

Mountpottinger Baptist Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107369

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2020-04-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: Purpose The Church acknowledges the headship of Jesus Christ over his Church and exists to glorify the triune God by maintaining and promoting his worship both individually and corporately. Its members devote themselves to the teachings of Scripture, to fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer and evangelism. They commit, with the help of God, to witness to the saving and sustaining power of the Lord Jesus Christ and to work for the extension of His Kingdom. The principal charitable object of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Older people, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£35,615	£60,219	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Mcquillan		
Ian Foster		
Jonathan Mcconnell		
Victor Stitt		

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Mountpottinger Baptist Church - Receipts and Payments account

For year ended 31 December 2024

Section A: Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023
Receipts				
Voluntary Donations & Gift aid	30 554	4 505	35 059	42 494
Other Donations			0	0
Bank Interest	557		557	514
Other Income			0	600
Total Receipts	31 110	4 505	35 615	43 608
Payments				
Direct Charitable Activity	54 357		54 357	47 962
Grants and Donations		5 861	5 861	14 425
Total Payments	54 357	5 861	60 219	62 387
Net of Receipts/ (Payments)	(23 247)	(1 356)	(24 603)	(18779)
Transfers between funds	(0 637)	0 637	0 000	
Other recognised gains/(losses)	100 000	0 000	100 000	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	76 116	(0 719)	75 397	(18779)

Section B: Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023
Funds reconciliation				
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 Dec 2023	22 467	0 719	23 186	41 965
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	76 116	(0 719)	75 397	(18779)
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 Dec 2024	98 583	(0 000)	98 583	23 186
Bank and Cash Balances				
Bank Deposit account			94 625	20 162
Bank Current account			3 958	3 024
Cash in hand			0	0
Total			98 583	23 186

Other Assets

Church building	0 000	400 000
Manse	200 000	200 000
Fixtures and fittings	0 000	30 000
Tax to be claimed	0 000	7 295

Total	<u>0 000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200 000</u>	<u>637 295</u>
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Liabilities

Mission support due

Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0 000</u>	<u>0 000</u>
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Receipts				
Voluntary Donations & Gift aid	38 676	3 818	42 494	53 699
Other Donations			0	0
Bank Interest	514		514	88
Other Income	600		600	22
Total Receipts	<u>39 790</u>	<u>3 818</u>	<u>43 608</u>	<u>53 809</u>
Payments				
Direct Charitable Activity	47 962		47 962	49 238
Grants and Donations		14 425	14 425	5 498
Total Payments	<u>47 962</u>	<u>14 425</u>	<u>62 387</u>	<u>54 736</u>
Net of Receipts/ (Payments)	(8 172)	(10 607)	(18 779)	(927)
Transfers between funds	2 178	(2 178)	0 000	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>(5 994)</u>	<u>(12 785)</u>	<u>(18 779)</u>	<u>(927)</u>

Section B: Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022
Funds reconciliation				
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 Dec 2022	28 461	13 504	41 965	42 892
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(5 994)	(12 785)	(18 779)	(927)
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 Dec 2023	<u>22 467</u>	<u>0 719</u>	<u>23 186</u>	<u>41 965</u>
Bank and Cash Balances				
Bank Deposit account			20 162	38 901
Bank Current account			3 024	3 064
Cash in hand			0	0
Total			<u>23 186</u>	<u>41 965</u>
Other Assets				
Church building				400 000
Manse				200 000
Fixtures and fittings				30 000
Tax to be claimed			7 295	6 470
Total	<u>0 000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7 295</u>	<u>636 470</u>
Liabilities				
Mission support due		0 719	0 719	
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0 719</u>	<u>0 719</u>	

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Trustee Report 2024

We started the year with our motto text from Romans 12: 12 – “be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” and have sought to maintain these attitudes in all our work. This last year has turned out to be one of major challenges and choices regarding the church’s future. We have continued to lose members and have sadly said goodbye to two of our oldest, Tommy Sandford and Gertie Hamilton. They are dearly missed and much loved friends who have made significant contributions to the life of our church over the years.

Last summer we had another link with the English-Romanian camp in that Billy and Andrew McQuillan joined Timothy Houston and Adam Skinner along with Romanian friends and a large group of children. The Gospel was shared each day and various activities organised to amuse the young people. It was a great camp with some unfortunate experiences of illness, but a blessing to all nonetheless. We thank God that we had a part in it as a church with financial support and other practical expressions of love from our fellowship.

Last summer we held a farewell-commissioning service for Timothy Houston who has since gone on to become assistant pastor of Dundonald Baptist church for two years. We wish him and Claire well, though we miss their gifts and fellowship.

Also last year Iain Sanders began working with Seafarers Christian Friends Society in their office. This has since led to opportunities to serve in our ports, engage in deputation for the mission, and further preaching for him. We are delighted that he has been issued an invitation to start a chaplaincy for the mission in Aberdeen and hope to hold a commissioning service soon. We wish him and Rosie God’s richest blessing. Stephen Sandford has begun working with Prison Fellowship. We commend him for this and keep him in our prayers for a valuable ministry.

Finally, our meetings have continued and I wish to thank members for their faithfulness. We have struggled to understand the will of God but our coming to major decisions in that regard. Losing members through death and Christian service and by other ways has left us asking appropriate questions about what next. God is in control and will lead us aright and always according to His purposes. We remain joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

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Annual return

MOUNTPOTTINGER BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE PROPRIETOR ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF MOUNTPOTTINGER BAPTIST CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out in the attached documents.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the constitution 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 church 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.



Mr Seamus Dawson FCA

**SLMD Limited T/a Bridge, Chartered Accountants
Chartered Accountants
Forestview Office
Purdy's Lane
Belfast
BT8 7AR**

Date : 22/5/24.

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For year ended 31 December 2022

Section A: Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2021
Receipts				
Voluntary Donations & Gift aid	46,550	7,149	53,699	68,025
Other Donations			0	300
Bank Interest	88		88	4
Other Income	22		22	1,262
Total Receipts	<u>46 660</u>	<u>7 149</u>	<u>53 809</u>	<u>69 591</u>
Payments				
Direct Charitable Activity	49 238		49 238	45 520
Grants and Donations		5 498	5 498	14 584
Total Payments	<u>49 238</u>	<u>5 498</u>	<u>54 736</u>	<u>60 104</u>
Net of Receipts/ (Payments)	(2 578)	1 651	(0 927)	9 487
Transfers between funds				
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>(2 578)</u>	<u>1 651</u>	<u>(0 927)</u>	<u>9 487</u>

Section B: Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

Funds reconciliation

Cash in bank and in hand at 31 Dec 2021	31 039	11 853	42 892	33 405
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(2 578)	1 651	(0 927)	9 487
Cash in bank and in hand at 31 Dec 2022	<u>28 461</u>	<u>13 504</u>	<u>41 965</u>	<u>42 892</u>

Bank and Cash Balances

Bank Deposit account			38 901	41 532
Bank Current account			3 064	1 360
Cash in hand			0 000	0 000
Total			<u>41 965</u>	<u>42 892</u>

Other Assets

Church building	400 000		400 000	400 000
Manse	200 000		200 000	200 000
Fixtures and fittings	30 000		30 000	30 000
Tax to be claimed	6 072	0 398	6 470	9 215
Total	<u>636 072</u>	<u>0 398</u>	<u>636 470</u>	<u>639 215</u>

Liabilities

Mission support due		9 600	9 600	
Gift Aid and GASDS refund due		2 178	2 178	
Total	<u>0 000</u>	<u>11 778</u>	<u>11 778</u>	

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Annual Report and Accounts

for year ended

31 December 2022

Registered Charity NIC 107369

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Notes to Account and comply with the applicable law.

Mountpottinger Baptist Church Completed Registration with Charity Commission Northern Ireland on 15th April 2020

Objectives and activities

The principal charitable object of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles.

In furtherance of this object the church:

1. conducts regular services for public worship each Sunday and also meet during the week for prayer and Bible study.
2. provides pastoral care to the sick and elderly in our congregation.
3. provides activities for local young people by the provision of a Boys Brigade Company.
4. is involved in Christian mission activities further afield, which involves providing help and financial support to communities in other countries who live in needy circumstances.

The Church employs various methods to pursue these objectives as is deemed suitable by the Trustees.

Achievements and Performance

We began 2023 with a motto reminding us that the Church exists to exalt God, examine herself, edify herself, and evangelise the lost. These tasks have always preoccupied us throughout 2022-2023.

We completed yet another evangelistic course called: The World We All Want. A number of members (Timothy and Claire Houston) went to Romania to lead the English camp again in the summer (accompanied by Adam Skinner from Dundonald and Peter and Lindsay Mulligan from Strandtown). Many in the church supported financially and in other ways. The report back in September encouraged us all.

2022 was a year of completions for Iain Sanders (graduating with his theology degree) and Claire Houston (graduating with her doctorate). We congratulate them both again. Iain continues to study for his Masters in Theology and Claire continues to do research at Queens University. Timothy Houston is nearly finished his last year of study at the Irish Baptist College and we wish him well for his future. He has informed the church of an interest from Dundonald Baptist church to work alongside their pastor.

The last year has also seen Billy Houston complete 14 years as pastor of the church with a welcome reward of a sabbatical break throughout the year. Many thanks are due to members and students of the College who stepped in to assist with the preaching and other duties in Billy's absence. A special word of thanks to Iain Sanders who took on a whole month of preaching in July.

The church has not emerged unscathed from the pandemic having lost a number of members who have resigned and moved on. Still we continue to fulfil our motto for the year while trying to figure out the will of the Lord for us in the light of our declining numbers. During the summer of last year we were encouraged by an approach from Strandtown Baptist church to consider a partnership with them in church revitalisation. Elders of both churches have had discussions and two joint prayer meetings have taken place already.

Finally, this year has begun with the Hope Explored course over a three week period during which we saw a number of interested people join us to hear the Gospel presentation. I

encourage you all to keep on praying for God's blessing. I also ask you to keep on keeping on. The needs are great but our God is greater than all. Amen.

Financial Review

Results

The Trustees are once again thankful for the Lord's blessing throughout another year and are grateful for the continued generosity of members of the fellowship, regular attendees and legacies provided.

Gifts and Gift Making Policy

It is the fellowship's policy to make gifts to Christian workers commended by the fellowship to the Lord's work, former members of the fellowship and others known to the elders and members of the fellowship who are engaged in Christian ministry in Ireland and worldwide.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees seek to maintain a property reserve in order to facilitate exceptional expenditure on the building maintenance. We also maintain a general reserve to manage fluctuations in income.

Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major business and operational risks which Mountpottinger Baptist faces. They have appointed a deacon as treasurer. All cheques issued are signed by two people authorized as signatories. The Trustees monitor the finances regularly throughout the year and are confident that the risks are relatively minimal given the nature of its work, and the modest costs.

Taxation Status

As a charity recognized by HM Revenue and Customs the fellowship has no liability to taxation on its charitable activities.

Structure, governance management

Mountpottinger Baptist Church is a local independent church and a charity recognised by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC). The Church registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 15th April 2020 as required by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Trustees are appointed by the Church for as long as they serve as an elder or deacon respectively and there shall be a minimum of three Trustees serving at all times. A formal meeting of Trustees takes place on a minimum of two times per annum.

The Church operates under a congregational system of governance with leadership authority vested in the elders and practical responsibilities carried out by deacons. Officers are selected on the basis of biblical stipulations from 1 Timothy and Titus. Elders serve for five years and deacons for three years and are re-electable after this period.

No payments were made to any of the Trustees in their role as Trustees.

The Pastor receives remuneration for his role as a Pastor, but no payment is made in respect to his duties as a trustee.

The two students who are also Trustees received payments in line with the provisions of the constitution. However their benefit is not related to their role as Trustees.

Risk

The Trustees consider that there are two main areas of risk facing the church, as follows:

- Financial

The church relies entirely on the income received from offerings to achieve its charitable objectives. With any significant reduction in income, the Trustees would implement a cost review to ensure the church's financial stability.

- Reputational Risk

A child protection policy has been drawn up in relation to work with children and the elders have appointed a designated child protection officer. This policy is reviewed annually, and everyone who assists with the children's work is vetted.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and Elders and signed on their behalf.

Name	Signature	Date
William Houston		
Jonnathan McConnell		

Notes to Accounts

Grants

No grants were made during the year.

Trustee remuneration

The only trustee to receive remuneration during the year was Pastor William Houston.

Indemnity insurance for Trustees' and Officers' liability is included as an integral part of the general church insurance policy.

Trustee expenses

Expenses were incurred during the year by Pastor William Houston within his remit as Pastor.

Transactions with Trustees and connected persons

No transactions were undertaken with Trustees or connected persons.

Other information

All assets are fully owned by the church. They are valued according to their insured value.

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Date : 09/11/2023