

The Dundonald Christian Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103349

Details

Known as	DCT
Status	Received
Registered	2015-07-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The Trustees shall hold the Trust Fund and its income upon trust to apply them for the following objects (the Objects"): (i) to further the religious and other charitable work of St Elizabeth's Parish Church, Dundonald, County Down; (ii) to advance the Christian religion in any part of the world as expressed in the Holy Bible and the 39 Articles of the Church of Ireland; and (iii) to advance religious education in accordance with the doctrines and principles of the Anglican faith by means of Bible classes and otherwise.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion, Other charitable purposes

How the charity works: Education/training, Grant making, Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Adult training, General public, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£8,145	£10,430	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Lynn Anderson Bsc Hons		
Rev. W Press		
Robert Smyth		
Tim Anderson		
Trevor Johnston		

The Dundonald Christian Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103349

Accounts

Charity Number: NIC103349

Dundonald Christian Trust

Unaudited Accounts

Year Ended 5th April 2025

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c/o Ards Business Hub
Sketrick House
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Dundonald Christian Trust
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Legal & Administrative Information

Trustees

Rev. William Press

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Mr. Robert Smyth

Mrs. Lynn Anderson

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Bankers

Danske Bank Limited
518 - 520 Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
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**Dundonald Christian Trust
Year Ended 5th April 2025**

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Dundonald Christian Trust
Year Ended 5th April 2025

Trustees' Report

The trustees have pleasure in presenting the Dundonald Christian Trust annual report for the year ended 5th April 2025.

In view of the size of the charity and the small amounts of income and expenditure, the trustees have decided that it is appropriate to present the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

History of the Association

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Principle Objectives

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Organisational Structure

The organisation has been structured in a way that ensures our members are able to access management and committee promptly when required. Our structure also ensures clear management responsibility and accountability. Since 8th July 2015 the Trust has been registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The charity registration number is NIC103349.

Donors

There continues to be a small number of donors who give regularly to the Trust.


Activity during the year ended 5th April 2025

Grants given

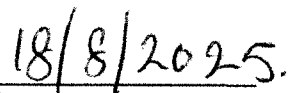
6 grants were made this year to a variety of people and organisations. For example, £1000 to a Relay Worker for Christian Unions Ireland; £2000 to Christianity Explored - an organisation which provides resources and education for churches/individuals exploring the Christian Faith; £2000 to All Saints Church/St Nicholas Belfast towards 2 ministry apprenticeships; £1500 towards someone working for Logos Ministries, an organisation with a Bible Teaching Ministry in different contexts locally and globally, finally a grant of £2000 to someone training for Church Ministry at a Theological Training college in England.

These grants have however enabled the advancing of the Christian religion through training, education, bible teaching and apprenticeships.

By the Order of the Board



Robert Smyth
Chairperson



18/08/2025

Dundonald Christian Trust
Year Ended 5th April 2025
Trustees' Responsibilities


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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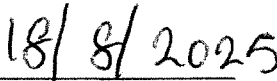
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charities (Accounts and Reports 2015) and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Dundonald Christian Trust
Year Ended 5th April 2025
Independent Examiners' Report

Independent examiners' report to the charity trustees of Dundonald Christian Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 05 April 2025, which are set out on pages 1 and 2

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 Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' 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.

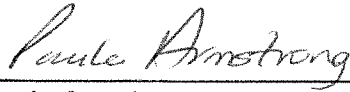
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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
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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiners' 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.



Paula Armstrong

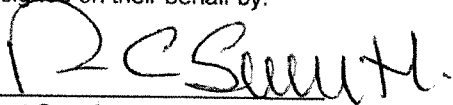
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Receipts and Payments Account

	<i>Unrestricted Funds 2025</i>	<i>Restricted Funds 2025</i>	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations, Legacies & Grants	7,300	-	7,300	8,000
Gift Aid Income	-	-	-	-
Interest on Deposit Accounts	845	-	845	760
	<u>8,145</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,145</u>	<u>8,760</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
Grants & Donations Paid	9,500	-	9,500	4,000
Bank Interest & Charges	30	-	30	30
Legal & Professional	-	-	-	-
Computer Expenses	336	-	336	373
Accountancy	564	-	564	528
	<u>10,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,430</u>	<u>4,931</u>
Net Receipts /(Payments)	(2,285)	-	(2,285)	3,829
B/f Reserves	21,365	41,798	63,163	59,334
Transfer	-	-	-	-
Cash Funds This Year End	<u>19,080</u>	<u>41,798</u>	<u>60,878</u>	63,163

The receipts and payments account was approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



Robert Smyth
Chairman

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Statement of assets and liabilities

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Funds Reconciliation	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand 05.04.24	21,365	41,798	63,163	59,334
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(2,285)	-	(2,285)	3,829
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Bank and Cash Balances

Business Investment Account	50,276	53,431
Charity Account	10,602	9,732
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18/8/2025
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12/08/2024

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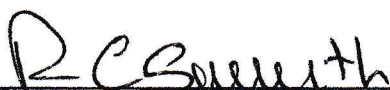
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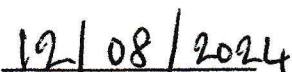
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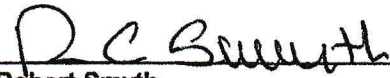
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Receipts and Payments Account

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<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations, Legacies & Grants	8,000	-	8,000	4,750
Gift Aid Income	-	-	-	-
Interest on Deposit Accounts	760	-	760	160
	<u>8,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,760</u>	<u>4,910</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
Grants & Donations Paid	4,000	-	4,000	6,000
Bank Interest & Charges	30	-	30	30
Legal & Professional	-	-	-	-
Computer Expenses	373	-	373	365
Accountancy	528	-	528	516
	<u>4,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,931</u>	<u>6,911</u>
Net Receipts /(Payments)	3,829	-	3,829	(2,001)
B/f Reserves	- 12,464	71,798	59,334	61,335
Transfer	30,000	- 30,000	-	-
Cash Funds This Year End	<u>21,365</u>	<u>41,798</u>	<u>63,163</u>	<u>59,334</u>

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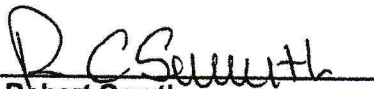
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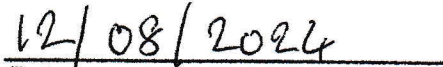
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Funds Reconciliation	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand 05.04.23	(12,464)	71,798	59,334	61,335
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	2,329	1,500	3,829	(2,001)
Cash at bank & in hand 05.04.24	(10,135)	73,298	63,163	59,334

Bank and Cash Balances

Business Investment Account	53,431	50,671
Charity Account	9,732	8,663
	63,163	59,334

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:


Robert Smyth
Chairman


Date

The Dundonald Christian Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103349

Annual report



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
From	06	04	2023	To	05	04	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Dundonald Christian Trust

Other names charity is known by DCT

Registered charity number (if any) NI103349

Charity's principal address

26 Ballyregan Road
 Dundonald
 Belfast
 Postcode BT16 1HY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lynn Anderson	Treasurer		
2	Trevor Johnston			
3	Robert Smyth	Chair		
4	William Press			
5	Timothy Anderson	Secretary		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal	King & Gowdy	298 Upper Newtownards Rd, Belfast, BT4 3EJ
Accountant	Prior McMahon	104-108 Frances Street, Newtownards, BT23 7OY

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. Criteria for selecting a trustee requires that the candidate to be in agreement with the objects of the Trust and to understand the necessity of instruction and training in advancing the Christian religion.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

DCT is a small trust with an organisational structure that aims to meet statutory requirements

Each Trustee is required to read 'Running Your Charity' (CCNI) and 'On Becoming a Charity Trustee' published by Small Charity Support. These outline the responsibilities for directing the affairs of a charity and emphasizes the importance of working as a team.

Although DCT works closely with St. Elizabeth's Church Dundonald, there is no formal connection. Other than this, DCT operates independently from any other organisation and does not have any formal relationship with other bodies or parties.

The Trustees recognise that the Trust could experience a variety and range of risks and that these must be assessed, monitored and managed. For example, the risk of an increase in grant applications during a period of economic uncertainty alongside a decrease in income to the Trust. Other risks could be a change in legal requirements; or a failure in structural organisation.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To further the religious and charitable work of St Elizabeth's Church in the Parish of Dundonald Co. Down.

To advance the Christian religion in any part of the world as expressed in the Holy Bible and the 39 Articles of the Church of Ireland.

To advance religious education with the doctrines and principles of the Anglican faith by means of bible classes and otherwise.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

Each application is assessed to see if it meets the Objectives of the Trust and Public Benefit as identified in the Trust's Public Benefit Statement.

The main activities of the Trust over the last year have been the awarding of grants for a number of purposes;

- To support the work of the Assistant Curate at St Elizabeth's Church Dundonald. Amongst the beneficiaries are young adults from the church, their families, and the surrounding area of Dundonald. The beneficiaries also include people of all ages who were trained in a 10 week course - An Introduction to the Bible. Also amongst the beneficiaries are older members of the church. The public benefit includes the spiritual and moral development of both young and older people.
- To fund the theological training of those selected for Christian ministry. The public benefit includes the teaching of the Bible and Anglican faith by students who complete their training for the moral and spiritual instruction and pastoral care of congregations.
- To fund the training of young people who undertake apprenticeship training in a variety of Christian ministry contexts. The public benefit includes the training of young people for future Christian ministry and the moral and spiritual improvement that comes from the teaching of the Bible and the Anglican faith.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

DCT awards grants to applicants who meet the criteria as described in the objects of the Trust. Grants are approved by a majority decision of the Trustees.

Other criteria include the requirement that an applicant provides all the information requested by the Application Pro forma, including two references.

The Trust does not have any financial investments.

Each Trustee is a volunteer and receives no remuneration for their contribution to the Trust.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Trustees have met once during the last year. As last year only a few grants have been awarded by the Trustees due to low number of applicants. The total sum awarded was £4,000.00. Please note that the amount of unrestricted funds available for grants is actually quite little. However 4 grants were made during the last year. These were for example; the purpose of furthering the religious and charitable work of St Elizabeth Church Dundonald, £2,000.00 to support the work of the Curate, £1,000.00 grant to All Saints Church Belfast towards a ministry apprenticeship, and £1,000 to a ministry apprentice working with students and young people in a church in Strasbourg.

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves policy of the Trust arises from the following criteria.

- Regular planned financial commitments – monthly standing orders and an annual payment to the accountant and to MCC computers for the web hosting service.
- Other financial commitments are grants awarded to applicants throughout the year
- A small contingency fund is required to meet unforeseen operational costs.
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The amount of reserves held should therefore be sufficient to meet these expenditures. The amount of reserve at this year-end is £63,000.00. It should be noted that most of the funds are restricted and that income received from donations during this tax year has been small.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in material deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principle source of fund raising is donations from individuals some of which are regular and others intermittent. The Trust has previously received very generous gift. However much of this gift is restricted for specific purposes.

Expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity as grants have been awarded to applicants who meet the objectives of the Trust.

The Trust has not invested any funds. The Trust has a Business account that pays interest.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	R C Smyth	
Full name(s)	Robert Smyth	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	12/08/2024.	

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Year Ended 5th April 2023**

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Dundonald Christian Trust
Year Ended 5th April 2023

Trustees' Report

The trustees have pleasure in presenting the Dundonald Christian Trust annual report for the year ended 5th April 2023.

In view of the size of the charity and the small amounts of income and expenditure, the trustees have decided that it is appropriate to present the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

History of the Association

The Dundonald Christian Trust was established in 2008. It is now registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC103349) and is run by the board of trustees.

Principle Objectives

The aim of the Trust is to support and further the religious and charitable work of St Elizabeth Dundonald, to advance the Christian religion around the world and to support religious education and training. The Trust administers donations, regulates giving and considers applications for support.

Organisational Structure

The organisation has been structured in a way that ensures our members are able to access management and committee promptly when required. Our structure also ensures clear management responsibility and accountability.

Donors

There continues to be a small number of donors who give regularly to the Trust.

Activity during the year ended 5th April 2023

Grants given

The Trust has received very few applications during this tax year, perhaps because of the ongoing effects of the recent pandemic and also much of the funding being restricted. Unrestricted donations to the Trust have only been received towards the end of the tax year. However the Trust has given 2 grants totalling £6,000.00 to organisations/people undertaking a variety of Christian work/education and training in line with the objectives of the Trust for example:

To St Elizabeth Church, Dundonald for the funding of the post of Curate; also to a young person working as a Ministry student here in a church here in Belfast. Those awarded grants from the Trust have been asked to provide feedback to the trustees so that we can monitor how well the grants are being used to meet the Trust objectives.

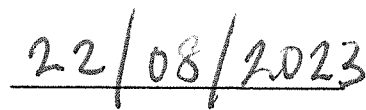
Charity Commissioners Northern Ireland

Since 8th July 2015 the Trust has been registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The charity registration number is NIC103349.

By the Order of the Board



Robert Smyth
Chairperson



Date

Dundonald Christian Trust
Year Ended 5th April 2023
Trustees' Responsibilities


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the 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 trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial 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 these financial statements, the trustees *are required to*:

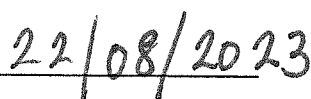
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charities (Accounts and Reports 2015) and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By the Order of the Board



Robert Smyth
Chairperson



Date

Dundonald Christian Trust
Year Ended 5th April 2023
Independent Examiners' Report

Independent examiners' report to the charity trustees of Dundonald Christian Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 05 April 2023, which are set out on pages 1 and 2

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 Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' 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.

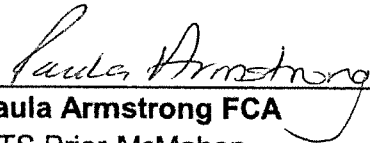
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

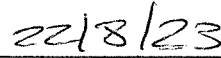
1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper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

Independent examiners' 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.



Paula Armstrong FCA
MTS Prior McMahon
Chartered Accountants
104 - 108 Frances Street
Newtownards
Co. Down
BT23 7DY




Date

Dundonald Christian Trust
Year Ended 5th April 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

	<i>Unrestricted Funds 2023</i>	<i>Restricted Funds 2023</i>	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations, Legacies & Grants	3,750	1,000	4,750	-
Gift Aid Income	-	-	-	-
Interest on Deposit Accounts	160	-	160	11
	<u>3,910</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>4,910</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
Grants & Donations Paid	-	6,000	6,000	36,000
Bank Interest & Charges	30	-	30	23
Legal & Professional	-	-	-	-
Computer Expenses	365	-	365	263
Accountancy	516	-	516	510
	<u>911</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,911</u>	<u>36,796</u>
Net Receipts /(Payments)	2,999	(5,000)	(2,001)	(36,786)
B/f Reserves	- 15,463	76,798	61,335	98,121
Cash Funds This Year End	<u>(12,464)</u>	<u>71,798</u>	<u>59,334</u>	61,335

The receipts and payments account was approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:


 Robert Smyth
 Chairman

22/08/2023

**Dundonald Christian Trust
Year Ended 5th April 2023**


Statement of assets and liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Funds Reconciliation	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand 05.04.22	(15,463)	76,798	61,335	98,121
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	2,999	(5,000)	(2,001)	(36,786)
Cash at bank & in hand 05.04.23	(12,464)	71,798	59,334	61,335

Bank and Cash Balances

Business Investment Account	50,670	55,875
Charity Account	8,662	5,460
	59,334	61,335

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



 Robert Smyth
 Chairman

22/08/2023

 Date

The Dundonald Christian Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103349

Annual report



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
From	06	04	2022	To	05	04	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Dundonald Christian Trust

Other names charity is known by DCT

Registered charity number (if any) NI103349

Charity's principal address 26 Ballyregan Road
 Dundonald
 Belfast
 Postcode BT16 1HY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lynn Anderson	Treasurer		
2	Trevor Johnston			
3	Robert Smyth	Chair		
4	William Press			
5	Timothy Anderson	Secretary		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal	King & Gowdy	298 Upper Newtownards Rd, Belfast, BT4 3EJ
Accountant	Prior McMahon	104-108 Frances Street, Newtownards, BT23 7OY

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. Criteria for selecting a trustee requires that the candidate to be in agreement with the objects of the Trust and to understand the necessity of instruction and training in advancing the Christian religion.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

DCT is a small trust with an organisational structure that aims to meet statutory requirements

Each Trustee is required to read 'Running Your Charity' (CCNI) and 'On Becoming a Charity Trustee' published by Small Charity Support. These outline the responsibilities for directing the affairs of a charity and emphasizes the importance of working as a team.

Although DCT works closely with St. Elizabeth's Church Dundonald, there is no formal connection. Other than this, DCT operates independently from any other organisation and does not have any formal relationship with other bodies or parties.

The Trustees recognise that the Trust could experience a variety and range of risks and that these must be assessed, monitored and managed. For example, the risk of an increase in grant applications during a period of economic uncertainty alongside a decrease in income to the Trust. Other risks could be a change in legal requirements; or a failure in structural organisation.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To further the religious and charitable work of St Elizabeth's Church in the Parish of Dundonald Co. Down.

To advance the Christian religion in any part of the world as expressed in the Holy Bible and the 39 Articles of the Church of Ireland.

To advance religious education with the doctrines and principles of the Anglican faith by means of bible classes and otherwise.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

Each application is assessed to see if it meets the Objectives of the Trust and Public Benefit as identified in the Trust's Public Benefit Statement.

The main activities of the Trust over the last year have been the awarding of grants for a number of purposes;

- To support the work of the Assistant Curate at St Elizabeth's Church Dundonald. Amongst the beneficiaries are young adults from the church, their families, and the surrounding area of Dundonald. The beneficiaries also include people of all ages who were trained in a 10 week course - An Introduction to the Bible. Also amongst the beneficiaries are older members of the church. The public benefit includes the spiritual and moral development of both young and older people.
- To fund the theological training of those selected for Christian ministry. The public benefit includes the teaching of the Bible and Anglican faith by students who complete their training for the moral and spiritual instruction and pastoral care of congregations.
- To fund the training of young people who undertake apprenticeship training in a variety of Christian ministry contexts. The public benefit includes the training of young people for future Christian ministry and the moral and spiritual improvement that comes from the teaching of the Bible and the Anglican faith.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

DCT awards grants to applicants who meet the criteria as described in the objects of the Trust. Grants are approved by a majority decision of the Trustees.

Other criteria include the requirement that an applicant provides all the information requested by the Application Pro forma, including two references.

The Trust does not have any financial investments.

Each Trustee is a volunteer and receives no remuneration for their contribution to the Trust.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Trustees have met once during the last year. In contrast to other years the Trustees have awarded very few grants during the last year. The total was £6,000.00. This was partly due to the ongoing effects of the recent pandemic and Trust receiving very few applications and also unrestricted funds being available.

A very small number of grants were made for the purpose of furthering the religious and charitable work of St Elizabeth Church Dundonald, for example £5,000.00 to support the work of the Curate and £ 1,000.00 to All Saints Church Belfast is funding towards a *Ministry apprenticeship*,

These grants have however, enabled the advancing of the Christian religion through training, education and apprenticeships.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves policy of the Trust arises from the following criteria.

- Regular planned financial commitments – monthly standing orders and an annual payment to the accountant and to MCC computers for the web hosting service.
- Other financial commitments are grants awarded to applicants throughout the year
- A small contingency fund is required to meet unforeseen operational costs.
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The amount of reserves held should therefore be sufficient to meet these expenditures. The amount of reserve at this year-end is £59,300 It should be noted that most of the funds are restricted and that income received from donations during this tax year has been small.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in material deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principle source of fund raising is donations from individuals some of which are regular and others intermittent. The Trust has previously received very generous gift. However much of this gift is restricted for specific purposes.

Expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity as grants have been awarded to applicants who meet the objectives of the Trust.

The Trust has not invested any funds. The Trust has a Business account that pays interest.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	RC Smyth	
Full name(s)	Robert Cecil Smyth	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date	22/08/2023.
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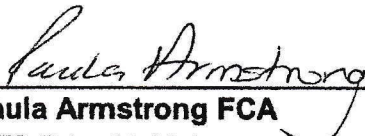
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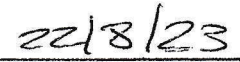
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