



Mountpottinger Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church

Charity Number: NIC 103537

Trustees Annual Statement for the year 2024

The trustees of Mountpottinger Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church, Belfast are pleased to confirm that "the activities of the charity to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit have been met during the year".

At a meeting of the congregation on 5th November 2023, it was agreed that Very Rev Robert McKee would be appointed to serve as Trustee of the Church. The appointment was formally recorded with the signing of a Deed of Appointment on 7th July 2024.

With regard to the main Church activities, there have been morning Services held on the first and third Sundays of every month at 10:30am in the Studio Theatre of the building. Also, in respect of the Church building, there was the formal signing of a 50-year Lease at a meeting on 12th January 2023 when the Church Trustees granted their consent to the Trustees of the Bright Umbrella Drama Company, BUDCo for the shared use of the property. Since that time, the Drama Company applied for and received a liquor Licence following agreement with the Church Trustees and subject to the conditions that it would be restricted to ½ hour prior and subsequent to Drama Company events held under their public Entertainments Licence. The capacity of the Sanctuary Theatre has been increased from 60 to 120 attending following the approval of their application made to Belfast City Council. This also required the forming of a new access between the Sanctuary and Studio Theatres and the installation of two fire doors plus the upgrading of the fire alarm system.

The representative to Presbytery, Adrian Moir, regularly attended quarterly meetings and gave reports on matters connected with the church so that Presbytery was made fully aware of the congregation's situation.

The future of Mountpottinger Church is linked into the on-going co-operation with the Drama Company, BUDCo, who announced their success in attracting Peace Plus Funding grant assistance for the renovation of the Theatre facilities and the capital works programme will be managed by the offices of Belfast City Council. The changes envisaged will result in a multi-functional space for theatre performances for the general public as well as Sunday worship for the congregation.

Signed:

Adrian Moir (Trustee, Mountpottinger Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church)

Date:

6th February 2025