

**TRUSTEES REPORT and Accounts of BANGOR CHURCH of the NAZARENE
for the year ended 30th September 2024.**

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1. STATEMENT of the TRUSTEES

(i) Elected Trustees as at 30 Sept 2024:

Mrs Joan Massey	Mrs N Kinnaird
Mr Tom Penman	Mrs J Spratt
Mr R Ashfield	Mrs Carol Walton
Mr G Thompson	

Contact Address:

C/o Mr T Penman, 7 Dunkeld Grove, Bangor, BT19 6RH.

APPOINTMENT of TRUSTEES is by election to the Bangor Church Board by the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Church annually. Trustees are elected to serve for a period of one year with each trustee retiring and being eligible for re-election each year. The Minister of the Church who is a salaried employee of the Church acts as chair of the Trustees but is not an elected trustee.

(ii) Governing Document:

The Church is autonomous within the British Isles North District ("BIND") which is an administrative area of the international Church of the Nazarene, and guided in structure, governance and Practice by "The Manual" of the denomination. This forms its constitution. Each local congregation in the denomination is autonomous in all respects of governance and financial responsibility including employer obligations.

(iii) Charitable Purposes:

Our purposes, as recorded in the Manual, are the advancement of the Christian Faith through Mission, Discipleship, Fellowship, Teaching, and Works of Compassion.

(iv) Activities and Achievements:

The period under review covers the accounting period 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024.

Sunday services took place every Sunday morning and evening services took place once a month with additional evening services on special occasions. In addition to these services the following regular activities took place:

Children's Sunday Club.

Puddleducks on each Thursday during school term time

Girls Brigade on Monday nights during the relevant seasons

Craft Class on the second Wednesday of each month

Ladies Prayer & Bible Study on a weekly basis

Men's 'Fellaship' on a monthly basis

Prayer & Bible Study on a weekly basis

New Harvest Fellowship for elder members and adherents on the second Tuesday of each month between September and May

The Puddleducks team work with Pre-school children and the parents / guardians' who bring them along. Fun, food and fellowship is plentiful and a way of reaching out to those who may not attend any church.

It has been a blessing to see children coming to the Sunday Club during the morning service where they are taught bible stories, sing and play games and have fun whilst doing this. We thank all involved in this ministry and for the seeds being planted in young lives. Girls Brigade reaches school age children who learn to grow in their knowledge of spiritual things, through scripture quizzes and competitions. The children who attend have fun in the activities they participate in and especially the outings to Indiana Land and McDonalds. The girls are a credit to our church and thanks must go to the leaders and Captain, who commit and invest their time each week to help these girls grow and know about having Jesus in their lives.

Since adults lead very busy lives, church is intended to be a place of tranquillity, escapism, or just time for themselves to unwind, relax and enjoy fellowship with one another. The Ladies prayer and bible study group is one such group who are there to listen and support where needed. The Craft class is another way to take time out and learn new skills or just have something new that could be shared with others. It has been said recently on the radio that in an effort to get people away from their mobile phones, knitting is being promoted as a way of reducing stress and promoting calmness. This is a place where knitting needles can come out fortnightly.

The Men's Fellaship has become a way and opportunity for men to socialise and get to know each other, since sometimes on a Sunday, there is little time to talk to or get to know others in the church.

Another two activities in the church, for both men and women are Prayer and Bible Study and New Harvest Fellowship. Prayer & bible study helps us to explore various books of the bible which in turn helps to bring the study to life. New Harvest Fellowship is an area that to come and listen to the various speakers that attend with supper afterwards.

It must always be borne in mind that the most important purpose and mission of the church is to honour God and bring the Gospel to the community. Consequently evangelism will always be our priority whilst carrying out all the other activities

Special Events held in 2024;

19 th April -	Girls Brigade display
4 th May -	Men's 'Fellship' commenced and has proved very successful
11 th May -	New Harvest Bus outing
19 th May -	Joint Pentecost Service held in Bangor. Rev Gary Law was speaker
25 th June -	Nigel Davidson participated in our evening service
13 th August -	Spirit of Praise AM Service
24 th August -	A Family Fun Day was held from 12.00 -3.00pm
27 th October -	A musical evening with the Carson Family and Ulster Scots
10 th November -	Remembrance Day Service
13 th October -	Harvest Services with Pastor Ryan Smith
17 th November -	A team of students from Nazarene Theological College took the morning service.
24 th November -	Girls Brigade Enrolment Service AM
3 rd December -	Church Christmas Dinner at Clandeboye Golf Club
8 th December -	An evening of praise with 'Spirit of Praise Group'
14 th December -	Peninsula Choir - Christmas Concert
19 th December -	Christmas communion service
21 st December -	Santa's Grotto opened 10.30 - 12pm
22 nd December -	Family Carol Service.
25 th December -	Christmas morning service 10.30am with refreshments.
31 st December -	Watchnight Service & refreshments - 7.30pm

MISSIONARY events :

28 th April -	Sunday Supper - an offering was lifted for Maaiké Harvey who Volunteered to help with the Kids for 4 School project in Africa. She received a cheque for over £600.
26 th May -	Bethany Pierce from our Lisburn church highlighted her work with Logos Ministries.
8 th June -	Visit from our Missionaries from Tanzania

The activities are in addition to the often unseen ministries including supporting bereaved persons in the Community; providing various forms of counselling to those in the community and regularly providing other forms of aid including Food Bank donations.

MEMBERSHIP:

At the end of the year there were 93 members as well as regular adherents. All board members stand down from their board position prior to the AGM and can be considered again for nomination to the board, along with any other nominations.

2. ACCOUNTS:

The Accounts that follow show the income and expenditure raised and expended in the operation of the church and regular activities. The income is largely sourced from income and donations from members, adherents and visitors by way of

specific gifts, other donations and offerings. The church also claims Gift Aid and GASDS from HMRC where possible.

Those attending the AGM and members received, in advance, copies of the church accounts. The Treasurer also provided a presentation using PowerPoint to show a summary of the main income and expenditure.

Bank and loan finance commitments were maintained, and the bank loan was repaid in December 2024 using a short term loan from the District church. The loan was given with strict repayment conditions and provided for part conversion into a grant subject to certain levels of repayment where the donations came from additional special giving by the congregation.

It is church policy from a good governance perspective that all Department funding and expenditure is regularly reported to and accounted through the Church Treasurer. This ensures open and fair reporting and minimises the risks of defalcation.

Restricted and Designated funds and annual expenses are retained as separate balances at the close of each financial year. Each is assessed from time to time as to its appropriate level and potential for use within its own designation. Sufficient funds are retained in a readily accessible account to ensure that at least 3 months working capital is available at all times and any loans to the charity can be repaid.

The accounts have been independently examined by a suitably Independent Examiner and her report is attached to the financial accounts.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Tom Penman (Church Treasurer).
30 June 2025