Village Church Belfast

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105985

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2017-04-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The charity’s objects (“Objects”) are specifically restricted to the following: 4.1. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the declaration of faith set out in a Schedule to the Articles. 4.2. To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in Belfast, Ireland, the united Kingdom and such other parts of the world as the directors may from time to time think fit. 4.3. To relieve aged persons and persons in need, hardship, sickness, or distress arising therefrom whether in connection with housing or accommodation or shelter or any other purpose (whether by way of loan, gift, the provision of of accommodation or shelter in any other way), in Belfast, Ireland, the united Kingdom and such other parts of the world as the directors may from time to time think fit. 4.4. To advance education whether of children (above or below compulsory school age) or of adults.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty,The advancement of education,The advancement of religion,The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Overseas aid/famine relief,Relief of poverty,Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Men,Older people,Overseas/developing countries,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£200,194	£196,587	£0	5

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Ian Mcknight		
Mr Steven Adams		
Mr Thomas Mcconaghie		

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Accounts

Company registration number: NI631949

Charity registration number: NIC105985

Village Church Belfast

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

TB Millar & Co
6 Doagh Road
Ballyclare
Co Antrim
BT39 9BG

Village Church Belfast

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Steven Adams Thomas McConaghie Ian McKnight
Company Registration Number	NI631949
Charity Registration Number	NIC105985
Principal Office	25 Upper Newtownards Road Belfast BT4 3HT The charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.
Independent Examiner	TB Millar & Co 6 Doagh Road Ballyclare Co Antrim BT39 9BG

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the church for the year ended 30 June 2025. The Trustees confirm that they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice which applies to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the church during the year were as follows:

Thomas McConaghie

Nick Wright (resigned 10 December 2024)

Steven Adams

Ian McKnight

Structure, Governance & Management

Village Church Belfast is governed by their Constitution.

The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance of the church. The number of Trustees shall not be less than three, nor more than seven.

Statement of compliance

In setting our activities and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Purposes

The purpose of this church shall be to glorify God; it will be a community of Christ followers who understand that the city and their spheres of influence are their mission field. They will be trained and equipped to be faithful disciples of Jesus, and to live out the Gospel for the sake of God's glory.

Activities
Summary activities

Weekly Sunday services, children's programmes, weekly home group gatherings, prayer & worship evenings, men's and women's events, community clean up days, monthly leadership development, building use for community events, mum & tots group, religious holiday events like carol services, easter events, etc, partnership with Walkway Community Centre.

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Trustees' Report

Beneficiaries

The charity's beneficiaries are:

Members

Members families

Those connected with the church

The local community

The general public

Private benefit

A private benefit of the work is the financially supported pastor which is incidental and necessary to the continued work of the church.

Public benefit

The purposes of Village Church Belfast are:

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the declaration of faith set out in a Schedule to the Articles. The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include the facilitation of regular public worship, that provides for the spiritual wellbeing of society; the training and equipping of people in their Christian faith. These benefits can be demonstrated through weekly meetings to present the teachings of the bible and the provision of opportunities for Christian response including but not limited to prayer and worship. These benefits are demonstrated by the members of the public who choose to attend our weekly worship gatherings, events and training days and the feedback they provide.

To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in Belfast, Ireland the United Kingdom and such other parts of the world as the directors may from time to time think fit. The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include working with the local people of Bloomfield and Ballymacarret in dealing with issues of addiction, sexual exploitation and sectarianism; through the teaching provided at services and events held at the church building; and the financial support of charities working to alleviate those in poverty. These benefits are demonstrated by the presence of members of the public choosing to receive the teaching and through the feedback of the local stakeholders we partner with both locally and abroad.

To relieve aged persons and persons in need, hardship, sickness, or distress arising therefrom whether in connection with housing or accommodation or shelter or any other purpose (whether by loan, gift, the provision of accommodation or shelter in any other way), in Belfast, Ireland and United Kingdom and such other parts of the world as the directors may from time to time think fit. The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include relief of the needs of people suffering from hunger, poor nutrition, lack of shelter, sickness, social exclusion or other hardships. These benefits are demonstrated by the feedback of those members of society whose hardships have been alleviated.

To advance education whether of children (above or below compulsory school age) or of adults. The direct benefit that flows from this purpose is the educational value provided by the religious and Biblical teachings being offered by our charity. These benefits are demonstrated by members of the public choosing to receive the teaching and the feedback they provide.

There is no harm arising from any of the purposes.

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Trustees' Report

Financial Review and Results for the Year

See attached annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Main Achievements for the Year

Worship services held each week throughout the year both in person and online (bible teaching, prayer, worship, fellowship)

Prayer and small group support

Benevolence for people in need

Women's events

Men's events

Child protection training

Youth club

Tots group

Hope Explored evangelism classes

Regular leadership development meetings

Partnership with Walkway Community Centre

Village community clean up day

Coordinating with community stakeholders such as NGOs and community bodies on community development issues

Weddings

Marriage prep counselling

Continued development of second congregation in a strategic part of the city and conversations around a potential third

Multiplication of small groups meeting throughout Belfast

Partnering in prayer and financially with other local charities

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Trustees' Report

Future Plans

As Village Church Belfast continues to grow in both size and maturity, we look ahead to the coming years with anticipation, prayerfulness, and a renewed dependence on God's guidance and provision. This year brings several key transitions within our staff team. Gabs Gray, our children and families worker, will be taking maternity leave, and we are thankful to have secured maternity cover to ensure continued support for our growing families during her absence. We also said farewell to one of our full-time pastors, and while their departure is felt deeply, we are excited about the opportunity to reassess and reimagine the shape of our team going forward.

To help us discern the way ahead, we have engaged Front Porch Partnership-a consultancy that works closely with churches-to help us assess our current leadership structures, identify any team gaps, and consider how our staffing model might evolve to meet the needs of a dynamic and growing congregation. This may involve reshaping some existing roles or bringing new staff into the team in the future.

Alongside personnel considerations, we are seeking to further develop and strengthen our structures for ministry and discipleship. As our congregation grows, we want to ensure our gathering rhythms and leadership systems remain scalable, healthy, and missionally effective. This includes evaluating how we organise community life, small groups, and leadership development pathways.

We also look forward to deepening relationships with new ministry partners in the city. This includes our ongoing support of Young Life Capernaum and a new partnership with Colin Glen Christian Fellowship in West Belfast. We are prayerfully exploring the possibility of bringing on a church planting resident, with a view to launching another congregation in the years ahead.

We remain committed to our vision of seeing the gospel shape every part of life in Belfast and beyond, and we continue to be grateful for God's provision, the generosity of our church family, and the opportunity to serve this city together.

Risk Management

Risk is an everyday part of the Charity's normal activity. The Trustees have considered and identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed having taken appropriate professional advice have been assured that adequate systems and procedures are in place in order to mitigate or manage those risks.

Reserves Policy

The Charity does not have a reserves policy.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme (which meets the requirements of The Pension Regulator as a qualifying workplace pension scheme) for the benefit of its permanent staff and those who are eligible under Auto Enrolment. The assets are administered by insurance companies in personal pension plans and are held independently from those of the charity. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Results

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

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Trustees' Report

Small companies provision statement
This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

....
Ian McKnight
Trustee

Village Church Belfast

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Village Church Belfast for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 20 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

....

Ian McKnight
Trustee

Village Church Belfast

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Village Church Belfast ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Village Church Belfast as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Barry Millar

Barry Millar
TB Millar & Co

6 Doagh Road
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20 August 2025

Village Church Belfast

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	195,784	4,330	200,114
Other trading activities	4	80	-	80
Total income		195,864	4,330	200,194
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(196,587)	-	(196,587)
Total expenditure		(196,587)	-	(196,587)
Net (expenditure)/income		(723)	4,330	3,607
Net movement in funds		(723)	4,330	3,607
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		312,500	-	312,500
Total funds carried forward	16	311,777	4,330	316,107

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	207,464	18,868	226,332
Other trading activities	4	530	-	530
Total income		207,994	18,868	226,862
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(211,696)	(4,735)	(216,431)
Total expenditure		(211,696)	(4,735)	(216,431)
Net (expenditure)/income		(3,702)	14,133	10,431
Transfers between funds		193,540	(193,540)	-
Net movement in funds		189,838	(179,407)	10,431
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		122,662	179,407	302,069
Total funds carried forward	16	312,500	-	312,500

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 16.

Village Church Belfast

(Registration number: NI631949)
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	212,730	219,794
Current assets			
Debtors	13	3,175	52,338
Cash at bank and in hand	14	101,966	42,821
		105,141	95,159
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,764)	(2,453)
Net current assets		103,377	92,706
Net assets		316,107	312,500
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		4,330	-
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		311,777	312,500
Total funds	16	316,107	312,500

For the financial year ending 30 June 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

....
Ian McKnight
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in Northern Ireland, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:
25 Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 3HT

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 20 August 2025.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Village Church Belfast meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £1.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	**Depreciation method and rate**
Fixtures & Fittings	20% Reducing Balance

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Foreign exchange
Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

The results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and results of overseas operations are reported in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Other exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they arise except for:

1) exchange differences on transactions entered into to hedge certain foreign currency risks (see above);

2) exchange differences arising on gains or losses on non-monetary items which are recognised in other comprehensive income; and

3) in the case of the consolidated financial statements, exchange differences on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operation for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operation), which are recognised in other comprehensive income and reported under equity.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	7,001	4,055	11,056
Gift aid reclaimed	40,740	275	41,015
Regular giving and capital donations	148,043	-	148,043
Total for 2025	195,784	4,330	200,114
Total for 2024	207,464	18,868	226,332

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Property rental income	80	80
Total for 2025	80	80
Total for 2024	530	530

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Mission & Outreach		71,206	-	71,206
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		7,064	-	7,064
Staff costs	9	115,371	-	115,371
Governance costs	6	2,946	-	2,946
Total for 2025		196,587	-	196,587
Total for 2024		211,696	4,735	216,431

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £2,946 (2024 - £2,656) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 6 for further details.

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,150	1,150
Other governance costs	1,796	1,796
Total for 2025	2,946	2,946
Total for 2024	2,656	2,656

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	7,064	7,781

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	114,978	124,652
Other staff costs	393	2,392
	115,371	127,044

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Examination of the financial statements	1,150	1,090

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 July 2024	209,634	47,867	257,501
At 30 June 2025	209,634	47,867	257,501
Depreciation			
At 1 July 2024	4,193	33,514	37,707
Charge for the year	4,193	2,871	7,064
At 30 June 2025	8,386	36,385	44,771
Net book value			
At 30 June 2025	201,248	11,482	212,730
At 30 June 2024	205,441	14,353	219,794

13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	3,175	52,338

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	101,966	42,821

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	96	78
Other taxation and social security	33	647
Other creditors	485	638
Accruals	1,150	1,090
	1,764	2,453

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	312,500	195,864	(196,587)	311,777
Restricted funds	-	4,330	-	4,330
Total funds	312,500	200,194	(196,587)	316,107

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	122,662	207,994	(211,696)	193,540	312,500
Restricted funds	179,407	18,868	(4,735)	(193,540)	-
Total funds	302,069	226,862	(216,431)	-	312,500

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	212,730	-	212,730
Current assets	100,811	4,330	105,141
Current liabilities	(1,764)	-	(1,764)
Total net assets	311,777	4,330	316,107

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 June 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	219,794	219,794
Current assets	95,159	95,159
Current liabilities	(2,453)	(2,453)
Total net assets	312,500	312,500

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2024
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	207,464	18,868	226,332
Other trading activities	4	530	-	530
Total income		207,994	18,868	226,862
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(211,696)	(4,735)	(216,431)
Total expenditure		(211,696)	(4,735)	(216,431)
Net (expenditure)/income		(3,702)	14,133	10,431
Transfers between funds		193,540	(193,540)	-
Net movement in funds		189,838	(179,407)	10,431
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		122,662	179,407	302,069
Total funds carried forward	16	312,500	-	312,500

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	258,634	121,211	379,845
Other trading activities	4	885	-	885
Total income		259,519	121,211	380,730
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(258,047)	(40,589)	(298,636)
Total expenditure		(258,047)	(40,589)	(298,636)
Net income		1,472	80,622	82,094
Net movement in funds		1,472	80,622	82,094
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		121,190	98,785	219,975
Total funds carried forward	16	122,662	179,407	302,069

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The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 16.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Village Church Belfast

(Registration number: NI631949)
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	219,794	17,941
Current assets			
Debtors	13	52,338	-
Cash at bank and in hand	14	42,821	287,957
		95,159	287,957
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(2,453)	(3,829)
Net current assets		92,706	284,128
Net assets		312,500	302,069
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		-	179,407
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		312,500	122,662
Total funds	16	312,500	302,069

For the financial year ending 30 June 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

....
Ian McKnight
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in Northern Ireland, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:
25 Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 3HT

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 21 March 2025.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Village Church Belfast meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £1.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	**Depreciation method and rate**
Fixtures & Fittings	20% Reducing Balance

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Foreign exchange
Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

The results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and results of overseas operations are reported in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Other exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they arise except for:

1) exchange differences on transactions entered into to hedge certain foreign currency risks (see above);

2) exchange differences arising on gains or losses on non-monetary items which are recognised in other comprehensive income; and

3) in the case of the consolidated financial statements, exchange differences on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operation for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operation), which are recognised in other comprehensive income and reported under equity.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	10,430	17,740	28,170
Gift aid reclaimed	51,211	1,128	52,339
Regular giving and capital donations	145,823	-	145,823
Total for 2024	207,464	18,868	226,332
Total for 2023	258,634	121,211	379,845

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Property rental income	530	530
Total for 2024	530	530
Total for 2023	885	885

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Mission & Outreach		78,950	-	78,950
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		7,781	-	7,781
Staff costs	9	122,309	4,735	127,044
Governance costs	6	2,656	-	2,656
Total for 2024		211,696	4,735	216,431
Total for 2023		258,047	40,589	298,636

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £2,656 (2023 - £4,858) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 6 for further details.

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,090	1,090
Other governance costs	1,566	1,566
Total for 2024	2,656	2,656
Total for 2023	4,858	4,858

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	7,781	4,485

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Jonathan Parks
Jonathan Parks received remuneration of £38,966 (2023: £37,125) during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	124,652	168,122
Other staff costs	2,392	12,204
	127,044	180,326

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Examination of the financial statements	1,090	1,029

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 July 2023	-	47,867	47,867
Additions	209,634	-	209,634
At 30 June 2024	209,634	47,867	257,501
Depreciation			
At 1 July 2023	-	29,926	29,926
Charge for the year	4,193	3,588	7,781
At 30 June 2024	4,193	33,514	37,707
Net book value			
At 30 June 2024	205,441	14,353	219,794
At 30 June 2023	-	17,941	17,941

13 Debtors

	2024 £
Other debtors	52,338

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	42,821	287,957

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	78	72
Other taxation and social security	647	2,722
Other creditors	638	-
Accruals	1,090	1,035
	2,453	3,829

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	122,662	207,994	(211,696)	193,540	312,500
Restricted funds	179,407	18,868	(4,735)	(193,540)	-
Total funds	302,069	226,862	(216,431)	-	312,500

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	121,190	259,519	(258,047)	122,662
Restricted funds	98,785	121,211	(40,589)	179,407
Total funds	219,975	380,730	(298,636)	302,069

The restricted funds of £193,540 were used to purchase the premises at 25 Upper Newtownards Road. The Church is being used for unrestricted purposes, and is treated as a unrestricted asset. The balance of restricted funds has therefore been moved to unrestricted funds.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 June 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	219,794	219,794
Current assets	95,159	95,159
Current liabilities	(2,453)	(2,453)
Total net assets	312,500	312,500

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	17,941	-	17,941
Current assets	108,550	179,407	287,957
Current liabilities	(3,829)	-	(3,829)
Total net assets	122,662	179,407	302,069

Village Church Belfast

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105985

Annual report

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the church for the year ended 30 June 2024. The Trustees confirm that they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice which applies to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the church during the year were as follows:

Thomas McConaghie

Nick Wright

Jonathan Parks (resigned 13 May 2024)

Steven Adams (appointed 13 May 2024)

Ian McKnight (appointed 13 May 2024)

Structure, Governance & Management

Village Church Belfast is governed by their Constitution.

The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance of the church. The number of Trustees shall not be less than three, nor more than seven.

Statement of compliance

In setting our activities and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Purposes

The purpose of this church shall be to glorify God; it will be a community of Christ followers who understand that the city and their spheres of influence are their mission field. They will be trained and equipped to be faithful disciples of Jesus, and to live out the Gospel for the sake of God's glory.

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Weekly Sunday services, children's programmes, weekly home group gatherings, prayer & worship evenings, men's and women's events, community clean up days, monthly leadership development, building use for community events, mum & tots group, religious holiday events like carol services, easter events, etc, partnership with Walkway Community Centre.

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To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in Belfast, Ireland the United Kingdom and such other parts of the world as the directors may from time to time think fit. The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include working with the local people of Bloomfield and Ballymacarret in dealing with issues of addiction, sexual exploitation and sectarianism; through the teaching provided at services and events held at the church building; and the financial support of charities working to alleviate those in poverty. These benefits are demonstrated by the presence of members of the public choosing to receive the teaching and through the feedback of the local stakeholders we partner with both locally and abroad.

To relieve aged persons and persons in need, hardship, sickness, or distress arising therefrom whether in connection with housing or accommodation or shelter or any other purpose (whether by loan, gift, the provision of accommodation or shelter in any other way), in Belfast, Ireland and United Kingdom and such other parts of the world as the directors may from time to time think fit. The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include relief of the needs of people suffering from hunger, poor nutrition, lack of shelter, sickness, social exclusion or other hardships. These benefits are demonstrated by the feedback of those members of society whose hardships have been alleviated.

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There is no harm arising from any of the purposes.

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Trustees' Report

Financial Review and Results for the Year

See attached annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Main Achievements for the Year

Worship services held each week throughout the year both in person and online (bible teaching, prayer, worship, fellowship)

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Regular leadership development meetings

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Village community clean up day

Coordinating with community stakeholders such as NGOs and community bodies on community development issues

Weddings

Marriage prep counselling

Continued development of second congregation in a strategic part of the city

Multiplication of small groups meeting throughout Belfast

Partnering in prayer and financially with other local charities

Future Plans

The 2023/24 year has brought much encouragement, growth and new challenges to Village Church Belfast - opportunities we look forward to embracing. In January 2024, we celebrated our 10 year anniversary as an established church. This milestone allowed us to reflect on God's faithfulness over the past decade and look ahead with gratitude and expectation for what is to come.

Our eldership and board of trustees have seen some changes this year. Nick Wright stepped down after four years of faithful service, and we are deeply grateful for his contribution. Jonathan Parks also stepped down from being a trustee, although he is remaining in his pastoral role on staff. This allows our board of trustees to be made up completely by non-paid trustees. In their place, we welcomed two new trustees/elders, Ian McKnight and Steve Adams.Their leadership brings valuable wisdom and experience, both spiritually and organisationally, particularly in strengthening our employment and HR structures. We look forward to further refining our policies and systems to support the smooth operation of our staff and church ministries.

A significant milestone was the completion of our building purchase at 25 Upper Newtownards Road in April 2024. After years of planning and fundraising, we are thankful to finally have a permanent space that provides long-term security for our church family and ministry.

This year, we also commissioned two female deacons to serve in key ministry roles. Gabs Gray has been formally appointed as our children and families worker, a role she has faithfully carried out for some time. With our growing children's ministry, we anticipate many exciting developments, and Gabs will play a vital role in shaping a flourishing community for young families. Joy McKnight has been commissioned as a deacon for women's pastoral prayer, where she is already strengthening our church's culture of prayer through one-to-one pastoral care and larger prayer gatherings. We look forward to seeing this ministry continue to grow under her leadership.

Finally, we are grateful for deepening partnerships with local charities such as Safe Families and Young Life Capernaum, who are making a meaningful impact in Belfast and beyond. We count it a privilege to support and collaborate with these organisations as we seek to serve our city.

Risk Management

Risk is an everyday part of the Charity's normal activity. The Trustees have considered and identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed having taken appropriate professional advice have been assured that adequate systems and procedures are in place in order to mitigate or manage those risks.

Reserves Policy

The Charity does not have a reserves policy.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme (which meets the requirements of The Pension Regulator as a qualifying workplace pension scheme) for the benefit of its permanent staff and those who are eligible under Auto Enrolment. The assets are administered by insurance companies in personal pension plans and are held independently from those of the charity. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Results

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

Village Church Belfast

Trustees' Report

Small companies provision statement
This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 21 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

....
Ian McKnight
Trustee

Village Church Belfast

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Village Church Belfast for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 21 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Ian McKnight
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Village Church Belfast

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Annual return

Village Church Belfast

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Village Church Belfast ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Village Church Belfast as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Barry Millar
....
Barry Millar
TB Millar & Co

6 Doagh Road
Ballyclare
Co Antrim
BT39 9BG

21 March 2025

Accounts

Company registration number: NI631949

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Village Church Belfast

(A company limited by guarantee)

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for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

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Trustees' Report

Future Plans

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We have brought on a new children and families worker who has done an excellent job engaging with not only the families who are part of our growing congregation , but with the wider Bloomfield community; our parents and tots group being a particular highlight. We have also brought on a new Treasurer who has helped bring greater accountability to our finance team as we have grown as a church.

Our building purchase project has been slow to complete. Our giving campaign has been a success but solicitors have been slow. This hasn't stopped us from continuing to make some needed improvements to the building. We look forward to completing the building purchase in the near future.

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Village Church Belfast

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Approved by the trustees of the charity on 15 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Jonathan Parks
Trustee

Village Church Belfast

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Village Church Belfast ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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15 March 2024

Village Church Belfast

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	258,634	121,211	379,845
Other trading activities	4	885	-	885
Total income		259,519	121,211	380,730
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(258,047)	(40,589)	(298,636)
Total expenditure		(258,047)	(40,589)	(298,636)
Net income		1,472	80,622	82,094
Net movement in funds		1,472	80,622	82,094
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		121,190	98,785	219,975
Total funds carried forward	16	122,662	179,407	302,069

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	197,007	139,826	336,833
Other trading activities	4	900	-	900
Total income		197,907	139,826	337,733
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(193,255)	(62,969)	(256,224)
Total expenditure		(193,255)	(62,969)	(256,224)
Net income		4,652	76,857	81,509
Net movement in funds		4,652	76,857	81,509
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		116,538	21,928	138,466
Total funds carried forward	16	121,190	98,785	219,975

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 16.

Village Church Belfast

(Registration number: NI631949)
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	17,941	14,980
Current assets			
Debtors	13	-	216
Cash at bank and in hand	14	287,957	208,696
		287,957	208,912
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(3,829)	(3,917)
Net current assets		284,128	204,995
Net assets		302,069	219,975
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		179,407	98,785
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		122,662	121,190
Total funds	16	302,069	219,975

For the financial year ending 30 June 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 15 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Jonathan Parks
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Village Church Belfast

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in Northern Ireland, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:
25 Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 3HT

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 15 March 2024.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Village Church Belfast meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £1.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	**Depreciation method and rate**
Fixtures & Fittings	20% Reducing Balance

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Foreign exchange
Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

The results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and results of overseas operations are reported in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Other exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they arise except for:

1) exchange differences on transactions entered into to hedge certain foreign currency risks (see above);

2) exchange differences arising on gains or losses on non-monetary items which are recognised in other comprehensive income; and

3) in the case of the consolidated financial statements, exchange differences on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operation for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operation), which are recognised in other comprehensive income and reported under equity.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	36,518	109,017	145,535
Gift aid reclaimed	68,584	12,194	80,778
Regular giving and capital donations	153,532	-	153,532
Total for 2023	258,634	121,211	379,845
Total for 2022	197,007	139,826	336,833

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Property rental income	885	885
Total for 2023	885	885
Total for 2022	900	900

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Mission & Outreach		108,967	-	108,967
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		4,485	-	4,485
Staff costs	9	139,737	40,589	180,326
Governance costs	6	4,858	-	4,858
Total for 2023		258,047	40,589	298,636
Total for 2022		193,255	62,969	256,224

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £4,858 (2022 - £2,906) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 6 for further details.

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,029	1,029
Other governance costs	3,829	3,829
Total for 2023	4,858	4,858
Total for 2022	2,906	2,906

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	4,485	3,745

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Jonathan Parks
Jonathan Parks received remuneration of £37,125 (2022: £35,350) during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	168,122	161,297
Other staff costs	12,204	14,260
	180,326	175,557

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Examination of the financial statements	1,029	984

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 July 2022	40,421	40,421
Additions	7,446	7,446
At 30 June 2023	47,867	47,867
Depreciation		
At 1 July 2022	25,441	25,441
Charge for the year	4,485	4,485
At 30 June 2023	29,926	29,926
Net book value		
At 30 June 2023	17,941	17,941
At 30 June 2022	14,980	14,980

13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	-	216

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank	287,957	208,696

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	72	60
Other taxation and social security	2,722	2,873
Accruals	1,035	984
	3,829	3,917

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	121,190	259,519	(258,047)	122,662
Restricted funds	98,785	121,211	(40,589)	179,407
Total funds	219,975	380,730	(298,636)	302,069

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	116,538	197,907	(193,255)	121,190
Restricted funds	21,928	139,826	(62,969)	98,785
Total funds	138,466	337,733	(256,224)	219,975

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	17,941	-	17,941
Current assets	108,550	179,407	287,957
Current liabilities	(3,829)	-	(3,829)
Total net assets	122,662	179,407	302,069

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	14,980	-	14,980
Current assets	110,127	98,785	208,912
Current liabilities	(3,917)	-	(3,917)
Total net assets	121,190	98,785	219,975

Village Church Belfast

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105985

Annual report

Village Church Belfast

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the church for the year ended 30 June 2023. The Trustees confirm that they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice which applies to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the church during the year were as follows:

Thomas McConaghie

Nick Wright

Jonathan Parks

Structure, Governance & Management

Village Church Belfast is governed by their Constitution.

The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance of the church. The number of Trustees shall not be less than three, nor more than seven.

Statement of compliance

In setting our activities and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Purposes

The purpose of this church shall be to glorify God; it will be a community of Christ followers who understand that the city and their spheres of influence are their mission field. They will be trained and equipped to be faithful disciples of Jesus, and to live out the Gospel for the sake of God's glory.

Activities
Summary activities

Weekly Sunday services, children's programmes, weekly home group gatherings, prayer & worship evenings, men's and women's events, community clean up days, monthly leadership development, building use for community events, mum & tots group, religious holiday events like carol services, easter events, etc, partnership with Walkway Community Centre.

Village Church Belfast

Trustees' Report

Beneficiaries

The charity's beneficiaries are:

Members

Members families

Those connected with the church

The local community

The general public

Private benefit

A private benefit of the work is the financially supported pastor which is incidental and necessary to the continued work of the church.

Public benefit

The purposes of Village Church Belfast are:

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the declaration of faith set out in a Schedule to the Articles. The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include the facilitation of regular public worship, that provides for the spiritual wellbeing of society; the training and equipping of people in their Christian faith. These benefits can be demonstrated through weekly meetings to present the teachings of the bible and the provision of opportunities for Christian response including but not limited to prayer and worship. These benefits are demonstrated by the members of the public who choose to attend our weekly worship gatherings, events and training days and the feedback they provide.

To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in Belfast, Ireland the United Kingdom and such other parts of the world as the directors may from time to time think fit. The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include working with the local people of Bloomfield and Ballymacarret in dealing with issues of addiction, sexual exploitation and sectarianism; through the teaching provided at services and events held at the church building; and the financial support of charities working to alleviate those in poverty. These benefits are demonstrated by the presence of members of the public choosing to receive the teaching and through the feedback of the local stakeholders we partner with both locally and abroad.

To relieve aged persons and persons in need, hardship, sickness, or distress arising therefrom whether in connection with housing or accommodation or shelter or any other purpose (whether by loan, gift, the provision of accommodation or shelter in any other way), in Belfast, Ireland and United Kingdom and such other parts of the world as the directors may from time to time think fit. The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include relief of the needs of people suffering from hunger, poor nutrition, lack of shelter, sickness, social exclusion or other hardships. These benefits are demonstrated by the feedback of those members of society whose hardships have been alleviated.

To advance education whether of children (above or below compulsory school age) or of adults. The direct benefit that flows from this purpose is the educational value provided by the religious and Biblical teachings being offered by our charity. These benefits are demonstrated by members of the public choosing to receive the teaching and the feedback they provide.

There is no harm arising from any of the purposes.

Village Church Belfast

Trustees' Report

Financial Review and Results for the Year

See attached annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Main Achievements for the Year

Worship services held each week throughout the year both in person and online (bible teaching, prayer, worship, fellowship)

Prayer and small group support via Zoom and in person meetings

Benevolence for people in need

Women's events

Men's events

West Belfast church plant

Child protection training

Youth club

Tots group

Hope Explored evangelism classes

Regular leadership development meetings

Partnership with Walkway Community Centre

Village community clean up day

Coordinating with community stakeholders such as NGOs and community bodies on community development issues

Weddings

Marriage prep counselling

Continued development of second congregation in a strategic part of the city

Multiplication of small groups meeting throughout Belfast

Village Church Belfast

Trustees' Report

Future Plans

2022/23 has been both fruitful and challenging. We're still recovering in may ways from the heights of the pandemic. We've left Zoom meetings behind in many aspects, no longer needing it for our main gatherings, only for the occasional meeting or mid-week reflection and pray times. Our West Belfast church plant endeavours have sadly come to a pause with Nathan Brown no longer employed for Village. We still have a desire to plant a church in West Belfast and consider the work done over the past couple years not a waste at all. We've gained some important relationships which we trust will be crucial for any future plans in the West.

We have brought on a new children and families worker who has done an excellent job engaging with not only the families who are part of our growing congregation , but with the wider Bloomfield community; our parents and tots group being a particular highlight. We have also brought on a new Treasurer who has helped bring greater accountability to our finance team as we have grown as a church.

Our building purchase project has been slow to complete. Our giving campaign has been a success but solicitors have been slow. This hasn't stopped us from continuing to make some needed improvements to the building. We look forward to completing the building purchase in the near future.

Risk Management

Risk is an everyday part of the Charity's normal activity. The Trustees have considered and identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed having taken appropriate professional advice have been assured that adequate systems and procedures are in place in order to mitigate or manage those risks.

Reserves Policy

The Charity does not have a reserves policy.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme (which meets the requirements of The Pension Regulator as a qualifying workplace pension scheme) for the benefit of its permanent staff and those who are eligible under Auto Enrolment. The assets are administered by insurance companies in personal pension plans and are held independently from those of the charity. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Results

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 15 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Village Church Belfast

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Village Church Belfast

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105985

Annual return

Village Church Belfast

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Barry Millar

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15 March 2024