

Annual Report for Charity Commission

Financial Year January-December 2023,

The Way Church (NIC107620)

The Way Church's charitable purpose is the spread of religion. In the year 2023 we continued to fulfil this purpose through not only our ongoing regular activities, but also through some new initiatives and contacts.

Public Worship Services

Our primary means of our charitable purpose is through public worship services. We meet in two venues: The Town Hall on a Sunday, and Foundry House on a Wednesday night. Once again in the year 2023 we saw numbers increase. We saw not only some people commit to the Christian religion and find emotional and spiritual healing, but we also welcomed in other Christians who were seeking a new spiritual home.

Children's & Youth Work

Our children's work continues to thrive in the new premises we secured back in 2022. A number of children have also expressed commitment to the Christian faith, and we have seen them engage in Christian foreign missions. We have had guest speakers from Christian missions organisations in to tell them about the work, which has created a keen interest. The Youth that meet every other Friday night in Foundry House has also continued to do well, with those transitioning into 1st year in school settling in very quickly. We have some youth who go to us regularly who have no formal church connection with their family.

Special Outreach

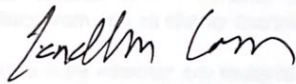
In March we held a special testimony night in the Town Hall when we had a former criminal come and share his story of becoming a Christian. We had a wonderful night with lots of people out who would not normally be anywhere near a church service. That night 3 people made commitments to become Christians with one of them remaining in our church who was baptised in the summer alongside 10 other people.

Deepening Connection with Local Charity

We have formed a good relationship and support with a local Christian charity in the Town, called hope 365. We have had them out to share about the work and we have raised funds to help support the work. More opportunities may arise in the future of sending people out to see the work on the ground as the charity works to help relieve the suffering of street children in Ethiopia.

The above activities are an accurate reflection of activity during 2023, with the trustees all having regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance. All requirements in the area of health and safety, including safeguarding measures, were adhered to.

Jonathan Carson (Trustee)



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