

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108472

Details

Known as The Hub Belfast

Status Received

Company number [680339](#)

Registered 2022-01-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: 4. The Charity's objects ('Objects') are specifically restricted to advance the Christian faith amongst third level education University and College campuses in the City of Belfast in accordance with the Church of Ireland Statement on Charitable Purposes and Public Benefit (as set out in the Schedule to the articles) and the principles and practices of the Church of Ireland and the Methodist Church in Ireland by: 4.1. the provision of facilities and services with a Christian ethos that aim to support and benefit the spiritual, social, academic and professional networks across various campuses; 4.2. creating, developing, managing and overseeing, 1 or more residential chaplaincy communities through the provision of accommodation for, primarily but not exclusively, third level education students; 4.3. working with Parishes, circuits, missions, other groups, Christian traditions and organisations working to further Christian mission and ecumenism; 4.4. contributing to the good and welfare of the Universities and Colleges, their role within the City of Belfast and impact on wider society.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£494,439	£470,154	£-16,073	8

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Ian Taylor		
Mr Christopher Mcdowell		
Mr John Unsworth		
Mrs Catherine Hillcox		
Mrs Gail Mercer		
Mrs Heather Carson		
Mrs Sally Campton		
Professor Frank Kee		
Rev Danielle Mccullagh		

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST

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Accounts

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	77,128	-	77,128	59,659
Activities for generating funds	3	261,559	-	261,559	211,039
Investment income	4	359	-	359	751
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	150,615	-	150,615	156,873
Other incoming resources	6	4,778	-	4,778	5,217
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>494,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>494,439</u>	<u>433,539</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		471,846	2,500	474,346	389,061
Governance costs	8	(4,192)	-	(4,192)	11,419
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>467,654</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>470,154</u>	<u>400,480</u>
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING)					
RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		26,785	(2,500)	24,285	33,059
Transfer between funds					-
OTHER RECOGNISED LOSSES					
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation of investments		497	-	497	633
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		27,282	(2,500)	24,782	33,692
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		129,344	2,500	131,844	98,152
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>156,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>156,626</u>	<u>131,844</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 17 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

BALANCE SHEET

30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	13	80,007	26,655
Investments	14	16,256	15,759
		<u>96,263</u>	<u>42,414</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	15	2,173	21,756
Cash at bank and in hand		74,263	73,686
		<u>76,436</u>	<u>95,422</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	16	16,073	6,012
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>60,363</u>	<u>89,430</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>156,626</u>	<u>131,844</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted income funds	17	-	2,500
Unrestricted income funds	18	156,626	129,344
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>156,626</u>	<u>131,844</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477(2) relating to small companies, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476(1) of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on the 23.2.2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

.....
J UNSWORTH
Director

.....
DR I TAYLOR
Director

Date: 23/2/26

Date: 23/2/26

Company Registration Number: NI680339

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flow from operating activities	21	<u>70,719</u>	<u>25,144</u>
Net cash flow from operating activities			<u>25,144</u>
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(70,142)</u>	<u>(34,716)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		577	(9,572)
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2024		<u>73,686</u>	<u>83,258</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2025		<u><u>74,263</u></u>	<u><u>73,686</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of -			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>74,263</u>	<u>73,686</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2025		<u><u>74,263</u></u>	<u><u>73,686</u></u>

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information and basis of accounting

Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. It registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 20 January 2022 and it is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The charitable company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies are set out below. The directors consider that these accounting policies are suitable, have been consistently applied and are supported by reasonable and prudent judgement and estimates.

Fund accounting – unrestricted funds

The company's unrestricted funds consist of a General Fund which is expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the charitable objects of the company. The directors may at their discretion designate funds for specific purposes, but the designation does not legally restrict the directors' discretion to apply the funds.

Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity, and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably, and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (*continued*)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

Income recognition (*continued*)

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Directors' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gift is credited to revenue on a receivable basis.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is interest earned through holding cash at bank. Interest income is recognised when receivable.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Where costs cannot be directly attributed to a particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost.

Depreciation is recognised to write off the costs of the assets over their useful lives on the following basis:-

Equipment	20% - 33% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Value Added Tax

The charity is not registered for VAT purposes; therefore expenditure is shown gross of VAT.

Taxation

As a charity, the company benefits from various exemptions afforded by tax legislation. It is therefore not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling due within those exemptions. Recovery is made of tax deducted from receipts under gift aid.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Directors consider the basis to be appropriate assuming that the charity has adequate financial support from the bankers and related parties.

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last year £
Subscriptions and tax refund	39,055	39,055	37,121
Parish subscriptions	6,171	6,171	6,242
Other donations	2,156	2,156	-
Diocesan grants Conor	4,521	4,521	4,190
Down and Dromore	-	-	3,000
Grants	19,500	19,500	-
RCB grant	-	-	4,000
Church of Resurrection FWO	5,725	5,725	5,106
	<u>77,128</u>	<u>77,128</u>	<u>59,659</u>

3. Activities from generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last year £
Resident students	228,808	-	228,808	193,134
Vacation residency	22,073	-	22,073	7,827
Huib café sales	9,042	-	9,042	-
Theological lecture	1,636	-	1,636	-
Worship Academy fees	-	-	-	5,078
Student bursary	-	-	-	5,000
	<u>261,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>261,559</u>	<u>211,039</u>

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YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Income from Church of Ireland Trustees Assts	58	58	302
Dividend income (Boyd Bequest)	301	301	295
Bank interest	-	-	154
	<u>359</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>751</u>

5. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Belfast Chaplaincy development project	112,991	-	112,991	
– salary costs				109,777
Methodist Home Mission Grants	37,624	-	37,624	47,096
	<u>150,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,615</u>	<u>156,873</u>

6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Use of the Hub	4,625	4,625	4,746
Sundry	153	153	471
	<u>4,778</u>	<u>4,778</u>	<u>5,217</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Residential & outreach	472,710	(4,192)	468,518	400,480
	<u>472,710</u>	<u>(4,192)</u>	<u>468,518</u>	<u>400,480</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

8. Allocation of support costs

	Basis of allocation	Ministry £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Governance (note 9)	Cost	(4,192)	(4,192)	11,419
		<u>(4,192)</u>	<u>(4,192)</u>	<u>11,419</u>

9. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Independent examiner's fees	1,619	1,619	775
Legal & professional	(6,049)	(6,049)	10,079
Other financial costs	238	238	565
	<u>(4,192)</u>	<u>(4,192)</u>	<u>11,419</u>

10. Net income for the year

This is stated after charging:

	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Depreciation	16,790	8,061
Operating lease rentals	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

11. Directors' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The key management personnel are considered to be the trustees.

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2024 – Nil).

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2024 – Nil).

12. Staff costs and employee benefits

Total staff costs were as follows:

	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Wages and salaries	151,170	191,516
Social security costs	8,420	10,111
Other pension costs	21,549	14,290
	<u>181,139</u>	<u>215,917</u>

Allocated to:	Total for Year £	Total Last Year £
Residential & outreach	181,139	215,917
	<u>181,139</u>	<u>215,917</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average monthly number of employees including the directors during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	Total for year	Total Last Year No
Management	1	1
Residential	2	2
Outreach	6	6
	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year.

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YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and		
	Equipment	fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 July 2024	19,240	15,476	34,716
Additions	54,313	15,829	70,142
At 30 June 2025	73,553	31,305	104,858
Depreciation	£	£	£
At 1 July 2024	4,193	3,868	8,061
Charge for the year	10,777	6,013	16,790
At 30 June 2025	14,970	9,881	24,851
Net book value	£	£	£
At 30 June 2025	58,583	21,424	80,007
At 30 June 2024	15,047	11,608	26,655

14. Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value at 30 June 2025	16,256	15,759

Investments reflect holdings in to two bequests held in unit trusts - Miss Annie Boyd (Ballycastle) Memorial Endowment & Mrs S Graham Bequest.

The fair value of investments is determined by reference to the valuations provided by RCB Unit Trusts at 30th June 2025.

15. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	2,173	21,756

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
PAYE and social security	2,198	885
Accruals	13,875	5,127
	16,073	6,012

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YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

17. Restricted funds

	Balance at 30 June 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance as at 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	Balance at 30 June 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance as at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	9,000	114,777	(144,808)	23,531	2,500
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>114,777</u>	<u>(144,808)</u>	<u>23,531</u>	<u>2,500</u>

18. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 30 June 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gain	Balance as at 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	129,344	494,439	(467,654)	-	497	156,626
	<u>129,344</u>	<u>494,439</u>	<u>(467,654)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>156,626</u>

	Balance at 30 June 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gain	Balance as at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	89,152	318,762	(255,672)	(23,531)	633	129,344
	<u>89,152</u>	<u>318,762</u>	<u>(255,672)</u>	<u>(23,531)</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>129,344</u>

Unrestricted funds:

- General fund

The unrestricted funds of the charity consist of a General Fund which is expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity and which has not been designated for other purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 30 June 2025	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds	96,263	60,363	156,626
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
Total Funds	96,263	60,363	156,626

As at 30 June 2024	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds	42,414	84,430	126,844
Restricted Funds	-	2,500	2,500
Total Funds	42,414	86,930	129,344

20. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total for year £	Total Last year £
Net income for year	24,285	33,059
Depreciation	16,790	8,061
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	10,061	(5,077)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	19,583	(10,899)
Decrease in investments	-	-
Net cash flow from operating activities	70,719	25,144

21. Related party transactions

With a number of trustees being nominated representatives from - and therefore tithing members of - the Church of the Resurrection, a total of £2,580 (2024 - £4,450) is recorded as collated income for the year to 30th June 2025.

Expenses of £625 were paid to one trustee – Rev Danielle McCullagh - for costs incurred in the course of their work on behalf of the charity as chaplain.

22. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

On a winding up members may be required to contribute a maximum of £1.

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Total for year £	Total Last year £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
VOLUNTARY INCOME		
Subscriptions and tax refund	39,055	37,121
Parish subscriptions	6,171	6,242
Other donations	2,156	-
Diocesan grants Conor	4,521	4,190
Down and Dromore	-	3,000
Grants	19,500	-
RCB	-	4,000
Church of the Resurrection FWO	5,725	5,106
	77,128	59,659
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Resident students	228,808	193,134
Vacation residency	22,073	7,827
Hub café income	9,042	-
Theological lecture	1,636	-
Worship Academy fees	-	5,078
Student bursary	-	5,000
	261,559	211,039
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Income from Church of Ireland Trustees Assts	58	302
Dividend income (Boyd Bequest)	301	295
Bank interest	-	154
	359	751
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Belfast Chaplaincy development project – salary costs	112,991	109,777
Methodist Home Mission Grants	37,624	47,096
	150,615	156,873
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
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	4,778	5,217
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	494,439	433,539

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	For the year £	Total Last year £
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Costs of the Hub Café	27,645	-
Wages & salaries	159,590	201,627
Pension costs	21,549	14,290
Ground rent, rates and insurance	28,081	14,323
Light & heat	60,177	53,640
Repairs & maintenance	53,636	33,669
Telephone & internet	4,775	4,336
Computer expenses	3,802	1,859
Charitable donations	2,610	11,052
Training	2,447	2,150
Office expenses	6,139	4,647
Housekeeping expenses	53,914	12,755
Outreach and mission expenses	10,887	4,969
Ministry expenses	19,430	13,742
Bursary payments	2,500	2,500
Worship Academy expenses	187	2,811
General expenses	187	2,630
Depreciation	16,790	8,061
	<u>474,346</u>	<u>389,061</u>
GOVERNANCE COSTS		
Independent examiners' fees	1,619	775
Legal & professional	(6,049)	10,079
Bank fees and interest	238	565
	<u>(4,192)</u>	<u>11,419</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>470,154</u>	<u>400,480</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TRANSFERS & OTHER GAINS	<u>24,285</u>	<u>33,059</u>

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 108472

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING THE INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	59,659	-	55,469	82,980
Activities for generating funds	3	206,039	5,000	211,039	185,928
Investment income	4	751	-	751	817
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	47,096	109,777	156,873	165,663
Other incoming resources	6	5,217	-	4,027	9,793
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		318,762	114,777	433,539	445,181
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		244,253	144,808	389,061	399,085
Governance costs	8	11,419	-	11,419	4,680
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		255,672	144,808	400,480	403,765
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING)					
RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		63,090	(30,031)	33,059	41,416
Transfer between funds		(23,531)	23,531	-	-
OTHER RECOGNISED LOSSES					
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation of investments		633	-	633	(15,328)
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		40,192	(6,500)	33,059	26,088
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		89,152	9,000	98,152	72,064
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		129,344	2,500	131,211	98,153

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

BALANCE SHEET

30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024		2023
		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	13		26,655	-
Investments	14		15,759	15,126
			42,414	15,126
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	15	21,756		10,857
Cash at bank and in hand		73,686		83,258
		95,442		94,115
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	16	6,012		11,089
NET CURRENT ASSETS			89,430	83,026
NET ASSETS			131,844	98,152
FUNDS				
Restricted income funds	17		2,500	9,000
Unrestricted income funds	18		129,344	89,152
TOTAL FUNDS			131,844	98,152

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477(2) relating to small companies, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476(1) of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on the 24th Feb 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:


.....
J UNSWORTH
Director


.....
DR I TAYLOR
Director

Date: 24/2/25

Date: 24/2/25

Company Registration Number: NI680339

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flow from operating activities	20	25,144	39,111
Net cash flow from operating activities		<u>25,144</u>	<u>39,111</u>
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(34,716)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(9,572)	39,111
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2023		83,258	44,147
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2024		<u>73,686</u>	<u>83,258</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of -			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>73,686</u>	<u>83,258</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2024		<u>73,686</u>	<u>83,258</u>

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information and basis of accounting

Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. It registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 20 January 2022 and it is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The charitable company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies are set out below. The directors consider that these accounting policies are suitable, have been consistently applied and are supported by reasonable and prudent judgement and estimates.

Fund accounting – unrestricted funds

The company's unrestricted funds consist of a General Fund which is expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the charitable objects of the company. The directors may at their discretion designate funds for specific purposes but the designation does not legally restrict the directors' discretion to apply the funds.

Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Income recognition *(continued)*

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Directors' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gift is credited to revenue on a receivable basis.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is interest earned through holding cash at bank. Interest income is recognised when receivable.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Where costs cannot be directly attributed to a particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost.

Depreciation is recognised to write off the costs of the assets over their useful lives on the following basis:-

Equipment	20% - 33% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Value Added Tax

The charity is not registered for VAT purposes, therefore expenditure is shown gross of VAT.

Taxation

As a charity, the company benefits from various exemptions afforded by tax legislation. It is therefore not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling due within those exemptions. Recovery is made of tax deducted from receipts under gift aid.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Directors consider the basis to be appropriate assuming that the charity has adequate financial support from the bankers and related parties.

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last year £
Subscriptions and tax refund	37,121	37,121	34,277
Parish subscriptions	6,242	6,242	5,934
Church activities	-	-	908
Utility grants	-	-	4,200
Diocesan grants Conor	4,190	4,190	7,344
Down and Dromore	3,000	3,000	
Salary contribution – RCB	-	-	23,331
LCB grant	4,000	4,000	
Church of Resurrection FWO	5,106	5,106	6,986
	<u>59,657</u>	<u>59,657</u>	<u>82,980</u>

3. Activities from generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last year £
Resident students	193,134	-	193,134	178,806
Vacation residency	7,827	-	7,827	3,193
Student ministry	-	-	-	3,929
Worship Academy fees	5,078	-	5,078	-
Student bursary	-	5,000	5,000	-
	<u>206,039</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>211,039</u>	<u>185,928</u>

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Income from Church of Ireland Trustees Assts	302	302	562
Dividend income (Boyd Bequest)	295	295	255
Bank interest	154	154	-
	<u>751</u>	<u>751</u>	<u>817</u>

5. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Belfast Chaplaincy development project – salary costs	-	109,777	109,777	91,748
Methodist Home Mission Grants	47,096	-	47,096	33,130
Income for Mission Teams	-	-	-	40,785
	<u>47,096</u>	<u>109,777</u>	<u>156,873</u>	<u>165,663</u>

6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Use of the Hub	4,746	4,746	6,081
Income from Archdeaconry role	-	-	259
Student committee	-	-	2,873
Sundry	471	471	580
	<u>5,217</u>	<u>5,217</u>	<u>9,793</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Residential & outreach	389,061	11,419	400,480	403,765
	<u>389,061</u>	<u>11,419</u>	<u>400,480</u>	<u>403,765</u>

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

8. Allocation of support costs

	Basis of allocation	Ministry £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Governance (note 9)	Cost	<u>11,419</u>	<u>11,419</u>	<u>4,680</u>
		<u>11,419</u>	<u>11,419</u>	<u>4,680</u>

9. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Independent examiner's fees	775	775	3,375
Legal & professional	10,079	10,079	-
Other financial costs	<u>565</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>1,305</u>
	<u>11,419</u>	<u>11,419</u>	<u>4,680</u>

10. Net income for the year

This is stated after charging:

	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Depreciation	<u>8,061</u>	-
Operating lease rentals	-	-

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

11. Directors' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The key management personnel are considered to be the trustees.

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2023 – Nil).

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2023 – Nil).

12. Staff costs and employee benefits

Total staff costs were as follows:

	Total for year £	Total Last Year £
Wages and salaries	191,516	183,171
Social security costs	10,111	10,773
Other pension costs	14,290	14,048
	<u>215,917</u>	<u>207,992</u>

Allocated to:

	Total for Year £	Total Last Year £
Residential & outreach	215,917	207,992
	<u>215,917</u>	<u>207,992</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average monthly number of employees including the directors during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	Total for year	Total Last Year No
Management	1	1
Residential	2	2
Outreach	6	3
	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year.

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 July 2023	-	-	-
Additions	19,240	15,476	34,716
At 30 June 2024	19,240	15,476	34,716
Depreciation	£	£	£
At 1 July 2023	-	-	-
Charge for the year	4,193	3,868	8,061
At 30 June 2024	4,193	3,868	8,061
Net book value	£	£	£
At 30 June 2024	15,047	11,608	26,655
At 30 June 2023	-	-	-

14. Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at 30 June 2024	15,759	15,126

Investments reflect holdings in to two bequests held in unit trusts - Miss Annie Boyd (Ballycastle) Memorial Endowment & Mrs S Graham Bequest.

The fair value of investments is determined by reference to the valuations provided by RCB Unit Trusts at 30th June 2024.

15. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	21,757	10,857

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
PAYE and social security	885	2,280
Accruals	5,127	8,809
	6,012	11,089

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

17. Restricted funds

	Balance at 30 June 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance as at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	9,000	114,777	(144,808)	23,531	2,500
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>114,777</u>	<u>(144,808)</u>	<u>23,531</u>	<u>2,500</u>

	Balance at 30 June 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance as at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	165,663	(191,128)	34,465	9,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>165,663</u>	<u>(191,128)</u>	<u>34,465</u>	<u>9,000</u>

18. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 30 June 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gain	Balance as at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	89,152	318,762	(255,672)	(23,531)	633	129,344
	<u>89,152</u>	<u>318,762</u>	<u>(255,672)</u>	<u>(23,531)</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>129,344</u>

	Balance at 30 June 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Loss	Balance as at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	72,064	278,886	(212,637)	(34,465)	(15,328)	89,152
	<u>72,064</u>	<u>278,886</u>	<u>(212,637)</u>	<u>(34,465)</u>	<u>(15,328)</u>	<u>89,152</u>

Unrestricted funds:

- General fund

The unrestricted funds of the charity consist of a General Fund which is expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity and which has not been designated for other purposes.

19. Transfer between funds

The transfer between unrestricted and unrestricted funds of £23,531 (2023 - £34,465) represents that difference between the restricted funding received towards staffing costs and chaplaincy's match funding from unrestricted funds.

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (*continued*)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 30 June 2024	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds	42,414	84,430	126,844
Restricted Funds	-	2,500	2,500
Total Funds	42,414	86,930	129,344

As at 30 June 2023	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Funds	15,126	73,394	88,520
Restricted Funds	-	9,000	9,000
Total Funds	15,126	82,394	97,520

21. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total for year £	Total Last year £
Net income for year	33,059	25,456
Depreciation	8,061	-
Decrease in creditors	(5,077)	(609)
Increase in debtors	(10,899)	(1,060)
Decrease in investments	-	15,324
Net cash flow from operating activities	25,144	39,111

22. Related party transactions

With a number of trustees being nominated representatives from - and therefore tithing members of - the Church of the Resurrection (Trustees Report, p.5), a total of £4,450 (2023 - £311) is recorded as collated income for the year to 30th June 2024.

Expenses of £1,489 were paid to one trustee – Rev Danielle McCullagh - for costs incurred in the course of their work on behalf of the charity as chaplain.

23. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

On a winding up members may be required to contribute a maximum of £1.

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Total for year £	Total Last year £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
VOLUNTARY INCOME		
Subscriptions and tax refund	37,121	34,277
Parish subscriptions	6,242	5,934
Church Activities	-	908
Utility grants	-	4,200
Diocesan grants Conor	4,190	7,344
Down and Dromore	3,000	-
Salary contribution – RCB	-	23,331
RCB	4,000	-
Church of the Resurrection FWO	5,106	6,986
	<u>59,659</u>	<u>82,980</u>
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Resident students	193,134	178,806
Vacation residency	7,827	3,193
Student ministry	-	3,929
Worship Academy fees	5,078	-
Student bursary	5,000	-
	<u>211,039</u>	<u>185,928</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Income from Church of Ireland Trustees Assts	302	562
Dividend income (Boyd Bequest)	295	255
Bank interest	154	-
	<u>751</u>	<u>817</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Belfast Chaplaincy development project – salary costs	109,777	91,748
Methodist Home Mission Grants	47,096	33,130
Income for Mission Teams	-	40,785
	<u>156,873</u>	<u>165,663</u>
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Use of the Hub	4,746	6,061
Income from Archdeaconry role	-	259
Student committee	-	2,873
Sundry	471	580
	<u>5,217</u>	<u>9,773</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>433,539</u>	<u>445,181</u>

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	For the year £	Total Last year £
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Costs of the Hub Café	-	2,607
Wages & salaries	201,627	193,944
Pension costs	14,290	14,048
Ground rent, rates and insurance	14,323	16,300
Light & heat	53,640	44,113
Repairs & maintenance	33,669	52,670
Telephone & internet	1,859	6,693
Computer expenses	-	-
Charitable donations	11,052	782
Training	2,150	540
Office expenses	8,983	1,784
Housekeeping expenses	12,755	2,471
Outreach and mission expenses	4,969	34,382
Ministry expenses	13,742	24,192
Bursary payments	2,500	-
Worship Academy expenses	2,811	-
General expenses	2,630	4,559
Depreciation	8,061	-
	<u>389,061</u>	<u>399,085</u>
GOVERNANCE COSTS		
Independent examiners' fees	775	3,375
Legal & professional	10,079	-
Bank fees and interest	565	1,305
	<u>11,419</u>	<u>4,680</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>400,480</u>	<u>403,765</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TRANSFERS & OTHER GAINS	<u>33,059</u>	<u>40,784</u>

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108472

Annual report

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, Companies Act 2006, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and SORP (FRS 102).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

THE DIRECTORS

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

Rev Dr J Alderdice
Mrs C Baillie
Mrs E H Carson
Prof F Kee
Mrs C Hillcox
Rev D McCullagh
Mr C S McDowell
Mrs G Mercer
Dr I Taylor
Mr J Unsworth

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The directors of Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast confirm that they have had due regard for the guidance on Public Benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and are pleased to report that during the year the charity continued to provide the Public Benefits through programmes and services we offer. In particular, the directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Public Benefits:

The Benefits which flow from Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast are:

- a. The provision of chaplaincy services to students and staff at third-level institutions across the city of Belfast.
- b. The provision of accommodation in residential chaplaincy communities for, primarily but not exclusively, third-level education students.
- c. The provision of acts of worship, open to the general public.
- d. Campus engagement through a public presence, the provision of public facilities, supporting university-led initiatives, ceremonies and events, and organising theological events for the general public.
- e. Pastoral support to students and staff.

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT (*continued*)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Public Benefits (*continued*):

The Benefits identified above are demonstrated by:

- a. The support provided by chaplains, including by attending, and where appropriate sitting on, bodies appointed to further the work of the institutions;
- b. Pastoral & spiritual support offered to students & staff alike, and engagement with university initiatives.
- c. The provision of accommodation in the student centre in South Belfast for up to 50 students annually from a mixture of universities and colleges.
- d. Providing opportunities for spiritual engagement, including church services, events, discipleship & outreach activities, social action, and pastoral support.
- e. Resourcing and encouraging students to participate fully in the life of their campus, through events, volunteering, and fundraising for partner organisations.
- f. Facilitating activities at university accommodation locations.
- g. Running a non-profit cafe to provide a safe space for students to meet, study and volunteer.
- h. Working with and/or independent of university bodies to provide pastoral support to students and staff throughout the academic year.

The benefits are monitored through regular evaluation of the services provided, and through feedback from participants and members of the public.

The purposes do not lead to harm. The only private benefit resulting from the Charity's purposes are related to staff who receive benefits as a result their employment. However, this is incidental and necessary to further our charitable purposes. There are no other private benefits. The charities beneficiaries are the public, and in particular university and college students, as well as those we can support through the work of our charitable partners who share our ethos and purposes. The public benefit further through our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public in this way.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. It was incorporated on 25 June 2021 and registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 20 January 2022.

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT (*continued*)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Recruitment, appointment, induction and training

The directors regularly review the requirements of the charity and the possibility of a need for additional directors. Any new directors would be appointed by resolution of a meeting of all the directors passed by a majority of those present. Appropriate training and induction is available to all directors.

Risk management

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate an exposure to major risks. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors. These procedures are periodically reviewed at least annually to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisation Structures and related parties

The directors oversee the running of the charitable company.

CONTEXT AND STRUCTURAL DETAILS

The organisation is a Charity, registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, number NIC108472.

The Charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 25th June 2021 under the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 20th January 2022.

Members

The members of the company are the Church of Ireland, and the Methodist Church in Ireland being the church as defined in Section 1 of The Methodist Church in Ireland Act 1928. These two entities are members within the meaning given in section 112 of the Companies Act 2006. These are referred to variously as the 'members', 'denominations', or 'parent denominations', being the two governing entities of their respective church organisations on the island of Ireland.

Trustees

The Board of Trustees are appointed by the members under the terms given in articles 31-34 of the Articles of Association and serve as the Directors of the company (as listed above). These include the Chaplains appointed, stationed, or licenced by the member organisations, who are remunerated directly by their denomination and not employed by the charity.

History and nomenclature

The Charity has inherited the charge and remit of chaplaincy ministry on university and college campuses in Belfast, previously managed by both denominations as two distinct unincorporated associations.

The Church of Ireland Student Centre was officially opened on Elmwood Avenue on 11th March 1955; the Methodist Chaplaincy opened its doors to students in 1973. In 2012, a Local Covenant Partnership was signed between the denominations to formally commence joint partnership. This has ultimately led to the incorporation of the Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast on 25th June 2021.

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History and nomenclature (*continued*)

Often referred to as the 'Chaplaincy', the charity is also known colloquially as 'The Hub Belfast' or 'The Hub', a brand adopted under the Covenant Partnership in 2012 as shorthand for the much longer formal names. However, all formal and financial activities are carried out under the full charity name.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In alignment with its Articles of Association and Public Benefit Statement, the Charity seeks to advance the Christian faith amongst third level education, University and College campuses in Belfast in accordance with the principles, practices, and charitable purposes of the Church of Ireland and the Methodist Church in Ireland, through:

1. **the provision of facilities and services with a Christian ethos** that aim to support and benefit the spiritual, social, academic, and professional networks across various University and College campuses.
2. creating, developing, managing, and overseeing one or more **residential chaplaincy communities** through the provision of accommodation for, primarily but not exclusively, third level education students.
3. **working with** Parishes, circuits, missions, other groups, Christian traditions and organisations to further Christian mission and ecumenism;
4. **contributing to the good and welfare of the Universities and Colleges**, their role within the city and impact on wider society.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Board are mindful of demonstrating how the Charity has served and met its purposes over the course of the academic year. To that end, we wish to highlight and celebrate some of the activities that took place across the year to 30th June 2024.

The Church of the Resurrection meets throughout the year on Sunday mornings. This is open to all, and regularly gathers existing and former students, local families, and the occasional member of staff of Queen's University. In this past year we have seen a significant growth in the number of young adults joining us on a Sunday morning. Around 50% of the regular congregation is now made up of these young adults, aged 18-30. They consist of local students, graduates, young professionals and a good number of international students.

The **Hub Café** has remained closed during 2023-24 but plans were put in place to upgrade the kitchen and café space with agreed intention to employ a new hospitality team lead. Both of these will be achieved during the next financial year and we look forward to reopening the café in due course.

Providing hospitality is one of the ways we show the love of God to people outside of The Hub, for example, the weekly **Free Lunch** provided to students at St Stephen's Parish, next door to Belfast Metropolitan College's Millfield campus. This ministry continues to go from strength to strength. Ulster University's move into Belfast city centre has created the opportunity to run a similar initiative for their students, in space provided by Belfast Cathedral. Between them on a weekly basis staff and students engage with between 200 and 300 individuals.

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Achievements And Performance (*continued*)

Hospitality and friendship are also the drivers of our weekly outreach initiatives in Queen's Accommodation. **Toastie and Tunes** – staff and students visit the Treehouse at Elms BT9 (Queen's University owned accommodation) to provide live music, toasties, and conversations for students. We have seen a number of these students become members of the congregation at The Church of The Resurrection on Sunday Mornings, subsequently inviting friends to church.

Student Residency – The Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy continues to provide residency for 49 students on Elmwood Avenue. This is a core part of our ministry on campus, providing a high level of community, social interaction, and pastoral support for residential students. Throughout the year, there are a variety of events and activities for our residents to take part in. Our residential students play an active role, both in leading and attending. They in turn, invite their peers and classmates to a range of formal and informal events at the Chaplaincy, allowing us to widen our reach to the student community, to offer support, including the following:

- Annual Student residential weekend
- Weekly Bible Study
- In House meal rotas to ensure community and friendship
- Wednesday Night Meal followed by worship and Bible Study
- Prayer Meetings
- Chaplaincy Formal
- Daily dinner provided by chaplaincy staff during exam period.
- One to one Pastoral Care
- End of Year service of Celebration
- Pop up evangelism – Often coinciding with major feasts or Saints days (St Valentine, St Patricks) staff and a team of students, will bring a table out to the street front of The Hub or Student's Union to give away tea coffee, treats, and to share the gospel.

Outreach to and Engagement with University groups & societies on campuses

- Engagement with Queen's International Students Society on a regular basis to both attend and provide events in The Hub.
- Engagement with University Christian Outreach.
- Hosting of the Christian Medical Fellowship meetings
- Hosting of Queen's Christian Union.
- Hosting of Queen's Students Against Human Trafficking Society.
- Hosting of Queen's ILIVE leadership society.
- Hosting of Queen's the Indonesian Society.
- Attendance at Stranmillis College Christian Union.
- Attendance at Ulster University Christian Union

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Achievements And Performance (*continued*)

Worship

'**The Gathering**' is an event hosted on Wednesday evenings throughout the academic year. Our student residents are the primary audience for this, but they are encouraged to invite other students and classmates to join them. The night consists of a free meal cooked by our residents on a house-by-house rota basis, followed by sung worship and Bible teaching. The teaching is delivered by members of staff as well as the occasional guest speaker or student.

'**Worship101**' is 60-90 minutes of late-night worship on a Thursday evening, and this event attracts up to and often over 200 students on a weekly basis. These students come from right across the city to attend this.

Campus Events

Thanksgiving Meal in November – After realising that American students often feel homesick at this point of the year, we have provided a night of free food, entertainment, and community for several years. This is always well attended with up to 100 people enjoying the evening.

Around the World Food Fair – With the aim of integrating international students into the community, we host a night where people from different countries and cultures make and bring food from home to share with others.

Superbowl Watch Party- Students are welcome to sit up late with us to watch the Superbowl live, with free refreshments.

Inter-chaplaincy Carol Service – A time for staff and students to mark Christmas. Hosted jointly by the chaplaincies in the Great Hall at Queen's.

St Patrick's Day Ceilidh – A social night of dancing open to all students. Many of our student residents came, but also invited friends from their classes and from other chaplaincies.

12 hours of prayer and worship on St Patrick's Day. Organised, led and hosted by a small group of students. This was open to all students and throughout the 12 hours hundreds of students came for worship and prayer

Church of Ireland Theological Lecture – Professor Stephen Williams, Honorary Professor of Theology at Queen's University Belfast, delivered the 66th Church of Ireland Annual Theological Lecture at Queen's. The lecture was held in the Great Hall and was entitled: Artificial Intelligence - Religious Friend or Foe.

It should be noted that, as Queen's University no longer has a Theology department or degree option, the annual Church of Ireland Theological Lecture is the only formal theological provision on campus.

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Achievements And Performance (*continued*)

End of Year Service of celebration- A service which takes place in the Church of the Resurrection at the end of May to mark the end of the year. Open to staff, students and family. The Church of the Resurrection was filled with over 200 people who came to join this special service. The service was followed by a BBQ for students, friends and families, and was provided by the congregation of Church of the Resurrection.

Chaplaincy Representation

Staff and Students represent the chaplaincy at several events and festivals. At **Summer Madness** a group of volunteer students join chaplaincy staff to set up and run 'Hub' venue. We host social events at night, late night worship each evening, and seminars each day. This offers an opportunity to share the work of chaplaincy with thousands of young people, some of whom have in previous years become residents or interns.

Leadership and Service Development Opportunities

Residential Leadership - The residential community relies upon the active leadership of senior students, developing their abilities and potential in the process. There are 4 main residential houses, each of which has a House Warden, who is a senior student. There is also a Student Committee who assist with overseeing a wide range of social activities.

Worship Academy - Led by James Turner, this is a year long training programme for students who are musicians to help them grow in skill and experience in leading sung worship. The programme involves teaching, mentoring and a residential weekend. Current and past students of worship academy with responsible for providing sung worship at no less than 3 Christian conferences and festivals over the summer.

Events - many chaplaincy events - welcome meals, street outreach, Easter Outreach, Foodbank, Charitable fundraising, Church Services, and other activities all provide a range of opportunities and contexts for students to volunteer in a wide variety of roles.

Internships - the chaplaincy runs an internship program that provides an opportunity for recent graduates / young adults to work in the chaplaincy for one year. This is an excellent opportunity to develop a wide range of skills and abilities, pertaining to ministry, social skills, public presentation, experiencing a workplace environment, and more. This past year, we were joined by two Interns, but due to their late arrival, they lived off site and became part-time employees for the year. They added greatly to the worship and witness of the chaplaincy through their time with us.

South Belfast Foodbank - Our students and members of Church of the Resurrection are encouraged on an ongoing basis to contribute to and volunteer at the foodbank. Many have made a significant commitment to this.

Shankill Road Partnership- we continue to assist with ministries and outreach on the Shankill Road, working with St Stephen's, and St Michael's parishes, providing opportunities for students to assist with their drop-in centre and work with young children, including a weekly homework club.

St Patrick's Day Outreach - This year our Outreach worker and several students volunteered to help the PSNI & Community groups in their efforts to maintain peace in the Holyland area of Belfast..

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Achievements And Performance (*continued*)

Inter-Chaplaincy Outreach

Regular meetings with other chaplains and chaplaincies at Queen's, Stranmillis and Ulster University. Ulster University works on a model of ecumenical chaplaincy, in which the chaplains comprise one team who share in every ministry. This includes the free chaplaincy lunch and other outreach activities.

At Queen's and Stranmillis, the chaplains and chaplaincies, while separate teams, often get to work together on events, worship and outreach activities. This is borne out of good friendships and working relationships. These activities include:

- **Ecumenical Carol Service** co-organised and co-hosted on an annual basis.
- **'Toasties and Tunes'** (see outreach activities) This is in conjunction with the Presbyterian chaplaincy and Queen's Christian Union.
- **Queen's University Staff Prayer**, hosted in the Presbyterian Chaplaincy once a month but with regular teaching input by the Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincystaff

University Interaction

'Toasties and Tunes' – as well as student engagement, we aim to support and engage with the work of the Residential team at Elms, with whom we have come to build good relationships.

The chaplain has attended Student Support Forum Meetings, 2 Public Lectures, has Regular contact with the Student Guidance Centre, the Public Engagement Team, the Student Support Forum, and Eventus.

She has also been involved in and attended Summer and Winter Graduations. An often unseen area of the chaplain's work is the Pastoral Care of staff with several university staff requesting one-to-one pastoral meetings with the chaplain

Ulster University Belfast

The second year in the new Belfast campus was a more settled time for the UU Belfast Chaplaincy team. The **Chaplaincy lounge** on campus was officially opened and students and staff began to visit again - some to hang out between classes, some specifically to chat to a chaplain and others to attend Chaplaincy, CU and other well-being events hosted in this space. During the exam months of January and May, coffee, biscuits and prayer are available every day.

In semester two, the chaplains were also finally given a **Chaplaincy Office**, just down the corridor from the Lounge so that has also been fantastic for letting us have a private space for meetings, planning, consultations and somewhere to store resources.

It is a privilege and blessing to have these spaces on campus and students and staff particularly think the Lounge, a lovely space to come and just "BE" in which of course gives us many opportunities to chat and minister to all who come through the door. The guitars and board games are always out and the Prayer Wall always shows some new request. For this reason, the team try to maintain a presence here as much as possible ensuring that there is always fresh coffee on the brew and the "*everyone's welcome*" vibe maintained.

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Achievements And Performance (*continued*)

The chaplains have had a busy year not only running events in the Chaplaincy but **out and about** on campus too. The Freshers and Re:Freshers weeks at the start of each semester bring lots of opportunities to meet new students and staff and share publicity for our services and activities.

As a **Student Wellbeing service**, we attended many induction talks and visited the various campus networks and UU student residences at the start of year to talk about the Chaplaincy services. Following on from this, we received several referrals and emergency calls to assist both students and staff with various pastoral situations throughout the year and sadly attended and participated in a few funeral services also.

The Methodist and Church of Ireland Chaplain is also on the rota for manning the weekly drop-in service for students as part of the *Well-being Wednesdays* campaign which runs across all the UU campuses. We are told that the Belfast campus one, is the most frequented due to our famous Chaplaincy Hot Chocolate!

In December, we re-launched the annual **ecumenical Chaplaincy Carol Service** with participation from students and staff. This event used to be held annually in Jordanstown Assembly Hall but when we first moved to the new campus, it was replaced with a new, *Christmas Lights Switch On* event. Recognising that there was still a place for an additional event to share the Christmas of the gospels, we asked St Anne's Cathedral to let us host there with the support of the Dean, the Musical Director and a thoughtful reflection from Rev Cameron Mack. Feedback showed that the university community were pleased to see this event reinstated and we hope to repeat this next year in the local R.C church where the Catholic chaplain has connections. It is also important for us at Christmas time to encourage students and staff to give what they can to help those who are finding Christmas time difficult. This year, donations from the Carol service were split between the Cathedral's Black Santa Appeal and the UUSU Student Hardship Fund. A small group of local and international students also spent two days volunteering to pack food hampers and prepare toys for East Belfast Mission's Annual Neighbours in Need Appeal.

In January UUB Chaplaincy in **partnership with the 4 Corners Festival** Belfast hosted another fantastic event in the university for 50 sixth year pupils from different parts of the city. Sue Divin, a local Young Adult author and peace activist inspired and guided us through the creative process of writing short stories of hope for our shared city of Belfast. Some of the stories / poems were later published and used in other Festival events.

During the Freshers' periods and prior to and following the St Patrick's Day celebrations, the Methodist and Church of Ireland Chaplain is part of the university's **Holylands' Student Safety team**. Organised by the UU Community Relations Officer, this team of university staff work in partnership with PSNI, Belfast City Council, Holylands' Landlords' Association and SOS Bus to maintain a pastoral presence on the streets and local area during peak party times when student anti-social behaviour increases. Following SPD, the Chaplain made several pastoral visits to students living in this area.

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Achievements And Performance (*continued*)

During this academic year the **weekly activities** in the Chaplaincy featured around:

Mondays:

Prayer Lunches hosted by the Chaplaincy and CU Prayer Team, an opportunity for students and staff to come eat lunch together and pray for the university community.

Tuesdays:

Chaplaincy Free Lunch for students and staff in St Anne's Cathedral Hall (Talbot Street) – a larger event for students and staff to come together for fellowship and food.

Wednesdays:

10.30am: International Coffee and Chat – a special drop-in session for overseas students

12.30-2pm: Chaplaincy "Time to Think" – weekly small group sessions exploring life and faith together. Began in Semester One with The Difference Course and continued with small group discussions, seminars and bible studies around various topics.

7pm: Weekly I-café Christian hospitality event, meals, outings, social activities hosted by local students for international students. Supported by Chaplaincy and Friends International

Thursdays:

5pm – Chaplaincy / CU teatimes – invitation to students waiting around on campus for the evening CU meeting to meet in Chaplaincy lounge for tea together.

7pm - CU – main meeting in Lecture Theatre 1 on campus followed by prayer in Chaplaincy prior to Cathedral Quarter outreach.

10.30pm –Worship 101 – late night worship event for students from across the city – held in The Hub Chaplaincy space on Elmwood Avenue.

Fridays:

10.00am – Chaplain's meeting

12noon – Chaplaincy Grief Share groups

Saturdays:

Saturday Danders – Chaplaincy small group walks for students living in Belfast who wish to get off campus and enjoy the beauty of God's creation on Saturday mornings.

Throughout **Lent** we invited students and staff to attend the Lenten Wednesday events in St Anne's Cathedral and the Holy Week Film nights in the Belfast Jesuit Centre. We also took a small group of students to The Corrymeela Community in Ballycastle for a one-day retreat to conclude and reflect upon the year that had passed.

Following the summer exam period, the chaplain attended the **European University Chaplains' conference**, CEUC 24 in Denmark. Joining with about 90 other chaplains from various parts of Europe including Ireland and the UK. This again was a great opportunity for further specialist training, fellowship and reflection on another busy year in Chaplaincy.

The year finished with the summer graduations which like the winter ones are always a lovely time of celebration for the whole university community. As is our tradition, a Chaplaincy meal / party was held for students who for whatever reason had no family or friends able to attend with them.

In a busy university community, no two days are ever the same and each new day we find ourselves chatting and listening to all different kinds of people with all different kinds of stories and situations. Whilst we celebrate with some, we cry with others, as we share faith or pray with some, we just sit with and listen to others. As we look to God to lead us to the people and situations who need our love and support the most, we thank you for your continuous support through prayer.

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108472

Annual return

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023 as set out on pages 16 to 26.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The charity's trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act any my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



C M McCarter FCA (Independent Examiner)
Chartered Accountants Ireland

For and on behalf of
GMcG Portadown
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

17 Mandeville Street
Portadown
County Armagh
BT62 3PB

Date: 17th March 2025

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108472

Accounts

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING THE INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total for year	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	82,980	-	82,980	52,412
Activities for generating funds	3	185,928	-	185,928	5,008
Investment income	4	817	-	817	315
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	-	165,663	165,663	6,833
Other incoming resources	6	9,793	-	9,793	772
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		279,518	165,663	445,181	65,340
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		207,957	191,128	399,085	22,223
Governance costs	8	4,680	-	4,680	488
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		212,637	191,128	403,765	22,711
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS					
Transfer between funds		66,881	(25,465)	41,416	42,629
		(34,465)	34,465	-	-
OTHER RECOGNISED LOSSES					
Losses on revaluation of investments		(15,328)	-	(15,328)	29,435
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		17,088	9,000	26,088	72,064
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		72,064	-	72,064	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		89,152	9,000	98,152	72,064

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 18 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023		2022
		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Investments	13		15,126	30,450
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	14	10,857		9,165
Cash at bank and in hand		83,258		44,117
		94,115		53,312
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	15	11,089		11,698
NET CURRENT ASSETS			83,026	41,614
NET ASSETS			98,152	72,064
FUNDS				
Restricted income funds	16		9,000	-
Unrestricted income funds	17		89,152	72,064
TOTAL FUNDS			98,152	72,064

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477(2) relating to small companies, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476(1) of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on the 26/2/24 and are signed on their behalf by:

JUKSWORTH
Director

Date: 26/2/24

DRITAYLOR
Director

Date: 26/2/24

Company Registration Number: NI680339

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flow from operating activities	20	39,111	44,147
Net cash flow from operating activities		<u>39,111</u>	<u>44,147</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		39,111	44,147
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2022		<u>44,147</u>	-
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2023		<u><u>83,258</u></u>	<u><u>44,147</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of -			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>83,258</u>	44,147
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2022		<u><u>83,258</u></u>	<u><u>44,147</u></u>

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information and basis of accounting

Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. It registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 20 January 2022 and it is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The charitable company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies are set out below. The directors consider that these accounting policies are suitable, have been consistently applied and are supported by reasonable and prudent judgement and estimates.

Fund accounting – unrestricted funds

The company's unrestricted funds consist of a General Fund which is expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the charitable objects of the company. The directors may at their discretion designate funds for specific purposes but the designation does not legally restrict the directors' discretion to apply the funds.

Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (*continued*)

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

Income recognition (*continued*)

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Directors' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gift is credited to revenue on a receivable basis.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is interest earned through holding cash at bank. Interest income is recognised when receivable.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Where costs cannot be directly attributed to a particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Value Added Tax

The charity is not registered for VAT purposes, therefore expenditure is shown gross of VAT.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (*continued*)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

Taxation

As a charity, the company benefits from various exemptions afforded by tax legislation. It is therefore not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling due within those exemptions. Recovery is made of tax deducted from receipts under gift aid.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Directors consider the basis to be appropriate assuming that the charity has adequate financial support from the bankers and related parties.

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Transfer from previous non incorporated charity	-	-	46,520
Subscriptions and tax refund	34,277	34,277	3,858
Parish subscriptions	5,934	5,934	250
Church activities	908	908	-
Utility grants	4,200	4,200	-
Diocesan grants Conor	7,344	7,344	-
Salary contribution – RCB	23,331	23,331	1,474
Church of Resurrection FWO	6,986	6,986	310
	<u>82,980</u>	<u>82,980</u>	<u>52,412</u>

3. Activities from generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Income from The Hub Café	-	-	77
Resident students	178,806	178,806	3,484
Vacation residency	3,193	3,193	1,447
Student ministry	3,929	3,929	-
	<u>185,928</u>	<u>185,928</u>	<u>5,008</u>

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4. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Income from Church of Ireland Trustees Assts	562	562	315
Dividend income (Boyd Bequest)	255	255	-
	<u>817</u>	<u>817</u>	<u>315</u>

5. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Restricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Belfast Chaplaincy development project – salary costs	91,748	91,748	6,833
Methodist Home Mission Grants	33,130	33,130	-
Income for Mission Teams	40,785	40,785	-
	<u>165,663</u>	<u>165,663</u>	<u>315</u>

6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Use of the Hub	6,081	6,081	80
Income from Archdeaconry role	259	259	778
Student committee	2,873	2,873	-
Sundry	580	580	161
	<u>9,793</u>	<u>9,793</u>	<u>1,019</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total for year £	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Residential & outreach	399,085	4,680	403,765	22,709
	<u>399,085</u>	<u>4,680</u>	<u>403,765</u>	<u>22,709</u>

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8. Allocation of support costs

	Basis of allocation	Ministry £	Total for year £	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Governance (note 9)	Cost	<u>4,680</u>	<u>4,680</u>	488
		<u>4,680</u>	<u>4,680</u>	<u>488</u>

9. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total for year £	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Independent examiner's fees	3,375	3,375	345
Other financial costs	1,305	1,305	143
	<u>4,680</u>	<u>4,680</u>	<u>488</u>

10. Net income for the year

This is stated after charging:

	Total for year £	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Depreciation	-	-
Operating lease rentals	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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11. Directors' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The key management personnel are considered to be the trustees.

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2022 – Nil).

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2022 – Nil).

12. Staff costs and employee benefits

Total staff costs were as follows:

	Total for year £	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Wages and salaries	183,171	14,213
Social security costs	10,773	1,159
Other pension costs	14,048	907
	<u>207,992</u>	<u>16,279</u>

Allocated to:

	Total for Year £	Total for period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Residential & outreach	207,992	16,279
	<u>207,992</u>	<u>16,279</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average monthly number of employees including the directors during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	Total for year	For period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 No
Management	1	1
Residential	2	2
Outreach	6	3
	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year.

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13. Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value at 30 June 2023	<u>15,126</u>	<u>30,450</u>

Investments reflect holdings in to two bequests held in unit trusts - Miss Annie Boyd (Ballycastle) Memorial Endowment & Mrs S Graham Bequest.

The fair value of investments is determined by reference to the valuations provided by RCB Unit Trusts at 30th June 2023.

14. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>10,857</u>	<u>9,165</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
PAYE and social security	2,280	3,625
Accruals	8,809	8,073
	<u>11,089</u>	<u>11,698</u>

16. Restricted funds

	Balance at 30 June 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance as at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	165,663	(191,128)	34,465	9,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>165,663</u>	<u>(191,128)</u>	<u>34,465</u>	<u>9,000</u>

17. Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 30 June 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Loss	Balance as at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	72,064	278,886	(212,637)	(34,465)	(15,328)	89,152
	<u>72,064</u>	<u>278,886</u>	<u>(212,637)</u>	<u>(34,465)</u>	<u>(15,328)</u>	<u>89,152</u>

Unrestricted funds:

- General fund

The unrestricted funds of the charity consist of a General Fund which is expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity and which has not been designated for other purposes.

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18. Transfer between funds

The transfer between unrestricted and unrestricted funds of £20,417 (2022 - £5,873) represents that difference between the restricted funding received towards staffing costs and chaplaincy's match funding from unrestricted funds.

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 30 June 2023	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	15,126	73,394	88,520
Restricted Funds	-	9,000	9,000
Total Funds	<u>15,126</u>	<u>82,394</u>	<u>97,520</u>

20. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total for year £	Total for period 16 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
Net income for year	25,456	72,064
Decrease in creditors	(609)	11,698
Increase in debtors	(1,060)	(9,165)
Decrease in investments	15,324	(30,450)
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>39,111</u>	<u>44,147</u>

21. Related party transactions

With a number of trustees being nominated representatives from - and therefore tithing members of - the Church of the Resurrection (Trustees Report, p.6), a total of £311 (2022 - £790) is recorded as collated income for the year to 30th June 2023.

Expenses were paid to two trustees for costs incurred in the course of their work on behalf of the charity as chaplains:

- Barry Forde: £30
- Gail Mercer: £642

22. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

On a winding up members may be required to contribute a maximum of £1.

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

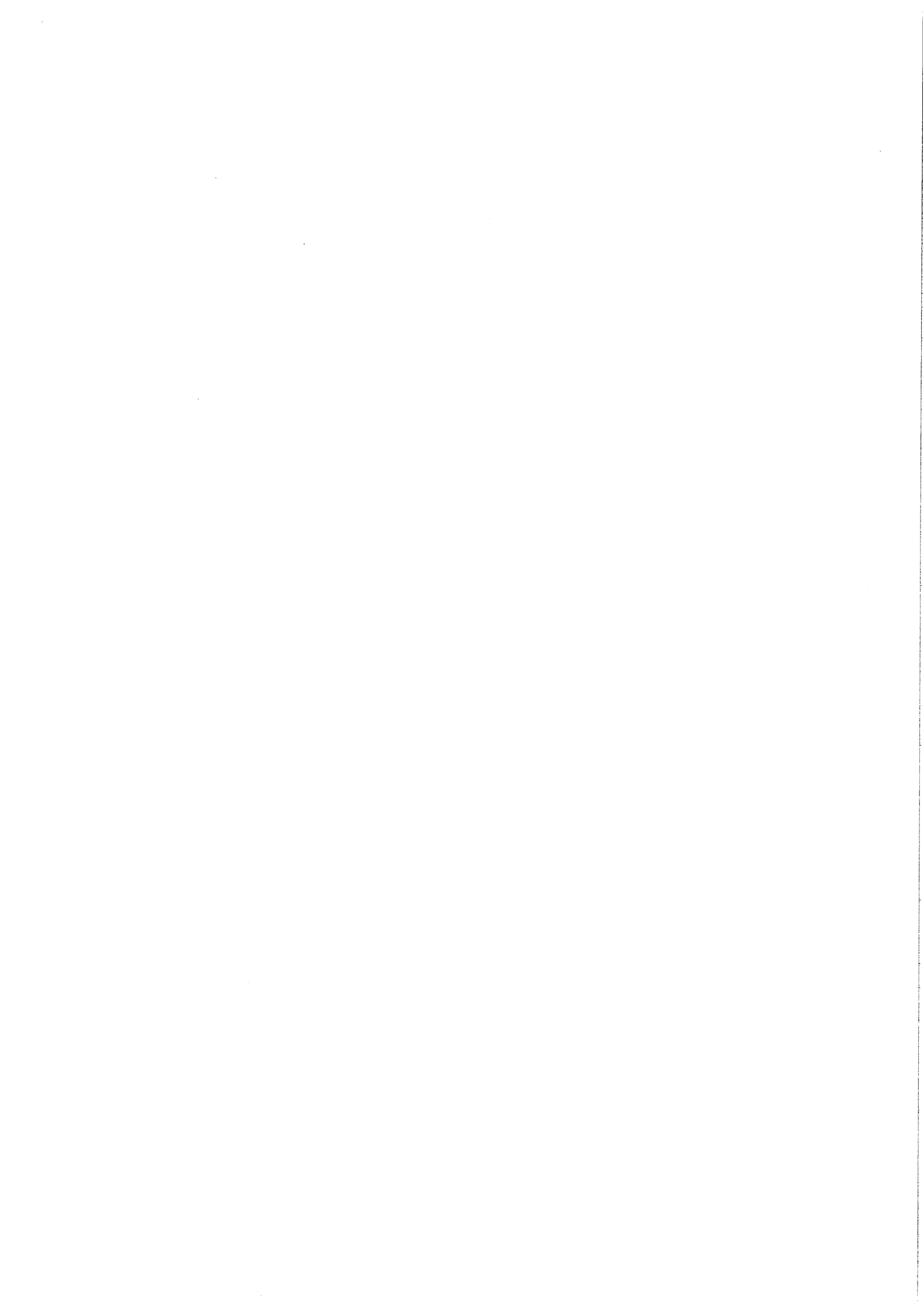
	Total for year £	For period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
VOLUNTARY INCOME		
Transfer from previous non incorporated charity	-	46,520
Subscriptions and tax refund	34,277	3,858
Parish subscriptions	5,934	250
Church Activities	908	-
Utility grants	4,200	-
Diocesan grants Conor	7,344	-
Salary contribution – RCB	23,331	1,474
Church of the Resurrection FWO	6,986	310
	<u>82,980</u>	<u>52,412</u>
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Income from The Hub Café	-	77
Resident students	178,194	3,484
Vacation residency	3,193	1,447
Student ministry	3,929	-
	<u>185,316</u>	<u>5,008</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Income from Church of Ireland Trustees Assts	562	315
Dividend income (Boyd Bequest)	255	-
	<u>817</u>	<u>315</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Belfast Chaplaincy development project – salary costs	91,748	6,833
Methodist Home Mission Grants	33,130	-
Income for Mission Teams	40,785	-
	<u>165,663</u>	<u>6,833</u>
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Use of the Hub	6,061	80
Income from Archdeaconry role	259	778
Student committee	2,873	-
Sundry	580	161
	<u>9,773</u>	<u>1,019</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>444,549</u>	<u>65,587</u>

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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	For the year £	For period 25 June 2021 to 30 June 2022 £
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Costs of the Hub Café	2,607	286
Wages & salaries	193,944	15,372
Pension costs	14,048	907
Ground rent, rates and insurance	16,300	807
Light & heat	44,113	1,316
Repairs & maintenance	52,670	28
Telephone & internet	6,693	378
Computer expenses	-	394
Charitable donations	782	-
Training	540	-
Office expenses	1,784	2
Housekeeping expenses	2,471	557
Outreach and mission expenses	34,382	-
Ministry expenses	24,192	1,921
General expenses	4,559	255
	<u>399,085</u>	<u>22,223</u>
GOVERNANCE COSTS		
Independent examiners' fees	3,375	345
Bank fees and interest	1,305	143
	<u>4,680</u>	<u>488</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>403,765</u>	<u>22,711</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TRANSFERS & OTHER GAINS		
	<u>40,784</u>	<u>42,629</u>



CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108472

Annual report

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER NI680339

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST
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COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023**

Charity Number NIC 108472

**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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**CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST
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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

Registered charity name	Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast
Charity registration number	NIC108472
Company number	NI680339
Registered office	22 Elmwood Avenue Belfast BT9 6AY
Directors	Rev Dr J Alderdice Mrs C Baillie Mrs E H Carson Prof F Kee Mrs C Hillcox Mr C S McDowell Mrs G Mercer Dr I Taylor Mr J Unsworth Rev D McCullagh
Independent examiner	GMcG Chartered Accountants 17 Mandeville Street Portadown County Armagh BT62 3PB

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, Companies Act 2006, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and SORP (FRS 102).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

THE DIRECTORS

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

Rev Dr J Alderdice	
Mr P F Anderson	resigned on 26 th October 2022
Mrs C Baillie	
Mrs E H Carson	
Mr T S J Douglas	resigned on 30 th September 2022
Ven B G Forde	resigned on 31 st August 2022
Prof F Kee	
Mrs C Hillcox	
Mr C S McDowell	
Mrs G Mercer	
Dr I Taylor	
Mr J Unsworth	
Rev D McCullagh	appointed on 1 st March 2023

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The directors of Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast confirm that they have had due regard for the guidance on Public Benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and are pleased to report that during the year the charity continued to provide the Public Benefits through programmes and services we offer. In particular, the directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Public Benefits:

The Benefits which flow from Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast are:

- a. The provision of chaplaincy services to students and staff at third-level institutions across the city of Belfast.
- b. The provision of accommodation in residential chaplaincy communities for, primarily but not exclusively, third-level education students.
- c. The provision of acts of worship, open to the general public.
- d. Campus engagement through a public presence, the provision of public facilities, supporting university-led initiatives, ceremonies and events, and organising theological events for the general public.

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT (*continued*)

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Public Benefits (*continued*):

- e. Pastoral support to students and staff.

The Benefits identified above are demonstrated by:

- a. The support provided by chaplains, including by attending, and where appropriate sitting on, bodies appointed to further the work of the institutions;
- b. Pastoral & spiritual support offered to students & staff alike, and engagement with university initiatives.
- c. The provision of accommodation in the student centre in South Belfast for up to 50 students annually from a mixture of universities and colleges.
- d. Providing opportunities for spiritual engagement, including church services, events, discipleship & outreach activities, social action, and pastoral support.
- e. Resourcing and encouraging students to participate fully in the life of their campus, through events, volunteering, and fundraising for partner organisations.
- f. Facilitating activities at university accommodation locations.
- g. Running a non-profit cafe to provide a safe space for students to meet, study and volunteer.
- h. Working with and/or independent of university bodies to provide pastoral support to students and staff throughout the academic year.

The benefits are monitored through regular evaluation of the services provided, and through feedback from participants and members of the public.

The purposes do not lead to harm. The only private benefit resulting from the Charity's purposes are related to staff who receive benefits as a result their employment. However, this is incidental and necessary to further our charitable purposes. There are no other private benefits. The charities beneficiaries are the public, and in particular university and college students, as well as those we can support through the work of our charitable partners who share our ethos and purposes. The public benefit further through our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public in this way.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. It was incorporated on 25 June 2021 and registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 20 January 2022.

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT (*continued*)

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Recruitment, appointment, induction and training

The directors regularly review the requirements of the charity and the possibility of a need for additional directors. Any new directors would be appointed by resolution of a meeting of all the directors passed by a majority of those present. Appropriate training and induction is available to all directors.

Risk management

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate an exposure to major risks. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors. These procedures are periodically reviewed at least annually to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisation Structures and related parties

The directors oversee the running of the charitable company.

CONTEXT AND STRUCTURAL DETAILS

The organisation is a Charity, registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, number NIC108472.

The Charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 25th June 2021 under the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 20th January 2022.

Members

The members of the company are the Church of Ireland, and the Methodist Church in Ireland being the church as defined in Section 1 of The Methodist Church in Ireland Act 1928. These two entities are members within the meaning given in section 112 of the Companies Act 2006. These are referred to variously as the 'members', 'denominations', or 'parent denominations', being the two governing entities of their respective church organisations on the island of Ireland.

Trustees

The Board of Trustees are appointed by the members under the terms given in articles 31-34 of the Articles of Association and serve as the Directors of the company (as listed above). These include the Chaplains appointed, stationed, or licenced by the member organisations, who are remunerated directly by their denomination and not employed by the charity.

History and nomenclature

The Charity has inherited the charge and remit of chaplaincy ministry on university and college campuses in Belfast, previously managed by both denominations as two distinct unincorporated associations.

The Church of Ireland Student Centre was officially opened on Elmwood Avenue on 11th March 1955; the Methodist Chaplaincy opened its doors to students in 1973. In 2012, a Local Covenant Partnership was signed between the denominations to formally commence joint partnership. This has ultimately led to the incorporation of the Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast on 25th June 2021.

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT (*continued*)

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History and nomenclature (*continued*)

Often referred to as the 'Chaplaincy', the charity is also known colloquially as 'The Hub Belfast' or 'The Hub', a brand adopted under the Covenant Partnership in 2012 as shorthand for the much longer formal names. However, all formal and financial activities are carried out under the full charity name.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In alignment with its Articles of Association and Public Benefit Statement, the Charity seeks to advance the Christian faith amongst third level education, University and College campuses in Belfast in accordance with the principles, practices, and charitable purposes of the Church of Ireland and the Methodist Church in Ireland, through:

1. **the provision of facilities and services with a Christian ethos** that aim to support and benefit the spiritual, social, academic, and professional networks across various University and College campuses.
2. creating, developing, managing, and overseeing one or more **residential chaplaincy communities** through the provision of accommodation for, primarily but not exclusively, third level education students.
3. **working with** Parishes, circuits, missions, other groups, Christian traditions and organisations to further Christian mission and ecumenism;
4. **contributing to the good and welfare of the Universities and Colleges**, their role within the city and impact on wider society.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Board are mindful of demonstrating how the Charity has served and met its purposes over the course of the academic year. To that end, we wish to highlight and celebrate some of the activities that took place across the year to 30th June 2023.

The Church of the Resurrection meets throughout the year on Sunday mornings. This is open to all, and regularly gathers existing and former students, local families, and the occasional member of staff of Queen's University. In this past year we have seen a significant growth in the number of young adults joining us on a Sunday morning. Around 50% of the regular congregation is now made up of these young adults, aged 18-30. They consist of local students, graduates, young professionals and a good number of international students.

The **Hub Café** unfortunately had to close for different reasons during the year including the need to do a major upgrade to the cooking and ventilation systems. This fact, alongside it taking time to find a new hospitality lead (rather than a café manager), has meant that for most of the year it has remained closed. The focus in 2023-4 is to try to find the right person to fulfil the vision of hospitality lead. Providing hospitality is one of the ways we show the love of God to people outside of The Hub, for example, the weekly **Free Lunch** provided to students at St Stephen's Parish, next door to Belfast Metropolitan College's Millfield campus. This ministry continues to go from strength to strength. Ulster University's move into Belfast city centre has created the opportunity to run a similar initiative for their students, in space provided by Belfast Cathedral. Between them on a weekly basis staff and students engage with between 100 and 300 individuals.

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Achievements and Performance (*continued*)

Hospitality and friendship are also the drivers of our weekly outreach initiatives in Queen's Accommodation. **Toastie and Tunes** – staff and students visit the Treehouse at Elms BT9 (Queen's University owned accommodation) to provide live music, toasties, and conversations for students. We have seen a number of these students become members of the congregation at The Church of The Resurrection on Sunday Mornings, subsequently inviting friends to church.

Student Residency – The Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy continues to provide residency for 49 students on Elmwood Avenue. This is a core part of our ministry on campus, providing a high level of community, social interaction, and pastoral support for residential students.

Throughout the year, there are a variety of events and activities for our residents to take part in. Our residential students play an active role, both in leading and attending. They in turn, invite their peers and classmates to a range of formal and informal events at the Chaplaincy, allowing us to widen our reach to the student community, to offer support, including the following:

- Annual Student residential weekend
- Weekly Bible Study
- In House meal rotas to ensure community and friendship
- Wednesday Night Meal followed by worship and Bible Study
- Prayer Meetings
- Chaplaincy Formal
- Daily dinner provided by chaplaincy staff during exam period.
- One to one Pastoral Care
- End of Year service of Celebration
- Pop up evangelism – Often coinciding with major feasts or Saints days (St Valentine, St Patricks) staff and a team of students, will bring a table out to the street front of The Hub or Student's Union to give away tea coffee, treats, and to share the gospel.

Outreach to and Engagement with University groups & societies on campuses

- Engagement with Queen's International Students Society on a regular basis to both attend and provide events in The Hub.
- Engagement with University Christian Outreach.
- Hosting of the Christian Medical Fellowship meetings
- Hosting of Queen's Christian Union.
- Hosting of Queen's Students Against Human Trafficking Society.
- Hosting of Queen's ILIVE leadership society.
- Hosting of Queen's the Indonesian Society.
- Attendance at Stranmillis College Christian Union.
- Attendance at Ulster University Christian Union

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Achievements and Performance (*continued*)

Worship

'The Gathering' is an event hosted on Wednesday evenings throughout the academic year. Our student residents are the primary audience for this, but they are encouraged to invite other students and classmates to join them. The night consists of a free meal cooked by our residents on a house-by-house rota basis, followed by sung worship and Bible teaching. The teaching is delivered by members of staff as well as the occasional guest speaker or student.

'Worship101' is 60-90 minutes of late-night worship on a Thursday evening, and this event attracts up to 200 students on a weekly basis. These students come from right across the city to attend this.

Campus Events

The Hub Community Gospel Choir – Open to all staff and students and members of Church of the Resurrection. Fortnightly rehearsals and concerts throughout the year.

Thanksgiving Meal in November – After realising that American students often feel homesick at this point of the year, we have provided a night of free food, entertainment, and community for several years. This is always well attended with up to 100 people enjoying the evening.

Around the World Food Fair – With the aim of integrating international students into the community, we host a night where people from different countries and cultures make and bring food from home to share with others.

Superbowl Watch Party- Students are welcome to sit up late with us to watch the Superbowl live, with free refreshments.

Inter-chaplaincy Carol Service – A time for staff and students to mark Christmas. Hosted jointly by the chaplaincies in the Great Hall at Queen's.

St Patrick's Day Ceilidh – A social night of dancing open to all students. Many of our student residents came, but also invited friends from their classes and from other chaplaincies.

12 hours of prayer and worship on St Patrick's Day. Organised, led and hosted by a small group of students. This was open to all students and throughout the 12 hours hundreds of students came for worship and prayer

Inter-chaplaincy memorial service on the death of Queen Elizabeth II. – former chaplain, Ven Barry Forde assisted with this service.

Church of Ireland Theological Lecture – Theological Lecture – Professor Trevor Cooling of Canterbury Christ Church University delivered the 65th Church of Ireland Annual Theological Lecture at Queen's. The lecture was held in the Drama Theatre at Stranmillis University College and was entitled: The Church and Public Education: A Missionary Encounter? Stranmillis College was the perfect setting for this lecture, as not only did it consider the area of education, but it was an opportunity to continue celebrating the College's recent centenary and our strengthening ties in chaplaincy.

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It should be noted that, as Queen's University no longer has a Theology department or degree option, the annual Church of Ireland Theological Lecture is the only formal theological provision on campus.

End of Year Service of celebration- A service which takes place in the Church of the Resurrection at the end of May to mark the end of the year. Open to staff, students and family. The Church of the Resurrection was filled with over 200 people who came to join this special service. The service was followed by a BBQ for students, friends and families, and was provided by the congregation of Church of the Resurrection.

Chaplaincy Representation

Staff and Students represent the chaplaincy at several events and festivals. At **Summer Madness** a group of volunteer students join chaplaincy staff to set up and run 'Hub' venue. We host social events at night, late night worship each evening, and seminars each day. This offers an opportunity to share the work of chaplaincy with thousands of young people, some of whom have in previous years become residents or interns.

Leadership and Service Development Opportunities

Residential Leadership - The residential community relies upon the active leadership of senior students, developing their abilities and potential in the process. There are 4 main residential houses, each of which has a House Warden, who is a senior student. There is also a Student Committee who assist with overseeing a wide range of social activities.

Worship Academy –Led by James Turner, this is a year long training programme for students who are musicians to help them grow in skill and experience in leading sung worship. The programme involves teaching, mentoring and a residential weekend. Current and past students of worship academy with responsible for providing sung worship at no less than 3 Christian conferences and festivals over the summer.

Events – many chaplaincy events – welcome meals, street outreach, Easter Outreach, Foodbank, Charitable fundraising, Church Services, and other activities all provide a range of opportunities and contexts for students to volunteer in a wide variety of roles.

Mission Trip to Uganda – A team of 11 Students and 2 staff members spent 2 weeks in Uganda supporting the work of with Waakisa, a charity who support young mothers in crisis pregnancy situations, and Abaana, a charity who support and educate young people living on the streets of Kampala.

Internships – the chaplaincy runs an internship program that provides an opportunity for recent graduates / young adults to work in the chaplaincy for one year. This is an excellent opportunity to develop a wide range of skills and abilities, pertaining to ministry, social skills, public presentation, experiencing a workplace environment, and more. This past year, we were joined by 1 Intern.

South Belfast Foodbank – Our students and members of Church of the Resurrection are encouraged on an ongoing basis to contribute to and volunteer at the foodbank. Many have made a significant commitment to this.

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Shankill Road Partnership- we continue to assist with ministries and outreach on the Shankill Road, working with St Stephen's, and St Michael's parishes, providing opportunities for students to assist with their drop-in centre and work with young children, including a weekly homework club.

St Patrick's Day Outreach – This year our Outreach worker and several students volunteered to help the PSNI & Community groups in their efforts to maintain peace in the Holyland area of Belfast.

Inter-Chaplaincy Outreach

Regular meetings with other chaplains and chaplaincies at Queen's, Stranmillis and Ulster University. Ulster University works on a model of ecumenical chaplaincy, in which the chaplains comprise one team who share in every ministry. This includes the free chaplaincy lunch and other outreach activities.

At Queen's and Stranmillis, the chaplains and chaplaincies, while separate teams, often get to work together on events, worship and outreach activities. This is borne out of good friendships and working relationships. These activities include:

- **Inter chaplaincy memorial service** on the death of Queen Elizabeth II.
- **Ecumenical Carol Service** co-organised and co-hosted on an annual basis.
- **Agreement 25 Prayer Breakfast** hosted in Queen's Students Union in conjunction with the Presbyterian and Catholic chaplaincies.
- **'Toasties and Tunes'** (see outreach activities) This is in conjunction with the Presbyterian chaplaincy and Queen's Christian Union.
- **Queen's University Staff Prayer**, hosted in the Presbyterian Chaplaincy once a month but with regular teaching input by the Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy staff

University Interaction

'Toasties and Tunes' – as well as student engagement, we aim to support and engage with the work of the Residential team at Elms, with whom we have come to build good relationships.

The chaplain has attended Student Support Forum Meetings, 2 Public Lectures, has Regular contact with the Student Guidance Centre, the Public Engagement Team, the Student Support Forum, and Eventus.

She has also been involved in and attended Summer and Winter Graduations

An often unseen area of the chaplain's work is the Pastoral Care of staff with Several university staff requesting one-to-one pastoral meetings with the chaplain.

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Ulster University

This year Ulster University moved into its new campus in Belfast with the building opening just a couple of days before the semester started but with chaplaincy rooms not quite ready and operational, it meant that the chaplaincy team were working in different spaces at the beginning of the new year.

Activities still continued but were spread across the premises and sometimes off campus but students were still engaging with the chaplaincy team. **Staff Coffee & Prayer "Timeout"** happened in a meeting room, the **"Here for You" - Drop-in service** from the Student Wellbeing lounge and an extra tea-time slot over in the residences @ 123 York Street - mainly to support students after a tragic student death the first week of semester. Large numbers of students from both universities are attending the joint chaplaincy late night **Worship 101 in The Hub** on Thursday evenings and weekly **UUB Chaplaincy Community Lunch** is running in the Cathedral Hall on Tuesdays and drawing many international students, local students and staff.

Our Chaplaincy team are given regular slots hosting other acts of hospitality and outreach as part of the **Student Wellbeing, Community Relations, Global Engagement and Students Union** events programmes – lots of coffee, soup and hot chocolate – there's always something brewing! This included a **Joint Chaplaincy Outreach on the Mall** with hot chocolate and a Chaplaincy leaflet drop during Refreshers week, Chocolates on Valentine's Day, Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, Easter eggs with Easter prayer just before Easter break, hot chocolate and biscuits with exam prayer cards during Revision and exam time in May.

Chaplaincy seminar events were planned in partnership with Corrymeela, Contemporary Christianity and CAP (Christians Against Poverty) which all were well attended and opened new horizons for students and staff who attended.

There was a Joint UU Chaplaincy – **Faith and Climate event** - A screening of "The Letter" in UUB lecture theatre with panel discussion facilitated by Trócaire – Chaplains, senior lecturers, UUSU, CU, the Debating Society, and international students and staff all engaged with the discussion afterwards.

4Corners Festival – the Chaplaincy team hosted an annual event - **Faith and Peace Building conference** for 50 sixth year students – involving UU Community Engagement, UUSU and Student volunteers – Theme "Sharing our stories of HOPE via digital photography" led by the UUB Chaplains and Irish News photographer Mal McCann.

The chaplain was involved with other pastoral issues including several **Grief Share events** for staff and students who had lost fellow students or colleagues. There were opportunities to help students through referrals to the Hardship Fund, local foodbanks and other Christian charities that helped those who were struggling and to connect students living off campus with local churches.

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The chaplain also represented the NI university chaplains at the **CN3 national 3rd Level Chaplaincy Network Board** meetings including planning the CN3 2023 Online conference with AGM looking at the subject - "Chaplaincy – Changing Religion, Changing Universities & Changing Chaplaincy." The keynote speakers were Rev Ramona Nash and Grace Davie, University of Exeter. The chaplain also led two further virtual Chaplains' Network events – attended by approximately 25-30 Irish higher education chaplains.

The chaplain also represented the board and churches with her presence along with **UU Community Relations Team** in the Holylands area throughout the month of March. She along with a team of COIMCB staff and volunteers came to prayer walk and to help keep students safe as part of the joint university/ PSNI/BCC operation on 17th March. There were two follow-up home visits to students for whom safeguarding concerns were identified during the St Patrick's Day celebrations. She has also represented the Chaplaincy on UU's (all campus) Good Relations Council; the UU Health & Soc Sciences Post Graduate Research Ethics' Committee; in the UU Students Union independent Review process and on the Staff Disability Network, BAME + Network (Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic & Friends).

The 3 fulltime chaplains in UUB attended the European Chaplains' Conference in Finland in June (along with a group of Irish chaplains) and led workshops on 'Spiritual Journaling' and 'Residential Chaplaincy'.

Outreach to and Engagement with University groups and societies on campuses:

- Partnership with UU International Student Advisory service to run weekly Coffee & Chat drop in sessions for new international students on campus and 2 Chaplaincy Away Days to the North Coast and Newcastle.
- Hosting hospitality events with the One World Society for Easter, Christmas, Diwali, Eid, Chinese New Year and Ramadan.
- Hosting the UUB CU weekly small groups and shared weekly Chaplaincy/ CU Prayer time for students and staff
- Partnership with UUSU and the Climate Change Society in delivering their "Sustainable Campus" campaign and free breakfasts in response to the Cost of Living crisis.
- Partnership with UU Student Wellbeing Dept in delivering the annual 'Mind Your Mood' campaign across all campuses.
- Participation and leadership of the University Outreach to students in the Holylands area of Belfast to ensure student safety and addressing the issue of anti-social behaviour during peak party times like Freshers' Weeks, Christmas and St Patrick's Day.

Worship:

- Weekly campus prayer lunch with CU in UUB Chaplaincy Lounge
- Monthly "Time Out" Chaplaincy facilitated quiet prayer for staff in UUB
- Lenten Bible Studies in the Chaplaincy lounge

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- Annual UU Memorial service on campus for students and staff who have passed away.
- Ash Wednesday chaplaincy reflection and distribution of ashes on UUB campus

Campus Events:

Exam season Drop-in. Prayer and Hospitality ministry during January and May.

Weekly Chaplaincy Community Lunches across the city in St Anne's Cathedral and St Stephen's Church.

The 'CHRISTMAS STORY' - Chaplaincy Christmas event in St Anne's cathedral crypt - the retelling of the biblical Christmas story to students and staff with special guest, local storyteller Liz Weir.

Time to Think... Chaplaincy lunchtime seminars - this year, Chaplaincy hosted these on issues such as Climate Change, Food Poverty, Human Trafficking and Reflective Journaling.

In a year of much change at Ulster University, the consistency of the chaplain, Gail Mercer, has been of so much benefit to the staff, students and chaplaincy team.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Property and Fixed Assets

The most notable thing about the Balance Sheet is perhaps what does *not* appear on it; namely, the capital value of the properties that combine to form the resident student centre at Nr 16-26 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast.

The six properties are held by the members of the charity – Nr 16, 18, 20 and 22 Elmwood Avenue by the Representative Church Body for and on behalf of the Church of Ireland; and Nr 24-26 Elmwood Avenue by the Methodist Church in Ireland.

The title for these two groups of properties remains with the respective denominational bodies, and therefore they remain as assets on their respective Balance Sheets. As such, the members have (for over half a century) allocated their use for the student centre, and this remains the provision within the terms of both the charity's Articles of Association, and under the Local Covenant Partnership agreement between the church bodies, which sets the terms under canon law by which activities have continued.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain free reserves which matches the needs of the trust, both at the current time and the foreseeable future. This provides sufficient funds to cover running costs which include management, administration and support costs. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves not designed nor invested in fixed assets which are available for general use.

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Financial Review (*continued*)

Funding

In a regular twelve-month period, the principal funding is received from several sources.

1. **Representative Church Body:** The Church of Ireland's governing body make several grants, both restricted and unrestricted. The Belfast Chaplaincy Project grant is restricted funding towards salary costs, which began with the expansion (in 2017) of the chaplaincy's remit to encompass the campuses at Ulster University, Stranmillis College, and Belfast Metropolitan College in addition to the existing remit at Queen's University. Smaller grants are made to unrestricted funds to support core running costs.
2. **Methodist Home Mission:** Through the Home Mission department, the Methodist Church make an annual unrestricted grant.
3. **Residential Fees:** The charity's primary means of generating unrestricted income is through the fees received from students allocated a place in the student residential centre on Elmwood Avenue. A certain amount of individual income may also be received during the summer months from students and groups requiring residential accommodation.
4. **Donations from individuals:** Subscriptions are received from donors, both members of the chaplaincy community and individuals with a past connection (e.g. past residents). Free Will Offering is also received on a weekly basis from the congregation at the Church of the Resurrection.
5. **Church of Ireland dioceses and parishes:** Several gifts are received annually from local churches and dioceses across Northern Ireland.
6. **The Hub Café:** The turnover from the café is received as income generated.

There are several other small sources of income, as recorded in the notes to the financial statements, such as income from investments held in trust by the Church of Ireland because of historical bequests made to the chaplaincy's ministry.

Investment Income

Dividends are received on a half-yearly basis from the Representative Church Body, in relation to two bequests held in unit trusts:

- Miss Annie Boyd (Ballycastle) Memorial Endowment
- Mrs S Graham Bequest

A third trust, the Professor JC Beckett Bequest, is also held but does not pay dividends; rather, capital grants have been made against its value from time to time over the past quarter century.

Expenditure

The largest area of monthly expenditure is Staff costs and employee benefits.

Other areas of expenditure are outlined on the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities.

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Financial Review (*continued*)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The financial year 1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023 represents the first full year of activity under the auspices of the new charitable company. It also marks the departure of the long-serving chaplain, Ven. Barry Forde, the appointment of a new chaplain, Rev Danielle McCullagh and the last year of the current three-year funding cycle for the Belfast Chaplaincy Project. Accordingly, the following strategic goals have been prioritised:

1. Conducting a strategic review of the charity's activities, with particular focus on staffing requirements in order to maintain growth in ministry activity.
2. Securing a continuation of the relevant funding for future periods.

Going Concern

The Board are of the opinion that the Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year ahead.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS

The trustees (who are also the directors of Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy Belfast for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHURCH OF
IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST**

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023 as set out on pages 16 to 26.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The charity's trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act any my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

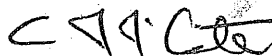
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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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CHURCH OF IRELAND AND METHODIST CHAPLAINCY BELFAST

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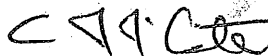
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