

# Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105822

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2017-09-22
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The purpose of this church is to glorify the God of the Scriptures by maintaining and promoting His worship both individually and corporately, by edifying His saints, and by evangelising sinners. Therefore, we are committed to the proclamation of God's perfect Law and of the glorious Gospel of His grace through all the world, to the defence of "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3), and to the pure and faithful celebration of the ordinances of the New Covenant. "To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." (Eph. 3:21).."

**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
2024-12-31	£37,517	£47,823	£0	1

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Adi Rea		
Mr Harry Mccrory		
Mr Robert Taylor		
Mr Sam Gordon		

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# Accounts

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MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	36,869	-	36,869	35,219
Investments	3	648	-	648	534
Total		<u>37,517</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,517</u>	<u>35,753</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	4	(47,823)	-	(47,823)	(66,633)
Total		<u>(47,823)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,823)</u>	<u>(66,633)</u>
Net Income/(expenditure)		(10,306)	-	(10,306)	(30,880)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(10,306)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,306)</u>	<u>(30,880)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		101,847	-	101,847	132,727
Total funds carried forward	5	<u>91,541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,541</u>	<u>101,847</u>

**MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2024**

**1. Fixed Assets**

The church owns some various equipment at a value of £29,320 at the year-end (£29,320 in 2023).

**2. Amounts receivable**

At the end of the year the following amounts were owed to the congregations:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid	5,970	5,825
	<u>5,970</u>	<u>5,825</u>

**3. Cash and bank balances**

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Account	28,885	39,839
Business Reserve Account	45,335	44,687
	<u>74,220</u>	<u>84,526</u>

**4. Amounts owed**

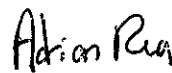
	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy fee	900	900
PAYE due	1,269	-
	<u>2,169</u>	<u>900</u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 21 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Harry McCrory

Trustee



Adrian Rea

Trustee

## MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2024

#### 1. Accounting policies

##### BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the charity is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

##### FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the charity's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the charity's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the charity for use in the future.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Recorded giving	30,166	-	30,166	27,963
Loose collections	1,034	-	1,034	973
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	5,669	-	5,669	6,283
	<u>36,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,869</u>	<u>35,219</u>

#### 3. INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest received	648	-	648	534
	<u>648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>534</u>

MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Ministry and support staff costs	27,790	-	27,790	24,540
Congregational running expenses	19,133	-	19,133	40,993
Donations to Missions and charities	-	-	-	200
Governance costs	900	-	900	900
	<u>47,823</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,823</u>	<u>66,633</u>

5. FUND BALANCES

(i) Unrestricted Funds

	2024 £	2023 £
General fund	91,541	101,847
	<u>91,541</u>	<u>101,847</u>

(ii) Restricted Funds

	2024 £	2023 £
Restricted funds	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(iii) Reconciliation of movement of funds

	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	101,847	37,517	(47,823)	-	91,541
	<u>101,847</u>	<u>37,517</u>	<u>(47,823)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,541</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Restricted Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>101,847</u>	<u>37,517</u>	<u>(47,823)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,541</u>

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<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	35,219	-	35,219	31,575
Investments	3	534	-	534	96
<b>Total</b>		<u>35,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,753</u>	<u>31,671</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	4	(66,633)	-	(66,633)	(31,678)
<b>Total</b>		<u>(66,633)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(66,633)</u>	<u>(31,678)</u>
Net Income/(expenditure)		(30,880)	-	(30,880)	(7)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(30,880)	-	(30,880)	(7)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		132,727	-	132,727	132,734
Total funds carried forward	5	<u>101,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,847</u>	<u>132,727</u>

**MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**As at 31 December 2023**

**1. Fixed Assets**

The church owns some various equipment at a value of £29,320 at the year-end (£21,200 in 2022). A new air conditioning system was purchased in the year at a cost of £8,120.

**2. Amounts receivable**

At the end of the year the following amounts were owed to the congregations:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid	5,825	6,642
	<u>5,825</u>	<u>6,642</u>

**3. Cash and bank balances**

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Account	39,839	80,923
Business Reserve Account	44,687	44,153
	<u>84,526</u>	<u>125,076</u>

**4. Amounts owed**

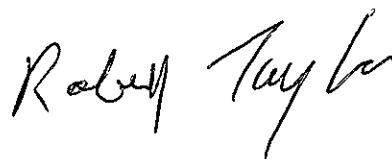
	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fee	900	700
PAYE due	-	1,448
Pension due	-	97
	<u>900</u>	<u>2,245</u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 23 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Sam Gordon  
Trustee



Robert Taylor  
Trustee



## MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

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#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Recorded giving	27,963	-	27,963	24,520
Loose collections	973	-	973	2,180
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	6,283	-	6,283	4,875
	<u>35,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,219</u>	<u>31,575</u>

#### 3. INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest received	534	-	534	96
	<u>534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>96</u>

MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Ministry and support staff costs	24,540	-	24,540	7,532
Congregational running expenses	40,993	-	40,993	21,806
Donations to Missions and charities	200	-	200	1,500
Governance costs	900	-	900	840
	<u>66,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,633</u>	<u>31,678</u>

5. FUND BALANCES

(i) Unrestricted Funds

	2023 £	2022 £
General fund	<u>101,847</u>	<u>132,727</u>
	<u>101,847</u>	<u>132,727</u>

(ii) Restricted Funds

	2023 £	2022 £
Restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(iii) Reconciliation of movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Closing balance £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	<u>132,727</u>	<u>35,753</u>	<u>(66,633)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,847</u>
	<u>132,727</u>	<u>35,753</u>	<u>(66,633)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,847</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Restricted Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>132,727</u>	<u>35,753</u>	<u>(66,633)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,847</u>

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# Annual report

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## **MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Charity References**

Name: Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church

Address: The Diamond Centre, Market Street, Magherafelt, County Londonderry BT45 6ED

Email: magherafeltrbc@btinternet.com

Website: www.magherafeltrbc.org

#### **Trustees**

The Charity Trustees are presently four Deacons elected by the membership of the Church to oversee all aspects of the functions of the Church.

The annual activities, practical and financial, are summarised in our annual end of year report which is normally presented at a Church Members meeting in February.

The annual Members Meeting is attended by Church Members only.

The Trustees are:

Sam Gordon                      Church Secretary

Adrian Rea                      Youth Leader

Robert Taylor                Health and Safety

Harry McCrory                Treasurer

#### **Other Church Information**

The building used by Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church is not owned by the church but is rented on a long-term rental agreement.

The Church was constituted in January 1998 and continues to be Governed by its Constitution which was adopted in the same year.

The Church is an independent Church and has no affiliations to any other Church or Association.

The Church does have connections with other Reformed Churches on a basis of mutual fellowship and prayerful support.

#### **PURPOSE**

The primary function of Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church is to promote the Christian Faith according to The Word of God, The Bible.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Trustees have sought to follow and fulfil the Charity Commission's guidance with regard to the provision of public benefit from and through the Church and are satisfied that we have done this through the various Church activities.

#### **Church Services**

On a weekly basis the Church provides the opportunity for members and visitors to meet together on Lord's Day mornings and evenings with the primary purpose of worshipping God and to learn more about the Word of God through preaching and teaching. On both morning and evening, we have on average 25 to 30 people attending.

We also seek to provide home visits to offer support and encouragement to any of our members and visitors who are housebound or have medical issues which prevent their regular attendance to the services.

## **MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

#### **Prayer Meetings**

The Prayer Meeting is well attended on Wednesday evenings and after a time of worship and devotional study there is time given to specific areas of prayer such as family needs, medical conditions of individual members and others as well as needs in the wider community and throughout the Province.

On some occasions we have a visiting representative of one of the Charities or Organisations we support to provide an update on the work of the charity or organisation. This provides information on the progression of work and also provides focus for ongoing prayer support.

#### **Children and Young people**

We also have a focus on providing biblical instruction to young people and children and we do this through our Sunday School and Youth meetings

Our Sunday School runs from September to June. We have teachers who can work with all age groups.

The Youth Club runs from October to May and draws 15 to 20, mainly young teenagers, from the surrounding area. The church provides supervised transport to ensure all who need transport are safely picked up and dropped off at designated stops.

The meetings provide various games and activities and also the provision of light refreshments. At the latter part of the meeting there is a short message which focuses on some simple bible studies.

#### **Study Groups**

Study groups for both men and women are arranged throughout the year to encourage fellowship and opportunity to study the Word of God in a home situation.

#### **Reach out to the community**

We reach out into the community with planned door to door visits to distribute leaflets and invitations to the regular meetings.

We have begun to use social media more and more and have invested in various equipment to enable development of this ministry.

#### **Missionary Focus**

A number of special Public Meetings are held throughout the year where we invite different speakers and Christian Missionaries who speak on a range of biblical topics and the development of churches in foreign fields. These meetings are advertised, and invitations are posted and distributed by hand.

#### **Conferences**

Our annual Church programme now includes One Day Conferences to provide particular teaching on particular Biblical Issues.

A recognised Speaker is invited, and the Conference is open to all visitors, local and further afield.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October this year, we have an evening meeting planned to mark Reformation Day. This meeting is also open to all visitors, local and further afield.

As a church now with a fulltime pastor, we continue to receive oversight from an established church in Crawley near Gatwick in the UK. We have had a longstanding relationship with the pastor of Maidenbower Baptist Church and receive valuable pastoral help and guidance from their Pastor and Deacons.

## MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

With the appointment of our Full Time Pastor, this enables us to further develop the various ministries of the church as listed below.

- Prayer Meetings
- Children and Young people
- Study Groups
- Reach out to the community
- Missionary Focus

### PUBLIC BENEFITS

The primary function of Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church is to promote the Christian Faith according to The Word of God, The Bible.

The benefits which come from this function are the building up of the Christian Faith of those who attend Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church and to provide support and encouragement to those who are sick and to those who have difficult personal circumstances.

MRBC holds weekly public worship services both morning and evening on the Lord's Day as well as morning Sunday School Classes for both Adults and Children.

There are weekly Prayer Meetings which include Devotional Bible studies and Times of Prayer.

In the winter months there are Youth Meetings on Friday evenings attended by local children. Supervised transport is provided to ensure safe journeys.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church is funded only by voluntary gifts and donations and makes use of the Gift Aid Scheme.

The Church has no liabilities or commitments

The Church does not hold any Funds as *Custodian Trustee* on behalf of others.

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the church's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

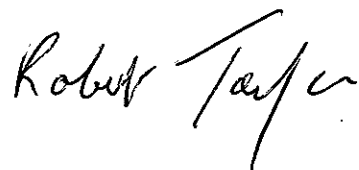
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 23 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Sam Gordon  
Trustee



Robert Taylor  
Trustee



**Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church**

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# Annual return

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out within this document.

### **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:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
3. 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.

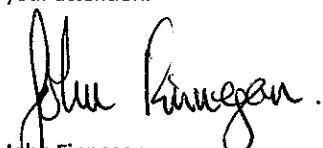
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning such matters.

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



**John Finnegan**  
**Potter Finnegan Limited**  
Chartered Accountants  
Unit 25 The Courtyard Business Park  
190 Galgorm Road  
Ballymena  
BT42 1HL

23 October 2024

**Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church**

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# Accounts

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**MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**

**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	31,575	-	31,575	39,009
Investments	3	96	-	96	4
<b>Total</b>		<u>31,671</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,671</u>	<u>39,013</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	4	31,678	-	31,678	(19,898)
<b>Total</b>		<u>31,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,678</u>	<u>(19,898)</u>
Net Income/(expenditure)		(7)	-	(7)	19,115
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(7)	-	(7)	19,115
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		132,734	-	132,734	113,619
Total funds carried forward	5	<u>132,727</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,727</u>	<u>132,734</u>

**MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2022**

**1. Fixed Assets**

The church owns some computer equipment and audio-visual equipment. The trustees have estimated that this equipment would have a value of £18,000 at the year end, with £6,000 being purchased in the year. A stair lift was also purchased during the prior year at a cost of £3,200.

**2. Amounts receivable**

At the end of the year the following amounts were owed to the congregations:

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid	<u>6,642</u>	<u>4,865</u>
	<u>6,642</u>	<u>4,865</u>

**3. Cash and bank balances**


	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
General Account	<u>80,923</u>	85,476
Business Reserve Account	<u>44,153</u>	<u>44,054</u>
	<u>125,076</u>	<u>129,530</u>

**4. Amounts owed**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
Accountancy fee	<u>700</u>	700
PAYE due	<u>1,448</u>	-
Pension due	<u>97</u>	-
	<u>2,245</u>	<u>700</u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 31 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by

  
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Robert Taylor   
Trustee

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#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Recorded giving	24,520	-	-	25,775
Loose collections	2,180	-	-	2,087
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	4,875	-	-	11,147
	<u>31,575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,009</u>

#### 3. INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Bank interest received	96	-	96	4
	<u>96</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>4</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Ministry and support staff costs	7,532	-	7,532	-
Congregational running expenses	21,806	-	21,806	17,558
Donations to Missions and charities	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Governance costs	840	-	840	840
	<u>31,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,678</u>	<u>19,898</u>

5. FUND BALANCES

(i) Unrestricted Funds

	2022 £	2021 £
General fund	132,727	132,734
	<u>132,727</u>	<u>132,734</u>

(ii) Restricted Funds

	2022 £	2021 £
Restricted funds	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(iii) Reconciliation of movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Closing balance £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	132,734	31,671	(31,678)	-	132,727
	<u>132,734</u>	<u>31,671</u>	<u>(31,678)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,727</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Restricted Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>132,734</u>	<u>31,671</u>	<u>(31,678)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,727</u>

**Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105822

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# Annual report

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## **MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Charity References**

Name: Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church

Address: The Diamond Centre, Market Street, Magherafelt, County Londonderry BT45 6ED

Email: magherafeltrbc@btinternet.com

Website: www.magherafeltrbc.org

#### **Trustees**

The Charity Trustees are presently four Deacons elected by the membership of the Church to oversee all aspects of the functions of the Church.

The annual activities, practical and financial, are summarised in our annual end of year report which is normally presented at a Church Members meeting in February.

The annual Members Meeting is attended by Church Members only.

The Trustees are:

Sam Gordon                      Church Secretary

Adrian Rea                      Youth Leader

Robert Taylor                Health and Safety

Harry McCrory                Treasurer

#### **Other Church Information**

The building used by Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church is not owned by the church but is rented on a long-term rental agreement.

The Church was constituted in January 1998 and continues to be Governed by its Constitution which was adopted in the same year.

The Church is an independent Church and has no affiliations to any other Church or Association.

The Church does have connections with other Reformed Churches on a basis of mutual fellowship and prayerful support.

#### **PURPOSE**

The primary function of Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church is to promote the Christian Faith according to The Word of God, The Bible.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Trustees have sought to follow and fulfil the Charity Commission's guidance with regard to the provision of public benefit from and through the Church and are satisfied that we have done this through the various Church activities.

#### **Church Services**

On a weekly basis the Church provides the opportunity for members and visitors to meet together on Lord's Day mornings and evenings with the primary purpose of worshipping God and to learn more about the Word of God through preaching and teaching. On both morning and evening, we have on average 25 to 30 people attending.

We also seek to provide home visits to offer support and encouragement to any of our members and visitors who are housebound or have medical issues which prevent their regular attendance to the services.

## **MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

#### **Prayer Meetings**

The Prayer Meeting is well attended on Wednesday evenings and after a time of worship and devotional study there is time given to specific areas of prayer such as family needs, medical conditions of individual members and others as well as needs in the wider community and throughout the Province.

#### **Children and Young people**

We also have a focus on providing biblical instruction to young people and children and we do this through our Sunday School and Youth meetings

Our Sunday School runs from September to June. We have teachers who can work with all age groups.

The Youth Club runs from October to May and draws 15 to 20, mainly young teenagers, from the surrounding area. The church provides supervised transport to ensure all who need transport are safely picked up and dropped off at designated stops.

The meetings provide various games and activities and also the provision of light refreshments. At the latter part of the meeting there is a short message which focuses on some simple bible studies.

#### **Study Groups**

Study groups for both men and women are arranged throughout the year to encourage fellowship and opportunity to study the Word of God in a home situation.

#### **Reach out to the community**

We reach out into the community with planned door to door visits to distribute leaflets and invitations to the regular meetings.

We have begun to use social media more and more and have invested in various equipment to enable development of this ministry.

#### **Missionary Focus**

A number of special Public Meetings are held throughout the year where we invite different speakers and Christian Missionaries who speak on a range of biblical topics and the development of churches in foreign fields. These meetings are advertised and invitations are posted and distributed by hand.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

Following the end of all restrictions and lockdowns connected to the covid pandemic, we established contact with a fulltime student, Adam Riley, at the Irish Baptist college in Belfast.

Adam was keen to visit the church as he too had a particular interest in the reformed faith. We invited him to come and preach for us at some of our Sunday services and our Mid-week prayer meetings.

Following several visits to the church and good interactions with our members, we agreed to offer Adam a six month financially supported "placement" to give the church an opportunity to hear him on a consecutive basis and also have the opportunity to get to know him on a personal basis. During this period Adam continued his studies at the Baptist College.

As a church, without a fulltime pastor and in line with our church constitution, we received oversight from an established church in Crawley near Gatwick in the UK. We have had a longstanding relationship with the pastor of Maidenbower Baptist Church and receive valuable pastoral help and guidance from their Pastor and Deacons.

As our interest in Adam developed, we arranged for Adam to spend six weeks with the pastor of Maidenbower Baptist Church to give opportunity for further evaluation of Adam as a potential pastoral candidate for Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church.

Following positive feedback from this six week evaluation in Maidenbower Baptist Church, we agreed with Adam a further six month financially support "placement" in our church. During this period, Adam and his wife became members of Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church.

## **MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

During this period, Adam was given various responsibilities which the church evaluated and discussed. We also gave further feedback to Maidenbower Baptist Church and the Pastor of Maidenbower Baptist Church also visited with us during our church business meetings as we planned further developments.

With each church business meeting, Adam received the full support of the church and was duly nominated for the office of Pastor of Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church. Adam accepted the nomination and is now fully employed by the church as the Pastor. An official ordination service for Adam will take place in the church on Friday 6 December 2023.

We are sure that this appointment will further help the development of the various ministries of the church as listed below.

- Prayer Meetings
- Children and Young people
- Study Groups
- Reach out to the community
- Missionary Focus

### **PUBLIC BENEFITS**

The primary function of Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church is to promote the Christian Faith according to The Word of God , The Bible.

The benefits which come from this function are the building up of the Christian Faith of those who attend Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church and to provide support and encouragement to those who are sick and to those who have difficult personal circumstances.

MRBC holds weekly public worship services both morning and evening on the Lord's Day as well as morning Sunday School Classes for both Adults and Children.

There are weekly Prayer Meetings which include Devotional Bible studies and Times of Prayer.

In the winter months there are Youth Meetings on Friday evenings attended by local children. Supervised transport is provided to ensure safe journeys.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The church is funded only by voluntary gifts and donations and makes use of the Gift Aid Scheme.

The Church has no liabilities or commitments

The Church does not hold any Funds as *Custodian Trustee* on behalf of others.

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the church's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 31 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by

  
Sam Gordon

Trustee

  
Robert Taylor

Trustee

**Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105822

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# Annual return

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MAGHERAFELT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out within this document.

### **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:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
3. 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.

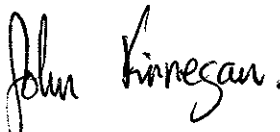
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning such matters.

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



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31 October 2023