

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Registration No. **NIC106074**

**PARK AVENUE FREE METHODIST CHURCH BELFAST
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME

PARK AVENUE FREE METHODIST CHURCH BELFAST

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

NIC106074

CHAIRPERSON

Mr Philip Meeke

TRUSTEES

Mr John Alexander Thomson

Mr Ian McGreechan

Mr Philip Meeke

Mrs Miriam Irene Beckett

Mrs Julie-Anne Eccles

Mr Jonathan Gray

REGISTERED OFFICE

105 Park Avenue

Belfast

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Tony Clarke

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BANKERS

Ulster Bank Limited

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Structure

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Reference and Administrative Information

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 1, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

Public Benefit

The organisation has consistently operated within its Public Benefit statement throughout 2023.

It has promoted the celebration and public worship of the Christian religion and sought to promote moral improvement on Christian lines for a section of the community. Bible studies and Sunday services continue to operate, encourage and inform those who attend.

Youth Clubs continue to function with voluntary leaders some also go on to further training in another charity as a result of encouragement and experience received with us. The Youth meets on Friday evenings from 2000 hrs to 2130hrs. The Youth Club provides a safe space for young people to come and meet, play game and have a short period of Christian Worship.

Children's clubs from age 3 years to 11years also continue to function and are well attended. These clubs also provide a safe place for parents to leave their children from 1830hrs to 1945hrs each Friday evening. The clubs take the form of childrens' games and simple bible stories. Twice a year the Church holds two special services for the children to enable their parents to come to church and to inform them of what the children have been doing throughout the year.

The Church continues to operate a Mums and Toddlers group each Monday morning where Mums and their children come to meet and enjoy each other's company while their children are playing and supervised by the church volunteers.

We also continue to operate a Friendship Club on Tuesday afternoon where adults meet take part in board games, craft and a short Christian talk. They also enjoy a meal at the end of the afternoon.

In addition to this the core leadership have attended training sessions over two years with other charities to enhance their operational effectiveness.

All organisations continue to be run in accordance with Biblical principles and FMC guidelines.

The Trustees have regarded the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Constitution & Governing

This is as set out in the 2015 edition of the Book of Discipline of the Free Methodist Church.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

The Purpose of the Charity:

The charity fulfils its purpose for the benefit of the East Belfast congregation of the Free Methodist Church of UK and Ireland for the furtherance in East Belfast of the religious and charitable work of the FMC. This is done in accordance with the doctrines and usages of the Church as set forth in its Book of Discipline.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on page 6 & 7. The charity returned net receipts/payments for the year of (£30,267). At 31 December 2023 the total funds of the charity amounted to £72,459 of which restricted funds were £749.25 and £71,710 were unrestricted.

Reserves policy and going concern

Of the total funds reported above, £72,459 is made up of cash at the bank. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

Plan for the future

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

Structure, governance and management

Park Avenue Free Methodist Church Belfast is a registered charity, number NIC106074 and is governed by its constitution.

New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is also our responsibility to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees



Mr Philip Meeke
Trustee

16-09-2024
Date

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PARK AVENUE FREE METHODIST CHURCH BELFAST ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I report on the accounts of Park Avenue Free Methodist Church Belfast for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent 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.

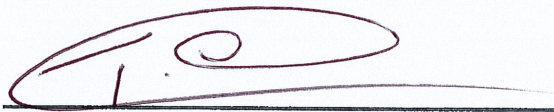
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Tony Clarke
53 Andersontown Road
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16.9.24
Date:

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Year to Dec-23 TOTAL £ |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | |
| Donations & Gift Aid | | 93,199 | 22,599 | 115,798 |
| Grants | | - | - | - |
| Building Maintenance | | - | - | - |
| Bank Interest | | - | - | - |
| From Charitable Activities | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | | 1,313 | - | 1,313 |
| Total Receipts | 2 | 94,512 | 22,599 | 117,111 |
| Payments: | | | | |
| Costs of Fundraising | | - | - | - |
| Charitable Activities | 3 | 125,528 | 21,850 | 147,378 |
| Grants & Donations | | - | - | - |
| Governance Costs | | - | - | - |
| Asset and investment purchase | | | | |
| Purchase of Equipment | | - | - | - |
| Total Payments: | | 125,528 | 21,850 | 147,378 |
| Net Receipts / (payments) | | (31,016) | 749 | 30,267 |
| Transfers to / (from) funds | | - | - | - |
| Surplus / (deficit) for the year | | (31,016) | 749 | (30,267) |
| <u>Reconciliation 31.12.23</u> | | | | |
| Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.22 | | 102,726 | - | 102,726 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for this year end | | (31,016) | 749 | (30,267) |
| Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.23 | | 71,710 | 749 | 72,459 |

The statement of Receipts and payments includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES


| Funds Reconciliation | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2023 £ |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.22 | 102,726 | - | 102,726 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for this year end | (31,016) | 749 | (30,267) |
| Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.23 | 71,710 | 749 | 72,459 |

| Bank & Cash Balances | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bank Deposit Accounts | - | - | - |
| Bank Current Accounts | 71,710 | 749 | 72,459 |
| Cash in Hand | - | - | - |
| | 71,710 | 749 | 72,459 |

| Other Assets | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2023 £ |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tangible Fixed Assets | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |

| Liabilities | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2023 £ |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |

The financial statements were approved by the board Trustees on 14.9.24 and were signed on their behalf by:



 Mr Philip Meeke

14-09-24

 Date

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Generated Funds

| | 2023 | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | |
| | Funds | Funds | TOTAL |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants | - | - | - |
| Totals 2023 | - | - | - |

2 Receipts analysis

| | 2023 | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | |
| | Funds | Funds | TOTAL |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations | 82,135 | 22,599 | 104,734 |
| Gift Aid | 11,064 | - | 11,064 |
| Clubs | 1,313 | - | 1,313 |
| Totals 2023 | 94,512 | 22,599 | 117,111 |

3 Payments on charitable activities

| | 2023 | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | |
| | Funds | Funds | TOTAL |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Wages & Salaries | 38,042 | - | 38,042 |
| Utilities | 7,890 | - | 7,890 |
| Insurance | 4,755 | - | 4,755 |
| Church & Manse Maintenance | 44,408 | - | 44,408 |
| General Expenses | 14,483 | - | 14,483 |
| Clubs | 6,905 | - | 6,905 |
| Missions & Missionaries | 9,046 | 21,850 | 30,896 |
| Totals 2023 | 125,528 | 21,850 | 147,378 |

4 Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £300(2023 - £NIL)

5 Post-Balance Sheet Events

None.

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6 Funds

| | Balance at 1 Jan 2023 | Movement in Incoming | Resources Outgoing | Transfer of Funds | Balance at 31 Dec 23 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>Restricted funds</u> | | | | | |
| Pooled Restricted | - | 22,599 | (21,850) | - | 749 |
| Total restricted funds | - | 22,599 | (21,850) | - | 749 |
| <u>Unrestricted funds</u> | | | | | |
| General | 102,726 | 94,512 | (125,528) | - | 71,710 |
| | 102,726 | 94,512 | (125,528) | - | 71,710 |
| Total net asset funds | 102,726 | 117,111 | (147,378) | - | 72,459 |

7 Related Parties

The Charity does not have any related parties.

8 Trustees remuneration & expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration.

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind.

During the year, some Trustees received reimbursements for out of pocket expenses and repayment for direct charitable expenditure totaling:

| | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Trustee 1 | 300 |
| Trustee 2 | 216 |
| Trustee 3 | 777 |
| Trustee 4 | 1,293 |
| | 2,586 |

9 Previous year comparisons

Please note that there is no previous year comparisons as the charity was not required to upload accounts for the previous year.