

Brooklands Brethren Assembly

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103022

Details

Known as Brooklands Gospel Centre

Status Received

Registered 2015-08-25

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

Contact

Address Brooklands Gospel Centre
Brooklands Crescent
Dundonald
Belfast
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Activities

Purposes: For the conduct of meetings for the Worship of God, for the preaching of the Gospel of the Grace of God and for the fellowship and edification of Believers and also for the holding of a Sunday School therein and other meetings connected with any of the foregoing purposes and approved by the Trustees

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£25,532	£21,321	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bill Mcnaughten		
Mr Andrew Morrison		
Mr Edward Mcintosh		
Mr Ernest Russell		
Mr Norman Wilson		
Mr Philip Magee		
Mr Robert Hair		
Mr William Patterson		

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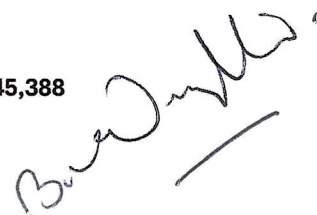
Accounts

BROOKLANDS GOSPEL CENTRE**Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year ended 5 April 2025 (£)**

	2025	2024
Receipts		
Offerings and Gifts	22,300	26,266
Miscellaneous	11	11
Gift Aid Tax Refund	3,221	3,401
Total	25,532	29,678
Payments		
Missionary Gifts	2,875	8,150
Other Gifts	2,360	2,165
Outreach Activities	1,020	1,319
Utilities	4,493	4,544
Insurances	1,968	1,903
Repairs/Building Works	3,621	332
General Expenses	4,984	7,066
Total	21,321	25,479
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	4,211	4,199
Opening Bank/Cash Balance	37,388	33,189
Closing Bank/Cash Balance	41,599	37,388

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year ended 5 April 2025

Bank Account	41,527	36,945
Cash in Hand	72	443
	41,599	37,388
Other Assets		
Building (Insurance Value)	2,053,000	1,833,000
Contents (Insurance Value)	175,000	175,000
	2,228,000	2,008,000
Total Assets	2,269,599	2,045,388



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Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year ended 5 April 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Offerings & Gifts	26,266	36,958
Miscellaneous	11	610
Gift Aid Tax Refund	3,401	3,952
Total	29,678	41,520
Payments		
Missionary Gifts	8,150	8,505
Other Gifts	2,165	4,230
Outreach Activities	1,319	613
Utilities and Property Insurance	6,447	6,357
Repairs/Building Works	332	12,066
General Expenses	7,066	5,464
Total	25,479	37,235
Surplus/Deficit for the year	4,199	4,285
Opening Bank/Cash Balance	33,189	28,904
Closing Bank/Cash Balance	37,388	33,189

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 5 April 2024

Bank Account	36,945	33,161
Cash in Hand	443	28
	37,388	33,189
Other Assets		
Building (Insurance Value)	1,833,000	1,636,000
Contents (Insurance Value)	175,000	155,000
	2,008,000	1,791,000
Total Assets	2,045,388	1,824,189

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Annual report

Brooklands Gospel Centre

**Trustees Report for the 12 month period ended
5 April 2024**

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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William McNaughten

Brooklands Gospel Centre

Trustees Report for the 12 month period ended 5 April 2024

The Trustees of Brooklands Brethren Assembly (the Assembly) submit their annual report and financial statement for the 12 month period ended 5th April 2024.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name and Number

Brooklands Brethren Assembly (known as Brooklands Gospel Centre)

Registered Charity NIC 103022

HMRC Charity Reference No. XN 48584

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Brooklands Crescent

Dundonald BT16 2PJ

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34 Greengraves Road

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Trustees

Robert Hair

Philip Magee

Edward McIntosh

William McNaughten

Andrew Morrison

William Patterson

Ernest Russell

Norman Wilson

Elders

William McNaughten (resigned July 2023)

Norman Wilson

Bankers - First Trust Bank

Independent Examiner – Denise Teer FCA

Solicitors – Hewitt & Gilpin Solicitors, Thomas House, 14-16 James Street South, Belfast BT2 7GA.

Brooklands Gospel Centre

Structure, Governance and Management

The Assembly is an independent local church constituted by a Trust Deed executed on 10th February 1976.

Although the Trustees have legal responsibility for the affairs of the Assembly, the day-to-day spiritual care and practical matters are overseen by the Elders. The Trustees meet at least once per year and the Elders meet at least once per month to discuss Assembly matters.

The Trust Deed provides for the appointment, retirement, and removal of Trustees.

The Assembly registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 25th August 2015.

The Assembly has appointed Denise Teer FCA as honorary independent examiner of the financial statements. The Trustees would thank Denise for her willingness to fulfil the role and for the time taken to examine the Assembly records and prepare her report.

Risk

Financial – The Assembly relies entirely on the income received from freewill offerings, without which the Assembly would not be able to achieve its charitable objectives. These offerings are sufficient to cover the costs associated with the current level of activities, however, should there be a reduction in offerings, the Trustees would implement a cost reduction programme to ensure the financial stability of the Assembly. The Assembly also holds cash reserves to meet unexpected necessary expenditure.

The Trustees are thankful for the continued generous level of giving by the members.

Reputational – Activities with children constitute the main risk. This is mitigated through a Child Protection Policy which is actively and routinely monitored.

Health – As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Assembly continued to implement a Covid Protection Policy based on a detailed Risk Assessment which was kept under continual review.

Objectives and Activities

The Trust was established for the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the public in accordance with biblical principles and practice (as outlined in the First Schedule of the Trust Deed). The Trust considers that promotion of the Christian faith has a transformative and beneficial effect on society both locally and worldwide.

The Assembly organises a range of activities including (but not restricted to):

- Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- Prayer Meetings
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Achievements and Performance

The objectives of the Assembly are spiritual and qualitative and are therefore, in many respects, difficult to measure. However, the following comments are worthy of consideration:

- The Assembly has been pleased to share the Gospel in a variety of ways, within its own building, with adults and children. During the year there have been regular attendances at these meetings and the Assembly engages with the local community to encourage others to avail of the opportunity to attend and benefit.
- The Assembly continues to support missionary activities in Northern Ireland and throughout the world.
- To assist in promoting good community relations, and support the legal authorities, the Assembly regards the encouraging of good Christian ethical behaviour as an important part of all teaching and this applies to both adult and children's activities.
- The Assembly makes gifts in cases of identified needs both locally and internationally, including disaster relief.

The Assembly has had regard to the statutory guidance in respect of the Public Benefit Requirement published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Financial Review

The Trustees are content with the financial results for the year with Cash Surplus of £4,199 being recorded (2023 Cash Surplus £4,285). The Assembly continues to maintain a healthy cash position (£37,388 at the year-end).

An annual report is delivered to the Assembly to explain in detail the income and expenditure associated with the operations of the Assembly.

The Trustees have established the position of Treasurer for the Assembly which is held by a suitably qualified and experienced person. Controls are in place to manage the finances and help to prevent and/or detect fraud or error. Management accounts are reported quarterly to the Elders for approval.

Taxation Status

The Assembly, being a charity recognised by the HMRC, has no liability to taxation on its charitable activities.

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Brooklands Brethren Assembly

I report on the accounts of the Assembly for the year ended 5 April 2024, a copy of which is attached.

Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity 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 Directives given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

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

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Name: Denise Teer FCA
Professional Qualification: Chartered Accountant
Address: 70 The Spires
Dromore Co. Down

Signed: 

Date: 15/2/25

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Miscellaneous - Wayleave	610	660
Gift Aid Tax Refund	3,952	3,393
Total	41,520	54,915
Payments		
Missionary Gifts	8,505	16,900
Other Gifts	4,230	1,095
Outreach Activities	613	-
Utilities and Property Insurance	6,357	5,242
Repairs/Building Works	12,066	27,240
General Expenses	5,464	4,438
Total	37,235	54,915
Surplus/Deficit for the year	4,285	-
Opening Bank/Cash Balance	28,904	28,904
Closing Bank/Cash Balance	33,189	28,904

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 5 April 2023

Bank Account	33,161	28,014
Cash in Hand	28	890
	33,189	28,904
Other Assets		
Building (Insurance Value)	1,636,000	1,561,000
Contents (Insurance Value)	155,000	143,000
	1,791,000	1,704,000
Total Assets	1,824,189	1,732,904

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