

# Finaghy Baptist Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107403

## Details

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**Known as** FBC

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2020-05-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** "FBC acknowledges the headship of the Lord Jesus Christ over His Church and exists to glorify the triune God by maintaining and promoting His worship both individually and corporately. FBC members devote themselves to the teaching of Scripture (the Bible), to fellowship, to communion and to prayer. FBC is also committed to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ among the general public, in accordance with biblical principles and practice, especially in Finaghy, South and West Belfast and Dunmurry, but also throughout the world. FBC members commit, with the help of God, to witness to the love of God, 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 FBC is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture as reflected in FBC's Doctrinal Statement. Secondary charitable objects include, the prevention and relief of poverty, the teaching of children, young persons, and adults to live lives which are law abiding, moral and godly, the support of mission work at home and abroad including evangelism and projects aimed at improved living circumstances and the provision of loving practical care and support to both FBC members and to local communities in which FBC people live."

**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,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Women

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£145,716	£142,264	£0	2

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ashley Eves		
Gary Ellison		
Mr Chris Keiller		
Sall Hamilton		

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# Accounts

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<b>Charity Name</b>	<b>Charity No.</b>
Finaghy Baptist Church	107403

### Receipts and payments accounts

<b>For the period from</b>	<b>01/01/2024</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>31/12/2024</b>
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#### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
General Donations	76,994	-	-	76,994
Missionary Support	-	11,910	-	11,910
Gifts made to Specific Missionaries	-	1,150	-	1,150
Use of Church Facilities incl. Manse Rental	13,281	-	-	13,281
Bank Interest	745	-	-	745
HMRC Gift Aid	21,696	-	-	21,696
Humanitarian Appeals less Stewardship	-	25	-	25
Other Designated Gifts	-	120	-	120
Misc Payments: inclis return of £10K Reserve Deposit & Church Weekend	11,508	4,074	-	15,582
Stewardship	4,054	-	-	4,054
Stewardship Gift Aid Recovered	159	-	-	159
Legacy & In-Memorium Gifts	-	-	-	-
	<b>128,437</b>	<b>17,279</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>145,716</b>
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)				
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)				
	-	-	-	-
	<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>128,437</b>	<b>17,279</b>	<b>145,716</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Staff Costs (incl taxes, pension, Income Protection insurance, student loan repayment)	50,146	-	-	50,146
Other Pastor Expenses	3,033	-	-	3,033
Church Utilities	9,780	-	-	9,780
Church Reserve	30,000	-	-	30,000
Other Church Costs	3,699	-	-	3,699
Church and Manse Insurance	2,101	-	-	2,101
Manse Costs (less Insurance)	934	-	-	934
Missionary Support	8,085	11,910	-	20,005
Church Maintenance/Upgrades	2,005	-	-	2,005
Association of Baptist Churches	3,096	-	-	3,096
Administration	4,381	-	-	4,381
Ministries	6,707	5,369	-	12,076
	<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>124,777</b>	<b>17,279</b>	<b>142,056</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)				
Capex:	208	-	-	208
	<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>124,985</b>	<b>17,279</b>	<b>142,264</b>
	<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,452</b>
C/F to 2025: Land Purchase Fund (Not yet utilised)	-	1,250	-	1,250
<b>A5 Payments due in 2022 but paid in 2023</b>	2,289	-	-	2,289
<b>A6 Payments due in 2023 but paid in 2024</b>	2,873	-	-	2,873
<b>A7 Available cash funds at last year end</b>	23,148	1,250	1,490	25,888
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>27,184</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>29,924</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	27,184	1,250	1,490	29,924
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>27,184</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>29,924</b>
		OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Reserve	20,000	-	-	20,000
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
			Total		20,000

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church and Halls (Insured Value)	Unrestricted	1,739,446	-
	Manse (Insured Value)	Unrestricted	465,059	-
	Equipment	Unrestricted	16,206	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Total	2,220,711	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	2024 Payments to be paid in 2025	Unrestricted	Various	2,873
	2024 Payments to be paid in 2025	Restricted	TBC	1,250
				-
				-
		Total		4,123

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature  


Print Name  
 Ashley R Eves

23/08/25

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# Accounts

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Charity Name	Charity No.
Finaghy Baptist Church	107403

### Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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#### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
General Donations	69,957	-	-	69,957
Missionary Support	-	11,262	-	11,262
Use of Church Facilities incl. Manse Rental	8,902	-	-	8,902
Bank Interest	348	-	-	348
HMRC Gift Aid	15,092	-	-	15,092
Humanitarian Appeals less Stewardship	-	660	-	660
Chad Team Visit, less Stewardship	-	3,271	-	3,271
Other Designated Gifts	-	5,030	-	5,030
Stewardship	1,906	700	-	2,606
Stewardship Gift Aid Recovered	163	144	-	307
Legacy & In-Memorium Gifts	-	-	-	-
SSE Special Energy Assistance	-	600	-	600
	<b>96,368</b>	<b>21,667</b>	-	<b>118,035</b>
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)				
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>96,368</b>	<b>21,667</b>	-	<b>118,035</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Staff Costs (incl taxes, pension, Income Protection insurance, student loan repayment)	56,994	-	-	56,994
Other Pastor Expenses	3,572	-	-	3,572
Church Utilities	7,732	600	-	8,332
Other Church Costs	4,886	-	-	4,886
Church and Manse Insurance	1,960	-	-	1,960
Manse Costs (less Insurance)	1,703	370	-	2,073
Missionary Support	7,335	11,865	-	19,200
Chad Mission Trip	-	3,331	2,307	5,638
Church Maintenance/Upgrades	6,837	-	-	6,837
Association of Baptist Churches	3,266	-	-	3,266
Administration	3,904	-	-	3,904
Ministries	5,243	1,761	-	6,994
Gift for SW Belfast Foodbank C/F from 2022	-	100	-	100
	<b>103,432</b>	<b>18,017</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>123,756</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)	-	-	-	-
Capex:	377	2,500	-	2,877
	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>103,809</b>	<b>20,517</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>126,633</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,441</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>8,598</b>
C/F to 2024: Land Purchase Fund (Not yet utilised)	-	1,250	-	1,250
<b>A5 Payments due in 2022 but paid in 2023</b>	<b>4,180</b>	-	-	<b>4,180</b>
<b>A6 Payments due in 2023 but paid in 2024</b>	<b>2,289</b>	-	-	<b>2,289</b>
<b>A7 Available cash funds at last year end</b>	<b>32,480</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,797</b>	<b>36,377</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>23,148</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>25,888</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	8,128	1,250	1,490	10,868
	Bank Account Reserve	15,020	-	-	15,020
		-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>23,148</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>25,888</b>
		OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		Unrestricted		-
				-
				-
				-
	<b>Total</b>			

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church and Halls (Insured Value)	Unrestricted	1,656,615	-
	Manse (Insured Value)	Unrestricted	442,913	-
	Equipment	Unrestricted	18,030	-
				-
				-
				-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,117,558</b>	

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	2023 Payments to be paid in 2024	Unrestricted	Various	2,289
	2023 Payments to be paid in 2024	Restricted	TBC	1,250
				-
				-
	<b>Total</b>			<b>3,539</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Ashley Eves

11-10-24

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# Annual report

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# FINAGHY BAPTIST CHURCH

## Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2023



<b>Name of Charity:</b>	Finaghy Baptist Church (FBC)
<b>CCNI Number:</b>	107403
<b>Address:</b>	1 The Hawthorns, Finaghy, Belfast, BT10 0NA
<b>This report relates to the Financial year:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023

### **Purpose:**

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### **Public Benefits:**

- The advancement of religion.
- The prevention or relief of poverty.
- The advancement of citizenship or community development.
- The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

### **Activities and Achievements and Impact**

Having established the benefit of having our Sunday morning services online, we continue to make this available to the congregation to include those unable to get out, for whatever reason. We also hold almost weekly prayer times on a Sunday evening as well as an opportunity to meet in Small Groups in someone's home for Bible study and prayer during the week. This allows us to support, encourage, learn and pray for one another. There are also a number of special events throughout the year, including Easter, Harvest and Christmas activities.

We send regular information, regarding activities and prayer, by email to allow for effective communication, but also send by post for a few older members of the congregation without

access to email, to ensure they are not excluded. We meet weekly for refreshments after the service and once a month eat lunch together, enjoying food and fellowship with one another.

Our seniors meet monthly for a delicious soup lunch and a chance to catch up together with a short Bible talk. This is very much appreciated by all who attend each month, as it combats the isolation and loneliness some of them feel. We are very thankful to those who make this possible. Our Pastor and Elders also visit with the elderly and sick in particular, as needed.

Our children and young people are catered for in a variety of ways. During our Sunday morning service, we have age appropriate sessions for those in primary school as well as those who are pre-school. This allows the parents to concentrate on the main service, knowing their children are well cared for. These are well attended, and we have had quite a number of new babies in 2023. On a Sunday evening the youth meet together in a safe space for their own time of fellowship, learning and fun together. They also have a variety of outings throughout the year, this allows them to connect and brings a sense of belonging.

During the summer there is also an opportunity for our children and young people to attend a week-long event called Crossroads. This is a joint venture run by Scripture Union NI alongside several of the local churches working together. During this week Finaghy is buzzing with the excitement of these events.

There are a small number who join with other churches in the locality to pray once a month and to enjoy breakfast together, this allows us to support and encourage one another and show our unity even as different churches.

We continue to collect food for the SW Belfast Foodbank on a regular basis with a special emphasis on harvest Sunday in October. We also participate in filling shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse which go to children around the world, although most of these were filled online this year.

We support a number of our members prayerfully, financially and with encouragement as they live overseas, sharing their lives and their faith. We encourage them when they are back in Northern Ireland and spend time to support and care for them practically and pastorally. We love to see them engage with FBC and know it benefits us as we learn about their lives overseas.

Each year, we also walk around the local community singing Carols and distributing some Christmas goodies and invites to our activities, especially to our Carols by Candlelight. This was well attended by our congregation and some local families too. It was lovely to be able to chat to people from the local community to build relationships and celebrate together over seasonal refreshments after the service.

#### **Finances:**

The financial position of FBC at the end of the financial year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 was,

**Overall Income: £118,035**

**Overall Expenditure: £126,633**

We claimed Gift Aid on any eligible income and in total we received **£15,399**

Our Annual accounts for 2023 will be examined and reported on by our Independent Examiner, Gwendolyn Stone.

### **Charity Trustees:**

The FBC Trustees consist of FBC Elders, the FBC Treasurer and the FBC Secretary. The Treasurer and Secretary are appointed by the Elders and Deacons (FBC Officer Holders) normally from among their number, or if no one from that number is able to accept either of these responsibilities, the Elders and Deacons shall nominate for either appointment a person from the church membership who, in their opinion meets the qualifications to fulfil such an appointment. In these circumstances appointment to such a post shall confer the Office of Deacon. Those duly elected as Secretary and Treasurer may remain in position until their Office as Elder and / or Deacon cease. Office Holders are usually elected by the members of FBC at the Annual General Meeting.

### **The Finaghy Baptist Church Trustees are:**

Gary Ellison	Pastor
Sally-ann Hamilton	Secretary
Ashley Eves	Treasurer
Joel Hutchinson	(Resigned May 2024)

### **Trustees Statement:**

The FBC Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission Northern Ireland Public Benefit guidance and have carried out the activities of an FBC Trustee with due regard to it.

### **Governance:**

FBC is an independent Baptist church, voluntarily affiliated with the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland for support and advice. The church is governed by its Constitution, updated and formally agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting of the church members on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

### **Private Benefit:**

The only private benefits flowing from our purposes are the provision of stipend for any pastor of the Church who will also assume the role of Trustee and paid employment for the personnel required to support the work of the Church. Such stipends and salaries are necessary to enable the Church to provide the pastoral and administrative support required to fulfil the stated purpose, and any incurred expenses are incidental.

### **Mitigation of Harm:**

The following individuals have been appointed from among the members of FBC to advise the Trustees in key areas:

Hazel Morrow	Safeguarding Coordinator
Andrew Robinson	Health & Safety Officer

The Safeguarding Coordinator leads a Safeguarding Team who help to ensure the protection of children and vulnerable adults in our care. The Safeguarding Team ensure the careful implementation of our Safeguarding Policy.

The Health and Safety Officer advises the Trustees on the Health and Safety Policy including risk assessments and fire prevention. FBC offers regular training to help prevent harm or

accidents and to ensure our public benefits can be carried out safely. The church also has a GDPR policy in place.

These appointed members provide updates for each Trustees meeting, including a detailed report annually.

**Signed on Behalf of the Trustees:**

This annual report has been agreed upon by all FBC Trustees as a true representation of the activities, achievements and situation of FBC at the end of the financial year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.



**Secretary:** Sally-ann Hamilton

**Date:** 17/10/24



**Treasurer:** Ashley Eves

**Date:** 17/10/24

**Finaghy Baptist Church**

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# Annual return

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# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Finaghy Baptist Church (the Trust and or the Charity)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are set out on pages 01 and 02.

### 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 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:

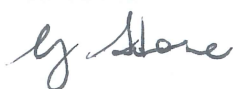
1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

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.

Signed:



Name: Gwendolyn Stone

Address: 2 Mornington View, Lisburn, BT28 2WS

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

**Finaghy Baptist Church**

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# Accounts

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### Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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#### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
General Donations	70,380	-	-	70,380
Missionary Support	-	9,400	-	9,400
Use of Church Facilities incl. Manse Rental	6,802	-	-	6,802
Bank Interest	54	-	-	54
HMRC Gift Aid	26,261	4,723	-	31,004
Afghan Aid Appeal, less Stewardship	-	3,040	-	3,040
Other Designated Gifts	-	8,985	-	8,985
Stewardship	5,908	2,560	-	8,468
Stewardship Gift Aid Recovered	361	443	-	604
Legacy & In-Memorium Gifts	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>109,584</b>	<b>29,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,735</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).</b>				
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>109,584</b>	<b>29,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,735</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Staff Costs (incl taxes, pension, Income Protection insurance, student loan repayment)	58,716	-	-	58,716
Other Pastor Expenses	4,355	-	-	4,355
Church Utilities	7,083	-	-	7,083
Other Church Costs	4,422	1,355	-	5,777
Church and Manse Insurance	1,824	-	-	1,824
Manse Costs (less Insurance)	-	9,055	-	9,055
Missionary Support	5,424	13,876	600	19,900
Afghanistan Aid Appeal	-	4,200	-	4,200
Church Maintenance/Upgrades	3,986	-	-	3,986
Association of Baptist Churches	3,424	-	-	3,424
Administration	3,431	-	-	3,431
Ministries	5,167	565	-	5,732
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>97,832</b>	<b>29,051</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>127,483</b>
100 to be paid 2023				
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>				
Capex: New Main Auditorium Projector	1,944	-	-	1,944
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,944</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>99,776</b>	<b>29,051</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>129,427</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,608</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>- 600</b>	<b>9,308</b>
<b>A5 Payments due in 2021 but paid in 2022</b>	-	2,506	-	- 2,506
<b>A6 Payments due in 2022 but paid in 2023</b>	4,380	-	-	4,380
<b>A7 Available cash funds at last year end</b>	20,798	-	4,397	25,195
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>32,480</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,797</b>	<b>36,377</b>

Note Re A5: Payments due in 2021 but paid in 2022 has been reduced by 65 due to a cheque not being presented

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	17,460	100	3,797	21,357
	Bank Account Reserve	15,020	-	-	15,020
		-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>32,480</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,797</b>	<b>36,377</b>
		OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>				


	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Total</b>			

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church and Halls (Insured Value)	Unrestricted	1,541,037	-
	Manse (Insured Value)	Unrestricted	412,012	-
	Equipment	Unrestricted	17,565	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,970,614</b>	

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	2022 Payments to be paid in 2023	Unrestricted	Various	4,380
				-
				-
				-
	<b>Total</b>			<b>4,380</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Treasurer

Print Name

**Finaghy Baptist Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107403

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# Annual report

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# FINAGHY BAPTIST CHURCH

## Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2022



<b>Name of Charity:</b>	Finaghy Baptist Church (FBC)
<b>CCNI Number:</b>	107403
<b>Address:</b>	1 The Hawthorns, Finaghy, Belfast, BT10 0NA
<b>This report relates to the Financial year:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022

### **Purpose:**

"FBC acknowledges the headship of the Lord Jesus Christ over His Church and exists to glorify the triune God by maintaining and promoting His worship both individually and corporately. FBC members devote themselves to the teaching of Scripture (the Bible), to fellowship, to communion and to prayer. FBC is also committed to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ among the general public, in accordance with biblical principles and practice, especially in Finaghy, South and West Belfast and Dunmurry, but also throughout the world. FBC members commit, with the help of God, to witness to the love of God, 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 FBC is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture as reflected in FBC's Doctrinal Statement. Secondary charitable objects include, the prevention and relief of poverty, the teaching of children, young persons, and adults to live lives which are law abiding, moral and godly, the support of mission work at home and abroad including evangelism and projects aimed at improved living circumstances and the provision of loving practical care and support to both FBC members and to local communities in which FBC people live."

### **Public Benefits:**

- The advancement of religion.
- The prevention or relief of poverty.
- The advancement of citizenship or community development.
- The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

### **Activities and Achievements and Impact**

Our services continued to be hybrid throughout 2022, the building was open for meetings, but for those who were more vulnerable or felt unable to attend in person we ensured that online streaming was available. There was constant review of Risk Assessments to enable us to operate effectively, but safely.

Communication was a key aspect of keeping everyone in contact and up to date, using email or post as needed to send updates and prayer information. This enabled everyone to stay connected in one way or another which was vital in these difficult times where loneliness and isolation is now so prevalent.

Many of our activities ran throughout the year giving opportunity to meet for fellowship, encouragement, prayer and socialisation. There were monthly lunch meetings for our seniors and various care packages throughout the year, which enabled them to keep in touch, feel loved and enjoy a sense of belonging.

On Sundays the whole congregation met together. We were able to serve refreshments and spend time chatting after the service. Our youngsters had their own age-appropriate activities. In the summer they even had an opportunity to visit a farm and enjoy an outing together as well as the fun of a Christmas party. Our creche is thriving with a number of new babies being added and the excitement of more on the way.

Our young people met regularly which gave a safe space for them to be able to enjoy each other's company as well as have fun and learn more about Jesus and who he is. They enjoyed a weekend of glamping up in Limavady as well as a stroll around the Belfast Christmas Market together.

Over the summer, there was also a joint venture between several churches in Finaghy and Scripture Union, called Crossroads, which gave children the opportunity to have fun, learn from the Bible and spend time together. We were even joined by a team from Spain who helped to run the weekly activities, bringing a whole cross-cultural element to the week. The week was a busy one and for health and safety purposes had restrictions on numbers. It was well attended, and we trust next year we will be able to run it even better and bigger without so many restrictions.

There are a small number who join with other churches in the locality to pray once a month and to enjoy breakfast together, this allows us to support and encourage one another and show our unity even as different churches.

We continued to collect food for the South West Belfast Foodbank on a regular basis and engage with our local community helping wherever possible. We collected and filled shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse which go to children around the world.

We financially and prayerfully support a number of our members who live overseas, sharing their lives and their faith. We seek to encourage them when they are back in Northern Ireland. Our Global Missions Team also helps to guide us in supporting and caring for them practically and pastorally. We love to see them engage with FBC and know it benefits us as we learn about their lives overseas. It has been such a blessing to have a few of those families with us for a while in 2022.

We also walked around the local community singing Carols and distributing some Christmas invites to our activities and especially to our Carols by Candlelight event, which was well attended by our congregation and some local families too. It was lovely to be able to chat to people from the local community to build relationships and celebrate together over refreshments after the service.

This year we also had a voluntary offering for financial support to the crisis situation in Afghanistan and £4200.13 was raised.

#### **Finances:**

The financial position of FBC at the end of the financial year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 was,

**Overall Income:           £ 138, 735**

**Overall Expenditure:   £ 129, 427**

We claimed Gift Aid on any eligible income and in total we received **£ 31, 808**

Our Annual accounts for 2022 will be examined and reported on by our Independent Examiner, Gwendolyn Stone.

**Charity Trustees:**

The FBC Trustees consist of FBC Elders, the FBC Treasurer and the FBC Secretary. The Treasurer and Secretary are nominated by the Elders and Deacons (FBC Officer Holders) normally from among their number, or if no one from that number is able to accept either of these responsibilities, the Elders and Deacons shall nominate for either appointment a person from the church membership who, in their opinion meets the qualifications to fulfil such an appointment. In these circumstances appointment to such a post shall confer the Office of Deacon. Those duly elected as Secretary and Treasurer may remain in position until their Office as Elder and / or Deacon cease. Office Holders are usually elected by the members of FBC at the Annual General Meeting.

**The Finaghy Baptist Church Trustees are:**

Gary Ellison	Pastor (acting Chair until June 2022)
Sally-ann Hamilton	Secretary
Ashley Eves	Treasurer
Joel Hutchinson	Chair (on Sabbatical until June 2022)

**Trustees Statement:**

The FBC Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission Northern Ireland Public Benefit guidance and have carried out the activities of an FBC Trustee with due regard to it.

**Governance:**

FBC is an independent Baptist church, voluntarily affiliated with the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland for support and advice. The church is governed by its Constitution, updated and formally agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting of the church members on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Private Benefit:**

The only private benefits flowing from our purposes are the provision of stipend for any pastor of the Church who will also assume the role of Trustee and paid employment for the personnel required to support the work of the Church. Such stipends and salaries are necessary to enable the Church to provide the pastoral and administrative support required to fulfil the stated purpose, and any incurred expenses are incidental.

**Mitigation of Harm:**

The following individuals have been appointed from among the members of FBC to advise the Trustees in key areas:

Hazel Morrow	Safeguarding Coordinator
Andrew Robinson	Health & Safety Officer

The Safeguarding Coordinator leads a Safeguarding Team who help to ensure the protection of children and vulnerable adults in our care. The Safeguarding Team ensure the careful implementation of our Safeguarding Policy.

The Health and Safety Officer advises the Trustees on the Health and Safety Policy including risk assessments and fire prevention. FBC offers regular training to help prevent harm or accidents and to ensure our public benefits can be carried out safely. The church also has a GDPR policy in place. These appointed members provide updates for each Trustees meeting, including a detailed report annually.

**Signed on Behalf of the Trustees:**

This annual report has been agreed upon by all FBC Trustees as a true representation of the activities, achievements and situation of FBC at the end of the financial year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

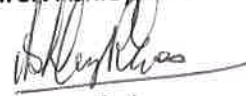
**Secretary:** Sally-ann Hamilton



**Date:**

26-9-23

**Treasurer:** Ashley Eves



**Date:**

28/9/23

**Finaghy Baptist Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107403

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# Annual return

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# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Finaghy Baptist Church (the Trust and or the Charity)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on pages 01 and 02.

### 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 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.

Signed:

*G Stone*

Name: Gwendolyn Stone

Address: 2 Mornington View, Lisburn, BT28 2WS

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023