

# Portstewart Baptist Church

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Portstewart Baptist Church present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

### Mission, Objectives and Strategy

#### Mission Statement

Portstewart Baptist Church ("the Church") acknowledges the headship of Jesus Christ over his Church and exists to glorify the triune God by maintaining and promoting His worship both individually and corporately.

#### Objectives

The principal charitable object of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teaching of scripture, understood in its historical and evangelical sense, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles. Its members devote themselves to the teaching of scripture, to fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer and evangelism.

The activities carried out by the Church include:

- \* holding regular services for public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching for all age groups;
- \* providing pastoral care to the members of the church through visitation and prayer;
- \* organising meetings and events that promote our charitable purpose;
- \* participating in the life of the local community;
- \* supporting other Christian organisations and charities through volunteering, financial gifts and prayer.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland in deciding what activities the church should undertake

#### Strategy

The Church meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of the Christian faith.

#### Sunday Services

We hold 2 services each Sunday, with an average attendance of 600. At peak holiday season, this increases to 3 services on a Sunday due to the large influx of holidaymakers when we have more than 1,000 in attendance each Sunday.

#### Small Groups

15 small groups meet weekly across the areas of Portrush, Portstewart, Bushmills, Coleraine and Ballymoney, for Bible study and prayer. The average attendance in each group is 20 people.

#### Youth Groups/Summer Bible Clubs

Holiday Bible Club: 110 children of primary school age attended our Holiday Bible Club each morning for a week during the Easter holidays. This was run by our Youth Coordinator and a team of volunteers alongside a Baptist Youth team. Each day consisted of Bible stories, craft, snacks and games and finished on Friday with a BBQ for the children and their parents.

Easter Youth Camp: 50 young people of high school age attended our 3 day Easter Camp and enjoyed a range of activities including a day out to a water park and games on the beach.

Sports camp in August: 131 children in P3-P7 attended each evening for a week, learning and improving their football and hockey skills and enjoying a Bible message from the leaders

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## Baptisms

12 people were baptised during 2024, some in the sea and some in the baptistry in the church building.

## Membership

332

## Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 10 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

## Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £4,850,615 (2023 - £4,668,025) and liabilities of £12,900 (2023 - £6,276). The net assets of the charity have increased by £175,966.

## Reserves Position and Policy

There are no funds held by the Church that are materially in deficit.

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### Reference and administrative details

#### Registered Charity number

108322

## Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Kris Fairfield	David Barnett
Michael Williams	Stephen McKenzie
Jonathan Dixon	Derek Leighton
David Johnston	Loreen Williams
Alison Wade (Appointed 25 September 2024)	Paul De Cock (Resigned 5 September 2024)
David Frazer	Kim Berrisford
Mark Sheridan	Lee Jennings (Resigned 31 May 2024)
Anne Witherow	Graham Stirling (Resigned 19 March 2024)
Alan Millen (Appointed 25 September 2024)	Tommie Linton
Chris Blair (Appointed 25 September 2024)	Garth Mahood
Jonathan McGreevy	Robert Kane
Brenda Blair	John Allen (Appointed 25 September 2024)
Gibson Evans (Resigned 14 March 2024)	Matthew Dunlop (Appointed 25 September 2024)
Thom Collis (Appointed 25 September 2024)	Matthew Wright (Resigned 19 March 2024)

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

## Principal address


172/174 Coleraine Road, Portstewart, Co.Londonderry, BT55 7PL

## Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

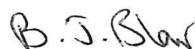
The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Portstewart Baptist Church subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 24 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Tommie Linton  
Trustee



Brenda Blair  
Trustee

**Portstewart Baptist Church**  
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the charity and otherwise comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

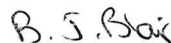
The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on 24 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:**



**Tommie Linton**  
Trustee



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