

CHRIST ENCOUNTERS TABERNACLE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 principle 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 and it caters for everyone from the youth to the elderly, which are themselves a charitable benefit to the community and abroad.

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission NI in deciding what activities the church should undertake, in matters such as appointing and paying of Trustees (if applicable), basic financial controls, compiling and filing annual reports as well as its role in safeguarding through its ministries.

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Achievements and performance

The Church has continued to grow through the new reporting period. The Church's original building remains at 33–35 Mill Street, Gilford. During the early part of 2021, the Church relocated to 39 Hunters Hill Road, Gilford to a purpose-built Marquee to better assist with the growth in numbers. The Church in Gilford remains at a capacity of 120, whereas the marquee has allowed for 300+ worshippers to gather safely. Weekly attendances average 360.

The Church's 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. **Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth".**

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 through the reporting year, with 39 undergoing 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 in early December 2024, to add to the existing 250+.

Events and Church activities

- Embrace Socials Youth occurs 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 Thursday 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
- Lighthouse Children's Ministry – every Friday, for all the children aged 4–11 across the whole community
- 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 – Usually run over a six-week period, when the need arises

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Missions and Outreach

The Church continued its witness, not only in Gilford, but in the surrounding areas, reaching out with the Gospel message. Several events took place in the reporting year:

Gospel Goal Mission – 2nd – 9th March 2025 (Ballytyrone Orange Hall) Loughgall

Encounter Youth Ministry Bible Study (CET Youth) 9th March 2025

Mission Armagh City Hotel – 8th – 10th October 2024

Mission Belmont Hotel – Banbridge 21st – 23rd May 2024

The Church paid for the events, or had costs donated. Further Gospel Missions are planned in the coming months.

Building at 33–35 Mill Street

The Trustees are committed to using the building in Gilford weekly, as the Church ministries continued to grow. Relocating those smaller services and meetings back to the Church building in Gilford would allow for better facilities and superior location, especially for the youth.

Financial review

The principal source of income is the voluntary giving of its members and visitors. These come in the form of collection into bags at each service. The second main source is paid through online banking as well as gift donations.

The current main expense is that of the Pastor's salary, as well as day to day running costs of the Tent, and any subsequent needs of the building.

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 £219,700 (2024 - £182,351) 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 Church is run by the named Trustees, and those who has served during the financial period of the financial statements were:

- Pastor Ken Davidson
- Mr Andrew Steele
- Mr Glenn McMurray
- Mr Jeff Proctor

Mr Gary Alcorn has and holds the position of Treasurer.

The Trustees, as the Oversight of the Church, have the power to elect Elders and positions of responsibility within the Church.

Glenn McMurray continues in his role as Assistant Pastor.

The Church continues with 16 of the 17 deacons who were brought into service, as nominated by Trustees and elected by the members.

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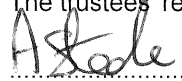
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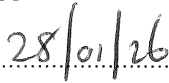
Charity Registration No: NIC107861

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


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Al Steele

Trustee

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