

Castlereagh Baptist Church
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 30 November 2024

The Trustees present the Annual Report, together with the financial statements, of Castlereagh Baptist Church for the year ended 30 November 2024.

Recruitment and Appointment

Given the nature of their responsibilities, the duly appointed Elders and Deacons (collectively referred to as the 'Office-Bearers') serve as the Charity Trustees, in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The Church Members' Meeting appoint, remove and accept the resignation of Charity Trustees.

Appointment to the role of Charity Trustee will terminate on cessation of holding the office of Elder or Deacon. No person may serve as a Charity Trustee, who is disqualified by law from acting as a Charity Trustee.

The Trustees who served Castlereagh Baptist Church during 2024 are as detailed on the charity's entry on the register. Trustees' records are updated on the charity commission website to represent any changes. Trustees meet on at least two occasions during the year.

Payments to Trustees

None of the Trustees have any beneficial interest from the Church or received payment for undertaking Trustee duties.

Objectives and Activities

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.

The Church 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 objective of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture.

Public Benefit.

The Church meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the public by making known the Christian gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of the Christian Faith.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to all its activities.

The Church continues to reach out into the community in several ways through our different organisations as follows: - Sunday Worship Services; Weekly Prayer Meeting/Bible Study; Baptist Women's Fellowship; Friendship Hour; Campaigners.

Achievements and Performance

The numbers attending have been steady and new people have started to attend the church regularly.

The regular ministries of the church have continued throughout the year with encouraging attendances.

The outreach activities continued during the year, including, the Street ministry outreach, Holiday Bible Club and the Remembrance Day service.

Financial Review

The Church is funded by voluntary gifts and donations, and we make use of both the Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. We are thankful to our members and adherents for their faithful giving to the church.

The annual accounts show a surplus for the year ended 30 November 2024 of £2,459 and Closing Funds Carried Forward of £90,863.

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The Trustees have reviewed the financial position of the Church and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Church can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

107393

Principal address

99-101 Castlereagh Rd
Belfast
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Trustees

J Lemon
M Hamilton
A Hoyle
D S Jackson
H Dempster (resigned 5/2/24)
V McCreedy

Independent Examiner

Chartered Accountant Ireland
McIlveen Howard Limited
Chartered Accountants
169a Upper Newtownards Road
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BT4 3HZ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 December 25 and signed on its behalf by:



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D S Jackson - Trustee