

Crosscollyer Street Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103222

Details

Known as	Crosscollyer Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Status	Received
Registered	2015-08-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Objects are: (1) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Subordinate Standard of Faith as defined in The Code applicable to the Congregation in the North Belfast area and in such other parts of the world ('the area of benefit') as the Trustees may from time to time think fit;

What the charity does: The advancement of religion, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Community development, Counselling/support, Medical/health/sickness, Religious activities, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), Children (5-13 year olds), Community safety/crime prevention, Ex-offenders and prisoners, Interface communities, Men, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Specific areas of deprivation, Unemployed/low income, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£43,819	£52,829	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Alastair Logan		
Mr Ernest Brown		
Rev Ethan Mccarter		
Rev Robert Campbell Beckett		

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Accounts

Crosscollyer Street Evangelical Presbyterian Church 2024					
Church Fund - as at 31 December 2024					
2023	Income	2024	2023	Expenditure	2024
45953.05	Opening Balance	85567.67		<u>Congregational Overheads</u>	
40000.00	Somerton - EBS	40000.00	1955.24	Heat & Light	1453.88
448.00	Less uncashed chq (Incorporating Repair Fund)	0.00	490.40	Insurance	525.60
			240.00	Water Rates	247.38
86401.05		125567.67	21.24	Ground Rent	21.24
			2706.88	Total	2248.10
	<u>General Income</u>			<u>To Denominational Funds</u>	
15524.30	Freewill Offering	15129.53	24000.00	Central Fund	22900.00
4410.67	Loose Offerings	4040.95	2424.39	Help the Needy - 2022 & 2023	1018.00
475.02	Wednesday night	348.73	1710.38	H&FM - 2022 & 2023	0.00
0.00	Repair Fund Offering	211.00	0.00	Dumisani Theol. Institute	1363.77
20409.99	Total	19730.21	63.00	Evang Pres Magazine	21.00
	<u>General Donations - Congregational</u>		28197.77	Total	25302.77
1175.00	Donations	4550.00		<u>Congregational Activities</u>	
4625.31	Gift Aid	4755.37	1310.00	Pulpit Supply	1200.00
0.00	Repair Fund Donations	3030.00	93.00	Hymn Book Licence	97.00
5800.31	Total	12335.37	0.00	Visas & Healthcare	16149.41
	<u>Income for Denominational Funds</u>		158.4	Evang. Bookshop BR Notes	5.75
1264.00	Help the Needy	1268.00	100.00	Calendars & Tracts	0.00
1025.00	Missions	2038.77	1661.40	Total	17452.16
0.00	ACTS	175.00		<u>Other Missions</u>	
2289.00	Total	3481.77	797.65	Crosslinks - A Moody	1107.63
	<u>Other Missions</u>		1350.00	Middle East Ref. Fell.	0.00
797.82	Crosslinks - A Moody	1107.63	920.00	EMF - Ukraine	350.00
341.00	Christian Inst	0.00	360.00	Int/I Mission - Jewish People	754.00
760.00	European M Fellowship - Ukraine	600.00	0.00	Frontiers - P Grier	700.00
360.00	Int/I Mission - Jewish People	804.00	341.00	Christian Institute	0.00
250.00	M.Africa - P.Gaia	250.00	250.00	M Africa	0.00
347.50	Middle East Ref. Fell.	0.00	0.00	ACTS	175.00
0.00	Daylight Christian Prison Fell	348.00	0.00	CEF - J Fenton	250.00
0.00	CEF J Fenton	250.00	0.00	Daylight Christian Prison Fell	400.00
0.00	Frontiers - P Grier	600.00	4018.65	Total	3736.63
2856.12	Total	3959.63		<u>Other Expenditure</u>	
			194.40	Boyd Fire Protection	138.60
			1066.00	Church repairs	0.00
	<u>Other Income</u>		100.00	Miscellaneous	330.83
600.00	Government Support	0.00	1012.99	Property Repairs & Expenses	2459.05
6875.00	Property Account (rent)	625.00	1802.78	Somerton Expenses	766.11
32.00	Creditors	12.00	0.00	Ordination Expenses	395.00
0.00	Progressive BS Interest	2200.82	4176.17	Total	4089.59
1200.00	Somerton Rent	1200.00	32373.94	Overall Expenditure	52829.25
0.00	SSE Refund	14.81	32373.94	Overall Total - Balance	116557.53
8707.00	Total	4052.63			
			447.00	Cash in Hand	0.00
0.00	Uncashed Cheques	259.50	24359.80	Bank	16557.53
40062.62	Overall Income	43819.11	60000.00	Progressive BS plus Somerton	100000.00
126463.67	Overall Available Funds	169386.78	84806.80	Remaining Balance	116557.53

Crosscollyer Street EPC

Church Repair Fund as at 31 December 2024

Receipts	2024	Payments	2024
Opening Balance	988.97	Window Repairs	0.00
Donations	3241.00	New Radiators	0.00
Transfer from General Fund	0.00		
		Total Expenditure	0.00
Total Income	3241.00		
Final Balance	4229.97	Remaining Balance	4229.97

The above balance is held within the main bank account however it is restricted for building purposes only.

Crosscollyer Street EPC

Property Account

Receipts	2024	Payments	2024
Rental Income	625.00	Building Repairs /Main	1,239.58
		Insurance	321.20
		Rates	614.11
		Shed	189.66
		Electric Fire	94.50
Total Income	625.00	Total Expenditure	2,459.05

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Church and in my opinion the attached receipts and payments are in accordance therewith.



Janet Hume
11 February 2025

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Church Fund - as at 31 December 2023					
2022	Income	2023	2022	Expenditure	2023
4269.83	Opening Balance	45953.05		Congregational Overheads	
	Somerton - EBS	40000.00	1412.04	Heat & Light	1955.24
	Less uncashed chq	448.00	487.87	Insurance	490.40
		85505.05	220.98	Water Rates	240.00
0.00	(incorporating Repair Fund)	0.00	21.24	Ground Rent	21.24
4269.83			2142.13	Total	2706.88
	<u>General Income</u>				
15396.29	Freewill Offering	15524.30			
3902.24	Loose Offerings	4410.67		<u>To Denominational Funds</u>	
695.62	Wednesday night	475.02	24000.00	Central Fund	24000.00
19994.15	Total	20409.99	0.00	Help the Needy - 2022	1160.39
			0.00	Help the Needy - 2023	1264.00
	<u>General Donations - Congregational</u>		0.00	H&FM - 2022	685.38
500.00	Donations	1175.00	63.00	H&FM - 2023	1025.00
4511.50	Gift Aid	4625.31	63.00	Evang Pres Magazine	63.00
5011.50	Total	5800.31	24126.00	Total	28197.77
				<u>Congregational Activities</u>	
	<u>Income for Denominational Funds</u>		1560.00	Pulpit Supply	1310.00
1160.39	Help the Needy	1264.00	157.02	Uncashed chq	0.00
685.38	Home & Foreign Missions	1025.00	87.00	Hymn Book Licence	93.00
1845.77	Total	2289.00	19.26	COVID 19	0.00
				Evang. Bookshop BR Notes	158.4
	<u>Other Missions</u>			Calendars & Tracts	100.00
890.94	Crosslinks - A Moody	797.82	1823.28	Total	1661.40
0.00	Christian Inst	341.00		<u>Other Missions</u>	
2535.00	European M Fellowship - Ukraine	760.00	890.94	Crosslinks - A Moody	797.65
521.00	Int'l Mission - Jewish People	360.00	0.00	Middle East Ref. Fell.	1350.00
0.00	M.Africa - P.Gaia	250.00	2375.00	EMF - Ukraine	920.00
132.32	Evang. Protestant Society	0.00	481.00	Int'l Mission - Jewish People	360.00
0.00	Middle East Ref. Fell.	347.50	150.00	Evang. Protestant Society	0.00
4079.26	Total	2856.32	0.00	Christian Institute	341.00
	<u>Other Income</u>			M Africa	250
0.00	Government Support	600.00	3896.94	Total	4018.65
6050.00	Property Account (rent)	6875.00		<u>Other Expenditure</u>	
0.00	Creditors	32.00	63.60	Boyd Fire Protection	194.40
480.00	Mrs Johnston - Memory	0.00	228.99	Church repairs	1066.00
1680.00	Mrs Kinkead - Memory	0.00	120.00	Miscellaneous	100.00
1100.00	Dunlop Jewellery	0.00	1233.82	Property Repairs	1012.99
22000.00	Lisburn Rd Church Proceeds	0.00	1698.55	Somerton Expenses	1802.78
105164.85	Somerton Funds	0.00	11800.00	Helping Hand	0.00
900.00	Somerton Rent	1200.00	40000.00	Somerton - EBS	0.00
137374.85	Total	8707.00	55144.96	Total	4176.17
			87070.31	Overall Expenditure	40760.87
			85953.05	Overall Total - Balance	84806.80
448.00	Uncashed Cheques	0.00	258.00	Cash in Hand	447.00
168753.53	Overall Income	40062.62	85695.05	Bank	24359.80
			0	Progressive BS 3.75%	60000.00
173023.36	Overall Available Funds	125567.67	85953.05	Remaining Balance	84806.80

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Annual report

Trustees Annual Report for 2023

Crosscollyer Street Evangelical Presbyterian Church exists to proclaim and advance the Christian Faith, as set out in the word of God, the Bible, and in accordance with the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. Our aim is to bring God's word and the wonderful message of salvation, the Gospel, to the hearts of men, women, boys and girls both locally in the North Belfast area and across the world to the great benefit of their lives. We believe that the moral ethics of the Bible provides the best basis for successful, healthy and happy living within any community.

After the Covid-19 pandemic church life has returned to normality. We were able to meet together for both Sunday morning and evening services for all of the year and also the mid-week meeting for prayer and Bible study. The Afternoon Circle for senior citizens met on Tuesdays apart from a summer break. Face masks were made available but were rarely worn to services. Hand sanitisation stations continued to be provided and seating arranged so recommended social distancing could be observed. Attendances at both our Sunday and Wednesday services remained encouraging. Thankfully while our members and adherents could still be infected by the virus its effects were usually not severe due to the availability of vaccines and less virulent virus strains. A number of funerals in the local community were also conducted by our interim minister.

Our members and adherents were very appreciative of the encouragement and strength gained from meeting for worship and fellowship together and being able to support each other by their prayers. Many also keep in regular contact through phone and social media. The weekly senior citizens group was also greatly appreciated as an antidote to loneliness.

The damaging results of government policy defining Off-Licences as an essential service has become increasingly clear with a huge number of people showing signs of serious addiction to alcohol. Alcohol related deaths in NI in 2022 have increased by 25% since 2019. We tried to restart our weekly addiction support group but due to a lack of leaders were unsuccessful. We continued to contact all the members regularly by phone. It is our great desire to restart weekly meetings as soon as staff resources become available.

Our Kids Club met from January to March and October to December following a 3-Day Club in September. It is international in membership with at least 4 nationalities represented. The kids mixed well together and numbers attending were the best for many years. We were again able to run our customary summer residential camps in conjunction with other churches in the denomination. A number of our young people attended each of the camps. These were much enjoyed and passed off uneventfully. In March and April all three of our camps held very successful reunions.

Offerings remained similar to previous years and our finances have kept in good shape. The offering at our Harvest Thanksgiving services in October for the 'Help the Needy' fund to support those in great need in third world countries was again encouraging. We give thanks to God for his mercy and the generosity of his people. During the year we continued to benefit from the rental of a house bequeathed to the congregation and this is now a valuable source of income. Our current financial position is on a secure footing.

Our retired minister who is also a trustee was paid mileage expenses from Central Fund to cover travel costs in continuing to care for the vacant congregation. He preached regularly and provided pastoral oversight along with the other members of the Kirk session. During 2023 we continued to give financial support to the Central Fund of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church for the support of its Ministers. Our support level is well below the cost of a Minister and being currently without a

minister we were able to contribute to the support of other financially challenged congregations within the denomination. We are also pleased to have distributed generously to various Mission-type works.

Our search for a suitable man to become the new minister of the congregation finally moved forward when in June a suitable young man from the USA accepted a call from the congregation to become its pastor. He is currently on contract as an Intern with another church but will become available to come to us next summer. There will also be various Home Office immigration requirements to be fulfilled.

It is of primary importance to us that our Congregation and work in North Belfast is founded on the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of sinners, and is directed by his Word, the Bible. We are glad that this continued to be so in 2023. We believe, and have seen evidence, that lives lived according to God's word are happy and successful and free from many of the problems afflicting those who live in other ways. In the last year we have also witnessed how a strong faith in God gives encouragement and peace when life and health are threatened.

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Annual return

Crosscollyer Street Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Charity Commission Number NIC103220

Independent Examiners Report:

I report on the accounts for the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

I have examined the accounts as required and in accordance with the above.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of any usual items or disclosures in the accounts and seek explanations from 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:

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

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



Janet Hume
23 February 2024

Crosscollyer Street Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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Accounts

Crosscollyer Street Evangelical Presbyterian Church					
Church Fund - as at 31 December 2022					
2021	Income	2022	2021	Expenditure	2022
580.22	Opening Balance	4269.83		Congregational Overheads	
			302.99	Heat & Light	1412.04
803.96	(incorporating Repair Fund)	0.00	474.52	Insurance	487.87
1384.18		4269.83	262.57	Water Rates	220.98
	<u>General Income</u>		21.24	Ground Rent	21.24
15889.00	Freewill Offering	15396.29	1061.32	Total	2142.13
4095.72	Loose Offerings	3902.24			
476.24	Wednesday night	695.62		<u>To Denominational Funds</u>	
20460.96	Total	19994.15	22000.00	Central Fund	24000.00
			1309.70	Help the Needy	0.00
	<u>General Donations - Congregational</u>		970.00	Home & Foreign Missions	0.00
1669.00	Donations	500.00	84.00	Evang Pres Magazine	63.00
4797.90	Gift Aid	4511.50	24363.70	Total	24063.00
6466.90	Total	5011.50			
				<u>Congregational Activities</u>	
	<u>Income for Denominational Funds</u>		525.00	Pulpit Supply	1560.00
1309.70	Help the Needy	1160.39	153.00	Uncashed chq	157.02
970.00	Home & Foreign Missions	685.38	83.00	Hymn Book Licence	87.00
2279.70	Total	1845.77	27.18	COVID 19	19.26
			788.18	Total	1823.28
	<u>Other Missions</u>				
1099.07	Crosslinks - A Moody	890.94		<u>Other Missions</u>	
401.00	CEF - J Fenton	0.00	1099.07	Crosslinks - A Moody	890.94
151.92	European M Fellowship - Ukraine	2535.00	401.00	CEF - J Fenton	0.00
0.00	Int/I Mission - Jewish People	521.00	200.00	EMF - Ukraine	2375.00
0.00	ACTS	0.00	0.00	Int/I Mission - Jewish People	481.00
0.00	Evang. Protestant Society	132.32	0.00	Evang. Protestant Society	150.00
1651.99	Total	4079.26	0.00	ACTS	0.00
			1700.07	Total	3896.94
	<u>Other Income</u>				
2743.50	Agnew Bequest	0.00		<u>Other Expenditure</u>	
110.06	SSE Refund	0.00	393.00	Boyd Fire Protection	63.60
6150.00	Property Account (rent)	6050.00	5520.00	Church repairs	228.99
23.74	Creditors	0.00	122.87	Miscellaneous	120.00
0.00	Mrs Johnston - Memory	480.00	3209.08	Property Repairs	1233.82
0.00	Mrs Kinhead - Memory	1680.00	0.00	Somerton Expenses	1698.55
0.00	Dunlop Jewellery	1100.00	0.00	Helping Hand	11800.00
0.00	Lisburn Rd Church Proceeds	22000.00	0.00	Somerton - EBS	40000.00
0.00	Somerton Funds	105164.85	9244.95	Total	55144.96
0.00	Somerton Rent	900.00			
9027.30	Total	137374.85			
			37005.22	Overall Expenditure	87070.31
			4269.83	Overall Total - Balance	85953.05
157.02	Uncashed Cheques	448.00			
40043.87	Overall Income	168753.53	250.00	Cash in Hand	258.00
			4019.83	Bank	85695.05
41428.05	Overall Available Funds	173023.36	4269.83	Remaining Balance	85953.05

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As society recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic things have gradually regained a measure of normality. We were able to meet together for both Sunday morning and evening services for all of the year and also the mid-week meeting for prayer and Bible study. The Afternoon Circle for senior citizens met on Tuesdays apart from a summer break. Face masks continued to be worn by most people to services for much of the year. Hand sanitisation stations continued to be provided and seating arranged so recommended social distancing could be observed. All meetings continued to take place in the main auditorium. Attendances at both our Sunday and Wednesday services remained encouraging. Thankfully while many of our members and adherents were infected by the virus its effects were usually not very severe due to the availability of vaccines and a less virulent virus strain.

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Annual return

Crosscollyer Street Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Charity Commission Number NIC103220

Independent Examiners Report:

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Janet Hume
14 March 2023