards all people by our giving, hospitality, and service.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the statutory guidance produced by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Our principal public benefit is the advancement of the Christian faith through a personal belief in Jesus Christ.

Strategic Priorities for the year

In order to provide our principal public benefit we set out below the strategic priorities agreed at the start of the year 2023/24 and the extent to which they were achieved:

1. Leadership & Discipleship

We plan to provide opportunities to grow as followers of Jesus and in leadership whatever our role. We will review and relaunch our community groups to ensure that they provide a place of family and discipleship.

We relaunched our Connect Groups (previously called Community Groups) in April 2023. Each Connect Group was launched with a host and co-leaders with a clear plan to live out our four values. A number of people stepped into the role of leadership of the groups and we continued to refine and develop the groups.

2 Pastoral Care & Mission

We will further develop pastoral care for our members and beyond as we all play our part. We will also consider how we can serve our local community in Bangor and further afield.

Pastoral care is an essential part of what we do. We sought to provide this through Connect Groups, meals and other practical helps for those in need. Create Space, Kids & Co, the Friends Group all helped in reaching out beyond ourselves.

We will continue our work in the local hotel with asylum seekers seeking to help them with their English and build friendships. As well as the weekly English Conversation Classes we ran some music and culture evenings and some away trips.

3 Vision & Values

We will continue to instill our vision and values (Family, Presence, Truth and Love) in all we do as we seek to reflect what we believe God is calling us to be and to do.

We continued to preach through our four values between April 2023 and March 2024 with some gaps for Christmas etc. That, plus the emphasis on values in our Connect Groups, has helped to instill our vision and values so they become part of the culture of the church.

4 *Building Project*

We will develop the design of the refurbished building at 196 Seacliff Road with the vision of it being used as both a home for Kings Church and also as a presence in the local community. We will also need to raise funds for the project from both our own members, the bank and trust funds. We plan to begin work on the ground in the later part of the year.

We continued work on the design of the refurbished building. We have included in the design a new community space at the front of the building as a way to contribute positively to our local community's life.

The leadership met with everyone in the church who wanted a meeting to discuss the building project and how people could contribute to it. We were most grateful for the response with a significant increase in the giving to the project. We also continued to apply for grants from Trust Funds. We received £108k from the Benefact Trust for the project in September 2023. This was a major encouragement for the project.

An external access ramp was built at the front of the building in the autumn of 2023 and work commenced on the major refurbishment in September 2024.

Summary of How We Provided A Public Benefit

A summary of our activities and actions undertaken in the year to meet our aims and objectives and to provide a public benefit is provided below. Further detail can be found below under "Kings Church Main Activities" at pages 9 to 13.

The direct benefits which have flowed from our actions in the year included the training and equipping of people in their Christian faith, the promotion of family stability and the well-being of those attending. Through our activities, people have increased their ability to contribute positively to society and to address poverty and those in need of care. We facilitated our members to carry out acts of social concern to benefit persons in North Down and the surrounding areas facing hardship based on their need and thereby promoting the practice of the Christian faith.

These benefits were evidenced through weekly meetings to present the teachings of the bible and the provision of opportunities for Christian response including but not limited to prayer and worship. The church provided teaching and training opportunities, using the resources of church staff, volunteers and also external courses and events. Our group activities were well attended: mothers and toddlers group (Kids and Co), Men's Group (Kingsmen), Women's Group, (Gather), children's groups (Kings Kids Sunday, our youth group (Kings Youth Fellowship) and our group for people with learning disabilities (the Friends Group).

The church's beneficiaries include those who have attended and participated in meetings and activities including children, youth, parents/carers with toddlers, the elderly and people with learning disabilities. The charity also brought benefits to the poor in the local community through supporting charitable organisations such as the Bangor Storehouse and our Community Fund as well as raising funds for people in poverty abroad. We continued our nursing home visits to Kingsland Nursing Home. We also worked in the year with other churches in the North Down area to promote joint events for the public. We worked with others in providing English Conversation Classes for asylum seekers. We continued to support our missionaries abroad who work to promote the Christian Faith alongside local churches and NGOs.

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However, they do demonstrate Kings Church is continuing to fulfill its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Kings Church Main Activities

Adult Ministries:

Over the year, Kings Church seeks to develop our Adult Ministries to best serve those currently in the church as well as bless and love those in our communities. The benefit from these actions enables members of Kings & those who also get involved to lead a more fulfilled and purposeful life.

Sunday Services:

Morning:

The main weekly gathering at Kings Church happens at 10.30am on Sunday morning in our church building. This includes a time to connect with one another, a time of sung worship, a talk from the Bible as well as times to pray for things happening in our lives and further afield across the world.

Across the year we had many new people joining our community. We held 3 Newcomers Lunches which saw over 47 people (28 Adults) attend with the majority of these committing to join the church. Attendance to our Sunday morning services slowly increased throughout the year with around a 10% increase from the year before. We continued to live-stream these services to care for those who felt vulnerable in public but still wanted to be part of our church community.

Our gatherings are centred around worshipping God, studying scripture and praying for one another. One of the main focuses for the year was studying our four values: Family, Presence, Truth & Love,

Evening:

The monthly Sunday Evening "Presence" Gathering continued on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Being held at 7.30pm meant that usually this was just adults that attended. The service is more relaxed and less structured, centring around an extended time of sung worship as well as responding creatively to the theme that month. On average 40 adults attended each month.

Connect Groups:

Connect Groups are groups of 6-20 people who meet weekly together. These were launched in April 2023 with a fresh vision and new structure. We began with five groups & increased to a sixth during the year. Each week they focus on one or more of our four values, holding these values to achieve our Church vision. These groups support one another, help one another grow in their faith, as well as reaching out, supporting and loving our local community and also partnering with our global missionaries. There are about 40% of our adults in Kings who are actively involved in a Connect Group.

Men's Ministry

2023 saw the start of Kingsmen, a new Men's Ministry at Kings. This includes a number of different elements:

Walking Football. We encourage guys from Kings to invite friends from outside church to meet up every couple of weeks to play walking football.

Fuel. This is a monthly meet-up in Kings, where men gather around coffee, cake, games, worship and prayer, to build relationships and support each other on our journey with Jesus.

Refuel. Every couple of months we meet up to share breakfast. We invited guys from the local area to share their stories, which has been really inspirational and encouraging. A great opportunity to invite friends and family who don't normally attend church.

Intake. Once a term we had a social event, just time to invite friends and family and hang out together.

It's been a great first year for Kingsmen and we look forward to what God has in store for us in the coming year.

Global Mission:

Kings Church currently supports 7 families involved in Global Mission and has 1 other associated with the church. These families are involved in Japan, Kurdistan, Moldova, North Africa, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and the United Kingdom. They are involved in ministries including church planting, church pastoral work, development, evangelism, fundraising, medical work, outdoor pursuits, teaching, and working with refugees and asylum seekers.

One of our missionary couples, working in N Africa spent some time back with us and we had meetings in the church to promote their work. One lady paid a visit to N Africa to see her friend involved in healthcare work. Another couple visited Nepal to check on the work of their partners and to see how their projects were developing. Over the past year asylum seekers have been housed locally and a small group has reached out to them. This involves social events including a weekly drop-in coffee type event in our building and weekly conversation classes with them in the hotel to help improve their English. We have a Global prayer meeting, once month and produce a prayer leaflet every month to help us pray effectively. We are still meeting on Zoom so that some of our missionaries can attend. About 12 people attend each month. We continued to pray for Thirty: praying for 30 cities. We also had several "mission focus" Sundays throughout the year. At one of these services, we had a visiting speaker, from a Missions Conference in Bangor that has been running for over 80 years and which some of our members attend.

Storehouse:

Storehouse North Down is a project bringing together different agencies to fight food poverty throughout the North Down area and beyond. There is a shopping trolley positioned in the church building and members of the congregation are invited to regularly donate suitable food products that are then collected and taken to the Storehouse premises for distribution. This is done regularly with extra times taken throughout the year for bigger collections.

Friends Group:

This is our group for adults with learning disabilities, their carers and friends. The group provides opportunity for friendship, fun and learning to follow Jesus together. It meets fortnightly and has around 25 regular attendees including 8 volunteers and support staff. The group has been able to meet regularly in Kings on a Wednesday night whilst also doing events outside of Kings. For all who attend, this is a valued place of connection and a place to belong, whilst for some it would be their "church service", as other services at Kings and other churches aren't accessible for them.

Marriage Preparation:

For those engaged to be married, Kings Church offers marriage preparation, which is an informal course run by members of the Leadership Team. The purpose is to help couples build strong foundations for their future together. One couple went through Marriage Preparation and were also married by one of the Pastors in Kings.

Create Space:

On a Friday morning Create Space is a place for people to come and enjoy some time together. It's a space for friendships to be built but also a place for creativity to happen. Individuals from both Kings, and the local community, bring sewing, artwork, or projects to work on. As well as this there are refreshments and games for people to play. Create Space has also been a place where local Asylum Seekers have felt very welcome - a place to meet others, feel valued, learn new skills, and practice their English.

We started the Community Choir this year. Overlapping with Create Space and integrating the two communities, it is a choir for anyone who wants to attend. Since starting it has grown and regularly has 20+ singers, mostly from the Bangor area, who don't attend Kings regularly.

Wider Events:

Across the Year, Kings ran multiple events that served and blessed members of Kings as well as the wider community. We had our Handmade Christmas Market which supported local small businesses who came to sell their products to over 700 people who came through the doors. The majority of these people were not linked to Kings and were invited to following Christmas events.

We had other community events like our Light Party for "All Saints Day". Over 200 people attended an evening of fun & games as well as hearing about the

“Light of the World.” Our Family Fun Day in the summer at Kingsland Park and our Easter Eggstravaganza at Crawfordsburn Park were brilliant for those in Kings and others invited.

We have also regularly been going into Kingsland Nursing Home to pray for and sing with the elderly in the home.

Prayer:

Prayer is central to nearly everything that we do at Kings. Whilst many of the groups and events will have some elements of prayer included we also had several prayer gatherings throughout the year. Groups would go on prayer walks, we opened up our prayer room for a January month of prayer with at least one person committing to pray for the work of Kings every day. Three times a week we have groups meeting on zoom to pray as well as our monthly Global prayer.

During Holy Week, we sent out resources and devotionals for people to pray each day through the Easter story and we’ve also had prayer meetings for our Building redevelopment.

Building Redevelopment:

Over this past year we have been fundraising for and designing our redevelopment of 196 Seacliff Road. We have been applying for grants, fundraising within our church and our local community. As part of this, we installed new front steps and a ramp to make our building more accessible.

Youth Ministries:

Kings Church has a passion to serve Youth in our church and in the local community. Since hiring a new Youth Worker we have been able to focus both on the youth that are in our Church community and in the wider community.

Kings Youth Fellowship:

Shortly after the start of this year we were disappointed in June time to lose our youth worker who had served us well for the past 15 months. The team regathered and delivered an exciting Summer week programme in early August, running activities in the building and around the town - on the theme of running the good race. The week culminated in an evening of paddle-boarding and pizza. Our attendance rose to an average session attendance of 15 between September 23 and March 24 at our Sunday night slot known as Kings Youth Fellowship (KYF).

In KYF, we worked to create a varied programme in consultation with the youth which was delivered by 7 committed volunteers. To help young people explore their faith we followed the Gospel of Mark each week, taking small passages to discuss and learn from. Young people of faith and none participated in this, embracing some of the fun activities and growing in confidence and knowledge.

A programme of games and activities helped build relationships among the group and with the leaders. Our Christmas celebration night saw all 25 of our registered young people attend which was a brilliant night of games and food.

We also worked with another local youth group and visited them and offered hospitality too, fostering an environment where young people could meet new faces while playing, growing and learning together. We also attended the St Patrick's Day Parade in Belfast to help broaden the horizons of the young people while exploring the relevance of such a historical figure.

Kings Youth Sundays:

Our twice-monthly Sunday morning slots continued in this period, affectionately known as Breakfast Club by the youth; we gather in the balcony room to explore faith together - at times revisiting a sermon series or often using the Urban Saints resources to follow a particular topic for a time.

Children's Ministries:

Kings Kids Sundays:

On Sunday Mornings our children's ministry continues to grow and flourish. On average we have about 50 children each Sunday with around 40 volunteers. We have 4 groups that are specifically catered towards different age groups as well as a space for Parents/Carers to go with their children. In these groups the children have been taught about God, faith, and church in a fun, caring and interactive way. Our programme meets the needs of the different abilities we have among the children.

At the end of the year, we went on a trip to the farm, this was for kids and parents. We took the older children to the bowling alley and then out for an ice cream.

We have had a number of new babies born this year whilst also dedicating some of our babies throughout the year.

Kids & Co:

Kids and Co is a Parent and Toddler group that runs every Tuesday morning.

They welcome parents, grandparents, child-minders and carers with babies and toddlers of pre-nursery age. On average, 40 children and 30 adults attend each week. The majority of these children and adults are members of the community who wouldn't attend Kings Church regularly.

Kids and Co has been running for over 17 years with a team of volunteers who run the programme, by setting up a hall with toys, providing craft, a sing a long and refreshments.

Holiday Bible Club:

In Summer 23 we had a Holiday Bible Club which saw 40 children come for a couple of hours in the morning or evening for fun activities, dramas, games & stories. The majority of these individuals came from outside of Kings Church.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £430.3k (2023: £181.6k) and expenditure totalled £173.5k (2023: £167.7k) leaving a surplus for the year of £256.8k (2023 surplus £13.9k). The main movements between the two years are largely as a result of the following:

- Donations to the building fund increased from £22.7k in 2023 to £108.5k in 2024. In addition, the building fund received a grant of £108k (nil 2023).
- Donations for Ministry & missions, public offerings and other gifts increased in the year by £23.0k to £142.4k
- As a result of the increase in giving as described above tax refunds from gift aid increased by £19.6k to £51.4k
- Investment income from our Nationwide interest-bearing account increased by £11.7k from the previous year as a result of accumulating funds in the building fund in readiness for our building project.
- Expenditure increased by £5.8k to £173.5k due to a range of factors including increases in gifts from the Mission Fund by £11.5k and other gifts of £3.4k, increase in repairs, maintenance & equipment by £5.7k, an increase in youth ministry expenditure by £2.4k and hospitality by £2.1k partially offset by reductions in building costs by £19.4k (this was expenditure incurred in the previous year in relation to legacy work for planning applications for our premises at Seacliff Road).

Movement in Funds may be summarized as follows:

	Ministry £k	Building £k	Mission £k	Total £k
Income	125.9	248.8	55.6	430.3
Expenditure	(123.8)	(0.8)	(48.8)	(173.5)
Surplus	2.1	248.0	6.8	256.8
Transfer in funds	1.5	0	(1.5)	0
Opening balance 1/04/23	188.1	292.9	8.0	489.0
Closing balance 31/03/24	191.7	540.9	13.3	745.9

Note there are small rounding differences in the above table

The transfer in funds relates to expenditure incurred for mission purposes through the Ministry Fund and which are then reimbursed by the Mission Fund.

Reserves

Cash and short-term investment reserves at 31 March 2024 totalled £544.9k (2023: £335.5k). Whilst the church is seeking to upgrade its premises the trustees' reserve policy is to continue to build up building fund cash reserves, maintain at least £4k in mission cash reserves and maintain general cash reserves at a level to service the day-to-day running costs. This policy will be

reviewed once we have suitable premises.

Future Strategic Plans

Our vision is to: "Follow Jesus, Make a Difference and to Grow New Disciples in Bangor, our Land and across the World."

In pursuit of that vision in the forthcoming year to March 2025, Kings Church plans to strategically develop in the following areas –

1 Building Project

We plan to commence the full project after the summer of 2024. This will require us to move out of the building for a number of months. At the time of writing this Annual Report we have secured alternate premises from our Methodist friends in Bangor for which we are most grateful and work on Seacliff Road is commencing.

2 Pastoral Care

We are aware that our move from Seacliff Road premises will cause some disruption to our normal life as a church. A key emphasis will therefore be to reinforce church family relationships through strengthening our Connect Groups and other informal and more formal relational gatherings.

3 Outreach

We want to grasp any new opportunities that may come with our temporary change in premises. We also want to develop existing areas of outreach. An Alpha Course in our temporary premises is planned to start after the summer. We are also planning a residential for the youth in September 2024. We will continue our work in the local hotel with asylum seekers seeking to help them with their English and build friendships.

4 Beyond Kings

We want to strengthen our connection with local churches in the area and within our Tobar network. We plan to play a part in the local Bangor Light of the World praise and prayer initiative and encourage our ties with churches in the Tobar network through its conference and other more informal gatherings.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Peter Johnston
Chair of Trustees

29 September 2024

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	119,153	291,244	410,397	173,913
Income from other trading activities	6,715	0	6,715	6,179
Investment income	0	13,211	13,211	1,486
Total income	<u>125,868</u>	<u>304,455</u>	<u>430,323</u>	<u>181,578</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	123,832	49,635	173,467	167,707
Total expenditure	<u>123,832</u>	<u>49,635</u>	<u>173,467</u>	<u>167,707</u>
Net movement in funds	2,036	254,820	256,856	13,871
Transfers	1,500	(1,500)	0	0
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	188,131	300,911	489,042	475,171
Total funds carried forward	<u>191,667</u>	<u>554,231</u>	<u>745,898</u>	<u>489,042</u>

The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets		200,751		152,426
Current assets:				
Debtors	2,914		4,519	
Short term investments	444,535		281,486	
Bank and cash	100,342		54,008	
	<u>547,791</u>		<u>340,013</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(2,644)</u>		<u>(3,397)</u>	
Net current assets		545,147		336,616
Total net assets		<u>745,898</u>		<u>489,042</u>

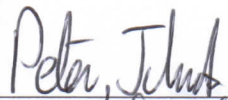
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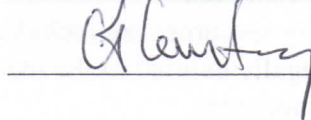
General	191,667	188,131
Designated	554,231	300,911
Total Charity funds	<u>745,898</u>	<u>489,042</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 29 September 2024, and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Johnston



Cliff Courtney



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KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the Trustees regard the charity as having sufficient resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of the asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment: 25% straight line

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Bank interest paid

The charity writes off directly attributed borrowing costs to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are incurred.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations for Ministry	90,116	0	90,116	80,811
Public offerings	335	0	335	1,223
Donations for missions	0	45,105	45,105	33,622
Donations for building account	0	108,524	108,524	22,657
Grant from Charities	0	108,000	108,000	0
Other gifts received	6,879	0	6,879	3,752
Tax refunds from Inland Revenue	21,823	29,615	51,438	31,848
	<u>119,153</u>	<u>291,244</u>	<u>410,397</u>	<u>173,913</u>

3. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent from Building	6,715	0	6,715	6,179

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	0	13,211	13,211	1,486

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Salaries	64,841	0	64,841	66,188
Water rates	1,302	0	1,302	725
Insurance	4,041	0	4,041	3,326
Heat & light	10,429	0	10,429	12,874
Repairs, maintenance & equipment	14,555	0	14,555	8,898
Cleaning	1,221	0	1,221	950
Telephone	1,157	0	1,157	1,074
Printing, postage & stationery	999	0	999	997
Computer costs	1,319	0	1,319	1,557
Travelling & conferences	442	0	442	2,507
Youth Ministry	4,389	0	4,389	2,001
Outreach	3,448	0	3,448	1,602
Gifts	7,143	48,832	55,975	41,053
Building costs	0	0	0	19,375
Hospitality	5,623	0	5,623	3,028
Sundry expenses	2,020	803	2,823	710
Bank charges & interest	903	0	903	842
	<u>123,832</u>	<u>49,635</u>	<u>173,467</u>	<u>167,707</u>

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Seacliff Road		Total
	Building	Equipment	
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 April 2023	152,426	20,576	173,002
Additions	48,325	0	48,325
Disposals	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2024	<u>200,751</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>221,327</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2023	0	20,576	20,576
Charge for year	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>20,576</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2024	<u>200,751</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200,751</u>
As at 1 April 2023	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>152,426</u>

7. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift aid tax recoverable	2,914	4,519
Other debtors	0	0
	<u>2,914</u>	<u>4,519</u>

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	2,644	3,397
	<u>2,644</u>	<u>3,397</u>

9. Designated funds

The Church operates two designated funds:

Building Fund - The building fund will be used to refurbish the accommodation at Seacliff Road.

Mission fund - This fund is used to support various missionaries throughout the world.

	Building Fund	Mission fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income	248,832	55,623	304,455	71,877
Expenditure:				
Costs re premises	803	0	803	19,375
Gifts	0	48,832	48,832	37,325
Total expenditure	<u>803</u>	<u>48,832</u>	<u>49,635</u>	<u>56,700</u>
Net movement in funds	248,029	6,791	254,820	15,177
Transfer to Unrestricted general funds	0	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
Total funds brought forward	292,885	8,026	300,911	287,234
Total funds carried forward	<u>540,914</u>	<u>13,317</u>	<u>554,231</u>	<u>300,911</u>

10. Related Party Transactions

During the year the following payments were made to trustees and connected persons as permitted by clauses 5 and 28 of the Trust Deed:

		Year to 31 March 2024			
	Services Provided	Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	1,200	0	0	0

		Year to 31 March 2023			
	Services Provided	Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	1,200	0	0	0
Iain Stewart* (Architect)	Architectural Fees	0	0	0	17,335
Lesley Stewart (wife of Iain Stewart)	Administration	9,802	0	0	0

*resigned as trustee on 10th January 2023

The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 16 to 23.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charity Act
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

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

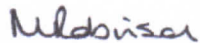
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

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



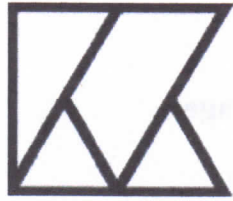
Michelle Robinson
Chartered Certified Accountant
17 Grays Hill, Bangor, Co Down,

Date: 29 September 2024

Kings Fellowship (Bangor)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102752

Annual return



Kings Church Bangor

Annual Report and
Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st March 2024

Charity no: NIC102752

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General Information

Name of organisation	Kings Fellowship (Bangor)
Other name	Kings Church Bangor
Charity no.	102752
Registered office address	196 Seacliff Road, Bangor, County Down, BT20 5HA
Contact Details	Website: www.kingschurchbangor.org Email: office@kingschurchbangor.org
Legal status	Kings Fellowship (Bangor), established in 1985, is a registered charity and currently operates under a Trust Deed dated 19th March 2015. Its registered charity no. is NIC102752.
Bankers	Danske Bank Bloomfield Shopping Centre South Circular Road Bangor Co Down BT19 7HB
Independent Examiner	Michelle Robinson D N Robinson Ltd 17 Grays Hill Bangor Co Down BT20 3BB
Solicitor	CMG Solicitors 20 May Street Belfast, BT1 4NL

Governance and staffing structure

Leadership Team

The team provides spiritual leadership, general oversight, pastoral care and direction for all that happens in and through the church. The leadership team in place during 2023/24 were:

Peter Johnston
Lynn Johnston
Sam Deakin
Iain Stewart
Lesley Stewart
William Thompson
Ruth Justin
Stevie Garrett

Trustees

The trustees are responsible for the legal and financial matters of the church. Under the Trust Deed there must be at least 3 trustees. They are appointed for a term of three years which can be renewed by a resolution of the Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, they must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. The Trustees who acted during the year were:

Peter Johnston
Cliff Courtney
Ali Pope
Sam Howard

Sam Deakin was appointed as a trustee on 11 May 2024.

Staff Team

Our staff team are those employed to carry out the practical functions of the church, such as finances, administration, worship, children's and youth work.

Peter Johnston	Lead Pastor
Sam Deakin	Assistant Pastor
Lesley Stewart	Administrator and Global Mission Coordinator
Amy Titmus	Communications and Social Media
Lorraine Wilson	Caretaker
Rae O'Dowd	Youth Worker (resigned 18 June 2023)
Stevie Garrett	Appointed Youth worker on 18 March 2024
Anne Davey	Children's Worker (resigned 30 June 2023)
Ruth Justin	Appointed Children's Worker on 4 September 2023

Acknowledgements

Appreciation is expressed to the staff and many volunteers of the church who have put in so much time and effort during the past year. Without this help, the church would be ineffective.

The trustees express their appreciation for the faithfulness in giving by many members of the church.

We also want to express our gratitude for the many who have given to support our building refurbishment project over the past year. This includes church members, donors, friends and the local community. A grant of £108,000 from the Benefact Trust was a significant encouragement and support to us.

Our Aims and Objectives

Purpose per Trust Deed

“To promote and further the Christian Faith and its practice among men and women and young people both at home and abroad in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures which are the word of God.”

Our Vision is to:

Follow Jesus.

We want to be apprentices of Jesus, experiencing the abundant life that He brings by being with Him, becoming like Him, and doing what He did.

Make a difference

As we passionately seek God’s heart, we want to take actions to love people so that lives and communities will flourish.

Grow new disciples

We want people to encounter Jesus for the first time, experience His life-changing love, and journey with Him.

In Bangor

We long to see the Bangor area thrive by seeking to impact, love, and serve those who live nearby.

Our land

We want to love and pray for those on our island, partnering with others to see spiritual awakening and renewal.

Across the world.

We want to play our part in God’s worldwide plan, supporting and sending more people, to bring His hope and compassion to other countries.

Our values are:

Family: We welcome each person into our diverse multi-generational family, authentically loving and supporting one another through the ups and downs of life.

Presence: We desire to be continually filled and led by the Holy Spirit, seeking His transforming presence in our gatherings and daily lives.

Truth: We pursue, proclaim, and practice the freedom-giving message of God’s biblical Truth in an uncertain world.

Love: We express radical and sacrificial love through tangible expressions of generosity, seeking to reflect God’s heart towards all people by our giving, hospitality, and service.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the statutory guidance produced by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Our principal public benefit is the advancement of the Christian faith through a personal belief in Jesus Christ.

Strategic Priorities for the year

In order to provide our principal public benefit we set out below the strategic priorities agreed at the start of the year 2023/24 and the extent to which they were achieved:

1. Leadership & Discipleship

We plan to provide opportunities to grow as followers of Jesus and in leadership whatever our role. We will review and relaunch our community groups to ensure that they provide a place of family and discipleship.

We relaunched our Connect Groups (previously called Community Groups) in April 2023. Each Connect Group was launched with a host and co-leaders with a clear plan to live out our four values. A number of people stepped into the role of leadership of the groups and we continued to refine and develop the groups.

2 Pastoral Care & Mission

We will further develop pastoral care for our members and beyond as we all play our part. We will also consider how we can serve our local community in Bangor and further afield.

Pastoral care is an essential part of what we do. We sought to provide this through Connect Groups, meals and other practical helps for those in need. Create Space, Kids & Co, the Friends Group all helped in reaching out beyond ourselves.

We will continue our work in the local hotel with asylum seekers seeking to help them with their English and build friendships. As well as the weekly English Conversation Classes we ran some music and culture evenings and some away trips.

3 Vision & Values

We will continue to instill our vision and values (Family, Presence, Truth and Love) in all we do as we seek to reflect what we believe God is calling us to be and to do.

We continued to preach through our four values between April 2023 and March 2024 with some gaps for Christmas etc. That, plus the emphasis on values in our Connect Groups, has helped to instill our vision and values so they become part of the culture of the church.

4 *Building Project*

We will develop the design of the refurbished building at 196 Seacliff Road with the vision of it being used as both a home for Kings Church and also as a presence in the local community. We will also need to raise funds for the project from both our own members, the bank and trust funds. We plan to begin work on the ground in the later part of the year.

We continued work on the design of the refurbished building. We have included in the design a new community space at the front of the building as a way to contribute positively to our local community's life.

The leadership met with everyone in the church who wanted a meeting to discuss the building project and how people could contribute to it. We were most grateful for the response with a significant increase in the giving to the project. We also continued to apply for grants from Trust Funds. We received £108k from the Benefact Trust for the project in September 2023. This was a major encouragement for the project.

An external access ramp was built at the front of the building in the autumn of 2023 and work commenced on the major refurbishment in September 2024.

Summary of How We Provided A Public Benefit

A summary of our activities and actions undertaken in the year to meet our aims and objectives and to provide a public benefit is provided below. Further detail can be found below under "Kings Church Main Activities" at pages 9 to 13.

The direct benefits which have flowed from our actions in the year included the training and equipping of people in their Christian faith, the promotion of family stability and the well-being of those attending. Through our activities, people have increased their ability to contribute positively to society and to address poverty and those in need of care. We facilitated our members to carry out acts of social concern to benefit persons in North Down and the surrounding areas facing hardship based on their need and thereby promoting the practice of the Christian faith.

These benefits were evidenced through weekly meetings to present the teachings of the bible and the provision of opportunities for Christian response including but not limited to prayer and worship. The church provided teaching and training opportunities, using the resources of church staff, volunteers and also external courses and events. Our group activities were well attended: mothers and toddlers group (Kids and Co), Men's Group (Kingsmen), Women's Group, (Gather), children's groups (Kings Kids Sunday, our youth group (Kings Youth Fellowship) and our group for people with learning disabilities (the Friends Group).

The church's beneficiaries include those who have attended and participated in meetings and activities including children, youth, parents/carers with toddlers, the elderly and people with learning disabilities. The charity also brought benefits to the poor in the local community through supporting charitable organisations such as the Bangor Storehouse and our Community Fund as well as raising funds for people in poverty abroad. We continued our nursing home visits to Kingsland Nursing Home. We also worked in the year with other churches in the North Down area to promote joint events for the public. We worked with others in providing English Conversation Classes for asylum seekers. We continued to support our missionaries abroad who work to promote the Christian Faith alongside local churches and NGOs.

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However, they do demonstrate Kings Church is continuing to fulfill its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Kings Church Main Activities

Adult Ministries:

Over the year, Kings Church seeks to develop our Adult Ministries to best serve those currently in the church as well as bless and love those in our communities. The benefit from these actions enables members of Kings & those who also get involved to lead a more fulfilled and purposeful life.

Sunday Services:

Morning:

The main weekly gathering at Kings Church happens at 10.30am on Sunday morning in our church building. This includes a time to connect with one another, a time of sung worship, a talk from the Bible as well as times to pray for things happening in our lives and further afield across the world.

Across the year we had many new people joining our community. We held 3 Newcomers Lunches which saw over 47 people (28 Adults) attend with the majority of these committing to join the church. Attendance to our Sunday morning services slowly increased throughout the year with around a 10% increase from the year before. We continued to live-stream these services to care for those who felt vulnerable in public but still wanted to be part of our church community.

Our gatherings are centred around worshipping God, studying scripture and praying for one another. One of the main focuses for the year was studying our four values: Family, Presence, Truth & Love,

Evening:

The monthly Sunday Evening "Presence" Gathering continued on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Being held at 7.30pm meant that usually this was just adults that attended. The service is more relaxed and less structured, centring around an extended time of sung worship as well as responding creatively to the theme that month. On average 40 adults attended each month.

Connect Groups:

Connect Groups are groups of 6-20 people who meet weekly together. These were launched in April 2023 with a fresh vision and new structure. We began with five groups & increased to a sixth during the year. Each week they focus on one or more of our four values, holding these values to achieve our Church vision. These groups support one another, help one another grow in their faith, as well as reaching out, supporting and loving our local community and also partnering with our global missionaries. There are about 40% of our adults in Kings who are actively involved in a Connect Group.

Men's Ministry

2023 saw the start of Kingsmen, a new Men's Ministry at Kings. This includes a number of different elements:

Walking Football. We encourage guys from Kings to invite friends from outside church to meet up every couple of weeks to play walking football.

Fuel. This is a monthly meet-up in Kings, where men gather around coffee, cake, games, worship and prayer, to build relationships and support each other on our journey with Jesus.

Refuel. Every couple of months we meet up to share breakfast. We invited guys from the local area to share their stories, which has been really inspirational and encouraging. A great opportunity to invite friends and family who don't normally attend church.

Intake. Once a term we had a social event, just time to invite friends and family and hang out together.

It's been a great first year for Kingsmen and we look forward to what God has in store for us in the coming year.

Global Mission:

Kings Church currently supports 7 families involved in Global Mission and has 1 other associated with the church. These families are involved in Japan, Kurdistan, Moldova, North Africa, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and the United Kingdom. They are involved in ministries including church planting, church pastoral work, development, evangelism, fundraising, medical work, outdoor pursuits, teaching, and working with refugees and asylum seekers.

One of our missionary couples, working in N Africa spent some time back with us and we had meetings in the church to promote their work. One lady paid a visit to N Africa to see her friend involved in healthcare work. Another couple visited Nepal to check on the work of their partners and to see how their projects were developing. Over the past year asylum seekers have been housed locally and a small group has reached out to them. This involves social events including a weekly drop-in coffee type event in our building and weekly conversation classes with them in the hotel to help improve their English. We have a Global prayer meeting, once month and produce a prayer leaflet every month to help us pray effectively. We are still meeting on Zoom so that some of our missionaries can attend. About 12 people attend each month. We continued to pray for Thirty: praying for 30 cities. We also had several "mission focus" Sundays throughout the year. At one of these services, we had a visiting speaker, from a Missions Conference in Bangor that has been running for over 80 years and which some of our members attend.

Storehouse:

Storehouse North Down is a project bringing together different agencies to fight food poverty throughout the North Down area and beyond. There is a shopping trolley positioned in the church building and members of the congregation are invited to regularly donate suitable food products that are then collected and taken to the Storehouse premises for distribution. This is done regularly with extra times taken throughout the year for bigger collections.

Friends Group:

This is our group for adults with learning disabilities, their carers and friends. The group provides opportunity for friendship, fun and learning to follow Jesus together. It meets fortnightly and has around 25 regular attendees including 8 volunteers and support staff. The group has been able to meet regularly in Kings on a Wednesday night whilst also doing events outside of Kings. For all who attend, this is a valued place of connection and a place to belong, whilst for some it would be their "church service", as other services at Kings and other churches aren't accessible for them.

Marriage Preparation:

For those engaged to be married, Kings Church offers marriage preparation, which is an informal course run by members of the Leadership Team. The purpose is to help couples build strong foundations for their future together. One couple went through Marriage Preparation and were also married by one of the Pastors in Kings.

Create Space:

On a Friday morning Create Space is a place for people to come and enjoy some time together. It's a space for friendships to be built but also a place for creativity to happen. Individuals from both Kings, and the local community, bring sewing, artwork, or projects to work on. As well as this there are refreshments and games for people to play. Create Space has also been a place where local Asylum Seekers have felt very welcome - a place to meet others, feel valued, learn new skills, and practice their English.

We started the Community Choir this year. Overlapping with Create Space and integrating the two communities, it is a choir for anyone who wants to attend. Since starting it has grown and regularly has 20+ singers, mostly from the Bangor area, who don't attend Kings regularly.

Wider Events:

Across the Year, Kings ran multiple events that served and blessed members of Kings as well as the wider community. We had our Handmade Christmas Market which supported local small businesses who came to sell their products to over 700 people who came through the doors. The majority of these people were not linked to Kings and were invited to following Christmas events.

We had other community events like our Light Party for "All Saints Day". Over 200 people attended an evening of fun & games as well as hearing about the

“Light of the World.” Our Family Fun Day in the summer at Kingsland Park and our Easter Eggstravaganza at Crawfordsburn Park were brilliant for those in Kings and others invited.

We have also regularly been going into Kingsland Nursing Home to pray for and sing with the elderly in the home.

Prayer:

Prayer is central to nearly everything that we do at Kings. Whilst many of the groups and events will have some elements of prayer included we also had several prayer gatherings throughout the year. Groups would go on prayer walks, we opened up our prayer room for a January month of prayer with at least one person committing to pray for the work of Kings every day. Three times a week we have groups meeting on zoom to pray as well as our monthly Global prayer.

During Holy Week, we sent out resources and devotionals for people to pray each day through the Easter story and we’ve also had prayer meetings for our Building redevelopment.

Building Redevelopment:

Over this past year we have been fundraising for and designing our redevelopment of 196 Seacliff Road. We have been applying for grants, fundraising within our church and our local community. As part of this, we installed new front steps and a ramp to make our building more accessible.

Youth Ministries:

Kings Church has a passion to serve Youth in our church and in the local community. Since hiring a new Youth Worker we have been able to focus both on the youth that are in our Church community and in the wider community.

Kings Youth Fellowship:

Shortly after the start of this year we were disappointed in June time to lose our youth worker who had served us well for the past 15 months. The team regathered and delivered an exciting Summer week programme in early August, running activities in the building and around the town - on the theme of running the good race. The week culminated in an evening of paddle-boarding and pizza. Our attendance rose to an average session attendance of 15 between September 23 and March 24 at our Sunday night slot known as Kings Youth Fellowship (KYF).

In KYF, we worked to create a varied programme in consultation with the youth which was delivered by 7 committed volunteers. To help young people explore their faith we followed the Gospel of Mark each week, taking small passages to discuss and learn from. Young people of faith and none participated in this, embracing some of the fun activities and growing in confidence and knowledge.

A programme of games and activities helped build relationships among the group and with the leaders. Our Christmas celebration night saw all 25 of our registered young people attend which was a brilliant night of games and food.

We also worked with another local youth group and visited them and offered hospitality too, fostering an environment where young people could meet new faces while playing, growing and learning together. We also attended the St Patrick's Day Parade in Belfast to help broaden the horizons of the young people while exploring the relevance of such a historical figure.

Kings Youth Sundays:

Our twice-monthly Sunday morning slots continued in this period, affectionately known as Breakfast Club by the youth; we gather in the balcony room to explore faith together - at times revisiting a sermon series or often using the Urban Saints resources to follow a particular topic for a time.

Children's Ministries:

Kings Kids Sundays:

On Sunday Mornings our children's ministry continues to grow and flourish. On average we have about 50 children each Sunday with around 40 volunteers. We have 4 groups that are specifically catered towards different age groups as well as a space for Parents/Carers to go with their children. In these groups the children have been taught about God, faith, and church in a fun, caring and interactive way. Our programme meets the needs of the different abilities we have among the children.

At the end of the year, we went on a trip to the farm, this was for kids and parents. We took the older children to the bowling alley and then out for an ice cream.

We have had a number of new babies born this year whilst also dedicating some of our babies throughout the year.

Kids & Co:

Kids and Co is a Parent and Toddler group that runs every Tuesday morning.

They welcome parents, grandparents, child-minders and carers with babies and toddlers of pre-nursery age. On average, 40 children and 30 adults attend each week. The majority of these children and adults are members of the community who wouldn't attend Kings Church regularly.

Kids and Co has been running for over 17 years with a team of volunteers who run the programme, by setting up a hall with toys, providing craft, a sing a long and refreshments.

Holiday Bible Club:

In Summer 23 we had a Holiday Bible Club which saw 40 children come for a couple of hours in the morning or evening for fun activities, dramas, games & stories. The majority of these individuals came from outside of Kings Church.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £430.3k (2023: £181.6k) and expenditure totalled £173.5k (2023: £167.7k) leaving a surplus for the year of £256.8k (2023 surplus £13.9k). The main movements between the two years are largely as a result of the following:

- Donations to the building fund increased from £22.7k in 2023 to £108.5k in 2024. In addition, the building fund received a grant of £108k (nil 2023).
- Donations for Ministry & missions, public offerings and other gifts increased in the year by £23.0k to £142.4k
- As a result of the increase in giving as described above tax refunds from gift aid increased by £19.6k to £51.4k
- Investment income from our Nationwide interest-bearing account increased by £11.7k from the previous year as a result of accumulating funds in the building fund in readiness for our building project.
- Expenditure increased by £5.8k to £173.5k due to a range of factors including increases in gifts from the Mission Fund by £11.5k and other gifts of £3.4k, increase in repairs, maintenance & equipment by £5.7k, an increase in youth ministry expenditure by £2.4k and hospitality by £2.1k partially offset by reductions in building costs by £19.4k (this was expenditure incurred in the previous year in relation to legacy work for planning applications for our premises at Seacliff Road).

Movement in Funds may be summarized as follows:

	Ministry £k	Building £k	Mission £k	Total £k
Income	125.9	248.8	55.6	430.3
Expenditure	(123.8)	(0.8)	(48.8)	(173.5)
Surplus	2.1	248.0	6.8	256.8
Transfer in funds	1.5	0	(1.5)	0
Opening balance 1/04/23	188.1	292.9	8.0	489.0
Closing balance 31/03/24	191.7	540.9	13.3	745.9

Note there are small rounding differences in the above table

The transfer in funds relates to expenditure incurred for mission purposes through the Ministry Fund and which are then reimbursed by the Mission Fund.

Reserves

Cash and short-term investment reserves at 31 March 2024 totalled £544.9k (2023: £335.5k). Whilst the church is seeking to upgrade its premises the trustees' reserve policy is to continue to build up building fund cash reserves, maintain at least £4k in mission cash reserves and maintain general cash reserves at a level to service the day-to-day running costs. This policy will be

reviewed once we have suitable premises.

Future Strategic Plans

Our vision is to: "Follow Jesus, Make a Difference and to Grow New Disciples in Bangor, our Land and across the World."

In pursuit of that vision in the forthcoming year to March 2025, Kings Church plans to strategically develop in the following areas –

1 Building Project

We plan to commence the full project after the summer of 2024. This will require us to move out of the building for a number of months. At the time of writing this Annual Report we have secured alternate premises from our Methodist friends in Bangor for which we are most grateful and work on Seacliff Road is commencing.

2 Pastoral Care

We are aware that our move from Seacliff Road premises will cause some disruption to our normal life as a church. A key emphasis will therefore be to reinforce church family relationships through strengthening our Connect Groups and other informal and more formal relational gatherings.

3 Outreach

We want to grasp any new opportunities that may come with our temporary change in premises. We also want to develop existing areas of outreach. An Alpha Course in our temporary premises is planned to start after the summer. We are also planning a residential for the youth in September 2024. We will continue our work in the local hotel with asylum seekers seeking to help them with their English and build friendships.

4 Beyond Kings

We want to strengthen our connection with local churches in the area and within our Tobar network. We plan to play a part in the local Bangor Light of the World praise and prayer initiative and encourage our ties with churches in the Tobar network through its conference and other more informal gatherings.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Peter Johnston
Chair of Trustees

29 September 2024

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	119,153	291,244	410,397	173,913
Income from other trading activities	6,715	0	6,715	6,179
Investment income	0	13,211	13,211	1,486
Total income	<u>125,868</u>	<u>304,455</u>	<u>430,323</u>	<u>181,578</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	123,832	49,635	173,467	167,707
Total expenditure	<u>123,832</u>	<u>49,635</u>	<u>173,467</u>	<u>167,707</u>
Net movement in funds	2,036	254,820	256,856	13,871
Transfers	1,500	(1,500)	0	0
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	188,131	300,911	489,042	475,171
Total funds carried forward	<u>191,667</u>	<u>554,231</u>	<u>745,898</u>	<u>489,042</u>

The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets		200,751		152,426
Current assets:				
Debtors	2,914		4,519	
Short term investments	444,535		281,486	
Bank and cash	100,342		54,008	
	<u>547,791</u>		<u>340,013</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(2,644)</u>		<u>(3,397)</u>	
Net current assets		545,147		336,616
Total net assets		<u>745,898</u>		<u>489,042</u>

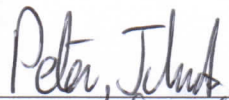
Funds of the Charity

Unrestricted income funds:

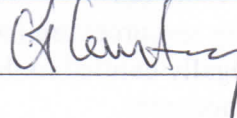
General	191,667	188,131
Designated	554,231	300,911
Total Charity funds	<u>745,898</u>	<u>489,042</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 29 September 2024, and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Johnston



Cliff Courtney



The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the Trustees regard the charity as having sufficient resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of the asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment: 25% straight line

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Bank interest paid

The charity writes off directly attributed borrowing costs to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are incurred.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations for Ministry	90,116	0	90,116	80,811
Public offerings	335	0	335	1,223
Donations for missions	0	45,105	45,105	33,622
Donations for building account	0	108,524	108,524	22,657
Grant from Charities	0	108,000	108,000	0
Other gifts received	6,879	0	6,879	3,752
Tax refunds from Inland Revenue	21,823	29,615	51,438	31,848
	<u>119,153</u>	<u>291,244</u>	<u>410,397</u>	<u>173,913</u>

3. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent from Building	6,715	0	6,715	6,179

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	0	13,211	13,211	1,486

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2024	2023
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Salaries	64,841	0	64,841	66,188
Water rates	1,302	0	1,302	725
Insurance	4,041	0	4,041	3,326
Heat & light	10,429	0	10,429	12,874
Repairs, maintenance & equipment	14,555	0	14,555	8,898
Cleaning	1,221	0	1,221	950
Telephone	1,157	0	1,157	1,074
Printing, postage & stationery	999	0	999	997
Computer costs	1,319	0	1,319	1,557
Travelling & conferences	442	0	442	2,507
Youth Ministry	4,389	0	4,389	2,001
Outreach	3,448	0	3,448	1,602
Gifts	7,143	48,832	55,975	41,053
Building costs	0	0	0	19,375
Hospitality	5,623	0	5,623	3,028
Sundry expenses	2,020	803	2,823	710
Bank charges & interest	903	0	903	842
	<u>123,832</u>	<u>49,635</u>	<u>173,467</u>	<u>167,707</u>

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Seacliff Road		Total
	Building	Equipment	
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 April 2023	152,426	20,576	173,002
Additions	48,325	0	48,325
Disposals	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2024	<u>200,751</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>221,327</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2023	0	20,576	20,576
Charge for year	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>20,576</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2024	<u>200,751</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200,751</u>
As at 1 April 2023	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>152,426</u>

7. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift aid tax recoverable	2,914	4,519
Other debtors	0	0
	<u>2,914</u>	<u>4,519</u>

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	2,644	3,397
	<u>2,644</u>	<u>3,397</u>

9. Designated funds

The Church operates two designated funds:

Building Fund - The building fund will be used to refurbish the accommodation at Seacliff Road.

Mission fund - This fund is used to support various missionaries throughout the world.

	Building Fund	Mission fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income	248,832	55,623	304,455	71,877
Expenditure:				
Costs re premises	803	0	803	19,375
Gifts	0	48,832	48,832	37,325
Total expenditure	<u>803</u>	<u>48,832</u>	<u>49,635</u>	<u>56,700</u>
Net movement in funds	248,029	6,791	254,820	15,177
Transfer to Unrestricted general funds	0	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
Total funds brought forward	292,885	8,026	300,911	287,234
Total funds carried forward	<u>540,914</u>	<u>13,317</u>	<u>554,231</u>	<u>300,911</u>

10. Related Party Transactions

During the year the following payments were made to trustees and connected persons as permitted by clauses 5 and 28 of the Trust Deed:

		Year to 31 March 2024			
	Services Provided	Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	1,200	0	0	0

		Year to 31 March 2023			
	Services Provided	Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	1,200	0	0	0
Iain Stewart* (Architect)	Architectural Fees	0	0	0	17,335
Lesley Stewart (wife of Iain Stewart)	Administration	9,802	0	0	0

*resigned as trustee on 10th January 2023

The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these accounts

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 16 to 23.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charity Act
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

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

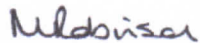
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

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



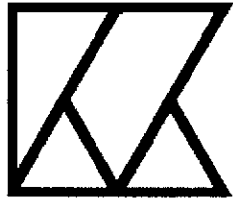
Michelle Robinson
Chartered Certified Accountant
17 Grays Hill, Bangor, Co Down,

Date: 29 September 2024

Kings Fellowship (Bangor)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102752

Accounts



Kings Church Bangor

Annual Report and
Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st March 2023

Charity no: NIC102752

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General Information

Name of organisation	Kings Fellowship (Bangor)
Other name	Kings Church Bangor
Charity no.	102752
Registered office address	196 Seacliff Road, Bangor, County Down, BT20 5HA
Contact Details	Website: www.kingschurchbangor.org Email: office@kingschurchbangor.org
Legal status	Kings Fellowship (Bangor), established in 1985, is a registered charity and currently operates under a Trust Deed dated 19th March 2015. Its registered charity no. is NIC102752.
Bankers	Danske Bank Bloomfield Shopping Centre South Circular Road Bangor Co Down BT19 7HB
Independent Examiner	D N Robinson 17 Grays Hill Bangor Co Down BT20 3BB
Solicitor	CMG Solicitors 20 May Street Belfast, BT1 4NL

Governance and staffing structure

Leadership Team

The team provides spiritual leadership, general oversight, pastoral care and direction for all that happens in and through the church. The leadership team in place during 2022/23 were:

Peter Johnston
Lynn Johnston
Sam Deakin
Iain Stewart
Lesley Stewart
William Thompson
Ruth Justin
Stevie Garrett

Trustees

The trustees are responsible for the legal and financial matters of the church. Under the Trust Deed there must be at least 3 trustees. They are appointed for a term of three years which can be renewed by a resolution of the Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, they must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. The Trustees who acted during the year were:

Peter Johnston
Cliff Courtney
Iain Stewart (resigned 10th January 2023)
Ali Pope
Sam Howard

Staff Team

Our staff team are those employed to carry out the practical functions of the church, such as finances, administration, worship and children's work.

Peter Johnston	Lead Pastor
Sam Deakin	Assistant Pastor
Lesley Stewart	Administrator and Global Mission Coordinator
Sarah Etheridge	Communications and Social Media (resigned 5 th January 2023)
Amy Titmus	Communications and Social Media (appointed 1 February 2023)
Lorraine Wilson	Caretaker
Rae O'Dowd	Youth Worker (resigned 18 June 2023)
Anne Davey	Children's Worker (resigned 30 June 2023)

Acknowledgements

Appreciation is expressed to the staff and many volunteers of the church who have put in so much time and effort during the past year. Without this help, the church would be ineffective.

The trustees express their appreciation for the faithfulness in giving by many members of the church.

Our Aims and Objectives

Purpose per Trust Deed

“To promote and further the Christian Faith and its practice among men and women and young people both at home and abroad in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures which are the word of God.”

Our Vision is to:

Follow Jesus.

We want to be apprentices of Jesus, experiencing the abundant life that He brings by being with Him, becoming like Him, and doing what He did.

Make a difference

As we passionately seek God’s heart, we want to take actions to love people so that lives and communities will flourish.

Grow new disciples

We want people to encounter Jesus for the first time, experience His life-changing love, and journey with Him.

In Bangor

We long to see the Bangor area thrive by seeking to impact, love, and serve those who live nearby.

Our land

We want to love and pray for those on our island, partnering with others to see spiritual awakening and renewal.

Across the world.

We want to play our part in God’s worldwide plan, supporting and sending more people, to bring His hope and compassion to other countries.

Our values are:

Family: We welcome each person into our diverse multi-generational family, authentically loving and supporting one another through the ups and downs of life.

Presence: We desire to be continually filled and led by the Holy Spirit, seeking His transforming presence in our gatherings and daily lives.

Truth: We pursue, proclaim, and practice the freedom-giving message of God’s biblical Truth in an uncertain world.

Love: We express radical and sacrificial love through tangible expressions of generosity, seeking to reflect God’s heart towards all people by our giving, hospitality, and service.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the statutory guidance produced by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Our principal public benefit is the advancement of the Christian faith through a personal belief in Jesus Christ.

Strategic Priorities for the year

At the start of the year 2022/23 we were starting to come out of the restrictions brought by the Covid 19 pandemic. Sunday meetings at the church building could take place and the restriction reduced through the year. Many other activities which had been paused were able to restart.

In order to provide our principal public benefit we set out below the strategic priorities agreed at the start of the year 2022/23 and the extent to which they were achieved:

1. Leadership & Discipleship

We plan that we will all have opportunity to grow as followers of Jesus and in leadership whatever our role. As part of that The Leadership Development Hub, which commenced in April 2022, will meet on a monthly basis and mentoring will be provided to those who want it. We will also meet in community groups and other smaller gatherings as we build family and seek to follow Jesus.

The Leadership Development Hub met monthly over the year. A highlight was a weekend in June 2022, a time of real encouragement in the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit amongst us. Mentoring was provided for those who requested it. We had a number of outside speakers as well as internal.

The community groups continued to meet and a number of other gatherings commenced such as prayer triplets.

2. Pastoral Care & Mission

We will further develop pastoral care for our members and beyond as we all play our part. We will also consider how we can serve our local community in Bangor and further afield.

We continued to provide pastoral care for our members. We identified the need to reach out to members who over Covid had not come to meetings. Many of them recommenced meeting with us in person. Where this was not possible the live-streaming of our Sunday morning meetings helped people to connect and also drew along a number of visitors.

We continued to offer meals to families of new-born and those going through particular hardships.

In June 2022 a number of us started to help with a weekly English Speaking Conversation Class for refugees at a local hotel. We have developed good friendships with our friends in the hotel.

A new initiative "Create Space" was started on Friday mornings. It is a space for friendship, creativity and food. We have seen it grow significantly over the year. The free and welcoming atmosphere has made it a place where people feel accepted and friendships have developed.

3 Vision & Values

We will update and develop our vision and values as a people to reflect what we believe God is calling us to be and to do. We will then work to ensure that the Vision and Values are fully incorporated into our life as a community.

We completed our review of our vision and values for the church. We have preached on each element of our vision for the church. To help instill our values in all we do we started in January 2023 to set aside for each term-time a value to base our Sunday morning talk. We completed the Love value by Easter 2023 and then moved to the Presence Value. We have also displayed our vision and values in our building and on our website.

4 Building Project

We will decide where our future home lies and put plans in place to relocate/refurbish.

After prayer, speaking to a wide range of people in Kings and a search of suitable properties in the Bangor area we decided to remain in our current location at 196 Seacliff Road, Bangor. We started to put plans in place for the refurbishment of the building.

Summary of How We Provided A Public Benefit

A summary of our activities and actions undertaken in the year to meet our aims and objectives and to provide a public benefit is provided below. Further detail can be found below under "Kings Church Main Activities" at pages 9 to 12.

The direct benefits which have flowed from our actions in the year included the training and equipping of people in their Christian faith, the promotion of family stability and the well-being for those attending. Through our activities people have increased their ability to contribute positively to society and to address poverty and those in need of care. We facilitated our members to carry out acts of social concern to benefit persons in North Down and the surrounding areas facing hardship on the basis of their need and thereby promoting the practice of the Christian faith.

These benefits were evidenced through weekly meetings to present the teachings of the bible and the provision of opportunities for Christian response

including but not limited to prayer and worship. The church provided teaching and training opportunities, using the resources of church staff, volunteers and also external courses and events. With the relaxing of Covid 19 restrictions our groups were able start meeting again and were well attended: mothers and toddlers group (Kids and Co), Men's Group, Womens Group, (Gather), childrens' groups (Kings Kids Sunday) and youth group (Kings Youth Fellowship) and our group for people with learning disabilities (the Friends Group) – we reached out to those who had stop coming over Covid 19 and many returned. The ability to be able to meet again in-person help us to continue to promote the Christian faith, friendship and care.

The church's beneficiaries include those who have attended and participated in meetings and activities including children, youth, parents/carers with toddlers, the elderly and people with learning disabilities. The charity also brought benefits to the poor in the local community through supporting charitable organisations such as the Bangor Storehouse and our Community Fund as well as raising funds for people in poverty abroad. We continued our nursing home visits to Kingsland Nursing Home. We also worked in the year with other churches in the North Down area to promote joint events for the public. We continued to support our missionaries abroad who work to promote the Christian Faith alongside local churches and NGOs.

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However they do demonstrate Kings Church is continuing to fulfill its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Kings Church Main Activities

Adult Ministries:

Over the year, Kings Church seeks to develop our Adult Ministries to best serve those currently in the church as well as bless and love those in our communities. The benefit from these actions enables members of Kings & those who also get involved to lead a more fulfilled and purposeful life.

Sunday Services:

Morning:

The main weekly gathering at Kings Church happens at 10.30am on Sunday morning in our church building. This includes a time to connect with one another, a time of sung worship, a preach from the Bible as well as times to pray for things happening in our lives and further afield across the world.

Across the year we had many new people joining our community. We held 2 Newcomers Lunches which saw over 20 people join Kings Church. Attendance to our Sunday morning services slowly increased throughout the year with around a 10-15% increase from the year before. We continued to live-stream these services to care for those who felt vulnerable in public but still wanted to be part of our church community.

This year we were able to incorporate 'Prayer Ministry' again at the end of our Sunday morning gatherings. Our team underwent safeguarding and prayer ministry training in September, and we then spent time praying for people towards the end of the service.

Evening:

The monthly Sunday Evening "Presence" Gathering continued on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Being held at 7.30pm meant that usually this was just adults that attended. The service is more relaxed and less structured, centring around an extended time of sung worship as well as responding creatively to the theme that month. On average 40 adults attended each month.

Community Groups:

Community Groups are groups of 6-19 people who meet weekly to eat together, study the Bible or reflect on the previous Sunday's sermon, share needs with one another and pray for each other. They also spend time praying for wider needs in the church and for our Global Missionaries. Across the year there were 8 groups that met regularly across the week in different localities. Around 60% of the adults in Kings were part of a Community Group.

Gather & Men's Ministries:

Gather runs events for women of all ages and stages of life to come together to build relationships and encourage one another through fun activities. These events are for all Female members of Kings as well as any female who wants to attend. Across the year there were multiple events which were well attended: these included a Christmas Craft Workshop, Clothes Swap, and an Afternoon Tea event. These events seek to introduce those in our personal spheres to members in the church to build connections in our locality.

Our Men's Ministry had a Saturday morning Breakfast as well as several of the Men attending a conference, "Rumble", in September. We also ran "Walking Football" for several weeks during the year as a way of socialising and exercising for those who wanted a more accessible way into football.

Global Mission:

Kings Church currently supports 7 families involved in Global Mission and has 1 other associated with the church. These families are involved in Japan, Kurdistan, Moldova, North Africa, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and the United Kingdom. They are involved in ministries including church planting, church pastoral work, development, evangelism, fundraising, medical work, outdoor pursuits, teaching, and working with refugees and asylum seekers.

Over the past year asylum seekers have been housed locally and a small group has reached out to them. This involves social events and weekly conversation classes with them to help improve their English.

We have a Global prayer meeting, once month and produce a prayer leaflet every month to help us pray effectively. We are still meeting on Zoom so that some of our missionaries can still attend. About 12 people attend each month.

Two of our missionary couples, working in Kurdistan and Japan were back with us over the year and we had meetings in the church to promote their work.

We started to pray for a new initiative called Thirty

We had several "mission focus" Sundays throughout the year. At one of these services, we had a visiting speaker, from a Missions Conference in the town that has been running for over 80 years and that some of our members attend. We also provide financial support to our mission families.

Storehouse:

Storehouse North Down is a project bringing together different agencies to fight food poverty throughout the North Down area and beyond. There is a shopping trolley positioned in the church building and members of the congregation are invited to regularly donate suitable food products that are then collected and taken to the Storehouse premises for distribution. This is done on a regular basis with extra times taken throughout the year to do bigger collections.

Friends Group:

This is our group for adults with learning disabilities, their carers and friends. The group provides opportunity for friendship, fun and learning to follow Jesus together. It meets fortnightly and has 25 regular attendees including 8 volunteers and support staff. The group has been able to meet regularly in Kings on a Wednesday night whilst also doing events outside of Kings. For all who attend, this is a valued place of connection and a place to belong, whilst for some it would be their "church service", as other services at Kings and other churches aren't accessible for them.

Marriage Preparation:

For those engaged to be married, Kings Church offers marriage preparation, which is an informal course run by members of the Leadership Team. The purpose is to help couples build strong foundations for their future together. One couple went through Marriage Preparation and were also married by one of the Pastors in Kings.

Create Space:

On a Friday morning Create Space is a place for people to come and enjoy some time together. It's a space for friendships to be built but also a place for creativity to happen. Individuals from both Kings, and the local community, bring sewing, artwork, or projects to work on. As well as this there are refreshments and games for people to play. Create Space has also been a place that local Asylum Seekers have felt very welcome to- a place to meet others, feel valued, learn new skills, and practice their English.

Leadership Hub:

In March 22 we started a Leadership Development Hub for those in the church who wanted to grow in their leadership, no matter what sphere that was. Embarking on a year course, 45 people signed up to meet monthly and embark on a journey of growing in their leadership.

Stories Course:

In the first few months of 2023 we partnered with the charity, Crown Jesus, who came and ran a course focused on Evangelism and Mission. It was attended by between 30-50 adults each week that the course ran.

Wider Events:

Across the Year, Kings ran multiple events that served and blessed members of Kings as well as the wider community. We had our Handmade Christmas Market which supported local small businesses who came to sell their products to over 700 people who came through the doors. The majority of those not linked to Kings, they were invited to following Christmas events. As well as our regular Nativity & Carol service, we also held a Christmas Musical: "Nine Songs for the Nativity". A choir practised for several weeks and with individuals in the choir enjoying it so much, we are going to start a community choir next year. We had other community events like our Light Party for "All Saints Day". Over 300 people attended an evening of fun & games as well as hearing about the "Light of the World." Our Family Fun Day in the summer at Kingsland Park and our Easter Eggstravaganza at Crawfordsburn Park were brilliant for those in Kings and others invited.

Youth Ministries:

Kings Church has a passion to serve Youth in our church and in the local community. Following hiring a new Youth Worker in March 2022 we were able to focus on the dozen or so youth that were in our Church community.

Kings Youth Fellowship:

K.Y.F. is a space for young people of Year 8 and above to explore their own Christian faith. This usually takes place on Sunday Evenings weekly during term times. The group involves lots of fun games, activities, and discussions about God and the Christian faith. There is a small youth team who oversee the group of around 6-12.

Kings Youth Sundays:

Our Kings Youth began to meet again on Sundays. Initially once a month and then increased to twice a month, they gathered in one of our upstairs rooms at the same time as the Morning service and had breakfast together whilst discussing topics that arose or that were being discussed by the church that day.

Children's Ministries:

Kings Kids Sundays:

On Sunday Mornings our children's ministry continued to grow and flourish. We had 4 groups that were specifically catered towards different age groups as well as a space for Parents/Carers to go with their children. In these groups the children were taught about God, faith, and church in fun, caring and interactive ways.

The average number of children attending Kings Kids Sunday's increased by 15% which required extra volunteers to ensure they were safe and also invested in. We had a number of new babies this year whilst also dedicated 10 children that had been born in the past few years.

Kids & Co:

Kids and Co is a Parent and Toddler group that runs every Tuesday morning. They welcome parents, grandparents, child-minders and carers with babies and toddlers of pre-nursery age. Usually, on average, 40 children and 30 adults attend each week. The majority of these children and adults are members of the community who wouldn't attend Kings Church regularly.

Kids and Co has been running for over 15 years with a team of volunteers who run the programme, by setting up a hall with toys, providing craft, a sing a long and refreshments.

Junior Youth Fellowship:

At the start of 2023 we started a Junior Youth Fellowship (J.Y.F) which happened monthly on a Sunday evening before KYF. This was for older primary school children to come and learn more about God, meet their friends and have lots of fun. This was attended by 6 children each month.

Holiday Bible Club:

In Summer 22 we had a Holiday Bible Club which saw 43 children come for a couple of hours in the morning or evening for fun activities, dramas, games & stories. The majority of these individuals came from outside of Kings Church.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £181.6k (2022: £198.1k) and expenditure totalled £167.7k (2022: £145.1k) leaving a surplus for the year of £13.9k (2022 surplus £53.0k). The main movements between the two years are largely as a result of the following:

- In 2022 there was the one-off sale of premises at Balloo Park which gave rise to a profit of £37.2k in that year
- Donations for Ministry & missions, public offerings increased in the year by £5.8k to £115.7k
- Donations to the building fund increased by £7.5k to £22.7k
- Income from other trading activities – rental of the building increased from £3.0k to £6.2k. This was a result of the lifting of Covid restrictions which enabled us to make the building available for hire
- Salary costs increased by £20.3k to £66.2k. This was largely due to Sam Deakin, our part-time assistant pastor, moving to a full-time position from August 2022 and Rae O’Dowd, our part-time Youth Worker, worked the full year (2022: one month’s employment beginning March 2022).
- Interest on loan (raised for original purchase of premises at Balloo) was nil in 2023 (2022: £11.9k) as the loan was paid off on sale of the site in March 2022.
- Building costs totalled £19.4k in the current year (£nil previous year). This was in relation to legacy work for planning applications for our premises at Seacliff Road.

Movement in Funds may be summarized as follows:

	Ministry £k	Building £k	Mission £k	Total £k
Income	109.7	31.4	40.4	181.6
Expenditure	(111.0)	(19.3)	(37.3)	(167.7)
Surplus	(1.3)	12.1	3.1	13.9
Transfer in funds	1.5	0	(1.5)	0
Opening balance 1/04/22	187.9	280.8	6.4	475.2
Closing balance 31/03/23	188.1	292.9	8.0	489.0

Note there are small rounding differences in the above table

The transfer in funds relates to expenditure incurred for mission purposes through the Ministry Fund and which are then reimbursed by the Mission Fund.

Reserves

Cash reserves at 31 March 2023 totaled £335.5k (2022: £340.0k). Whilst the church is seeking to upgrade its premises the trustees’ reserve policy is to continue to build up building fund cash reserves, maintain at least £4k in mission

cash reserves and maintain general cash reserves at a level to service the day-to-day running costs. This policy will be reviewed once we have suitable premises.

Future Strategic Plans

Our vision is to: "Follow Jesus, Make a Difference and to Grow New Disciples in Bangor, our Land and across the World."

In pursuit of that vision in the forthcoming year to March 2024, Kings Church plans to strategically develop in the following areas –

1. Leadership & Discipleship

We plan to provide opportunity to grow as followers of Jesus and in leadership whatever our role. We will review and relaunch our community groups to ensure that they provide a place of family and discipleship.

2 Pastoral Care & Mission

We will further develop pastoral care for our members and beyond as we all play our part. We will also consider how we can serve our local community in Bangor and further afield.

We will continue our work in the local hotel with asylum seekers seeking to help them with their English and build friendships.

3 Vision & Values

We will continue to instill our vision and values (Family, Presence, Truth and Love) in all we do as we seek to reflect what we believe God is calling us to be and to do.

4 Building Project

We will develop the design of the refurbished building at 196 Seacliff Road with the vision of it being used as both a home for Kings Church and also as a presence in the local community. We will also need to raise funds for the project from both our own members, the bank and trust funds. We plan to begin work on the ground in the later part of the year.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Peter Johnston
Chair of Trustees

16 October 2023

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	103,522	70,391	173,913	157,782
Income from other trading activities	6,179	0	6,179	3,012
Profit on sale of building	0	0	0	37,288
Investment income	0	1,486	1,486	0
Total income	109,701	71,877	181,578	198,082
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	111,007	56,700	167,707	145,076
Total expenditure	111,007	56,700	167,707	145,076
Net movement in funds	(1,306)	15,177	13,871	53,006
Transfers	1,500	(1,500)	0	0
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	187,937	287,234	475,171	422,165
Total funds carried forward	188,131	300,911	489,042	475,171

The notes on pages 18 to 22 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets		152,426		152,426
Current assets:				
Debtors	4,519		2,285	
Short term investments	281,486		0	
Bank and cash	54,008		340,008	
	<u>340,013</u>		<u>342,293</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(3,397)</u>		<u>(19,548)</u>	
Net current assets		336,616		322,745
Total net assets		<u>489,042</u>		<u>475,171</u>

Funds of the Charity

Unrestricted income funds:

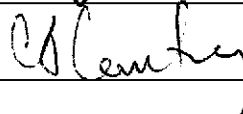
General	188,131	187,937
Designated	300,911	287,234
Total Charity funds	<u>489,042</u>	<u>475,171</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 16 October 2023, and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Johnston



Cliff Courtney



The notes on pages 18 to 22 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the Trustees regard the charity as having sufficient resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of the asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment: 25% straight line

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Bank interest paid

The charity writes off directly attributed borrowing costs to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are incurred.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations for Ministry	80,811	0	80,811	77,286
Public offerings	1,223	0	1,223	750
Donations for missions	0	33,622	33,622	31,851
Donations for building account	0	22,657	22,657	15,113
Other gifts received	3,752	0	3,752	5,323
Tax refunds from Inland Revenue	17,736	14,112	31,848	27,459
	103,522	70,391	173,913	157,782

3. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent from Building	6,179	0	6,179	3,012

4. Profit on disposal of property

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Profit on disposal of Balloo Park building	0	0	0	37,288

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	0	1,486	1,486	0

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Salaries	66,188	0	66,188	45,861
Ministry development	0	0	0	3,753
Water rates	725	0	725	490
Insurance	3,326	0	3,326	4,754
Heat & light	12,874	0	12,874	12,880
Repairs, maintenance & equipment	8,898	0	8,898	14,790
Cleaning	950	0	950	0
Telephone	1,074	0	1,074	1,136
Printing, postage & stationery	997	0	997	1,454
Computer costs	1,557	0	1,557	0
Travelling & conferences	2,507	0	2,507	0
Youth Ministry	2,001	0	2,001	1,855
Outreach	1,602	0	1,602	507
Gifts	3,728	37,325	41,053	43,024
Building costs	0	19,375	19,375	0
Hospitality	3,028	0	3,028	0
Sundry expenses	710	0	710	2,184
Loan interest	0	0	0	11,934
Bank charges & interest	842	0	842	454
	<u>111,007</u>	<u>56,700</u>	<u>167,707</u>	<u>145,076</u>

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Seacliff Road	Balloo Park	Equipment	Total
	Building	Building		£
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 April 20212	152,426	0	20,576	173,002
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2023	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>173,002</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2022	0	0	20,576	20,576
Charge for year	0	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>20,576</u>
Net book value				
As at 31 March 2023	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>152,426</u>
As at 1 April 2022	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>152,426</u>

8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift aid tax recoverable	4,519	2,285
Other debtors	0	0
	<u>4,519</u>	<u>2,285</u>

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	3,397	19,548
	<u>3,397</u>	<u>19,548</u>

10. Designated funds

The Church operates two designated funds:

Building Fund - During the year it was decided that the church should remain in Seacliff Road, Bangor and a project was commenced for the refurbishment of the premises. The building fund will be used to develop the accommodation at Seacliff Road. In the year to March 2022 premises at Balloo Park Bangor were sold and the proceeds were used to repay a loan in full with the remaining balance taken to the building fund.

Mission fund - This fund is used to support various missionaries throughout the world.

	Building fund	Mission fund	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income	31,439	40,438	71,877	94,096
Expenditure:				
Costs re premises	19,375	0	19,375	0
Gifts	0	37,325	37,325	35,677
Loan interest	0	0	0	11,934
Total expenditure	<u>19,375</u>	<u>37,325</u>	<u>56,700</u>	<u>47,611</u>
Net movement in funds	12,064	3,113	15,177	46,485
Transfer to Unrestricted funds	0	(1,500)	(1,500)	(8,528)
Total funds brought forward	280,821	6,413	287,234	249,277
Total funds carried forward	<u>292,885</u>	<u>8,026</u>	<u>300,911</u>	<u>287,234</u>

11. Related Party Transactions

During the year the following payments were made to trustees and connected persons as permitted by clauses 5 and 28 of the Trust Deed:

	Services Provided	Year to 31 March 2023			
		Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	1,200	0	0	0
Iain Stewart* (Architect)	Architecture fees	0	0	0	17,335
Lesley Stewart (wife of Iain Stewart)	Administration	9,802	0	0	0
Luke Stewart (son of Iain Stewart)	Electrical work	0	0	0	0

*resigned as trustee on 10th January 2023

	Services Provided	Year to 31 March 2022			
		Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	0	0	0	0
Iain Stewart (Architect)	Architectural Fees	0	0	0	18,000**
Lesley Stewart (wife of Iain Stewart)	Administration	9,204	0	0	0
Luke Stewart (son of Iain Stewart)	Electrical work	0	0	0	1,567

**paid in 2022/23 for work done in 2021/22 and accrued at 31 March 2022 in financial statements

The notes on pages 18 to 22 form part of these accounts

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 15 to 22.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charity Act
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

D. N. Robinson

David Neil Robinson
Retired Chartered Accountant
17 Grays Hill, Bangor, Co Down,

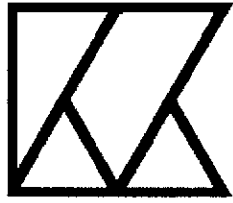
Date:

16 OCTOBER 2023

Kings Fellowship (Bangor)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102752

Annual report



Kings Church Bangor

Annual Report and
Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st March 2023

Charity no: NIC102752

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General Information

Name of organisation	Kings Fellowship (Bangor)
Other name	Kings Church Bangor
Charity no.	102752
Registered office address	196 Seacliff Road, Bangor, County Down, BT20 5HA
Contact Details	Website: www.kingschurchbangor.org Email: office@kingschurchbangor.org
Legal status	Kings Fellowship (Bangor), established in 1985, is a registered charity and currently operates under a Trust Deed dated 19th March 2015. Its registered charity no. is NIC102752.
Bankers	Danske Bank Bloomfield Shopping Centre South Circular Road Bangor Co Down BT19 7HB
Independent Examiner	D N Robinson 17 Grays Hill Bangor Co Down BT20 3BB
Solicitor	CMG Solicitors 20 May Street Belfast, BT1 4NL

Governance and staffing structure

Leadership Team

The team provides spiritual leadership, general oversight, pastoral care and direction for all that happens in and through the church. The leadership team in place during 2022/23 were:

Peter Johnston
Lynn Johnston
Sam Deakin
Iain Stewart
Lesley Stewart
William Thompson
Ruth Justin
Stevie Garrett

Trustees

The trustees are responsible for the legal and financial matters of the church. Under the Trust Deed there must be at least 3 trustees. They are appointed for a term of three years which can be renewed by a resolution of the Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, they must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. The Trustees who acted during the year were:

Peter Johnston
Cliff Courtney
Iain Stewart (resigned 10th January 2023)
Ali Pope
Sam Howard

Staff Team

Our staff team are those employed to carry out the practical functions of the church, such as finances, administration, worship and children's work.

Peter Johnston	Lead Pastor
Sam Deakin	Assistant Pastor
Lesley Stewart	Administrator and Global Mission Coordinator
Sarah Etheridge	Communications and Social Media (resigned 5 th January 2023)
Amy Titmus	Communications and Social Media (appointed 1 February 2023)
Lorraine Wilson	Caretaker
Rae O'Dowd	Youth Worker (resigned 18 June 2023)
Anne Davey	Children's Worker (resigned 30 June 2023)

Acknowledgements

Appreciation is expressed to the staff and many volunteers of the church who have put in so much time and effort during the past year. Without this help, the church would be ineffective.

The trustees express their appreciation for the faithfulness in giving by many members of the church.

Our Aims and Objectives

Purpose per Trust Deed

“To promote and further the Christian Faith and its practice among men and women and young people both at home and abroad in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures which are the word of God.”

Our Vision is to:

Follow Jesus.

We want to be apprentices of Jesus, experiencing the abundant life that He brings by being with Him, becoming like Him, and doing what He did.

Make a difference

As we passionately seek God’s heart, we want to take actions to love people so that lives and communities will flourish.

Grow new disciples

We want people to encounter Jesus for the first time, experience His life-changing love, and journey with Him.

In Bangor

We long to see the Bangor area thrive by seeking to impact, love, and serve those who live nearby.

Our land

We want to love and pray for those on our island, partnering with others to see spiritual awakening and renewal.

Across the world.

We want to play our part in God’s worldwide plan, supporting and sending more people, to bring His hope and compassion to other countries.

Our values are:

Family: We welcome each person into our diverse multi-generational family, authentically loving and supporting one another through the ups and downs of life.

Presence: We desire to be continually filled and led by the Holy Spirit, seeking His transforming presence in our gatherings and daily lives.

Truth: We pursue, proclaim, and practice the freedom-giving message of God’s biblical Truth in an uncertain world.

Love: We express radical and sacrificial love through tangible expressions of generosity, seeking to reflect God’s heart towards all people by our giving, hospitality, and service.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the statutory guidance produced by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Our principal public benefit is the advancement of the Christian faith through a personal belief in Jesus Christ.

Strategic Priorities for the year

At the start of the year 2022/23 we were starting to come out of the restrictions brought by the Covid 19 pandemic. Sunday meetings at the church building could take place and the restriction reduced through the year. Many other activities which had been paused were able to restart.

In order to provide our principal public benefit we set out below the strategic priorities agreed at the start of the year 2022/23 and the extent to which they were achieved:

1. Leadership & Discipleship

We plan that we will all have opportunity to grow as followers of Jesus and in leadership whatever our role. As part of that The Leadership Development Hub, which commenced in April 2022, will meet on a monthly basis and mentoring will be provided to those who want it. We will also meet in community groups and other smaller gatherings as we build family and seek to follow Jesus.

The Leadership Development Hub met monthly over the year. A highlight was a weekend in June 2022, a time of real encouragement in the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit amongst us. Mentoring was provided for those who requested it. We had a number of outside speakers as well as internal.

The community groups continued to meet and a number of other gatherings commenced such as prayer triplets.

2. Pastoral Care & Mission

We will further develop pastoral care for our members and beyond as we all play our part. We will also consider how we can serve our local community in Bangor and further afield.

We continued to provide pastoral care for our members. We identified the need to reach out to members who over Covid had not come to meetings. Many of them recommenced meeting with us in person. Where this was not possible the live-streaming of our Sunday morning meetings helped people to connect and also drew along a number of visitors.

We continued to offer meals to families of new-born and those going through particular hardships.

In June 2022 a number of us started to help with a weekly English Speaking Conversation Class for refugees at a local hotel. We have developed good friendships with our friends in the hotel.

A new initiative "Create Space" was started on Friday mornings. It is a space for friendship, creativity and food. We have seen it grow significantly over the year. The free and welcoming atmosphere has made it a place where people feel accepted and friendships have developed.

3 Vision & Values

We will update and develop our vision and values as a people to reflect what we believe God is calling us to be and to do. We will then work to ensure that the Vision and Values are fully incorporated into our life as a community.

We completed our review of our vision and values for the church. We have preached on each element of our vision for the church. To help instill our values in all we do we started in January 2023 to set aside for each term-time a value to base our Sunday morning talk. We completed the Love value by Easter 2023 and then moved to the Presence Value. We have also displayed our vision and values in our building and on our website.

4 Building Project

We will decide where our future home lies and put plans in place to relocate/refurbish.

After prayer, speaking to a wide range of people in Kings and a search of suitable properties in the Bangor area we decided to remain in our current location at 196 Seacliff Road, Bangor. We started to put plans in place for the refurbishment of the building.

Summary of How We Provided A Public Benefit

A summary of our activities and actions undertaken in the year to meet our aims and objectives and to provide a public benefit is provided below. Further detail can be found below under "Kings Church Main Activities" at pages 9 to 12.

The direct benefits which have flowed from our actions in the year included the training and equipping of people in their Christian faith, the promotion of family stability and the well-being for those attending. Through our activities people have increased their ability to contribute positively to society and to address poverty and those in need of care. We facilitated our members to carry out acts of social concern to benefit persons in North Down and the surrounding areas facing hardship on the basis of their need and thereby promoting the practice of the Christian faith.

These benefits were evidenced through weekly meetings to present the teachings of the bible and the provision of opportunities for Christian response

including but not limited to prayer and worship. The church provided teaching and training opportunities, using the resources of church staff, volunteers and also external courses and events. With the relaxing of Covid 19 restrictions our groups were able start meeting again and were well attended: mothers and toddlers group (Kids and Co), Men's Group, Womens Group, (Gather), childrens' groups (Kings Kids Sunday) and youth group (Kings Youth Fellowship) and our group for people with learning disabilities (the Friends Group) – we reached out to those who had stop coming over Covid 19 and many returned. The ability to be able to meet again in-person help us to continue to promote the Christian faith, friendship and care.

The church's beneficiaries include those who have attended and participated in meetings and activities including children, youth, parents/carers with toddlers, the elderly and people with learning disabilities. The charity also brought benefits to the poor in the local community through supporting charitable organisations such as the Bangor Storehouse and our Community Fund as well as raising funds for people in poverty abroad. We continued our nursing home visits to Kingsland Nursing Home. We also worked in the year with other churches in the North Down area to promote joint events for the public. We continued to support our missionaries abroad who work to promote the Christian Faith alongside local churches and NGOs.

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However they do demonstrate Kings Church is continuing to fulfill its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Kings Church Main Activities

Adult Ministries:

Over the year, Kings Church seeks to develop our Adult Ministries to best serve those currently in the church as well as bless and love those in our communities. The benefit from these actions enables members of Kings & those who also get involved to lead a more fulfilled and purposeful life.

Sunday Services:

Morning:

The main weekly gathering at Kings Church happens at 10.30am on Sunday morning in our church building. This includes a time to connect with one another, a time of sung worship, a preach from the Bible as well as times to pray for things happening in our lives and further afield across the world.

Across the year we had many new people joining our community. We held 2 Newcomers Lunches which saw over 20 people join Kings Church. Attendance to our Sunday morning services slowly increased throughout the year with around a 10-15% increase from the year before. We continued to live-stream these services to care for those who felt vulnerable in public but still wanted to be part of our church community.

This year we were able to incorporate 'Prayer Ministry' again at the end of our Sunday morning gatherings. Our team underwent safeguarding and prayer ministry training in September, and we then spent time praying for people towards the end of the service.

Evening:

The monthly Sunday Evening "Presence" Gathering continued on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Being held at 7.30pm meant that usually this was just adults that attended. The service is more relaxed and less structured, centring around an extended time of sung worship as well as responding creatively to the theme that month. On average 40 adults attended each month.

Community Groups:

Community Groups are groups of 6-19 people who meet weekly to eat together, study the Bible or reflect on the previous Sunday's sermon, share needs with one another and pray for each other. They also spend time praying for wider needs in the church and for our Global Missionaries. Across the year there were 8 groups that met regularly across the week in different localities. Around 60% of the adults in Kings were part of a Community Group.

Gather & Men's Ministries:

Gather runs events for women of all ages and stages of life to come together to build relationships and encourage one another through fun activities. These events are for all Female members of Kings as well as any female who wants to attend. Across the year there were multiple events which were well attended: these included a Christmas Craft Workshop, Clothes Swap, and an Afternoon Tea event. These events seek to introduce those in our personal spheres to members in the church to build connections in our locality.

Our Men's Ministry had a Saturday morning Breakfast as well as several of the Men attending a conference, "Rumble", in September. We also ran "Walking Football" for several weeks during the year as a way of socialising and exercising for those who wanted a more accessible way into football.

Global Mission:

Kings Church currently supports 7 families involved in Global Mission and has 1 other associated with the church. These families are involved in Japan, Kurdistan, Moldova, North Africa, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and the United Kingdom. They are involved in ministries including church planting, church pastoral work, development, evangelism, fundraising, medical work, outdoor pursuits, teaching, and working with refugees and asylum seekers.

Over the past year asylum seekers have been housed locally and a small group has reached out to them. This involves social events and weekly conversation classes with them to help improve their English.

We have a Global prayer meeting, once month and produce a prayer leaflet every month to help us pray effectively. We are still meeting on Zoom so that some of our missionaries can still attend. About 12 people attend each month.

Two of our missionary couples, working in Kurdistan and Japan were back with us over the year and we had meetings in the church to promote their work.

We started to pray for a new initiative called Thirty

We had several "mission focus" Sundays throughout the year. At one of these services, we had a visiting speaker, from a Missions Conference in the town that has been running for over 80 years and that some of our members attend. We also provide financial support to our mission families.

Storehouse:

Storehouse North Down is a project bringing together different agencies to fight food poverty throughout the North Down area and beyond. There is a shopping trolley positioned in the church building and members of the congregation are invited to regularly donate suitable food products that are then collected and taken to the Storehouse premises for distribution. This is done on a regular basis with extra times taken throughout the year to do bigger collections.

Friends Group:

This is our group for adults with learning disabilities, their carers and friends. The group provides opportunity for friendship, fun and learning to follow Jesus together. It meets fortnightly and has 25 regular attendees including 8 volunteers and support staff. The group has been able to meet regularly in Kings on a Wednesday night whilst also doing events outside of Kings. For all who attend, this is a valued place of connection and a place to belong, whilst for some it would be their "church service", as other services at Kings and other churches aren't accessible for them.

Marriage Preparation:

For those engaged to be married, Kings Church offers marriage preparation, which is an informal course run by members of the Leadership Team. The purpose is to help couples build strong foundations for their future together. One couple went through Marriage Preparation and were also married by one of the Pastors in Kings.

Create Space:

On a Friday morning Create Space is a place for people to come and enjoy some time together. It's a space for friendships to be built but also a place for creativity to happen. Individuals from both Kings, and the local community, bring sewing, artwork, or projects to work on. As well as this there are refreshments and games for people to play. Create Space has also been a place that local Asylum Seekers have felt very welcome to- a place to meet others, feel valued, learn new skills, and practice their English.

Leadership Hub:

In March 22 we started a Leadership Development Hub for those in the church who wanted to grow in their leadership, no matter what sphere that was. Embarking on a year course, 45 people signed up to meet monthly and embark on a journey of growing in their leadership.

Stories Course:

In the first few months of 2023 we partnered with the charity, Crown Jesus, who came and ran a course focused on Evangelism and Mission. It was attended by between 30-50 adults each week that the course ran.

Wider Events:

Across the Year, Kings ran multiple events that served and blessed members of Kings as well as the wider community. We had our Handmade Christmas Market which supported local small businesses who came to sell their products to over 700 people who came through the doors. The majority of those not linked to Kings, they were invited to following Christmas events. As well as our regular Nativity & Carol service, we also held a Christmas Musical: "Nine Songs for the Nativity". A choir practised for several weeks and with individuals in the choir enjoying it so much, we are going to start a community choir next year. We had other community events like our Light Party for "All Saints Day". Over 300 people attended an evening of fun & games as well as hearing about the "Light of the World." Our Family Fun Day in the summer at Kingsland Park and our Easter Eggstravaganza at Crawfordsburn Park were brilliant for those in Kings and others invited.

Youth Ministries:

Kings Church has a passion to serve Youth in our church and in the local community. Following hiring a new Youth Worker in March 2022 we were able to focus on the dozen or so youth that were in our Church community.

Kings Youth Fellowship:

K.Y.F. is a space for young people of Year 8 and above to explore their own Christian faith. This usually takes place on Sunday Evenings weekly during term times. The group involves lots of fun games, activities, and discussions about God and the Christian faith. There is a small youth team who oversee the group of around 6-12.

Kings Youth Sundays:

Our Kings Youth began to meet again on Sundays. Initially once a month and then increased to twice a month, they gathered in one of our upstairs rooms at the same time as the Morning service and had breakfast together whilst discussing topics that arose or that were being discussed by the church that day.

Children's Ministries:

Kings Kids Sundays:

On Sunday Mornings our children's ministry continued to grow and flourish. We had 4 groups that were specifically catered towards different age groups as well as a space for Parents/Carers to go with their children. In these groups the children were taught about God, faith, and church in fun, caring and interactive ways.

The average number of children attending Kings Kids Sunday's increased by 15% which required extra volunteers to ensure they were safe and also invested in. We had a number of new babies this year whilst also dedicated 10 children that had been born in the past few years.

Kids & Co:

Kids and Co is a Parent and Toddler group that runs every Tuesday morning. They welcome parents, grandparents, child-minders and carers with babies and toddlers of pre-nursery age. Usually, on average, 40 children and 30 adults attend each week. The majority of these children and adults are members of the community who wouldn't attend Kings Church regularly.

Kids and Co has been running for over 15 years with a team of volunteers who run the programme, by setting up a hall with toys, providing craft, a sing a long and refreshments.

Junior Youth Fellowship:

At the start of 2023 we started a Junior Youth Fellowship (J.Y.F) which happened monthly on a Sunday evening before KYF. This was for older primary school children to come and learn more about God, meet their friends and have lots of fun. This was attended by 6 children each month.

Holiday Bible Club:

In Summer 22 we had a Holiday Bible Club which saw 43 children come for a couple of hours in the morning or evening for fun activities, dramas, games & stories. The majority of these individuals came from outside of Kings Church.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £181.6k (2022: £198.1k) and expenditure totalled £167.7k (2022: £145.1k) leaving a surplus for the year of £13.9k (2022 surplus £53.0k). The main movements between the two years are largely as a result of the following:

- In 2022 there was the one-off sale of premises at Balloo Park which gave rise to a profit of £37.2k in that year
- Donations for Ministry & missions, public offerings increased in the year by £5.8k to £115.7k
- Donations to the building fund increased by £7.5k to £22.7k
- Income from other trading activities – rental of the building increased from £3.0k to £6.2k. This was a result of the lifting of Covid restrictions which enabled us to make the building available for hire
- Salary costs increased by £20.3k to £66.2k. This was largely due to Sam Deakin, our part-time assistant pastor, moving to a full-time position from August 2022 and Rae O’Dowd, our part-time Youth Worker, worked the full year (2022: one month’s employment beginning March 2022).
- Interest on loan (raised for original purchase of premises at Balloo) was nil in 2023 (2022: £11.9k) as the loan was paid off on sale of the site in March 2022.
- Building costs totalled £19.4k in the current year (£nil previous year). This was in relation to legacy work for planning applications for our premises at Seacliff Road.

Movement in Funds may be summarized as follows:

	Ministry £k	Building £k	Mission £k	Total £k
Income	109.7	31.4	40.4	181.6
Expenditure	(111.0)	(19.3)	(37.3)	(167.7)
Surplus	(1.3)	12.1	3.1	13.9
Transfer in funds	1.5	0	(1.5)	0
Opening balance 1/04/22	187.9	280.8	6.4	475.2
Closing balance 31/03/23	188.1	292.9	8.0	489.0

Note there are small rounding differences in the above table

The transfer in funds relates to expenditure incurred for mission purposes through the Ministry Fund and which are then reimbursed by the Mission Fund.

Reserves

Cash reserves at 31 March 2023 totaled £335.5k (2022: £340.0k). Whilst the church is seeking to upgrade its premises the trustees’ reserve policy is to continue to build up building fund cash reserves, maintain at least £4k in mission

cash reserves and maintain general cash reserves at a level to service the day-to-day running costs. This policy will be reviewed once we have suitable premises.

Future Strategic Plans

Our vision is to: "Follow Jesus, Make a Difference and to Grow New Disciples in Bangor, our Land and across the World."

In pursuit of that vision in the forthcoming year to March 2024, Kings Church plans to strategically develop in the following areas –

1. Leadership & Discipleship

We plan to provide opportunity to grow as followers of Jesus and in leadership whatever our role. We will review and relaunch our community groups to ensure that they provide a place of family and discipleship.

2 Pastoral Care & Mission

We will further develop pastoral care for our members and beyond as we all play our part. We will also consider how we can serve our local community in Bangor and further afield.

We will continue our work in the local hotel with asylum seekers seeking to help them with their English and build friendships.

3 Vision & Values

We will continue to instill our vision and values (Family, Presence, Truth and Love) in all we do as we seek to reflect what we believe God is calling us to be and to do.

4 Building Project

We will develop the design of the refurbished building at 196 Seacliff Road with the vision of it being used as both a home for Kings Church and also as a presence in the local community. We will also need to raise funds for the project from both our own members, the bank and trust funds. We plan to begin work on the ground in the later part of the year.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Peter Johnston
Chair of Trustees

16 October 2023

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	103,522	70,391	173,913	157,782
Income from other trading activities	6,179	0	6,179	3,012
Profit on sale of building	0	0	0	37,288
Investment income	0	1,486	1,486	0
Total income	109,701	71,877	181,578	198,082
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	111,007	56,700	167,707	145,076
Total expenditure	111,007	56,700	167,707	145,076
Net movement in funds	(1,306)	15,177	13,871	53,006
Transfers	1,500	(1,500)	0	0
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	187,937	287,234	475,171	422,165
Total funds carried forward	188,131	300,911	489,042	475,171

The notes on pages 18 to 22 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets		152,426		152,426
Current assets:				
Debtors	4,519		2,285	
Short term investments	281,486		0	
Bank and cash	54,008		340,008	
	<u>340,013</u>		<u>342,293</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(3,397)</u>		<u>(19,548)</u>	
Net current assets		336,616		322,745
Total net assets		<u>489,042</u>		<u>475,171</u>

Funds of the Charity

Unrestricted income funds:

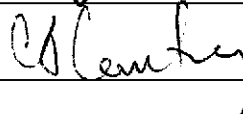
General	188,131	187,937
Designated	300,911	287,234
Total Charity funds	<u>489,042</u>	<u>475,171</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 16 October 2023, and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Johnston



Cliff Courtney



The notes on pages 18 to 22 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the Trustees regard the charity as having sufficient resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of the asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment: 25% straight line

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Bank interest paid

The charity writes off directly attributed borrowing costs to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are incurred.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations for Ministry	80,811	0	80,811	77,286
Public offerings	1,223	0	1,223	750
Donations for missions	0	33,622	33,622	31,851
Donations for building account	0	22,657	22,657	15,113
Other gifts received	3,752	0	3,752	5,323
Tax refunds from Inland Revenue	17,736	14,112	31,848	27,459
	103,522	70,391	173,913	157,782

3. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent from Building	6,179	0	6,179	3,012

4. Profit on disposal of property

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Profit on disposal of Balloo Park building	0	0	0	37,288

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	0	1,486	1,486	0

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Salaries	66,188	0	66,188	45,861
Ministry development	0	0	0	3,753
Water rates	725	0	725	490
Insurance	3,326	0	3,326	4,754
Heat & light	12,874	0	12,874	12,880
Repairs, maintenance & equipment	8,898	0	8,898	14,790
Cleaning	950	0	950	0
Telephone	1,074	0	1,074	1,136
Printing, postage & stationery	997	0	997	1,454
Computer costs	1,557	0	1,557	0
Travelling & conferences	2,507	0	2,507	0
Youth Ministry	2,001	0	2,001	1,855
Outreach	1,602	0	1,602	507
Gifts	3,728	37,325	41,053	43,024
Building costs	0	19,375	19,375	0
Hospitality	3,028	0	3,028	0
Sundry expenses	710	0	710	2,184
Loan interest	0	0	0	11,934
Bank charges & interest	842	0	842	454
	<u>111,007</u>	<u>56,700</u>	<u>167,707</u>	<u>145,076</u>

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Seacliff Road	Balloo Park	Equipment	Total
	Building	Building		£
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 April 20212	152,426	0	20,576	173,002
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2023	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>173,002</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2022	0	0	20,576	20,576
Charge for year	0	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>20,576</u>
Net book value				
As at 31 March 2023	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>152,426</u>
As at 1 April 2022	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>152,426</u>

8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift aid tax recoverable	4,519	2,285
Other debtors	0	0
	<u>4,519</u>	<u>2,285</u>

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	3,397	19,548
	<u>3,397</u>	<u>19,548</u>

10. Designated funds

The Church operates two designated funds:

Building Fund - During the year it was decided that the church should remain in Seacliff Road, Bangor and a project was commenced for the refurbishment of the premises. The building fund will be used to develop the accommodation at Seacliff Road. In the year to March 2022 premises at Balloo Park Bangor were sold and the proceeds were used to repay a loan in full with the remaining balance taken to the building fund.

Mission fund - This fund is used to support various missionaries throughout the world.

	Building fund	Mission fund	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income	31,439	40,438	71,877	94,096
Expenditure:				
Costs re premises	19,375	0	19,375	0
Gifts	0	37,325	37,325	35,677
Loan interest	0	0	0	11,934
Total expenditure	<u>19,375</u>	<u>37,325</u>	<u>56,700</u>	<u>47,611</u>
Net movement in funds	12,064	3,113	15,177	46,485
Transfer to Unrestricted funds	0	(1,500)	(1,500)	(8,528)
Total funds brought forward	280,821	6,413	287,234	249,277
Total funds carried forward	<u>292,885</u>	<u>8,026</u>	<u>300,911</u>	<u>287,234</u>

11. Related Party Transactions

During the year the following payments were made to trustees and connected persons as permitted by clauses 5 and 28 of the Trust Deed:

	Services Provided	Year to 31 March 2023			
		Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	1,200	0	0	0
Iain Stewart* (Architect)	Architecture fees	0	0	0	17,335
Lesley Stewart (wife of Iain Stewart)	Administration	9,802	0	0	0
Luke Stewart (son of Iain Stewart)	Electrical work	0	0	0	0

*resigned as trustee on 10th January 2023

	Services Provided	Year to 31 March 2022			
		Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	0	0	0	0
Iain Stewart (Architect)	Architectural Fees	0	0	0	18,000**
Lesley Stewart (wife of Iain Stewart)	Administration	9,204	0	0	0
Luke Stewart (son of Iain Stewart)	Electrical work	0	0	0	1,567

**paid in 2022/23 for work done in 2021/22 and accrued at 31 March 2022 in financial statements

The notes on pages 18 to 22 form part of these accounts

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 15 to 22.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charity Act
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

D. N. Robinson

David Neil Robinson
Retired Chartered Accountant
17 Grays Hill, Bangor, Co Down,

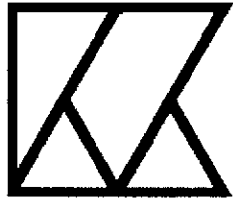
Date:

16 OCTOBER 2023

Kings Fellowship (Bangor)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102752

Annual return



Kings Church Bangor

Annual Report and
Financial Statements
for the year ended
31st March 2023

Charity no: NIC102752

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General Information

Name of organisation	Kings Fellowship (Bangor)
Other name	Kings Church Bangor
Charity no.	102752
Registered office address	196 Seacliff Road, Bangor, County Down, BT20 5HA
Contact Details	Website: www.kingschurchbangor.org Email: office@kingschurchbangor.org
Legal status	Kings Fellowship (Bangor), established in 1985, is a registered charity and currently operates under a Trust Deed dated 19th March 2015. Its registered charity no. is NIC102752.
Bankers	Danske Bank Bloomfield Shopping Centre South Circular Road Bangor Co Down BT19 7HB
Independent Examiner	D N Robinson 17 Grays Hill Bangor Co Down BT20 3BB
Solicitor	CMG Solicitors 20 May Street Belfast, BT1 4NL

Governance and staffing structure

Leadership Team

The team provides spiritual leadership, general oversight, pastoral care and direction for all that happens in and through the church. The leadership team in place during 2022/23 were:

Peter Johnston
Lynn Johnston
Sam Deakin
Iain Stewart
Lesley Stewart
William Thompson
Ruth Justin
Stevie Garrett

Trustees

The trustees are responsible for the legal and financial matters of the church. Under the Trust Deed there must be at least 3 trustees. They are appointed for a term of three years which can be renewed by a resolution of the Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, they must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. The Trustees who acted during the year were:

Peter Johnston
Cliff Courtney
Iain Stewart (resigned 10th January 2023)
Ali Pope
Sam Howard

Staff Team

Our staff team are those employed to carry out the practical functions of the church, such as finances, administration, worship and children's work.

Peter Johnston	Lead Pastor
Sam Deakin	Assistant Pastor
Lesley Stewart	Administrator and Global Mission Coordinator
Sarah Etheridge	Communications and Social Media (resigned 5 th January 2023)
Amy Titmus	Communications and Social Media (appointed 1 February 2023)
Lorraine Wilson	Caretaker
Rae O'Dowd	Youth Worker (resigned 18 June 2023)
Anne Davey	Children's Worker (resigned 30 June 2023)

Acknowledgements

Appreciation is expressed to the staff and many volunteers of the church who have put in so much time and effort during the past year. Without this help, the church would be ineffective.

The trustees express their appreciation for the faithfulness in giving by many members of the church.

Our Aims and Objectives

Purpose per Trust Deed

“To promote and further the Christian Faith and its practice among men and women and young people both at home and abroad in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures which are the word of God.”

Our Vision is to:

Follow Jesus.

We want to be apprentices of Jesus, experiencing the abundant life that He brings by being with Him, becoming like Him, and doing what He did.

Make a difference

As we passionately seek God’s heart, we want to take actions to love people so that lives and communities will flourish.

Grow new disciples

We want people to encounter Jesus for the first time, experience His life-changing love, and journey with Him.

In Bangor

We long to see the Bangor area thrive by seeking to impact, love, and serve those who live nearby.

Our land

We want to love and pray for those on our island, partnering with others to see spiritual awakening and renewal.

Across the world.

We want to play our part in God’s worldwide plan, supporting and sending more people, to bring His hope and compassion to other countries.

Our values are:

Family: We welcome each person into our diverse multi-generational family, authentically loving and supporting one another through the ups and downs of life.

Presence: We desire to be continually filled and led by the Holy Spirit, seeking His transforming presence in our gatherings and daily lives.

Truth: We pursue, proclaim, and practice the freedom-giving message of God’s biblical Truth in an uncertain world.

Love: We express radical and sacrificial love through tangible expressions of generosity, seeking to reflect God’s heart towards all people by our giving, hospitality, and service.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the statutory guidance produced by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Our principal public benefit is the advancement of the Christian faith through a personal belief in Jesus Christ.

Strategic Priorities for the year

At the start of the year 2022/23 we were starting to come out of the restrictions brought by the Covid 19 pandemic. Sunday meetings at the church building could take place and the restriction reduced through the year. Many other activities which had been paused were able to restart.

In order to provide our principal public benefit we set out below the strategic priorities agreed at the start of the year 2022/23 and the extent to which they were achieved:

1. Leadership & Discipleship

We plan that we will all have opportunity to grow as followers of Jesus and in leadership whatever our role. As part of that The Leadership Development Hub, which commenced in April 2022, will meet on a monthly basis and mentoring will be provided to those who want it. We will also meet in community groups and other smaller gatherings as we build family and seek to follow Jesus.

The Leadership Development Hub met monthly over the year. A highlight was a weekend in June 2022, a time of real encouragement in the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit amongst us. Mentoring was provided for those who requested it. We had a number of outside speakers as well as internal.

The community groups continued to meet and a number of other gatherings commenced such as prayer triplets.

2. Pastoral Care & Mission

We will further develop pastoral care for our members and beyond as we all play our part. We will also consider how we can serve our local community in Bangor and further afield.

We continued to provide pastoral care for our members. We identified the need to reach out to members who over Covid had not come to meetings. Many of them recommenced meeting with us in person. Where this was not possible the live-streaming of our Sunday morning meetings helped people to connect and also drew along a number of visitors.

We continued to offer meals to families of new-born and those going through particular hardships.

In June 2022 a number of us started to help with a weekly English Speaking Conversation Class for refugees at a local hotel. We have developed good friendships with our friends in the hotel.

A new initiative "Create Space" was started on Friday mornings. It is a space for friendship, creativity and food. We have seen it grow significantly over the year. The free and welcoming atmosphere has made it a place where people feel accepted and friendships have developed.

3 Vision & Values

We will update and develop our vision and values as a people to reflect what we believe God is calling us to be and to do. We will then work to ensure that the Vision and Values are fully incorporated into our life as a community.

We completed our review of our vision and values for the church. We have preached on each element of our vision for the church. To help instill our values in all we do we started in January 2023 to set aside for each term-time a value to base our Sunday morning talk. We completed the Love value by Easter 2023 and then moved to the Presence Value. We have also displayed our vision and values in our building and on our website.

4 Building Project

We will decide where our future home lies and put plans in place to relocate/refurbish.

After prayer, speaking to a wide range of people in Kings and a search of suitable properties in the Bangor area we decided to remain in our current location at 196 Seacliff Road, Bangor. We started to put plans in place for the refurbishment of the building.

Summary of How We Provided A Public Benefit

A summary of our activities and actions undertaken in the year to meet our aims and objectives and to provide a public benefit is provided below. Further detail can be found below under "Kings Church Main Activities" at pages 9 to 12.

The direct benefits which have flowed from our actions in the year included the training and equipping of people in their Christian faith, the promotion of family stability and the well-being for those attending. Through our activities people have increased their ability to contribute positively to society and to address poverty and those in need of care. We facilitated our members to carry out acts of social concern to benefit persons in North Down and the surrounding areas facing hardship on the basis of their need and thereby promoting the practice of the Christian faith.

These benefits were evidenced through weekly meetings to present the teachings of the bible and the provision of opportunities for Christian response

including but not limited to prayer and worship. The church provided teaching and training opportunities, using the resources of church staff, volunteers and also external courses and events. With the relaxing of Covid 19 restrictions our groups were able start meeting again and were well attended: mothers and toddlers group (Kids and Co), Men's Group, Womens Group, (Gather), childrens' groups (Kings Kids Sunday) and youth group (Kings Youth Fellowship) and our group for people with learning disabilities (the Friends Group) – we reached out to those who had stop coming over Covid 19 and many returned. The ability to be able to meet again in-person help us to continue to promote the Christian faith, friendship and care.

The church's beneficiaries include those who have attended and participated in meetings and activities including children, youth, parents/carers with toddlers, the elderly and people with learning disabilities. The charity also brought benefits to the poor in the local community through supporting charitable organisations such as the Bangor Storehouse and our Community Fund as well as raising funds for people in poverty abroad. We continued our nursing home visits to Kingsland Nursing Home. We also worked in the year with other churches in the North Down area to promote joint events for the public. We continued to support our missionaries abroad who work to promote the Christian Faith alongside local churches and NGOs.

It should be noted that the above is not a complete list of activities. However they do demonstrate Kings Church is continuing to fulfill its obligations and achieve its objectives.

Kings Church Main Activities

Adult Ministries:

Over the year, Kings Church seeks to develop our Adult Ministries to best serve those currently in the church as well as bless and love those in our communities. The benefit from these actions enables members of Kings & those who also get involved to lead a more fulfilled and purposeful life.

Sunday Services:

Morning:

The main weekly gathering at Kings Church happens at 10.30am on Sunday morning in our church building. This includes a time to connect with one another, a time of sung worship, a preach from the Bible as well as times to pray for things happening in our lives and further afield across the world.

Across the year we had many new people joining our community. We held 2 Newcomers Lunches which saw over 20 people join Kings Church. Attendance to our Sunday morning services slowly increased throughout the year with around a 10-15% increase from the year before. We continued to live-stream these services to care for those who felt vulnerable in public but still wanted to be part of our church community.

This year we were able to incorporate 'Prayer Ministry' again at the end of our Sunday morning gatherings. Our team underwent safeguarding and prayer ministry training in September, and we then spent time praying for people towards the end of the service.

Evening:

The monthly Sunday Evening "Presence" Gathering continued on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Being held at 7.30pm meant that usually this was just adults that attended. The service is more relaxed and less structured, centring around an extended time of sung worship as well as responding creatively to the theme that month. On average 40 adults attended each month.

Community Groups:

Community Groups are groups of 6-19 people who meet weekly to eat together, study the Bible or reflect on the previous Sunday's sermon, share needs with one another and pray for each other. They also spend time praying for wider needs in the church and for our Global Missionaries. Across the year there were 8 groups that met regularly across the week in different localities. Around 60% of the adults in Kings were part of a Community Group.

Gather & Men's Ministries:

Gather runs events for women of all ages and stages of life to come together to build relationships and encourage one another through fun activities. These events are for all Female members of Kings as well as any female who wants to attend. Across the year there were multiple events which were well attended: these included a Christmas Craft Workshop, Clothes Swap, and an Afternoon Tea event. These events seek to introduce those in our personal spheres to members in the church to build connections in our locality.

Our Men's Ministry had a Saturday morning Breakfast as well as several of the Men attending a conference, "Rumble", in September. We also ran "Walking Football" for several weeks during the year as a way of socialising and exercising for those who wanted a more accessible way into football.

Global Mission:

Kings Church currently supports 7 families involved in Global Mission and has 1 other associated with the church. These families are involved in Japan, Kurdistan, Moldova, North Africa, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and the United Kingdom. They are involved in ministries including church planting, church pastoral work, development, evangelism, fundraising, medical work, outdoor pursuits, teaching, and working with refugees and asylum seekers.

Over the past year asylum seekers have been housed locally and a small group has reached out to them. This involves social events and weekly conversation classes with them to help improve their English.

We have a Global prayer meeting, once month and produce a prayer leaflet every month to help us pray effectively. We are still meeting on Zoom so that some of our missionaries can still attend. About 12 people attend each month.

Two of our missionary couples, working in Kurdistan and Japan were back with us over the year and we had meetings in the church to promote their work.

We started to pray for a new initiative called Thirty

We had several "mission focus" Sundays throughout the year. At one of these services, we had a visiting speaker, from a Missions Conference in the town that has been running for over 80 years and that some of our members attend. We also provide financial support to our mission families.

Storehouse:

Storehouse North Down is a project bringing together different agencies to fight food poverty throughout the North Down area and beyond. There is a shopping trolley positioned in the church building and members of the congregation are invited to regularly donate suitable food products that are then collected and taken to the Storehouse premises for distribution. This is done on a regular basis with extra times taken throughout the year to do bigger collections.

Friends Group:

This is our group for adults with learning disabilities, their carers and friends. The group provides opportunity for friendship, fun and learning to follow Jesus together. It meets fortnightly and has 25 regular attendees including 8 volunteers and support staff. The group has been able to meet regularly in Kings on a Wednesday night whilst also doing events outside of Kings. For all who attend, this is a valued place of connection and a place to belong, whilst for some it would be their "church service", as other services at Kings and other churches aren't accessible for them.

Marriage Preparation:

For those engaged to be married, Kings Church offers marriage preparation, which is an informal course run by members of the Leadership Team. The purpose is to help couples build strong foundations for their future together. One couple went through Marriage Preparation and were also married by one of the Pastors in Kings.

Create Space:

On a Friday morning Create Space is a place for people to come and enjoy some time together. It's a space for friendships to be built but also a place for creativity to happen. Individuals from both Kings, and the local community, bring sewing, artwork, or projects to work on. As well as this there are refreshments and games for people to play. Create Space has also been a place that local Asylum Seekers have felt very welcome to- a place to meet others, feel valued, learn new skills, and practice their English.

Leadership Hub:

In March 22 we started a Leadership Development Hub for those in the church who wanted to grow in their leadership, no matter what sphere that was. Embarking on a year course, 45 people signed up to meet monthly and embark on a journey of growing in their leadership.

Stories Course:

In the first few months of 2023 we partnered with the charity, Crown Jesus, who came and ran a course focused on Evangelism and Mission. It was attended by between 30-50 adults each week that the course ran.

Wider Events:

Across the Year, Kings ran multiple events that served and blessed members of Kings as well as the wider community. We had our Handmade Christmas Market which supported local small businesses who came to sell their products to over 700 people who came through the doors. The majority of those not linked to Kings, they were invited to following Christmas events. As well as our regular Nativity & Carol service, we also held a Christmas Musical: "Nine Songs for the Nativity". A choir practised for several weeks and with individuals in the choir enjoying it so much, we are going to start a community choir next year. We had other community events like our Light Party for "All Saints Day". Over 300 people attended an evening of fun & games as well as hearing about the "Light of the World." Our Family Fun Day in the summer at Kingsland Park and our Easter Eggstravaganza at Crawfordsburn Park were brilliant for those in Kings and others invited.

Youth Ministries:

Kings Church has a passion to serve Youth in our church and in the local community. Following hiring a new Youth Worker in March 2022 we were able to focus on the dozen or so youth that were in our Church community.

Kings Youth Fellowship:

K.Y.F. is a space for young people of Year 8 and above to explore their own Christian faith. This usually takes place on Sunday Evenings weekly during term times. The group involves lots of fun games, activities, and discussions about God and the Christian faith. There is a small youth team who oversee the group of around 6-12.

Kings Youth Sundays:

Our Kings Youth began to meet again on Sundays. Initially once a month and then increased to twice a month, they gathered in one of our upstairs rooms at the same time as the Morning service and had breakfast together whilst discussing topics that arose or that were being discussed by the church that day.

Children's Ministries:

Kings Kids Sundays:

On Sunday Mornings our children's ministry continued to grow and flourish. We had 4 groups that were specifically catered towards different age groups as well as a space for Parents/Carers to go with their children. In these groups the children were taught about God, faith, and church in fun, caring and interactive ways.

The average number of children attending Kings Kids Sunday's increased by 15% which required extra volunteers to ensure they were safe and also invested in. We had a number of new babies this year whilst also dedicated 10 children that had been born in the past few years.

Kids & Co:

Kids and Co is a Parent and Toddler group that runs every Tuesday morning. They welcome parents, grandparents, child-minders and carers with babies and toddlers of pre-nursery age. Usually, on average, 40 children and 30 adults attend each week. The majority of these children and adults are members of the community who wouldn't attend Kings Church regularly.

Kids and Co has been running for over 15 years with a team of volunteers who run the programme, by setting up a hall with toys, providing craft, a sing a long and refreshments.

Junior Youth Fellowship:

At the start of 2023 we started a Junior Youth Fellowship (J.Y.F) which happened monthly on a Sunday evening before KYF. This was for older primary school children to come and learn more about God, meet their friends and have lots of fun. This was attended by 6 children each month.

Holiday Bible Club:

In Summer 22 we had a Holiday Bible Club which saw 43 children come for a couple of hours in the morning or evening for fun activities, dramas, games & stories. The majority of these individuals came from outside of Kings Church.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £181.6k (2022: £198.1k) and expenditure totalled £167.7k (2022: £145.1k) leaving a surplus for the year of £13.9k (2022 surplus £53.0k). The main movements between the two years are largely as a result of the following:

- In 2022 there was the one-off sale of premises at Balloo Park which gave rise to a profit of £37.2k in that year
- Donations for Ministry & missions, public offerings increased in the year by £5.8k to £115.7k
- Donations to the building fund increased by £7.5k to £22.7k
- Income from other trading activities – rental of the building increased from £3.0k to £6.2k. This was a result of the lifting of Covid restrictions which enabled us to make the building available for hire
- Salary costs increased by £20.3k to £66.2k. This was largely due to Sam Deakin, our part-time assistant pastor, moving to a full-time position from August 2022 and Rae O’Dowd, our part-time Youth Worker, worked the full year (2022: one month’s employment beginning March 2022).
- Interest on loan (raised for original purchase of premises at Balloo) was nil in 2023 (2022: £11.9k) as the loan was paid off on sale of the site in March 2022.
- Building costs totalled £19.4k in the current year (£nil previous year). This was in relation to legacy work for planning applications for our premises at Seacliff Road.

Movement in Funds may be summarized as follows:

	Ministry £k	Building £k	Mission £k	Total £k
Income	109.7	31.4	40.4	181.6
Expenditure	(111.0)	(19.3)	(37.3)	(167.7)
Surplus	(1.3)	12.1	3.1	13.9
Transfer in funds	1.5	0	(1.5)	0
Opening balance 1/04/22	187.9	280.8	6.4	475.2
Closing balance 31/03/23	188.1	292.9	8.0	489.0

Note there are small rounding differences in the above table

The transfer in funds relates to expenditure incurred for mission purposes through the Ministry Fund and which are then reimbursed by the Mission Fund.

Reserves

Cash reserves at 31 March 2023 totaled £335.5k (2022: £340.0k). Whilst the church is seeking to upgrade its premises the trustees’ reserve policy is to continue to build up building fund cash reserves, maintain at least £4k in mission

cash reserves and maintain general cash reserves at a level to service the day-to-day running costs. This policy will be reviewed once we have suitable premises.

Future Strategic Plans

Our vision is to: "Follow Jesus, Make a Difference and to Grow New Disciples in Bangor, our Land and across the World."

In pursuit of that vision in the forthcoming year to March 2024, Kings Church plans to strategically develop in the following areas –

1. Leadership & Discipleship

We plan to provide opportunity to grow as followers of Jesus and in leadership whatever our role. We will review and relaunch our community groups to ensure that they provide a place of family and discipleship.

2 Pastoral Care & Mission

We will further develop pastoral care for our members and beyond as we all play our part. We will also consider how we can serve our local community in Bangor and further afield.

We will continue our work in the local hotel with asylum seekers seeking to help them with their English and build friendships.

3 Vision & Values

We will continue to instill our vision and values (Family, Presence, Truth and Love) in all we do as we seek to reflect what we believe God is calling us to be and to do.

4 Building Project

We will develop the design of the refurbished building at 196 Seacliff Road with the vision of it being used as both a home for Kings Church and also as a presence in the local community. We will also need to raise funds for the project from both our own members, the bank and trust funds. We plan to begin work on the ground in the later part of the year.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Peter Johnston
Chair of Trustees

16 October 2023

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	103,522	70,391	173,913	157,782
Income from other trading activities	6,179	0	6,179	3,012
Profit on sale of building	0	0	0	37,288
Investment income	0	1,486	1,486	0
Total income	109,701	71,877	181,578	198,082
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	111,007	56,700	167,707	145,076
Total expenditure	111,007	56,700	167,707	145,076
Net movement in funds	(1,306)	15,177	13,871	53,006
Transfers	1,500	(1,500)	0	0
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	187,937	287,234	475,171	422,165
Total funds carried forward	188,131	300,911	489,042	475,171

The notes on pages 18 to 22 form part of these accounts

KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets		152,426		152,426
Current assets:				
Debtors	4,519		2,285	
Short term investments	281,486		0	
Bank and cash	54,008		340,008	
	<u>340,013</u>		<u>342,293</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(3,397)</u>		<u>(19,548)</u>	
Net current assets		336,616		322,745
Total net assets		<u>489,042</u>		<u>475,171</u>

Funds of the Charity

Unrestricted income funds:

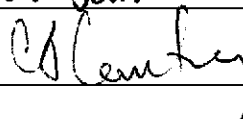
General	188,131	187,937
Designated	300,911	287,234
Total Charity funds	<u>489,042</u>	<u>475,171</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 16 October 2023, and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Johnston



Cliff Courtney



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KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the Trustees regard the charity as having sufficient resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of the asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment: 25% straight line

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Bank interest paid

The charity writes off directly attributed borrowing costs to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are incurred.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations for Ministry	80,811	0	80,811	77,286
Public offerings	1,223	0	1,223	750
Donations for missions	0	33,622	33,622	31,851
Donations for building account	0	22,657	22,657	15,113
Other gifts received	3,752	0	3,752	5,323
Tax refunds from Inland Revenue	17,736	14,112	31,848	27,459
	103,522	70,391	173,913	157,782

3. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent from Building	6,179	0	6,179	3,012

4. Profit on disposal of property

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Profit on disposal of Balloo Park building	0	0	0	37,288

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	0	1,486	1,486	0

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		2023	2022
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Salaries	66,188	0	66,188	45,861
Ministry development	0	0	0	3,753
Water rates	725	0	725	490
Insurance	3,326	0	3,326	4,754
Heat & light	12,874	0	12,874	12,880
Repairs, maintenance & equipment	8,898	0	8,898	14,790
Cleaning	950	0	950	0
Telephone	1,074	0	1,074	1,136
Printing, postage & stationery	997	0	997	1,454
Computer costs	1,557	0	1,557	0
Travelling & conferences	2,507	0	2,507	0
Youth Ministry	2,001	0	2,001	1,855
Outreach	1,602	0	1,602	507
Gifts	3,728	37,325	41,053	43,024
Building costs	0	19,375	19,375	0
Hospitality	3,028	0	3,028	0
Sundry expenses	710	0	710	2,184
Loan interest	0	0	0	11,934
Bank charges & interest	842	0	842	454
	<u>111,007</u>	<u>56,700</u>	<u>167,707</u>	<u>145,076</u>

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Seacliff Road	Balloo Park	Equipment	Total
	Building	Building		£
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 April 20212	152,426	0	20,576	173,002
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2023	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>173,002</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2022	0	0	20,576	20,576
Charge for year	0	0	0	0
As at 31 March 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,576</u>	<u>20,576</u>
Net book value				
As at 31 March 2023	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>152,426</u>
As at 1 April 2022	<u>152,426</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>152,426</u>

8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift aid tax recoverable	4,519	2,285
Other debtors	0	0
	<u>4,519</u>	<u>2,285</u>

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	3,397	19,548
	<u>3,397</u>	<u>19,548</u>

10. Designated funds

The Church operates two designated funds:

Building Fund - During the year it was decided that the church should remain in Seacliff Road, Bangor and a project was commenced for the refurbishment of the premises. The building fund will be used to develop the accommodation at Seacliff Road. In the year to March 2022 premises at Balloo Park Bangor were sold and the proceeds were used to repay a loan in full with the remaining balance taken to the building fund.

Mission fund - This fund is used to support various missionaries throughout the world.

	Building fund	Mission fund	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income	31,439	40,438	71,877	94,096
Expenditure:				
Costs re premises	19,375	0	19,375	0
Gifts	0	37,325	37,325	35,677
Loan interest	0	0	0	11,934
Total expenditure	<u>19,375</u>	<u>37,325</u>	<u>56,700</u>	<u>47,611</u>
Net movement in funds	12,064	3,113	15,177	46,485
Transfer to Unrestricted funds	0	(1,500)	(1,500)	(8,528)
Total funds brought forward	280,821	6,413	287,234	249,277
Total funds carried forward	<u>292,885</u>	<u>8,026</u>	<u>300,911</u>	<u>287,234</u>

11. Related Party Transactions

During the year the following payments were made to trustees and connected persons as permitted by clauses 5 and 28 of the Trust Deed:

	Services Provided	Year to 31 March 2023			
		Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	1,200	0	0	0
Iain Stewart* (Architect)	Architecture fees	0	0	0	17,335
Lesley Stewart (wife of Iain Stewart)	Administration	9,802	0	0	0
Luke Stewart (son of Iain Stewart)	Electrical work	0	0	0	0

*resigned as trustee on 10th January 2023

	Services Provided	Year to 31 March 2022			
		Salary	Pension	Expenses Reclaimed	Professional services
		£	£	£	£
Peter Johnston (trustee)	Lead Pastor	0	0	0	0
Iain Stewart (Architect)	Architectural Fees	0	0	0	18,000**
Lesley Stewart (wife of Iain Stewart)	Administration	9,204	0	0	0
Luke Stewart (son of Iain Stewart)	Electrical work	0	0	0	1,567

**paid in 2022/23 for work done in 2021/22 and accrued at 31 March 2022 in financial statements

The notes on pages 18 to 22 form part of these accounts

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF KINGS FELLOWSHIP (BANGOR)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 15 to 22.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charity Act
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

D. N. Robinson

David Neil Robinson
Retired Chartered Accountant
17 Grays Hill, Bangor, Co Down,

Date:

16 OCTOBER 2023