

Strandtown Baptist Church

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

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

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Strandtown Baptist Church
Charity registration number	107388
Principal office	1 Clonallon Ct Belfast BT4 2AB

The trustees

C McClenaghan	(Resigned 22 March 2023)
D Middleton	(Appointed 20 March 2024)
J Fitch	
J Harvey	
J Murray	(Appointed 22 March 2023)
L Campbell	
M Shaw	
N Boomer	(Resigned 20 March 2024)
P Gamble	(Appointed 20 March 2024)
W Priestley	

Independent examiner	Finegan Gibson Ltd Causeway Tower 9 James Street South Belfast BT2 8DN
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Structure, governance and management

The Church Constitution is the governing document which gives Trustees responsibility for overall governance and management of the Church. The Trustees are made up of the Church Elders (nominated and elected by the church membership to serve a five year term and can be re-elected for a second and subsequent terms), the Church Secretary and the Church Treasurer (both nominated and elected by the Church membership to serve a three year term before potentially being re-elected).

The Trustees meet on a quarterly basis while the Elders (being a sub committee of the Trustee Group) meet monthly.

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Objectives and activities

Strandtown Baptist Church is a local church family seeking to follow Jesus together.

2 Corinthians 3:18 is our theme verse focusing on "being transformed into the image of Christ". We need to focus on the type of people that God wants us to be, rather than the programs, activities and events that we run.

If we want to become more like the Lord Jesus then we need to do what he did. If we want to experience intimacy with our Heavenly Father, enjoy a deep sense of peace and purpose, reach the lost and make an impact for the Kingdom of God, we need to form our lives around Jesus's practices. We believe that we are all called to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus by 'going DEEP'. As we move forward, this is what we will be committing to in the life of our church:

D: Devoted to God's Word
E: Engaged in the Body of Christ
E: Examples of Christ in the World
P: Prioritising Prayer

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Achievements and performance

To achieve our objectives the Church holds Sunday services and other meetings, activities and events both for members and non members who wish to attend. The services, meeting and other gatherings provide a range of opportunities to gather in worship, pray and receive teaching on God's Word. The church also provides a range of services to the local community, such as children's and youth activities, and works with other charities to provide resources to those in need in East Belfast.

Those connected to the church are regularly encouraged to worship UP to God, provide support IN to those in our church family and serve OUT in to our communities, workplaces and beyond.

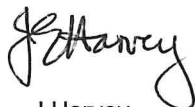
The Church continues to offer online streaming of services giving accessibility to members and others who are unable to join us in person.

The Trustees rejoice in the number of new people who have commenced attending the church in the last year. At the end of the year church membership stood at 224.

Financial review

The net deficit for the year amounted to £28,713 of which £28,280 is attributable to unrestricted reserves which now stand at £153,190. Restricted reserves are £9,187.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 1 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



J Harvey
Trustee

L Campbell
Trustee