

# **CHRIST ENCOUNTERS TABERNACLE**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's church's statement of faith, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Church remains steadfast in its objective of proclaiming the Christian faith, by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, as set out in the Word of God. The Church stands on the principal, that the Word of God is inspired, not driven by man, but by the one true and living God. The Church promotes this as the highest authority by which man should live and teaches this through its ministries.

The Church itself carries out this mission by conducting two services every Sunday morning and evening, as well as mid-week meetings for prayer and bible study along with various other meetings. The Church is broadcast live, it caters for everyone from the youth to the elderly, which are themselves a charitable benefit to the community and abroad.

The Church congregation have faithfully given, not only of their money but also their time. The number of people who lead, support and volunteer to sustain the Church and its subsequent ministries is, and continues to be incredible.

Not only is their giving, the central source of sustaining the Church and its growth, the people give of their time to look after youth activities, car parking, cleaning, playing of instruments, worship, morning crèche, sound desk, preparing for mission outreach, going door to door and witnessing the gospel.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The Church continues to grow and has seen a steady increase from the previous financial year. The church building at 33-35 Mill Street Gilford was utilised as a Charity Shop. However, the decision was taken to close the shop and use the building for mid-week meetings and youth ministries.

The Church online ministry is streamed live every Sunday, both services, on Social Media platforms as well as YouTube. The growth in numbers has also seen sustained growth, being watched from all corners of the United Kingdom and Ireland. Globally the Church reaches the USA, Canada, Australia, mainland Europe and India.

Over the financial reporting year attendances have been strong, with the Word of God preached faithfully, with many coming to a saving faith in Christ. The Church also had several Baptismal Services throughout the year, with 28 undergoing to the ordinance of 'believer's baptism' as outlined in the Scriptures. Further, due to the ongoing growth the Church publicly received new members into fellowship, to add to the existing 285.

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Events and church activities undertaken during the year included:-

- Embrace Socials Youth, on the Last Sunday of every month after the evening church meeting. This accommodates up to 200+ young people from many denominations in the local area, not just CET
- Women's Fellowship second Tuesday every month
- Men's Fellowship last Tuesday every month
- Little Ones Pre-School every Thursday
- CET Youth last Sunday in every month, with approx. 50 young people aged 11+
- CET Children's Church every Sunday morning, with approx. 45 children aged 4 - 11
- Golden Years Senior meeting. Dinner and meeting
- Taking children's meeting in Gilford primary school and supplying books
- Flower arranging by Handfuls of Purpose A ministry the Church uses to reach those in need
- Food distribution and practical help (helping people in need with furniture/ decorating)
- Grief share – This runs over a six-week period, when the need arises
- Several Gospel mission events at Craigavon, Portadown and Lurgan.

#### Financial review

The charity's financial results are set out in detail on pages 7-11.

There is an overall surplus of funds for the year of £182,351 (2023 - £162,138) which accumulate as unrestricted funds.

#### Reserves

Christ Encounters Tabernacle aims to retain sufficient reserves to meet its expected future expenditure requirements, as well as future capital projects.

#### Structure, governance and management

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 17 May 2021.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:-

Al Steele  
K Davidson  
G McMurray  
DJ Proctor

#### Organisation

The day to day running of the charity is overseen by the trustees. The trustees have the power to elect elders and positions of responsibility within the Church. G Alcorn holds the position of treasurer and G McMurray of Assistant Pastor.

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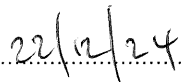
Charity Registration No: NIC107861

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Al Steele

Trustee

Date:  22/12/24