

## **GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

#### **Charity Details**

The legal name of the charity is Grove Baptist Church. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland with the charity number 107592. It has been registered as a charity since 18 January 2021.

#### **Public Benefit**

The direct benefits flowing from the Church's purpose are the glorifying of the God of the Scriptures, the maintenance and promotion of His Worship, and the Biblical instruction of believers and non-believers. These benefits can be demonstrated in the awareness of the general public of our Biblical belief and practice, the promotion of the Word of God throughout the community, the welcome packs for new families in the area, distribution of invitations to public worship and key activities, and by the work with children and young people.

#### **Organisation**

The Church meets for regular activities such as church services, prayer meetings, Bible study, youth and children's work.

#### **Trustees**

The trustees in office on the date the report was approved were as follows:

Mr Matthew Hagans

Mr Bryan Hagans

All the Trustees are aware of, and have regard to, the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Requirement.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 22 June 2022.

#### **Trustees report**

All activities were undertaken subject to the will of God and with much prayer and thanksgiving.

The Church continued to meet each Sunday for worship and teaching, and on Thursday evenings for prayer and Bible study. During the year there was a baptism of one of the regular attendees at the Church, which afforded more opportunities to witness to the

Lord. Sadly, there was two home calls. The church continued to be available to non-members and non-attendees for other matters including a funeral service.

The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen was an opportunity for outreach in the area. We were able to distribute a gospel tract to every home in the area. In conjunction with the local community, had a family fun day on Saturday 4 June 2022. This included an afternoon tea for older people when we had the opportunity to offer free Jubilee editions of the Bible, and funfair rides and bouncy castles for the children, along with a barbecue.

Following the death of her Majesty, and at the request of the community, the Grove supported a memorial service in Clara Street at which a brother preached the gospel and spoke of how her late Majesty had made the teachings of Christ the bedrock of her life.

In the run-up to Christmas, we were able to distribute an increased number of scripture verse calendars in the neighbourhood, along with a Christmas card inviting the community to our carol service on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the Church hosted a Santa breakfast. Much fun was had in the weeks before that in making decorations for the church hall, and the morning itself was organised by appointment times as so many wanted to come. The carol service was also well attended and some of our neighbours took part in the service.

During the last quarter of the year, the church and concerned parents in the neighbourhood began planning a weekly Youth Club as a joint venture. The necessary Access NI checks were obtained, and parent permission forms were published online. There is an undoubted need in the area for children to have a safe place to meet and play. The services of an artist were engaged for every other week, and other plans were made for sports and craft activities.

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*Mollie Hogans*