

Ballyclare Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100268

Details

Known as Ballyclare EPC

Status Received

Registered 2014-10-30

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

Contact

Address 55-59 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8fe
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Website www.epc.org.uk

Activities

Purposes: To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Subordinate Standard of Faith as defined in The Code applicable to the Congregation in the Ballyclare area and in such other parts of the world ('the area of benefit') as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Education/training, Overseas aid/famine relief, Relief of poverty, Religious activities, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£74,786	£73,267	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alastair Logan		
David Watson		
Ken Mcdonald		

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2025 Year End Summary

INCOME			
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Balance in Bank 1st January			£143,730.92
General Income			
Offering	£48,785.60		
Prayer Meeting			
Income Tax Refund	£11,145.31		
	<u>£59,930.91</u>		£59,930.91
Special Income Denominational Funds			
Central Fund		£1,605.00	
Home & Foreign Missions		£471.00	
		<u>£2,076.00</u>	£2,076.00
Special Income Congregation			
Donations	£111.00	£250.00	
Minibus		£500.00	
Evangelical Bookshop			
YPA		£500.00	
	<u>£111.00</u>	<u>£1,250.00</u>	£1,361.00
Special Income Missions			
IMJP		£1,250.00	
EMF		£165.00	
EMF Relief			
Pamela MA			
MERF		£1,673.00	
SCFS			
ACTS			
Barnabas Fund		£72.00	
Christian Institute			
Ben & Esther Smith		£3,900.00	
Christoph & Jackie Theide			
Andrew Moody			
100 Fold		£110.00	
		<u>£7,170.00</u>	£7,170.00
Other Income			
YPA Calendars		£185.81	
Building Fund			
Danske Interest	£4,062.69		
Suspense			
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	<u>£4,062.69</u>	<u>£185.81</u>	£4,248.50
Total Income			<u>£218,517.33</u>

EXPENDITURE			
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Utilities			
Heat & Light	£3,179.10		
Insurance	£916.42		
Talk Talk	£358.10		
Telephone			
Water & Bins	£468.76		
	<u>£4,922.38</u>		£4,922.38
Denominational Funds			
Central Fund	£40,395.00	£1,605.00	
Home & Foreign Missions			
Peter & Neus Grier (Frontiers)	£29.00	£471.00	
	<u>£40,424.00</u>	<u>£2,076.00</u>	£42,500.00
Congregational Activities			
Evangelical Bookshop	£332.65		
Repairs & Renewals	£6,756.55		
Sundries	£897.42		
BBQ			
Pulpit Supply	£4,590.00		
Outreach General	£48.97		
Harvest			
Minibus	£2,050.21	£500.00	
Bank/Legal Fees	£258.81		
YPA Calendars	£285.81	£185.81	
Suspense			
YPA		£429.37	
	<u>£15,220.42</u>	<u>£1,115.18</u>	£16,335.60
Other Missions and Societies			
EMF	£235.00	£165.00	
EMF Relief			
Pamela MA	£400.00		
MERF		£1,400.00	
SCFS	£400.00		
ACTS	£400.00		
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Balance Carried forward			<u>£145,249.35</u>

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Location of Funds at 31 December 2025

AIB	£11,785.41
Danske Deposit	£130,258.63
<u>Santander</u>	<u>£3,205.31</u>
Total Funds	£145,249.35

Restricted Funds at 1/1/25

MERF	£178.00
Barnabas	£177.00
Senior YPA	£159.59
Tape Fund	£350.00
Mums & Tots	£50.00
Barbecue Fund	£190.00
Building Fund	£43,400.66
Total Restricted Funds	£44,505.25

Restricted Funds at 31/12/25

MERF	£451.00
Barnabas	£49.00
Funeral Catering	£250.00
Senior YPA	£230.22
Tape Fund	£350.00
Mums & Tots	£50.00
Barbecue Fund	£190.00
Building Fund	£43,400.66
Total Restricted Funds	£44,970.88

Direct Debit Details

EPC, Ballyclare, First Trust Bank, Wellington Street, Ballymena
Sort Code 938633 Account No 06414268

Gift Aid

UK tax-payers can obtain a Gift Aid Declaration Form which means we can reclaim 25 p. from Inland Revenue for each £1 donated. Please speak to the treasurer about increasing the value of your contributions.

Hon. Auditor:

Paul Tulloch – I have examined the books & records for Ballyclare EPC for the year ending 31/12/2025 and can confirm the receipts and payment accounts are in accordance therewith.

Signed: 

Date: 24/1/26.

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- Missionary Giving remains about 10% of our giving
- Missionary giving to Dumisani Seminary (South Africa) was augmented by gifts from Crumlin & Knock

We sincerely thank all who give in this practical way. Please consider using Gift Aid to improve your gift – see how important it is to the overall figure. Either Dave Roger or I can talk to you about this.

Paul Tulloch is again thanked for his careful auditing of the books, which is appreciated. Dave Roger has agreed to take over the treasurer-ship - a gradual handover is now taking place. We thank Dave for this undertaking.

David

Ballyclare EPC Accumulated Funds 31 December 2024 (for Charity Commissioners NI purposes)

Main Account	£143,730.92
Barbecue Account	£195.82
Mums & Tots Account	£172.31
Buildings	£800,000
Contents	£50,000
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Main Account	£143,730.92
Barbecue Account	£195.82
Mums & Tots Account	£172.31
Buildings	£800,000
Contents	£50,000
Minibus	£2,000.00
TOTAL	£996,099.05

Ballyclare EPC

2024 Year End Summary

INCOME		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Balance in Bank 1st January			£146,285.92	
General Income				
Offering		£43,570.81		
Prayer Meeting				
Income Tax Refund		£10,330.02		
		£53,900.83	£53,900.83	
Special Income Denominational Funds				
Central Fund		£1,260.00		
Home & Foreign Missions		£360.00		
Dumisani Theological Sem		£2,000.00		
		£3,620.00	£3,620.00	
Special Income Congregation				
Donations		£175.00		
Minibus		£100.00		
EBBookshop		£180.00		
		£175.00	£280.00	£455.00
Special Income Missions				
IMJP		£500.00		
EMF				
EMF Relief				
Pamela MA		£165.00		
MERF		£178.00		
SCFS				
ACTS		£75.00		
Barnabas Fund		£177.00		
Christian Institute				
Ben & Esther Smith		£1,060.00		
Christoph & Jackie Theilde				
Andrew Moody		£110.00		
CEF				
			£2,265.00	£2,265.00
Other Income				
YPA Calendars				
Building Fund				
Net Interest				
		£5,763.94		£5,763.94
Santander				
Danske Interest				
Santander Account				
		£5,763.94		£5,763.94
Total Income				
				£212,290.69

EXPENDITURE		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Utilities				
Heat & Light		£2,614.75		
Insurance		£870.15		
Talk Talk		£599.40		
Telephone				
Water & Bins		£457.77		
		£4,542.07	£4,542.07	
Denominational Funds				
Central Fund		£45,040.00	£1,260.00	
Home & Foreign Missions			£100.00	
IMJP			£500.00	
Magazines		£70.00		
Dumisani Refund Knock			£500.00	
Dumisani Theological		£2,600.00	£2,620.00	
Peter & Neus Grier (Frontiers)		£400.00		
		£48,110.00	£4,980.00	£53,090.00
Congregational Activities				
Evangelical Bookshop		£237.88		
Repairs & Renewals		£1,202.64		
Sundries		£563.28	£500.00	
BBQ				
Pulpit Supply		£1,820.00		
Outreach General		£351.43		
Harvest		£576.98		
Minibus		£912.50	£100.00	
Bank/Legal Fees		£201.99		
YPA Calendars				
		£5,866.70	£600.00	£6,466.70
Other Missions and Societies				
EMF		£500.00		
EMF Relief				
Pamela MA		£335.00	£165.00	
MERF				
SCFS		£400.00		
ACTS		£325.00	£75.00	
Barnabas Fund				
Christian Institute		£400.00		
Ben & Esther Smith		£400.00	£1,060.00	
Christoph & Jackie Theilde		£400.00		
Andrew Moody		£140.00	£110.00	
CEF			£111.00	
Daylight Christian Prison Trust		£400.00		
		£2,940.00	£1,521.00	£4,461.00
Total Expenditure				
				£68,559.77
Total Income				
				£212,290.69
Balance Carried forward				
				£143,730.92

Ballyclare Evangelical Presbyterian Church Year 2024
 Location of Funds at 31 December 2024
 AIB £14,329.67
 Danske Deposit £126,195.94
 Santander £3,205.31
Total Funds £143,730.92

Restricted Funds at 1/1/24
 Home & Foreign Missions £832.00
 Senior YPA £159.59
 Tape Fund £350.00
 Mums & Tots £50.00
 Barbecue Fund £190.00
 Prayer Room Lectern £500.00
 Building Fund £44,603.30
Total Restricted Funds £46,684.89

Restricted Funds at 31/12/24
 MERF £178
 Barnabas £177
 Senior YPA £159.59
 Tape Fund £350.00
 Mums & Tots £50.00
 Barbecue Fund £190.00
 Building Fund £43,400.66
Total Restricted Funds £44,505.25

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 Paul Tulloch – I have examined the books & records for Ballyclare EPC for the year ending 31/12/2024 and can confirm the receipts and payment accounts are in accordance therewith.

Signed:  Date: 17/2/25

Ballyclare Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100268

Annual return

Ballyclare Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Session: Andy Hambleton, Interim Moderator, Ken McDonald, Alistair Logan, David Watson
Deacons: Axel Schmidt, Shaun McFall, Stephen Logan, Dave Roger, Stephen McCartney,

Church Reports for 2024
Presented by Session to the
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 11 March 2025

Session Report

The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few
Luke 10 vs 2



As we say goodbye to the year 2024 and enter this new year of 2025, there are many things that we can reflect upon over the past year, some good and some not so good! Nevertheless, they were true happenings and cannot be recalled and all we can do is accept them and keep striving to do all things better in the days that lie ahead!

With the pulpit still in the vacancy, much strain has been put upon our interim moderator, Rev Hambleton, in that, not only has he the Crumlin church to look after, but yet he is always seeking to attend to all of our requirements here in Ballyclare. This is no easy task, very time consuming, and arranging men to speak at all of our services week by week, no doubt, is a large part of his concerns and we do thank him for all that he has done and continues to do for us while we wait for the Lord to provide us with a full-time minister of our own.

Since the Rev Roger's retirement Session has worked very closely with the Rev Hambleton, exploring many avenues and speaking with a number of men from our own denomination and also some from England, Scotland and USA who the Lord in His grace may show us to be the man chosen for the ministry here in Ballyclare. We still pray and continue to seek on, knowing that the Lord will move in His own time. Someone recently sent me this little text: *David waited 15 years, Joseph waited 22 years, Sarah waited 10 years, Moses waited 40 years.* If you are waiting for something right now, God's time is the best. Let's leave it with Him!

Over the last year Session was of the opinion, for several reasons, that our number should be increased and so we agreed to have an election and ask for another two men who would be suitable to fulfil this role. As required by our code, a list of all male members was posted in the hall for the specified time. After the Rev Hambleton approached all the men individually to ask if they would be prepared to let their names go forward for election, only a few were agreeable to it and so we deemed that this was not the right time and thought it best to postpone the election for the present.

Membership at the end of last year numbered 43. In the month of March, we were saddened when the Lord took home our sister Mrs. Evangeline Dodds. Evangeline attended our church all her life and was a very valued member contributing much to our fellowship in so many ways. She is greatly missed but much better to be with the Lord. The Lord never leaves Himself without a witness and also in that same month we were delighted when he moved in the heart of Mr. Eddie Drew to put his hand on the plough and do whatever he could to help in the furtherance of the gospel in this corner of the Lord's vineyard and so Eddie requested membership, was interviewed by Session and is now a much appreciated member.

Perhaps recently the Lord has been speaking to you about joining and coming into full membership of the church. It has never been our policy to officially approach anyone about membership, being content to leave that with the individual and the Lord. If you feel the Lord is leading you in this way, then we advise you to consider the whole thing prayerfully and carefully. Membership brings with it many blessings and privileges but also many commitments, responsibilities and obligations, which undoubtedly calls for, while bodily capable, attendance at all Lord's Day Services (morning and evening), mid-week Bible study and prayer meeting as basics. There is a very helpful little 'Banner of Truth' leaflet on the hall table entitled "Should I join a church?" Please take a copy and read it carefully and if you agree with it and still feel you should pursue church membership then speak to the Rev Hambleton or a member of Session and we will be glad to meet with you.

The Lord tells us in the verse noted at the head of this report, from Luke 10, that the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few. Are you prepared to labour in this harvest as God gives you ability, whatever that task may amount to? The past year has been very busy for us all and we have had many friends from within and outside the denomination to address us at the various meetings week by week. Very often this includes our own membership and so we acknowledge all and thank them for their help and dedication.

We do not include our own members in the list below but trust that we have not overlooked any of our friends who helped us so much and so often and they are as follows, and not in alphabetical order!

Reverends: Ian McClean, Gareth Burke, John Roger, Stephen Roger, Jeff Ballentine, Andrew Lucas, Robert Becket, Paul Levy, Andrew Quinn, Robert Johnston, and of course, the Rev Hambleton!

Messrs: Wallace Thompson, Ethan McCarter, Cecil Andrews, Christian Palmer, Jonathan Reid, Henry Berry, Daniel Caballero, Aaron Houston, Colin Moore, Ernest Brown, Alan Baird, Alan Edgar, Phil Dunn, Mervyn Langtry, Peter Hutchinson, Joel Patterson, Matthew Winning, Peter Grier, Gavis Phillingham.

We had many special events and happenings throughout the year, and we remind you of some of them as they happened month by month. It's quite possible that we have missed some and if so please excuse!

January	28 th – Visit from our moderator – Rev Robert Johnston
February	24 th – Seniors' reunion; 27 th – Missionary night – Andrew Moody (Uganda update)
March	1 st – Seniors' visit to Iron Hall Belfast for Christian Institute Presentation; 2 nd – Juniors' Reunion; 5 th – Funeral service for Mrs Evangeline Dodds; 19 th – Visit from Bogi Kozma (IMJP – Budapest); 22 nd – Easter family celebration; 26 th – AGM – S McFall interviewed by D Watson about bookshop;
April	19 th – Seniors to Dundonald ice bowl; 21 st – Visit from Pastor A-Kumaur (India)
May	11 th – Presbytery day (Crumlin) – Speaker – Geoff Thomas; 17 th – Ignite meeting (Groomsport); 21 st – Tract Distribution (May Fair); 23 rd – HBC – Planning Meeting
June	1 st – Work Day at church; 7 th – BBQ Carnfunnock; 8 th – Sunday School excursion; 9 th – Visit from Florus Van Der Rhee (Delegate from Netherlands); 16 th – Stew Day; 20 th – Visit to Every Home Crusade premises (Dromore); 28 th – Inters leave for camp; 29 th – Juniors leave for camp
July	8 th – Seniors leave for camp; 30 th – Missionary meeting (ACTS) – Pamela Gaiya
August	11 th – 23 rd – Outreach Moldova; 19 th – 23 rd – Holiday Bible Club; 27 th – Missionary Meeting – David Gordon (ACTS); 30 th – Juniors and Seniors Reunion night
September	1 st – Baptism of Noah Samuel Timothy McCartney (infant son of Stephen & Helen), Conducted by Rev Roger; 3 rd – Fellowship evening – reports on summer outreach
October	16 th – 18 th Early morning prayer meetings for harvest; 19 th – Harvest supper; 20 th – Harvest services – AM – Rev Andrew Quinn, PM – Josh Patterson (Ballycraig Congregational); 29 th – Reps from Dumisani College (SA), Jack & Nancy Whytlock and Wilbert Chipenyu
November	9 th – Office Bearers half day of prayer; 20 th – Visit to Crumlin for ordination and installation of Ethan McCarter to Crosscollyer Street Church; 26 th – Missionary Meeting – Visit of Sam Cowan (SCFS); 29 th & 30 th – Shaun with pop-up bookstall
December	6 th – Seniors at Ignite Meeting in Crumlin; 20 th – Carol Service – Aaron Houston; 25 th – Christmas Day service – Rev Gareth Burke; 29 th – Combined service with Reformed Presbyterians in their church. Speaker Rev Gareth Burke

There were many other activities that took place throughout the year, and these will be recorded with the leaders' names in the separate reports by their leaders. We are very thankful for them all and what their involvement was such as Mums and Tots, Children's Meeting, Junior & Senior YPA, Sunday School and Bible Class, Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting, Junior, Inters and Seniors Camps, and Holiday Bible Club.

It is always the case that there are many very willing helpers involved in many ways, carrying out very important tasks in the church yet receive very little acknowledgement for it! Be assured, we do appreciate what you do, and we do thank you and please continue to do what you do so well. We have listed, and in no particular order of importance, some who helped in their own special way. If you do not see your name here, please accept it as a genuine oversight and is in no way intentional.

Roger and Daniel McMullan and David Roger for Film and Sound Management
All our musicians – Helen McCartney, John Watson, Emma Watson, Deborah Logan, Rob Evans
Heather McFall and her very willing team attending to our catering needs
Stephen Logan, who maintains the minibus, and organizes with David Roger the BBQ
June Tulloch, ably assisted by Jessica Montgomery, for all the beautiful floral displays as and when required
David Watson for the monthly newsheet and SS Project children's talks
Paul Tulloch and all the auditing the accounts – no mean task!
All the Deacons, all the Cleaners, the church treasurers

Our church continues to be in great need for many things. Harvest is a seasonal time but the spiritual harvest is continual and to be reaped in every season, and is year after year, long involvement; but sadly the labourers are few. Let us then, continue in our prayers and labours for the Lord of the harvest that He will send more labourers into the surrounding fields that He has appointed us to care for and importantly a Pastor for the leadership here in the work in Ballyclare. Then when all the sheaves are gathered in, when the things of time have passed away forever, we may hear the Master's commendation, *Well done, thou good and faithful servant* Matthew 25 vs 21.

Ken McDonald, Clerk of Session

Deacons Report

The Diaconate met four times in 2024 to consider church finance and the maintenance of our church buildings. The following items were considered and addressed:

- Boiler repair, servicing, and purchase of oil
- Annual Inspection of the gas Stoves and Fire Extinguishers
- Acquisition of a new Lectern for prayer meeting room
- Minibus servicing, repairs and MOT preparation – thanks to Victor Aiken
- Purchase of equipment so the words of the Psalms and Hymns appear in the live stream
- Purchase and installation of two large screen TVs to act as projector screens
- Repair of the gas cabinet

We had one workday in June, and we would like to thank all those who helped and provided the breakfast. Thanks to all who helped make possible our BBQ to Carnfunnock in June, fun was had by all. We would like to thank Mrs. June Tulloch for providing floral arrangements for church and for decorating the church for harvest. Thanks to all who faithfully clean the church and those who play the organ and piano week by week. We also would like to thank Mrs. Heather McFall and her team coordinating the catering, we have been well provided for throughout the year. We also wish to thank Mr Roger McMullan for advising us and installing the new sound desk at the rear of the church. Also, for his faithfulness in producing the power points with the Psalms, Hymns and Bible readings week by week.

At each meeting we consider the state of our finances, the accounts indicate another year of solid giving. Our financial target to Presbytery of £46300 was achieved. We thank everyone for giving generously as to the Lord – every need has been met.

The Diaconate would like to express thanks to anyone who has helped in any way to the running of the church it is greatly appreciated.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4 v 16

Stephen Logan, Secretary to the Deacons

Finances

We have again experienced the faithfulness of God in providing for all our financial needs. Our finances remain *stable and steady*. We remain a viable congregation in that we can fully support a minister. In the attached Statement, the following items may be of interest:

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Accounts

Year End Summary

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Balance in Bank 1st January			£156,843.16				
General Income							
Offering	£40,410.00			Heat & Light		£2,574.80	
Sunday School				Insurance		£828.71	
Prayer Meeting				Rates			
Government Grant	£600.00			Telephone		£142.10	
				Rates - Water & Bins		£404.74	
				Talk Talk		£549.00	
	£41,010.00		£41,010.00			£4,499.35	£4,499.35
Special Income Denominational Funds				Denominational Funds			
Central Fund		£1,167.00		Central Fund	£42,483.00	£1,167.00	
Home & Foreign Missions		£668.00		Home & Foreign Missions			
Magazines				Magazines		£236.00	
BY Honour & Dishonour							
		£1,835.00	£1,835.00	Retirement Event	£4,858.50		
Special Income Congregation					£47,577.50	£1,167.00	£48,744.50
Donations	£10.00			Congregational Activities			
Minibus				Evangelical Bookshop	£681.91		
Donations Junior YPA							
Mum's & Tots				Junior YPA Outreach	£321.81		
Retirement Event	£2,010.00			BBQ		£10.00	
	£2,020.00		£2,020.00	Pulpit Supply	£2,314.00		
Special Income Missions				Repairs & Renewals	£540.00		
IM Jews/CWI		£100.00		Sundries	£2,774.57		
CEF				Harvest	£318.88		
YPA Project				Tuck Shop		£100.00	
Pamela MA				Outreach General	£245.74		
MERF		£86.00		Minibus	£1,230.51		
SCFS				Bank/Legal Fees	£182.99		
EMF		£266.00		YPA Calendars	£50.00	£177.45	
Barnabas Fund		£102.00			£8,660.41	£287.45	£8,947.86
Christian Institute				Other Missions and Societies			
Ben & Esther Smith		£260.00		Christian Institute	£400.00		
Christoph & Jackie Theide				MERF	£314.00	£86.00	
EMF Relief		£992.00		EMF	£414.00	£266.00	
ACTS		£125.00		EMF Relief	£8.00	£992.00	
		£1,931.00	£1,931.00	Barnabas Fund	£498.00	£102.00	
Other Income				YPA Project SCFS			
YPA Calendars		£177.45		Ben & Esther Smith	£140.00	£260.00	
Building Fund				CEF	£9.00	£191.00	
Net Interest	£606.95			Pamela MA	£400.00		
Income Tax Refund	£9,809.07			IM Jews/CWI	£200.00	£100.00	
				ACTS	£450.00	£125.00	
				SCFS	£400.00		
				Christoph & Jackie Theide	£400.00		
	£10,416.02	£177.45	£10,593.47				
Total Income			£214,232.63	Total Expenditure	£3,633.00	£2,122.00	£5,755.00
				Total Income			£67,946.71
				Balance Carried forward			£214,232.63
							£146,285.92

Ballyclare Evangelical Presbyterian Church Year 2023
Location of Funds at 31 December 2023

AIB	£22,780.61
Danske Deposit	£120,432.00
Santander	£3,073.31
Total Funds	£146,285.92

Restricted Funds at 1/1/23

Home & Foreign Missions	£164.00
Senior YPA	£159.59
CEF	£191.00
Tuck Shop	£100.00
Tape Fund	£350.00
Mums & Tots	£50.00
Barbecue Fund	£200.00
Prayer Room Lectern	£500.00
Building Fund	£45,143.30
Total Restricted Funds	£46,857.89

Restricted Funds at 31/12/23

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Annual report

Ballyclare Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Annual Reports for 2023

Session Report

"My God shall supply all your need" Philippians 4:19

All precautions were taken, all preparations made, but in spite of all the predictions given, the frost didn't come, and I had to remove my windscreen protection covers which had not been required! Many circumstances in life are like that and even though we are living in a world where there is much expertise in many fields, including forecasting weather conditions, we don't always know what lies ahead.

As I think about many things and happenings in our fellowship over the past year, there have been things that have happened, that we would never have imagined or taken into consideration or anticipated! The most surprising of these was the retirement of the Rev Stephen Roger from the ministry after serving the Lord in our congregation for the past thirty-two years. It was a long time, as we all battled the varying times of differing circumstances together.

For all of us there are always moments when we have a desire, even for a little time, to lay aside the pressures of life remembering our advancing years and take things a little easier. During the thirty-two years, Stephen and Chris have worked steadily and unselfishly to bring the best of their gifts to the Ballyclare Congregation and have always sought to go the extra mile in each of our lives. This fact was acknowledged wholeheartedly at the Retirement Dinner held on 19th May.

But we all need a break, and eventually the foot must be eased back from the accelerator pedal and things taken a little slower. So, after thirty-two years of faithful ministry we thank Stephen and Chris for all their labours and wish them God's blessing for the years that lie ahead.

That, of course, now left us with a problem, with no minister for the oversight in Ballyclare! Who will take over the reins? Who will be God's man chosen to continue the work in this role? We await with patience His answer! Until that day comes it is the responsibility of Presbytery to appoint someone to look after the vacancy. Rev Andy Hambleton, minister of our Crumlin congregation, was duly appointed and willingly accepted this appointment. Since his involvement, Rev Hambleton has taken on the work here with much enthusiasm and love for Ballyclare and the people here, and although it has added many hours onto his weekly workload he has never once uttered a word of complaint.

Like many other places of worship, the past year or two has not been easy for our fellowship. Although church attendances have increased, we have not seen any growth in membership. We commenced and ended the year with a membership of 41. It has never been our position to approach anyone concerning membership but leave that matter between the individual and the Lord. If you believe the Lord is leading you in this direction and would desire membership, then please approach the Minister/Interim Moderator or Elder and they will put the matter before Session and you will be given an interview. We were delighted recently to welcome into membership Mrs. Trudy Young, who brought with her a Disjunction Certificate from 2nd Limavady Presbyterian Church. We're glad to have you with us Trudy and for your already noted spiritual stance and help with the work here.

We were greatly saddened in April with the death of Mr Christie Spiers. Christie was a very quiet, humble man who had a remarkable testimony and we do remember his daughter Sharon and also grandson Christopher and the family circle in their loss. We are also mindful of others who have been hurt through personal illness or the passing of loved ones in recent times, and we remember them all in our prayers.

It was to our delight and great advantage to welcome many speakers to our pulpit during the vacancy, some on a single visit and some many times, and as there have been so many I will without naming names thank them all collectively and wish them God's continued blessings as they serve Him in this way. There have been two occasions when because of an extended visit it was necessary to provide living accommodation and because of this David and Heather Watson attended to the needs of Mr. & Mrs. James Murray, and Alastair

and Phyllis Logan looked after the family of Mr. & Mrs. Lucas da Costa. We thank both families for their kindness and loving care at these times.

There were many special meetings and gatherings throughout the year, each with their own purpose and objectives, which included outreach work, missionary interest, praise services, and others, and I note these below, the dates they were held and the purpose for same:

Open House	-	Speaker Rev Hambleton	-	18 th March
ACTS Visit	-	David Gordon	-	2 nd April
Annual General Meeting	-	Callum Webster (C.I)	-	5 th April
Retirement Dinner	-	Stephen & Chris Roger	-	19 th May
Tract Distribution	-	May Fair, Ballyclare	-	23 rd May
BBQ	-	Carnfunnock Country Park	-	9 th June
Stew Day	-	In aid of E.M.F	-	25 th June
Holiday Bible Club	-	Y.P.A. & Church Family	-	14 th -18 th August
E.M.F Visit	-	Phil Dunn	-	22 nd August
Visit to Moldova	-	John Watson	-	26 th September
Harvest Weekend Services	-	Rev Hambleton	-	21-22 nd October
E.M.F (Adam Urban, Poland)	-	Special Visit to Crumlin	-	22 nd November
Y.P.A. Carol Service	-	Rev Hambleton	-	15 th December

We were very glad when our friends in the Reformed Presbyterian Church accepted our invitation to have a joint meeting in the church on 'Old Years Night' and we worshipped together singing psalms and having the preaching of the Word from their minister Rev Nathan Hawthorne. We continued our fellowship together as we all joined for supper after the service.

There were many other activities that took place throughout the year and some of these are recorded in the individual and particular reports from some of their leaders. We continue to remember Mums & Tots, Children's Meeting, Junior and Senior YPA, Sunday School and Bible Class, Ladies Missionary Prayer Meetings, Camps, Holiday Bible Club, and all leaders and helpers.

As is always the case there is always a band of very willing helpers who labour week by week, and to the most part receive very little recognition. Be assured we appreciate all that you do and we thank you immensely. Some of these brothers and sisters are included in the list below, and in no particular order:

All our musicians – Helen McCartney, Rob Evans, John Watson, Emma Watson, Deborah Logan.
Paul Tulloch for all the audit work and compiling of the updated 'Members & Friends' Directory.
Heather McFall and her very willing team in attending to all the catering needs.
Stephen Logan, who deals with the minibus and with David Roger, organizing the BBQ.
June Tulloch for the beautiful floral displays that she produces as and when required.
To all the cleaners and the deacons for all their work. If I have omitted you, please accept it as a genuine oversight and was by no means intentional.

We have many needs in Ballyclare, perhaps the most prominent being for the vacancy to be filled, but let us depend on our Lord, who as His Word says "My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

Ken McDonald Clerk of Session

Ballyclare Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100268

Annual return

Year End Summary

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
Balance in Bank 1st January			£156,843.16				
General Income							
Offering	£40,410.00			Heat & Light		£2,574.80	
Sunday School				Insurance		£828.71	
Prayer Meeting				Rates			
Government Grant	£600.00			Telephone		£142.10	
				Rates - Water & Bins		£404.74	
				Talk Talk		£549.00	
	£41,010.00		£41,010.00			£4,499.35	£4,499.35
Special Income Denominational Funds				Denominational Funds			
Central Fund		£1,167.00		Central Fund	£42,483.00	£1,167.00	
Home & Foreign Missions		£668.00		Home & Foreign Missions			
Magazines				Magazines		£236.00	
BY Honour & Dishonour							
		£1,835.00	£1,835.00	Retirement Event	£4,858.50		
Special Income Congregation					£47,577.50	£1,167.00	£48,744.50
Donations	£10.00			Congregational Activities			
Minibus				Evangelical Bookshop	£681.91		
Donations Junior YPA							
Mum's & Tots				Junior YPA Outreach	£321.81		
Retirement Event	£2,010.00			BBQ		£10.00	
	£2,020.00		£2,020.00	Pulpit Supply	£2,314.00		
Special Income Missions				Repairs & Renewals	£540.00		
IM Jews/CWI		£100.00		Sundries	£2,774.57		
CEF				Harvest	£318.88		
YPA Project				Tuck Shop		£100.00	
Pamela MA				Outreach General	£245.74		
MERF		£86.00		Minibus	£1,230.51		
SCFS				Bank/Legal Fees	£182.99		
EMF		£266.00		YPA Calendars	£50.00	£177.45	
Barnabas Fund		£102.00			£8,660.41	£287.45	£8,947.86
Christian Institute				Other Missions and Societies			
Ben & Esther Smith		£260.00		Christian Institute	£400.00		
Christoph & Jackie Theide				MERF	£314.00	£86.00	
EMF Relief		£992.00		EMF	£414.00	£266.00	
ACTS		£125.00		EMF Relief	£8.00	£992.00	
		£1,931.00	£1,931.00	Barnabas Fund	£498.00	£102.00	
Other Income				YPA Project SCFS			
YPA Calendars		£177.45		Ben & Esther Smith	£140.00	£260.00	
Building Fund				CEF	£9.00	£191.00	
Net Interest	£606.95			Pamela MA	£400.00		
Income Tax Refund	£9,809.07			IM Jews/CWI	£200.00	£100.00	
				ACTS	£450.00	£125.00	
				SCFS	£400.00		
				Christoph & Jackie Theide	£400.00		
	£10,416.02	£177.45	£10,593.47				
Total Income			£214,232.63	Total Expenditure	£3,633.00	£2,122.00	£5,755.00
				Total Income			£67,946.71
				Balance Carried forward			£214,232.63
							£146,285.92

Ballyclare Evangelical Presbyterian Church Year 2023

Location of Funds at 31 December 2023

AIB	£22,780.61
Danske Deposit	£120,432.00
Santander	£3,073.31
Total Funds	£146,285.92

Restricted Funds at 1/1/23

Home & Foreign Missions	£164.00
Senior YPA	£159.59
CEF	£191.00
Tuck Shop	£100.00
Tape Fund	£350.00
Mums & Tots	£50.00
Barbecue Fund	£200.00
Prayer Room Lectern	£500.00
Building Fund	£45,143.30
Total Restricted Funds	£46,857.89

Restricted Funds at 31/12/23

Home & Foreign Missions	£832.00
Senior YPA	£159.59
Tape Fund	£350.00
Mums & Tots	£50.00
Barbecue Fund	£190.00
Prayer Room Lectern	£500.00
Building Fund	£44,603.30
Total Restricted Funds	£46,684.89

Direct Debit Details

EPC, Ballyclare, First Trust Bank, Wellington Street, Ballymena
Sort Code 938633 Account No 06414268

Gift Aid

UK tax-payers can obtain a Gift Aid Declaration Form which means we can reclaim 25 p. from Inland Revenue for each £1 donated. Please speak to the treasurer about increasing the value of your contributions.

Hon. Auditor:

Paul Tulloch - I have examined the books & records for Ballyclare EPC for the year ending 31/12/2022 and can confirm the receipts and payment accounts are in accordance therewith.

Signed:  Date: 12/12/24