

The Hills Church Ltd

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108616

Details

Known as	The Hills Church
Status	Received
Company number	648296
Registered	2022-03-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The Church's objects are specifically restricted to the promotion and advancement of the Christian faith, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants in the North West area of Northern Ireland primarily and in any other part of the world as the directors may think fit ("hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability/ability, race, ethnic origin, political, religious or other opinion with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular: (a) to advance the Christian faith and promote Christianity in such ways and in such areas as the Directors from time to time may think fit, and in particularly but not exclusively through the provision of preaching, the distribution of Christian literature and the education of people in the area of benefit through evangelism and the provision of biblically based teaching, discipleship training, meetings, bible studies and social activities; (b) to train Leaders and Pastors and volunteers so that they may work on projects promoted by the Church in the area of benefit; (c) to train Christians so that they may seek to plant churches and to encourage new, and strengthen existing, partnerships with churches and evangelical groups in the area of benefit; (d) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in the area of benefit as the Directors may from time to time may think fit.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Community development, Counselling/support, Education/training, Grant making, Overseas aid/famine relief, Relief of poverty, Religious activities, Volunteer development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Older people, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Specific areas of deprivation, Unemployed/low income, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£233,943	£202,257	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Andrew Townsley Gamble		
Mr David Beck		
Mr Henry Mccrory		
Mr John Oliver Gamble		
Mrs Victoria Gamble		

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Accounts

THE HILLS CHURCH LTD
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

Company Registration Number: NI 648296

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THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT)

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st December 2024, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name:	The Hills Church Ltd
Company registration number:	NI648296
Charity Commission Registration Number:	NIC 108616 (registered 18th March 2022)
HMRC Charity Reference:	NI 01105
Principal office and registered office:	Ebrington Centre, Glendermott Road, Londonderry, BT47 6BG

Directors and Trustees of the Company

The directors who held office during the period were as follows:

Mr Andrew Gamble
Mrs Victoria Gamble
Mr John Gamble
Mr Henry McCrory
Rev John Ashe (resigned 04/04/2024)
Mr David Beck (appointed 05/04/2024).

Structure, governance and management

The Hills Church Ltd was incorporated on 27th September 2017. It is currently managed by the trustees and all decisions are passed by a majority vote at their regular trustee meetings.

The Company is a charity limited by guarantee without share capital. The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Company and is actively involved in the day to day management of the organisation. Directors are appointed in line with the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the company. The Board of Directors are also known as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Risks identified, such as the financial viability and sustainability of the charitable company, have been reviewed to ensure that a level of funding is maintained that is necessary for the charitable company to continue to meet its objectives. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of company policies such as the policy on financial controls, which require the authorisation of all transactions at the regular trustee meetings and segregation of duties where possible. The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)

The Church's objects are specifically restricted to the promotion and advancement of the Christian faith, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants in the North West area of Northern Ireland primarily and in any other part of the world as the directors may think fit ("hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability/ability, race, ethnic origin, political, religious or other opinion with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular:

(a) to advance the Christian faith and promote Christianity in such ways and in such areas as the Directors from time to time may think fit, and in particularly but not exclusively through the provision of preaching, the distribution of Christian literature and the education of people in the area of benefit through evangelism and the provision of biblically based teaching, discipleship training, meetings, bible studies and social activities;

(b) to train Leaders and Pastors and volunteers so that they may work on projects promoted by the Church in the area of benefit;

(c) to train Christians so that they may seek to plant churches and to encourage new, and strengthen existing, partnerships with churches and evangelical groups in the area of benefit;

(d) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in the area of benefit as the Directors may from time to time may think fit.

The Hills Church ("the church") was established in Derry/Londonderry as a non-denominational evangelical church to cater for the spiritual needs of the members and the local community by encouraging active participation within the community based on biblical principles for life and to unite an inter-faith area.

The main objective is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public. The basis of this faith is found in the Holy Bible. The church believes that mission is the focal point of the Gospel and that mission should be a key element in the life of Christians. As a consequence of this, the objects of the church also span the relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants in the North West area of Northern Ireland primarily and in any other part of the world as the Directors may think fit.

The church has a busy schedule of Sunday services and midweek meetings. All the services are open to the public. The Church also seeks to reach out and offer services to meet the wider needs of the community, for the public benefit. Amongst other things, it is hoped that these activities will include youth groups, Sunday schools and summer schemes.

The Church also supports other charitable organisations involved in missionary work and relief of poverty overseas. The church carries out a wide range of services that assist local charities. It's the aim of the church to fund all activities.

The Church seeks to advance the Christian faith and promote Christianity in such ways and in such areas as the Committee may from time to time may think fit, and in particularly but not exclusively through the provision of preaching, distribution of Christian literature and the education of people in the area of benefit through the provision of biblically based teaching, meetings, bible studies and social activities; Our aim and objectives are to be a Christian church consisting of all the values according to the New Testament.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

Public Benefit

The Hills Church Ltd strives to ensure that they provide public benefit. Public benefit is at the heart of what it means to be a charity. To achieve this objective, The Hills Church Ltd meets the following purposes:

Purpose (a) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the provision of instruction and encouragement on living a moral and law abiding lifestyle. The benefit will be demonstrated by the growth of attendance and through feedback from beneficiaries via comments on social media, emails, verbal approbation from community representatives and positive feedback from local council and funding bodies. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are regular attendees of The Hills Church Ltd (adults, children and the aged) and inhabitants of the Derry/Londonderry area and all others who wish to attend our meetings. We have identified no private benefit flowing from this purpose.

Purpose (b) - The direct benefit from this purpose is that those attending any of our services or events will be able to avail of help, support and assistance from well-trained people well able to meet their practical, emotional and spiritual needs. This benefit will be demonstrated by the ability of those trained to be able to effectively assume positions of leadership and responsibility and that the public will be aided and protected. Records will exist as people complete training in areas such as child protection and leadership development. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are those being trained but also the wider public (adults and children) who will benefit from the availability of trained persons at our regular meetings and large public events. Private benefit from this purpose may be that training provided may also be of use outside of the charity situation but this is incidental.

Purpose (c) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the promotion of good relations with other similar organisations and the strengthening of partnerships to contribute to and tap into a larger wealth of experience and skills with which to assist the community. In training members to plant new churches we will provide new opportunities for advancement of moral standards. This benefit will be demonstrated by the planting of other churches and by good relations and co-operation with other churches and groups. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are local, national and multi-national individuals, communities and organisations. There may be slight benefit to some relating to resources now available to them through charity contacts, but this is incidental.

Purpose (d) - Direct benefit from this purpose is the welfare and well-being of the public will be enhanced and improved by services provided by the charity. For example, free events which enable those in financial difficulty to attend, giveaway of hampers, gift home heating oil at Christmas and various times throughout the year, and the intended establishment of a regular prayer service. Also, the future establishment of a hardship fund to help those in need. The benefit will be demonstrated by regularly held free public events, endorsed and part funded by local council, large quantities of provisions distributed via Christmas hampers and, positive feedback from beneficiaries. We have been unable to identify any harm flowing from this benefit. The beneficiaries are primarily adults and children in the Derry/Londonderry area but it is probable that people from further a-field will also visit to avail of our events and services, as there are no geographical restrictions. Private benefit may occur during training whereby the person may avail of counselling services themselves during the training process but this benefit is incidental and necessary to properly equip the person being trained.

No harm arises from the organisations purposes. We reach out to all communities and cultures in Derry/Londonderry and the wider North West region. Our primary beneficiaries are our congregation and the public who attend our free events. The beneficiaries range in age from birth to the elderly including people from the protestant and catholic communities and people from different ethnic minority backgrounds. Other beneficiaries are disadvantaged struggling families who receive support in various forms including food hampers, pastoral care, support towards home heating costs, gifts for children at Christmas and other times throughout the year. No private benefit arises from the organisations purposes.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

Financial review and funds policy

The company is a non profit making entity. During the year the charity received income totalling £233,943 and had expenditure of £202,257, so recorded a surplus of £31,686 for the year. The directors expect the charity to report an overall surplus in the incoming year.

The principal funding source of The Hills Church Ltd is from freewill offerings given at church services and by online giving.

The directors consider it prudent to hold monies in reserve in the event that unforeseen circumstances may arise that could lead to financial difficulties which might put its future into jeopardy. At the year end the charity had £37,125 of cash funds to meet the continuing running costs of the company. The directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves taking into account the risks that they have recognised. The reserves policy requires that reserves are maintained at a level which ensures that the core activity of the company could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The company plans to continue its activities in the forthcoming years.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors (who are the trustees of The Hills Church Ltd) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and 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. They 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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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant accounts information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant accounts information and to establish that the charitable company's independent examiners are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board on 26th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Andrew Gamble



Victoria Gamble



John Gamble

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of the Institute of Financial Accountants.

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
- 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
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) 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 included 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. The accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements 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 be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed an independent examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) 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.



Mr Ian Johnston (A.F.A.)
For and on behalf of Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue
Ballymena
BT43 7AA

Date 26th September 2025

THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
Incoming resources	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Donations received	3	227,781	5,070	0	232,851	125,504
Other income	4	1,092	0	0	1,092	13,875
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Total income		228,873	5,070	0	233,943	139,379
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Resources expended						
Charitable activities	5	197,377	4,880	0	202,257	153,661
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Total expenditure		197,377	4,880	0	202,257	153,661
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Net income/(expenditure) before Transfers		31,496	190	0	31,686	(14,282)
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Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0
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		31,496	190	0	31,686	(14,282)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		45,205	0	0	45,205	59,487
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Total funds carried forward		76,701	190	0	76,891	45,205
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION / BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2023	2022
Fixed assets		£	£
Tangible fixed assets	8	37,715	27,173
Intangible fixed assets		0	0
Total fixed assets		37,715	27,173
Current assets			
Debtors	9	6,854	1,462
Cash at bank		37,125	24,508
Total current assets		43,979	25,970
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	10	4,803	7,938
Total creditors		4,803	7,938
Total net current assets		39,176	18,032
Total net assets	11	76,891	45,205
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	12	76,701	45,205
Total unrestricted funds		76,701	45,205
Restricted funds	12	190	0
Endowment funds	12	0	0
Total charity funds		76,891	45,205

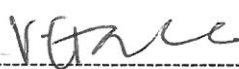
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under The Companies Act 2006 and with Charities SORP-FRS102.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 are an integral part of these financial statements.

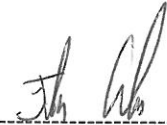
The financial statements on pages 8 to 16 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



 Andrew Gamble



 Victoria Gamble



 John Gamble

Date 26th September 2025

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

1. Company information

The Company is limited by guarantee and is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is Ebrington Centre, Glendermot Road, Londonderry, BT47 6BG. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 26th September 2025.

2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance 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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The charity generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the charity has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Incoming resources

Donations received comprises all cash receivable for the accounting period, including any related tax recoverable under Gift Aid.

Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Tangible assets

The tangible assets of the charity comprise of equipment, sound equipment and website.

Equipment is depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its expected normal life on a straight line basis at a rate of 20% per annum.

Sound equipment is depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its expected normal life on a straight line basis at a rate of 10% per annum.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

Accounting policies (continued)

Website is depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its expected normal life on a straight line basis at a rate of 10% per annum.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in "other operating gains/(losses)".

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Funds

Funds are classified as either unrestricted funds, restricted or endowment funds, defined as follows.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the charity.

Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Company's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

3. Donations received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Offerings and tithes	155,122	0	0	155,122	83,957
Gifts	54,078	0	0	54,078	30,640
Tax recovered on donations	18,581	502	0	19,083	10,907
Christmas Appeal	0	4,568	0	4,568	0
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	227,781	5,070	0	232,851	125,504
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4. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Sundry income	1,092	0	0	1,092	13,875
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	1,092	0	0	1,092	13,875
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

5. Analysis of Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities					
Wages	69,606	0	0	69,606	66,691
Mission and generosity	7,861	4,880	0	12,741	4,100
Guest speakers	1,690	0	0	1,690	985
Travel expenses	14,077	0	0	14,077	4,058
Rent	20,938	0	0	20,938	19,225
Heat and light	4,983	0	0	4,983	0
Sunday catering	3,983	0	0	3,983	2,223
Sunday expenses	1,686	0	0	1,686	4,980
Team and conference expenses	1,647	0	0	1,647	952
Publicity, fliers and stationery	1,575	0	0	1,575	3,403
Telephone	2,533	0	0	2,533	3,475
Fees, subscriptions and charges	4,164	0	0	4,164	3,223
Visual and sound expenses	4,647	0	0	4,647	4,060
Special event expenses	1,710	0	0	1,710	0
Outreach event expenses	1,483	0	0	1,483	0
Team expenses	1,922	0	0	1,922	1,174
Hospitality	4,546	0	0	4,546	10,125
Depreciation	8,387	0	0	8,387	7,631
Governance costs	7,838	0	0	7,838	2,130
Computer and website expenses	0	0	0	0	284
Pastoral care	6,753	0	0	6,753	5,630
Kids Ministry	994	0	0	994	1,690
Insurance	1,727	0	0	1,727	429
Repairs and maintenance	14,651	0	0	14,651	901
Office expenses	2,021	0	0	2,021	1,003
Other expenses	5,955	0	0	5,955	5,289
	197,377	4,880	0	202,257	153,661

6. Taxation

The charity is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

7. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Employees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	69,606	66,691
Total	69,606	66,691

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

The average number of employees during the year, was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Directors	5	3
Others	1	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

During the year, Andrew and Victoria Gamble acted as the Church Pastors in addition to their position as a trustee. Their Pastor's emoluments from the company were £61,603 (2023: £61,689). No other directors received any remuneration during the year. No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Website	Sound	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At beginning of year	7,087	27,245	20,996	55,328
Additions	0	0	18,929	18,929
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At end of the year	7,087	27,245	39,925	74,257
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Depreciation				
At beginning of year	3,825	12,156	12,174	28,155
Depreciation	709	2,724	4,954	8,387
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At end of the year	4,534	14,880	17,128	36,542
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Net book value at end of the year	2,553	12,365	22,797	37,715
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Net book value at beginning of the year	3,262	15,089	8,822	27,173
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9. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift aid refund	2,003	504
Other debtors	4,851	958
	<u>6,854</u>	<u>1,462</u>

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10. Creditors Amounts Due within 1 Year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors	0	4,855
Other creditors	1,209	1,43
Accruals	3,594	1,740
	<u>4,803</u>	<u>7,938</u>

11. Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	37,715	0	0	0	37,715
Current assets	43,789	0	190	0	43,979
Current liabilities	(4,803)	0	0	0	(4,803)
Net assets at 31st December 2024	<u>76,701</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>76,891</u>

12. Funds of the Company

	At 1st January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Restricted funds					
Christmas Appeal	0	5,070	(4,880)	0	190
	<u>0</u>	<u>5,070</u>	<u>(4,880)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>190</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	45,205	228,873	(197,377)	0	76,701
	<u>45,205</u>	<u>228,873</u>	<u>(197,377)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>76,701</u>
Total funds	<u>45,205</u>	<u>233,943</u>	<u>(202,257)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>76,891</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

13. Related party transactions

During the year, Andrew and Victoria Gamble acted as the Church Pastors in addition to his position as a trustee. Their Pastor's emoluments from the company were £61,603 (2023: £61,689). No other directors received any remuneration during the year.

15. Controlling party

During the year The Hills Church Ltd was under the control of the Trustees (who are also the directors).

The Hills Church Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108616

Accounts

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT)

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st December 2023, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name:	The Hills Church Ltd
Company registration number:	NI648296
Charity Commission Registration Number:	NIC 108616 (registered 18th March 2022)
HMRC Charity Reference:	NI 01105
Principal office and registered office:	Ebrington Centre, Glendermott Road, Londonderry, BT47 6BG

Directors and Trustees of the Company

The directors who held office during the period were as follows:

Mr Andrew Gamble
Mrs Victoria Gamble
Mr John Gamble
Mr Henry McCrory (appointed 01/10/2023)
Rev John Ashe (appointed 01/10/2023, resigned 04/04/2024)
Mr David Beck (appointed 05/04/2024).

Structure, governance and management

The Hills Church Ltd was incorporated on 27th September 2017. It is currently managed by the trustees and all decisions are passed by a majority vote at their regular trustee meetings.

The Company is a charity limited by guarantee without share capital. The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Company and is actively involved in the day to day management of the organisation. Directors are appointed in line with the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the company. The Board of Directors are also known as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Risks identified, such as the financial viability and sustainability of the charitable company, have been reviewed to ensure that a level of funding is maintained that is necessary for the charitable company to continue to meet its objectives. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of company policies such as the policy on financial controls, which require the authorisation of all transactions at the regular trustee meetings and segregation of duties where possible. The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)

The Church's objects are specifically restricted to the promotion and advancement of the Christian faith, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants in the North West area of Northern Ireland primarily and in any other part of the world as the directors may think fit ("hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability/ability, race, ethnic origin, political, religious or other opinion with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular:

(a) to advance the Christian faith and promote Christianity in such ways and in such areas as the Directors from time to time may think fit, and in particularly but not exclusively through the provision of preaching, the distribution of Christian literature and the education of people in the area of benefit through evangelism and the provision of biblically based teaching, discipleship training, meetings, bible studies and social activities;

(b) to train Leaders and Pastors and volunteers so that they may work on projects promoted by the Church in the area of benefit;

(c) to train Christians so that they may seek to plant churches and to encourage new, and strengthen existing, partnerships with churches and evangelical groups in the area of benefit;

(d) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in the area of benefit as the Directors may from time to time may think fit.

The Hills Church ("the church") was established in Derry/Londonderry as a non-denominational evangelical church to cater for the spiritual needs of the members and the local community by encouraging active participation within the community based on biblical principles for life and to unite an inter-faith area.

The main objective is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public. The basis of this faith is found in the Holy Bible. The church believes that mission is the focal point of the Gospel and that mission should be a key element in the life of Christians. As a consequence of this, the objects of the church also span the relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants in the North West area of Northern Ireland primarily and in any other part of the world as the Directors may think fit.

The church has a busy schedule of Sunday services and midweek meetings. All the services are open to the public. The Church also seeks to reach out and offer services to meet the wider needs of the community, for the public benefit. Amongst other things, it is hoped that these activities will include youth groups, Sunday schools and summer schemes.

The Church also supports other charitable organisations involved in missionary work and relief of poverty overseas. The church carries out a wide range of services that assist local charities. It's the aim of the church to fund all activities.

The Church seeks to advance the Christian faith and promote Christianity in such ways and in such areas as the Committee may from time to time may think fit, and in particularly but not exclusively through the provision of preaching, distribution of Christian literature and the education of people in the area of benefit through the provision of biblically based teaching, meetings, bible studies and social activities; Our aim and objectives are to be a Christian church consisting of all the values according to the New Testament.

THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

Public Benefit

The Hills Church Ltd strives to ensure that they provide public benefit. Public benefit is at the heart of what it means to be a charity. To achieve this objective, The Hills Church Ltd meets the following purposes:

Purpose (a) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the provision of instruction and encouragement on living a moral and law abiding lifestyle. The benefit will be demonstrated by the growth of attendance and through feedback from beneficiaries via comments on social media, emails, verbal approbation from community representatives and positive feedback from local council and funding bodies. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are regular attendees of The Hills Church Ltd (adults, children and the aged) and inhabitants of the Derry/Londonderry area and all others who wish to attend our meetings. We have identified no private benefit flowing from this purpose.

Purpose (b) - The direct benefit from this purpose is that those attending any of our services or events will be able to avail of help, support and assistance from well-trained people well able to meet their practical, emotional and spiritual needs. This benefit will be demonstrated by the ability of those trained to be able to effectively assume positions of leadership and responsibility and that the public will be aided and protected. Records will exist as people complete training in areas such as child protection and leadership development. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are those being trained but also the wider public (adults and children) who will benefit from the availability of trained persons at our regular meetings and large public events. Private benefit from this purpose may be that training provided may also be of use outside of the charity situation but this is incidental.

Purpose (c) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the promotion of good relations with other similar organisations and the strengthening of partnerships to contribute to and tap into a larger wealth of experience and skills with which to assist the community. In training members to plant new churches we will provide new opportunities for advancement of moral standards. This benefit will be demonstrated by the planting of other churches and by good relations and co-operation with other churches and groups. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are local, national and multi-national individuals, communities and organisations. There may be slight benefit to some relating to resources now available to them through charity contacts, but this is incidental.

Purpose (d) - Direct benefit from this purpose is the welfare and well-being of the public will be enhanced and improved by services provided by the charity. For example, free events which enable those in financial difficulty to attend, giveaway of hampers, gift home heating oil at Christmas and various times throughout the year, and the intended establishment of a regular prayer service. Also, the future establishment of a hardship fund to help those in need. The benefit will be demonstrated by regularly held free public events, endorsed and part funded by local council, large quantities of provisions distributed via Christmas hampers and, positive feedback from beneficiaries. We have been unable to identify any harm flowing from this benefit. The beneficiaries are primarily adults and children in the Derry/Londonderry area but it is probable that people from further a-field will also visit to avail of our events and services, as there are no geographical restrictions. Private benefit may occur during training whereby the person may avail of counselling services themselves during the training process but this benefit is incidental and necessary to properly equip the person being trained.

No harm arises from the organisations purposes. We reach out to all communities and cultures in Derry/Londonderry and the wider North West region. Our primary beneficiaries are our congregation and the public who attend our free events. The beneficiaries range in age from birth to the elderly including people from the protestant and catholic communities and people from different ethnic minority backgrounds. Other beneficiaries are disadvantaged struggling families who receive support in various forms including food hampers, pastoral care, support towards home heating costs, gifts for children at Christmas and other times throughout the year. No private benefit arises from the organisations purposes.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

Financial review and funds policy

The company is a non profit making entity. During the year the charity received income totalling £139,379 and had expenditure of £153,661, so recorded a deficit of £14,282 for the year. The directors expect the charity to report an overall surplus in the incoming year.

The principal funding source of The Hills Church Ltd is from freewill offerings given at church services and by online giving.

The directors consider it prudent to hold monies in reserve in the event that unforeseen circumstances may arise that could lead to financial difficulties which might put its future into jeopardy. At the year end the charity had £24,508 of cash funds to meet the continuing running costs of the company. The directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves taking into account the risks that they have recognised. The reserves policy requires that reserves are maintained at a level which ensures that the core activity of the company could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The company plans to continue its activities in the forthcoming years.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors (who are the trustees of The Hills Church Ltd) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and 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. They 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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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant accounts information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant accounts information and to establish that the charitable company's independent examiners are aware of that information.

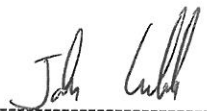
Approved by the Board on 23rd September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Andrew Gamble



Victoria Gamble



John Gamble

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of the Institute of Financial Accountants.

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
- 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
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

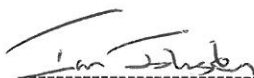
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included 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. The accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements 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 be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed an independent examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) 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.



Mr Ian Johnston (A.F.A.)
For and on behalf of Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue
Ballymena
BT43 7AA

Date 23rd September 2024

THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Donations received	3	125,504	0	0	125,504	152,234
Other income	4	5,475	8,400	0	13,875	8,558
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Total income		130,979	8,400	0	139,379	160,792
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Resources expended						
Charitable activities	5	145,261	8,400	0	153,661	172,730
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Total expenditure		145,261	8,400	0	153,661	172,730
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Net income/(expenditure) before Transfers		(14,282)	0	0	(14,282)	(11,938)
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Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0
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		(14,282)	0	0	(14,282)	(11,938)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		59,487	0	0	59,487	71,425
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Total funds carried forward		45,205	0	0	45,205	59,487
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements

THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION / BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023	2022
Fixed assets		£	£
Tangible fixed assets	8	27,173	34,804
Intangible fixed assets		0	0
Total fixed assets		27,173	34,804
Current assets			
Debtors	9	1,462	7,628
Cash at bank		24,508	21,402
Total current assets		25,970	29,030
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	10	7,938	4,347
Total creditors		7,938	4,347
Total net current assets		18,032	24,683
Total net assets	11	45,205	59,487
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	12	45,205	59,487
Total unrestricted funds		45,205	59,487
Restricted funds	12	0	0
Endowment funds	12	0	0
Total charity funds		45,205	59,487

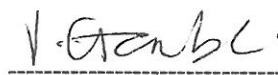
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under The Companies Act 2006 and with Charities SORP-FRS102.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 16 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23rd September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



 Andrew Gamble



 Victoria Gamble



 John Gamble

Date 23rd September 2024

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements

THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

1. Company information

The Company is limited by guarantee and is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is Ebrington Centre, Glendermot Road, Londonderry, BT47 6BG. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 23rd September 2024.

2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance 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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The charity generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the charity has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Incoming resources

Donations received comprises all cash receivable for the accounting period, including any related tax recoverable under Gift Aid.

Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Tangible assets

The tangible assets of the charity comprise of equipment, sound equipment and website.

Equipment is depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its expected normal life on a straight line basis at a rate of 20% per annum.

Sound equipment is depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its expected normal life on a straight line basis at a rate of 10% per annum.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023 (continued)

Accounting policies (continued)

Website is depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce it to residual value at the end of its expected normal life on a straight line basis at a rate of 10% per annum.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in "other operating gains/(losses)".

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Funds

Funds are classified as either unrestricted funds, restricted or endowment funds, defined as follows.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Endowment funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income there from is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the charity.

Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Company's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023 (continued)

3. Donations received

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Offerings and tithes	83,957	0	0	83,957	75,972
Gifts	30,640	0	0	30,640	62,560
Tax recovered on donations	10,907	0	0	10,907	9,457
Ukraine Appeal	0	0	0	0	4,245
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	125,504	0	0	125,504	152,234
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4. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Sundry income	5,475	8,400	0	13,875	8,558
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	5,475	8,400	0	13,875	8,558
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THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023 (continued)

5. Analysis of Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities					
Wages	66,691	0	0	66,691	62,201
Mission and generosity	4,100	0	0	4,100	12,513
Guest speakers	985	0	0	985	2,445
Travel expenses	4,058	0	0	4,058	13,382
Rent	19,225	0	0	19,225	16,380
Sunday catering	2,223	0	0	2,223	2,702
Sunday expenses	4,980	0	0	4,980	5,646
Team and conference expenses	952	0	0	952	6,560
Publicity, fliers and stationery	3,403	0	0	3,403	635
Telephone	3,475	0	0	3,475	2,885
Fees, subscriptions and charges	3,223	0	0	3,223	1,895
Visual and sound expenses	4,060	0	0	4,060	6,439
Easter outreach expenses	0	0	0	0	16,981
Special event expenses	0	0	0	0	2,362
Team expenses	1,174	0	0	1,174	0
Hospitality	1,725	8,400	0	10,125	0
Depreciation	7,631	0	0	7,631	6,323
Governance costs	2,130	0	0	2,130	2,034
Computer and website expenses	284	0	0	284	1,027
Pastoral care	5,630	0	0	5,630	5,955
Kids Ministry	1,690	0	0	1,690	781
Insurance	429	0	0	429	425
Repairs and maintenance	901	0	0	901	572
Office expenses	1,003	0	0	1,003	1,215
Other expenses	5,289	0	0	5,289	1,372
	<u>145,261</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>153,661</u>	<u>172,730</u>

6. Taxation

The charity is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

7. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Employees

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	66,691	62,201
Total	<u>66,691</u>	<u>62,201</u>

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The average number of employees during the year, was as follows:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Directors	3	3
Others	1	0
	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

During the year, Andrew and Victoria Gamble acted as the Church Pastors in addition to their position as a trustee. Their Pastor's emoluments from the company were £61,689 (2022: £62,201). No other directors received any remuneration during the year. No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Website	Sound	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At beginning of year	7,087	27,245	20,996	55,328
Additions	0	0	0	0
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At end of the year	7,087	27,245	20,996	55,328
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Depreciation				
At beginning of year	3,116	9,432	7,976	14,201
Depreciation	709	2,724	4,198	6,323
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At end of the year	3,825	12,156	12,174	20,524
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Net book value at end of the year	3,262	15,089	8,822	27,173
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Net book value at beginning of the year	3,971	17,813	13,020	34,804
	=====	=====	=====	=====

9. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift aid refund	504	7,028
Other debtors	958	600
	<u>1,462</u>	<u>7,628</u>

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10. Creditors Amounts Due within 1 Year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors	4,855	0
Other creditors	1,343	1,357
Accruals	1,740	2,990
	<u>7,938</u>	<u>4,347</u>

11. Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted General	Unrestricted Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	27,173	0	0	0	27,173
Current assets	25,970	0	0	0	25,970
Current liabilities	(7,938)	0	0	0	(7,938)
Net assets at 31st December 2023	<u>45,205</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,205</u>

12. Funds of the Company

	At 1st January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Restricted funds					
Hospitality	0	8,400	(8,400)	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>(8,400)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	59,487	130,979	(145,261)	0	45,205
	<u>59,487</u>	<u>130,979</u>	<u>(153,661)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,205</u>
Total funds	<u>59,487</u>	<u>139,379</u>	<u>(153,661)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,205</u>

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13. Related party transactions

During the year, Andrew and Victoria Gamble acted as the Church Pastors in addition to his position as a trustee. Their Pastor's emoluments from the company were £61,689 (2022: £62,201). No other directors received any remuneration during the year.

15. Controlling party

During the year The Hills Church Ltd was under the control of the Trustees (who are also the directors).

The Hills Church Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108616

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THE HILLS CHURCH LTD
DIRECTORS REPORT
(INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Company Registration Number: NI 648296

Charities Registration Number: NIC 108616

THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

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THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT)

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st December 2023, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name:	The Hills Church Ltd
Company registration number:	NI648296
Charity Commission Registration Number:	NIC 108616 (registered 18th March 2022)
HMRC Charity Reference:	NI 01105
Principal office and registered office:	Ebrington Centre, Glendermott Road, Londonderry, BT47 6BG

Directors and Trustees of the Company

The directors who held office during the period were as follows:

Mr Andrew Gamble
Mrs Victoria Gamble
Mr John Gamble
Mr Henry McCrory (appointed 01/10/2023)
Rev John Ashe (appointed 01/10/2023, resigned 04/04/2024)
Mr David Beck (appointed 05/04/2024)

Structure, governance and management

The Hills Church Ltd was incorporated on 27th September 2017. It is currently managed by the trustees and all decisions are passed by a majority vote at their regular trustee meetings.

The Company is a charity limited by guarantee without share capital. The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Company and is actively involved in the day to day management of the organisation. Directors are appointed in line with the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the company. The Board of Directors are also known as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Risks identified, such as the financial viability and sustainability of the charitable company, have been reviewed to ensure that a level of funding is maintained that is necessary for the charitable company to continue to meet its objectives. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of company policies such as the policy on financial controls, which require the authorisation of all transactions at the regular trustee meetings and segregation of duties where possible. The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)

The Church's objects are specifically restricted to the promotion and advancement of the Christian faith, the advancement of education, the relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants in the North West area of Northern Ireland primarily and in any other part of the world as the directors may think fit ("hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability/ability, race, ethnic origin, political, religious or other opinion with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular:

(a) to advance the Christian faith and promote Christianity in such ways and in such areas as the Directors from time to time may think fit, and in particularly but not exclusively through the provision of preaching, the distribution of Christian literature and the education of people in the area of benefit through evangelism and the provision of biblically based teaching, discipleship training, meetings, bible studies and social activities;

(b) to train Leaders and Pastors and volunteers so that they may work on projects promoted by the Church in the area of benefit;

(c) to train Christians so that they may seek to plant churches and to encourage new, and strengthen existing, partnerships with churches and evangelical groups in the area of benefit;

(d) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in the area of benefit as the Directors may from time to time may think fit.

The Hills Church ("the church") was established in Derry/Londonderry as a non-denominational evangelical church to cater for the spiritual needs of the members and the local community by encouraging active participation within the community based on biblical principles for life and to unite an inter-faith area.

The main objective is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public. The basis of this faith is found in the Holy Bible. The church believes that mission is the focal point of the Gospel and that mission should be a key element in the life of Christians. As a consequence of this, the objects of the church also span the relief of poverty, sickness, hardship and distress and the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants in the North West area of Northern Ireland primarily and in any other part of the world as the Directors may think fit.

The church has a busy schedule of Sunday services and midweek meetings. All the services are open to the public. The Church also seeks to reach out and offer services to meet the wider needs of the community, for the public benefit. Amongst other things, it is hoped that these activities will include youth groups, Sunday schools and summer schemes.

The Church also supports other charitable organisations involved in missionary work and relief of poverty overseas. The church carries out a wide range of services that assist local charities. It's the aim of the church to fund all activities.

The Church seeks to advance the Christian faith and promote Christianity in such ways and in such areas as the Committee may from time to time may think fit, and in particularly but not exclusively through the provision of preaching, distribution of Christian literature and the education of people in the area of benefit through the provision of biblically based teaching, meetings, bible studies and social activities; Our aim and objectives are to be a Christian church consisting of all the values according to the New Testament.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

Public Benefit

The Hills Church Ltd strives to ensure that they provide public benefit. Public benefit is at the heart of what it means to be a charity. To achieve this objective, The Hills Church Ltd meets the following purposes:

Purpose (a) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the provision of instruction and encouragement on living a moral and law abiding lifestyle. The benefit will be demonstrated by the growth of attendance and through feedback from beneficiaries via comments on social media, emails, verbal approbation from community representatives and positive feedback from local council and funding bodies. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are regular attendees of The Hills Church Ltd (adults, children and the aged) and inhabitants of the Derry/Londonderry area and all others who wish to attend our meetings. We have identified no private benefit flowing from this purpose.

Purpose (b) - The direct benefit from this purpose is that those attending any of our services or events will be able to avail of help, support and assistance from well-trained people well able to meet their practical, emotional and spiritual needs. This benefit will be demonstrated by the ability of those trained to be able to effectively assume positions of leadership and responsibility and that the public will be aided and protected. Records will exist as people complete training in areas such as child protection and leadership development. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are those being trained but also the wider public (adults and children) who will benefit from the availability of trained persons at our regular meetings and large public events. Private benefit from this purpose may be that training provided may also be of use outside of the charity situation but this is incidental.

Purpose (c) - The direct benefit from this purpose is the promotion of good relations with other similar organisations and the strengthening of partnerships to contribute to and tap into a larger wealth of experience and skills with which to assist the community. In training members to plant new churches we will provide new opportunities for advancement of moral standards. This benefit will be demonstrated by the planting of other churches and by good relations and co-operation with other churches and groups. To our knowledge this purpose will not lead to any harm but if such occurs it will be far outweighed by the benefit. The beneficiaries are local, national and multi-national individuals, communities and organisations. There may be slight benefit to some relating to resources now available to them through charity contacts, but this is incidental.

Purpose (d) - Direct benefit from this purpose is the welfare and well-being of the public will be enhanced and improved by services provided by the charity. For example, free events which enable those in financial difficulty to attend, giveaway of hampers, gift home heating oil at Christmas and various times throughout the year, and the intended establishment of a regular prayer service. Also, the future establishment of a hardship fund to help those in need. The benefit will be demonstrated by regularly held free public events, endorsed and part funded by local council, large quantities of provisions distributed via Christmas hampers and, positive feedback from beneficiaries. We have been unable to identify any harm flowing from this benefit. The beneficiaries are primarily adults and children in the Derry/Londonderry area but it is probable that people from further a-field will also visit to avail of our events and services, as there are no geographical restrictions. Private benefit may occur during training whereby the person may avail of counselling services themselves during the training process but this benefit is incidental and necessary to properly equip the person being trained.

No harm arises from the organisations purposes. We reach out to all communities and cultures in Derry/Londonderry and the wider North West region. Our primary beneficiaries are our congregation and the public who attend our free events. The beneficiaries range in age from birth to the elderly including people from the protestant and catholic communities and people from different ethnic minority backgrounds. Other beneficiaries are disadvantaged struggling families who receive support in various forms including food hampers, pastoral care, support towards home heating costs, gifts for children at Christmas and other times throughout the year. No private benefit arises from the organisations purposes.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

Financial review and funds policy

The company is a non profit making entity. During the year the charity received income totalling £139,379 and had expenditure of £153,661, so recorded a deficit of £14,282 for the year. The directors expect the charity to report an overall surplus in the incoming year.

The principal funding source of The Hills Church Ltd is from freewill offerings given at church services and by online giving.

The directors consider it prudent to hold monies in reserve in the event that unforeseen circumstances may arise that could lead to financial difficulties which might put its future into jeopardy. At the year end the charity had £24,508 of cash funds to meet the continuing running costs of the company. The directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves taking into account the risks that they have recognised. The reserves policy requires that reserves are maintained at a level which ensures that the core activity of the company could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The company plans to continue its activities in the forthcoming years.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors (who are the trustees of The Hills Church Ltd) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and 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. They 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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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant accounts information of which the charity's independent examiners are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant accounts information and to establish that the charitable company's independent examiners are aware of that information.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (INCORPORATING TRUSTEES' REPORT) Continued

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR – THE HILLS CHURCH 2023

Throughout 2023 we held weekly services in person in Derry/Londonderry. These saw many people attend. After every service refreshments are served.

Each week Kids aged between 1-11 got to attend our ministry called 'Hills kids' where they played together, made crafts, sang songs and heard a story from the bible. This saw children from all backgrounds come together and engage in activities together. Every Christmas the children also partook in a performance together where they acted and sang in front of their parents and other church attenders. Children and adults alike benefited from bible teaching and social activities.

On certain Sundays of the year we held 'Party Sundays' which were particularly aimed at engaging with the local communities. We often had bouncy castles, hot food and refreshments along with fun and games at these services.

At Easter we held our annual Easter Fun day where thousands of local school children received an invitation along with their families to attend. At our Easter Fun Day community event we had a Kids Farm, amusements, food trucks, other refreshments and more. We also gave away vouchers to some children in the community through spot prizes. This event links in with benefiting our community by holding social activities.

Throughout the year we worked closely with individuals, helping them when they need pastoral visits and cooked meals, reassurance, prayer and counselling. This has benefitted our community by providing the above services to those who are facing financial hardship and other concerns.

Local youth from across the North West met together on Monday nights during term time and also quarterly for social events. Weekly they got together to play games, get to know each other and to take part in discussions. This benefited the young people by providing a social space for them to meet and to also study the bible together.

Throughout the year we held meetings to teach and train. These took various forms, often in smaller settings such as 'Groups' which take place in homes across the North West bi-weekly in Spring, Autumn and Winter. These are easily accessible to attend with all details being online. At these groups we get to teach from the bible, study it and learn together. We also held volunteer meetings to train volunteers in various areas.

In December 2023 we helped other charities out by providing toys, food hampers and vouchers. We worked closely with Foyle Woman's Aid and made sure each family in the housing they provide were given a Food Hamper. We also donated hundreds of new toys for them to distribute to the families they have in their care. Vouchers collected in were also given to Foyle Woman's Aid to distribute. This will have benefitted all these families by receiving items at Christmas which helps with financial hardships.

We also donated hundreds of new toys to the Derry/Londonderry Christmas Toy Appeal which then were distributed to many homes throughout Derry/Londonderry in time for Christmas. The donations benefitted those experiencing financial hardship in our local area, The North West.

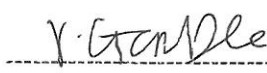
On 21st December we held our annual Carol Service which was a Free event where hundreds of people joined in the singing of Carols with refreshments afterwards. On 31st December we held our final service of the year which was online only. This helped people hear the message of the Bible.

All other weekly services from 2023 are also available on podcast, benefitting those who cannot attend, giving them the accessibility to still hear our weekly messages and teaching. We used various forms of advertising in 2023, our church website, Instagram, Facebook, Texts, Emails, flyers and business cards.

Approved by the Board on 23rd September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Andrew Gamble



Victoria Gamble



John Gamble

The Hills Church Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108616

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HILLS CHURCH LTD

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of the Institute of Financial Accountants.

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
- 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
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

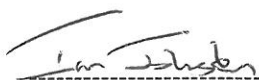
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included 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. The accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements 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 be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed an independent examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) 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.



Mr Ian Johnston (A.F.A.)
For and on behalf of Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue
Ballymena
BT43 7AA

Date 23rd September 2024