

# First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100336

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2014-10-14
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** To promote the inalienable right of every Christian to search these records of Divine Truth for his own instruction and guidance, to form his own opinions with regard to what they teach, and to worship God in sincerity, agreeably to the dictates of his own conscience, without privation, penalty, or inconvenience inflicted by his fellowmen.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£42,993	£26,359	£0	1

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr David Little		
Mr Douglas Stevenson		
Mr Robert Fullerton Mcclean		
Mr Robert James Russell		
Mr Thomas Shields		
Mrs Karen Bushby		

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# Accounts

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**STIPEND FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b><u>STIPEND</u></b>	<b><u>GIFT AID 2023</u></b>
1	£600.00	£150.00
2	£1,040.00	£267.50
3	£400.00	£87.50
6	£1,080.00	£270.00
8	£256.00	£72.50
9	£900.00	£225.00
10	£300.00	£75.00
16	£260.00	
18	£1,040.00	£187.50
21	£280.00	£72.50
22	£720.00	£160.00
24	£240.00	£72.50
26	£550.00	£137.50
27	£510.00	£121.25
28	£235.00	£55.00
30	£500.00	
33	£400.00	£102.50
34	£200.00	£53.75
35	£320.00	£82.50
36	£550.00	£140.00
38	£605.00	£113.75
39	£106.00	£26.50
45	£380.00	£72.50
47	£60.00	£15.00
48	£140.00	£25.00
49	£1,200.00	£200.00
51	£570.00	£127.50
52	£30.00	
93	£560.00	£137.50
95/105	£836.00	£218.00
101	£540.00	£140.00
106	£112.00	£27.25
107	£112.00	£27.25
112	£100.00	£27.50
119	£60.00	£27.50
120	£60.00	£27.50
121	£420.00	£70.00
122	£495.00	£132.50
130	£120.00	
132	£410.00	£127.50
137	£360.00	£90.00

Interest £101.58

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£17,657.00</b>	<b>£4,066.83</b>
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Charity No.NIC100336  
Stipend Treasurer: Mr R.J. Russell  
Auditor: Mrs. J. Girvan

## No. 1 Account - Year Ending 31 December 2024

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance @ bank Jan 01	£18,438.51	Minister's Salary	
Stipend (envelopes)	£12,537.00	including HMRC & Pension	£10,914.59
Annual Stipend (via bank)	£5,120.00	Vints - Payroll Services	£324.90
Ordinary Collection	£233.30	Pulpit Supplies	£310.00
Rent -Silver Band	£150.00	Church Cleaning	£720.00
Wayleave	£7.04	Organist & Relief	£2,217.00
Sustentation Fund	£150.00	Electricity	£71.39
Ground Rents	£195.00	Oil	£1,488.63
Gift Aid 2023	£4,066.83	Organ Repair	£265.00
Ministry Expenses No.4 Acc	£1,000.00	MG Fire Services	£96.00
Dividends	£2,407.14	J Gibbon Synod Catering	£200.00
Church Magazines	£200.00	Paper Cups Synod	£41.90
Burial Fee (I Wilson)	£50.00	Strings & Sings	£100.00
Ulster Bank Compensation (donated to B Positive)	£100.00	Benevolent Fund	£100.00
<b>Charity Collections</b>		Insurance	£2,263.74
Southern Area Hospice	£110.00	Annual Postage/Admin Expenses	£133.16
Alzheimers	£150.00	N.I. Water/Sewerage Charges	£196.80
Kidney Research	£90.00	NSPCI Presbytery Fees	£150.00
Children's Hospice	£96.00	Weedkiller & Sprayer	£70.20
Reach Mentoring	£100.00	Womens League Charity (Parkinsons)	£35.00
Graveyard	£200.00	Music Licence fees	£5.00
B Positive	£70.00	Church Magazines	£200.00
Poppy Appeal	<u>£95.00</u>		
	£911.00	<b>Denominational Funds</b>	
		Joint Inc & Mod Fund	£285.00
		Sunday School Fund	£49.00
Women's League (Parkinsons)	£35.00	Sustentation Fund	£520.00
		Rem. Synod	£45.00
		Trustee Co. Fund	£10.00
		Bodel Mackenzie	£20.00
		Ministers' Widows' Fund	£100.00
		Orphan Society	£100.00
		Porter Fund	£30.00
		Students & Ministers	<u>£50.00</u>
			£1,209.00
<b>Donations</b>		Shelter Box (Moderator's Appeal)	£200.00
<b>Graveyard Donations:</b>		<b>Charity Collections</b>	
D Bryans	£50.00	Southern Area Hospice	£118.00
S Curran	£50.00	Alzheimer's Society	£150.00
		NI Kidney Research	£90.00
<b>Harvest Donations:</b>		NI Children's Hospice	£96.00
Mr & Mrs McCarrison	£50.00	Reach Mentoring	£200.00
		B Positive	£170.00
<b>Other:</b>		Poppy Appeal	<u>£95.00</u>
Anonymous	£100.00		£919.00
		<i>money sent directly to charity not included in figures:-</i>	
		Christian Aid	£100.00
		<b>Balance @ bank Dec 31</b>	<b>£23,619.51</b>
	<u>£45,850.82</u>		<u>£45,850.82</u>

**No. 2 Account - Ben Dickson Fund - Year Ending 31 December 2024**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£171.18	Dec 31 Balance @ Bank	£171.18
	£171.18		£171.18

**No. 3 Account - Renovation/Dunbar School - Year Ending 31 December 2024**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£56,092.83	Graveyard maintenance	£1,200.00
Rent Dunbar School	£8,750.04	Clearing of Church Drains	£948.00
		Tree Felling & Removal at Graveyard	£450.00
		Dec 31 Balance @ Bank	£62,244.87
	£64,842.87		£64,842.87

**No. 4 Account - Manse - Year Ending 31 December 2024**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£15,292.88	Ministry Expenses	£1,000.00
Dividends	£3,276.00		
Interest	£59.10	Dec 31 Balance @ Bank	£17,627.98
	£18,627.98		£18,627.98

**Dunbar Fund - Year Ending 31 December 2024**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£2,028.25	Donation to Cork Church	£500.00
Interest	£1.65	Bank fees	£30.56
Dividends	£31.14	Dec 31 Balance @ Bank	£1,530.48
	£2,061.04		£2,061.04

**Progressive 2yr fixed interest bond - Year Ending 31 December 2024**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£75,000.00		
Interest	£3,463.11	Dec 31 Balance @ Bank	£78,463.11
	£78,463.11		£78,463.11

Charity No.NIC100336

Treasurer:

Mrs. E. Hutton

Independent Examiner:

Mrs J. Girvan

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# Accounts

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**STIPEND FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b><u>STIPEND</u></b>	<b><u>GIFT AID 2022</u></b>
1	£600.00	£138.75
2	£1,070.00	£262.50
3	£350.00	£75.00
6	£1,080.00	£267.50
8	£290.00	£70.00
9	£900.00	£150.00
10	£300.00	£75.00
16	£140.00	
18	£750.00	£155.00
21	£290.00	£70.00
22	£640.00	£182.50
24	£290.00	£63.75
26	£550.00	£101.25
27	£485.00	£117.50
28	£220.00	£37.50
30	£550.00	
33	£410.00	£116.25
34	£215.00	£62.50
35	£330.00	£61.25
36	£560.00	£135.00
38	£455.00	£100.00
39	£106.00	£26.75
45	£290.00	£80.00
47	£60.00	£15.00
48	£100.00	
49	£800.00	
51	£510.00	£130.00
52	£35.00	
93	£550.00	£137.50
95/105	£872.00	£209.00
101	£560.00	£140.00
106	£109.00	£28.00
107	£109.00	£28.00
112	£110.00	
119	£110.00	£42.50
120	£110.00	£42.50
121	£280.00	£50.00
122	£530.00	£130.00
132	£510.00	£122.50
137	£360.00	£90.00
	Interest	£66.55
	<b>TOTALS</b>	
	<b>£16,586.00</b>	<b>£3,579.55</b>

Charity No.NIC100336  
Stipend Treasurer: Mr R.J. Russell  
Auditor: Mrs. J. Girvan

## No. 1 Account - Year Ending 31 December 2023

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance @ bank Jan 01	£61,105.65	Minister's Salary	
Stipend (envelopes)	£12,276.00	including HMRC & Pension	£10,547.35
Annual Stipend (via bank)	£4,310.00	Vints - Payroll Services	£433.20
Ordinary Collection	£129.00	Pulpit Supplies	£306.00
Rent -Silver Band	£150.00	Church Cleaning	£720.00
Wayleave	£6.92	Organist & Relief	£2,085.00
Sustentation Fund	£150.00	Electricity	£182.97
Ground Rents	£105.00	Oil	£1,887.08
Gift Aid 2022	£3,579.55	Website Maintenance/Domain Name	£217.00
Ministry Expenses No.4 Acc	£1,000.00	MG Fire Services	£192.00
Dividends	£2,248.87	Transfer to Progressive 2yr Savings Bond	£45,000.00
Church Magazines	£106.40	Sunday School Gifts	£120.95
Burial Fee Cyril Woods	£50.00	Long Service Gifts (3 Elders)	£72.48
UK GOVT Energy Support Payment	£600.00	Benevolent Fund	£100.00
		Insurance	£2,159.66
<b>Charity Collections</b>		Annual Postage Expenses	£76.19
Southern Area Hospice	£132.00	N.I. Water/Sewerage Charges	£181.68
Alzheimers	£130.00	Catering Kettle	£49.26
Kidney Research	£65.00	Weedkiller	£58.00
Children's Hospice	£110.00	50% Reimbursement UK Visa Application	
Orphan Fund	£40.00	re: Rev Moodie	£2,404.00
Graveyard	£175.00	Rev Moodie sundry expenses	£9.31
B Positive	£95.00	Church Magazines	£85.36
Poppy Appeal	<u>£80.00</u>		
	£827.00	<b>Denominational Funds</b>	
		Joint Inc & Mod Fund	£285.00
		Sunday School Fund	£49.00
		Sustentation Fund	£430.00
		Rem. Synod	£45.00
		Trustee Co. Fund	£10.00
		Bodel Mackenzie	£20.00
		Ministers' Widows' Fund	£100.00
		Orphan Society	£100.00
		Porter Fund	£30.00
		Students & Ministers	<u>£50.00</u>
			£1,119.00
<b>Donations</b>		<b>Charity Collections</b>	
<b>Graveyard Donations:</b>		Southern Area Hospice	£132.00
D Bryans	£50.00	Alzheimer's Society	£130.00
S Curran	£100.00	NI Kidney Research	£65.00
		NI Children's Hospice	£110.00
<b>Harvest Donations:</b>		B Positive	£100.00
Mr & Mrs McCarrison	£50.00	Poppy Appeal	<u>£80.00</u>
			£617.00
<b>Other:</b>		<i>money sent directly to charity not included in figures:-</i>	
Mitchell family	£100.00	<i>Christian Aid</i>	£100.00
Just Giving	£9.61		
J Grossmith re:weekly organ practice	£100.00	<b>Balance @ bank Dec 31</b>	<b><u>£18,438.51</u></b>
Loose change donated			
for retiring collection charity	£8.00		
	<u>£87,062.00</u>		<u>£87,062.00</u>

**No. 2 Account - Ben Dickson Fund - Year Ending 31 December 2023**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£171.18		
		<b>Dec 31 Balance @ Bank</b>	<b>£171.18</b>
	£171.18		£171.18

**No. 3 Account - Renovation/Dunbar School - Year Ending 31 December 2023**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£54,642.79	Graveyard maintenance	£1,300.00
Rent Dunbar School	£8,150.04	Painting of graveyard gates	£370.00
		Church guttering maintenance	£560.00
		Deposit for church painting	£4,470.00
		<b>Dec 31 Balance @ Bank</b>	<b>£56,092.83</b>
	£62,792.83		£62,792.83

**No. 4 Account - Manse - Year Ending 31 December 2023**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£43,139.28	Ministry Expenses	£1,000.00
Dividends	£3,104.96	Transfer to 2yr savings bond	£30,000.00
Interest	£48.64	<b>Dec 31 Balance @ Bank</b>	<b>£15,292.88</b>
	£46,292.88		£46,292.88

**Dunbar Fund - Year Ending 31 December 2023**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£1,957.21	Bank fees	£30.20
Interest	£1.98		
Dividends	£99.26	<b>Dec 31 Balance @ Bank</b>	<b>£2,028.25</b>
	£2,058.45		£2,058.45

Charity No. NIC100336

Treasurer:

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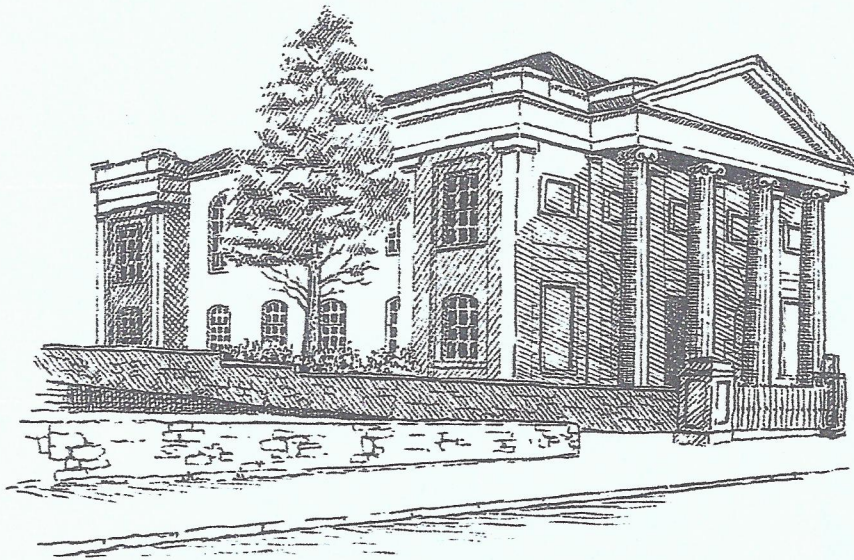
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# Annual report

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NON-SUBSCRIBING  
BANBRIDGE**



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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2023**

*Charity No. NIC 100336*

## ANNUAL REPORT

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Minister:** Rev Brian Moodie

**Session:** Mr S Agnew (Clerk)

Mr RJ Russell; Mr D Stevenson

Mr R McClean; Mrs C McAlister

Mrs K Bushby; Mrs C Brown

Mr R Hutton; Mrs E Hutton

**Hon Secretary:** Mrs C McAlister

**Hon Treasurer:** Mrs E Hutton

**Committee:** Mr T Shields; Mrs L Shields; Mrs V McCullough

Mr D Little; Mrs D Whan

**Stipend Treasurer:** Mr RJ Russell

**Sunday Collection:** Mrs E Hutton

**Charity Collection:** Mr R McClean

**Publicity Officer:** Mrs K Bushby

**Organists:** Mr Stephen Thompson; Mrs Julie Black

**Trustees:** Mr RJ Russell; Mr T Shields

Mr D Stevenson; Mr R McClean

Mrs K Bushby; Mr D Little

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Mrs C McAlister

**Child Protection Officer:** Mrs D Whan

**Building Maintenance Officer:** Mr D Little

**Church Supervisor:** Mr D Little

**First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge**  
**Minister's Report for the Year 2023**

In December 2023, it was my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of ministry in Banbridge. Difficult to think how the time has flown.

As can be seen from the very comprehensive Honorary Secretary's Report, 2023 was a productive year, which included visits from Rev. Stephen Reain-Adair, Moderator of the Presbytery of Bangor; the Right Rev. Lena Cockroft, Moderator of the NSPCI; as well as guest preaching by Mr Paul McCabe, Dr Tony Moodie and Rev. Colin Campbell.

Preaching topics that were embarked on by myself included:

- Exploring Genesis
- Exploring Exodus
- Exploring Numbers
- Exploring Deuteronomy
- Wrestling with Joshua
- Get out your pruning shears!
- What have you dedicated your life to?
- The Priceless Gem and Living Water
- A short history of Mothering Sunday
- Can you sin before you are born?
- Can Doubt Sometimes be a Good Thing?
- When last did your heart burn within you?
- A Story of Cross-Community Compassion
- Waiting and Belonging
- The Wind and Flame of Divine Love
- A Mountain-Top Experience
- Where does courage come from?
- A Life of Joy
- The Sound of Silence – A reflection on the song lyrics
- Imagine – a reflection on John Lennon's song
- Everything I Own – a reflection on Bread's Hit Song
- That's How the Light Gets In – Reflecting on Leonard Cohen's song Anthem
- Into my Arms (Interventionist God) – a reflection on Nick Cave's song.
- Like a Bridge Over Troubled Water – A reflection on the song lyrics
- Turn Turn Turn – A Harvest Sunday Reflection
- One Day at a Time 12 Steps to Sanity
- The Courage to Change – One Day at a Time
- Hope for Change – One Day at a Time
- Making a Decision – One Day at a Time
- Facing Ourselves – One Day at a Time
- He Ain't Heavy – Remembrance Sunday

- Coming Clean – One Day at a Time
- Hope: Reflecting on the Life and Teaching of Victor Frankl

We also had a number of special services that included:

Easter Puppet Show with Beany and Sheenie  
 Songs of Praise – Celebrating the Coronation Weekend.  
 Country Gospel Service  
 Beany's Christmas Rap – Puppet Show  
 Carol Service

In addition, there were a number of reflections on 'This Day in History', as we briefly reflected on significant dates and people throughout the year. These included:

- The birthday of Dr Seuss
- The birthday of King Henry II
- The death of Terry Pratchett
- Abba's Song– Boomerang
- Iraq War, Supernovas and Psalm 8
- Beethoven and Richard Dawkins
- Hans Christian Anderson and Dr Martin Luther King
- Sir Isaac Newton
- Shakespeare, To be or not to be?
- Sir Tim Berners-Lee – World Wide Web and Unitarian Universalism
- The Founding of Volkswagen
- Tiananmen Square, Emily Davison and Churchill's Speech  
 Lord Alfred Tennyson's Religious Views

All of these sermons and reflections have been made available on the Church Website, the YouTube Channel shared with the Dromore Congregation, as well as on the Church Facebook page.

Special services that took place over the year included our hosting of the World Day of Prayer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March as well as the Ordination and Installation of new Elders on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

We also had the opportunity to celebrate the baptism of Luke Alistair Robert Shields, son of Gavin and Siobhan, brother to Olivia and Archie and grandson of Lynda and Tom, at a special Sunday afternoon service on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

A very big thank you to all who, in visible and invisible ways, have contributed to and helped to enrich and make our Sunday Worship Services special, whether this is opening up and closing, helping to decorate the church for special occasions, providing flowers, assisting with readings, singing solos or simply being a warm, friendly and welcoming presence for regulars and visitors who come through our doors.

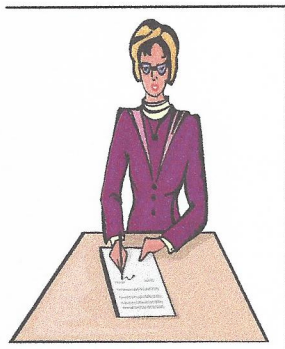
Attendance at Church Services remains steady. It is always encouraging to see that we can attract wider family and friends to our special services. And yet all of us in the congregation, and especially in the leadership ought to be mindful of the fact that in order to ensure a future for our congregation, we need to attract more people to our services, whether those be from within our existing church families, or new-comers. A question, that we might all need to consider, is what our unique identity and contribution is, within the churches of Banbridge and how we can use that unique identity and contribution, to attract those who cannot find a home in any of the other churches in the town. Boosting our profile on social media, particularly on Facebook, may be one of the most effective ways of advertising ourselves in the town.

Apart from those who have assisted in various ways, hidden and visible, with Sunday Worship Services, I wish most especially to thank our Elders and all in our Committee, who help with the smooth running of the Church. I feel honoured to serve with each of them. And in this regard, it would be remiss of me not to celebrate the ordination and installation of our three new elders in November 2023 - Elaine and Rodney Hutton, and Colette Brown.

Rev. Brian Moodie

19/02/2024

## HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023



According to official records, 2023 was apparently the hottest year on record for the UK and for Northern Ireland was the wettest year since 2002. So wet, that there wasn't a long enough dry spell to see the Committee's plans to have the outside of the Church painted fulfilled, although we did manage to have the Graveyard gates painted. Hopefully, 2024 will be a drier, brighter year for everyone and the Church will get its much needed facelift.

We are grateful to the members of the Congregation for their continued support throughout the year. Attendances have been fairly regular, with some very good attendances at the special services such as Mothering Sunday, Easter, the Songs of Praise service for the King's Coronation, the Country Gospel Service in June, the Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, the Nativity Puppet Show and the Carol Service.

### **Baptism**

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023, Luke Alistair Robert Shields son of Gavin and Siobhan, brother to Olivia and Archie and grandson of Lynda and Tom, was baptised.

Thanks are extended to:

- Rev Moodie for continuing to provide an online sermon for those members of the Congregation unable to attend Church and for maintaining the Church's Internet site
- Mrs Karen Bushby for maintaining the Church's Facebook page and for her articles in the local papers; Karen has recently been appointed as Editor for the new look Denominational magazine, iNSPIration, which will now be published on a quarterly basis
- our organists, Mr Stephen Thompson and Mrs Julie Black
- those members of the Congregation who supply flowers for the pulpit throughout the year, and
- all the members of the Congregation who play a part in getting the Church ready for services each Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to all the members of the congregation who have been bereaved during the year.

## REVIEW OF EVENTS 2023

### **January**

We welcomed Mr Paul McCabe, who led our service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January and Rev Stephen Reain-Adair from our Killinchy Church and Moderator of the Presbytery of Bangor, who exchanged pulpits with Rev Moodie on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### **February**

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, thanks were extended to our organist, Julie, for her donation of Junior Mission Praise Hymn Books for our use.

### **March**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the local World Day of Prayer was held in our Church. The service, which was well attended, was led by Mrs Wendy Moodie and Mrs Karen Bushby. Representatives from the other Churches in the town took part in the service, which was written by the women of Taiwan. Thanks were extended to the ladies of the Congregation for providing refreshments after the service.

There was a good attendance on Mothering Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> March. Rev Moodie played the guitar and sang a funny song for the occasion and Heidi & Luke Hansen handed out gifts to all the mothers and ladies present. Thanks are extended to Mrs Elaine Hutton for putting together the gifts.

### **April**

On Palm Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, all the readings were from Matthew's Gospel and candles were lit for Passion Week. There was a good attendance at the service on Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April when Rev Moodie and Wendy put on a puppet show to tell the Easter story. Thanks to Mrs Elaine Hutton for leaving a basket of creme eggs in the hall for everyone to dip into.

### **May**

There was a good attendance on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May when we held a Songs of Praise Service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. During the service, Ellen Forsythe gave us a beautiful rendition of the hymn 'Be Thou my Vision'. Communion Service was held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, when Rev Moodie was assisted by Mr Bertie McClean and Mrs Carol McAlister. At the end of the Service, presentations were made to Mr Jim Russell, Mr Noel Cruikshanks and Mrs Sylvia Cruikshanks in recognition of their long service to the Church as Elders and Committee members. The service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May was led by Mr Paul McCabe.

## **June**

There was a very good attendance at the Country Gospel Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The musical ensemble, who led the praise, included Rev Moodie, together with his mother Margaret and his wife Wendy on guitar; lead vocalist, Mrs Maureen Smyth, from our Dromore Church; and Julie, our organist, on the electric piano. As it was also Father's Day, Heidi and Luke Hansen handed out gifts to all the Dads and men present. Again thanks are extended to Elaine for putting together the gifts.

## **July/August**

The service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July was led by Mr Paul McCabe and the service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July was led by Mr Tony Moodie. Mr Paul McCabe took the service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

## **September**

The Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September was led by Mr Tony Moodie and during the service, a candle was lit by Mrs Karen Bushby to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of her mother, Mrs Denise Russell. During Rev Moodie's holiday, the services on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> were taken by, Rev Lena Cockroft, Mr Tony Moodie and Rev Cockroft respectively.

## **October**

The Church, as always, was beautifully decorated for our Harvest Service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Thanks are extended to Mrs Elizabeth Stevenson, Mrs Sylvia Cruikshanks and Mrs Vera McCullough for all their hard work. Rev Moodie took the service during which Ruby Bushby sang 'In Christ Alone' and Ellen Forsythe sang 'How Great Thou Art'. During the service, Rev Moodie dedicated our new electric piano, which was presented to the Church by Mr Jim Russell and his daughters Karen and Diana, in memory of Jim's wife, Denise, who died on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 and son, Keith, who died on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1987 at the age of 16. A large number of non-perishable food items were donated by the Congregation and these were later delivered by Rev Moodie and Mrs Vera McCullough to the Storehouse Banbridge Community Foodbank.

## **November**

Communion Service was held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Mr Dougie Stevenson and Mr Bertie McClean assisted Rev Moodie in the serving of the wine and bread. Thanks were extended to Mrs Sylvia Cruikshanks for baking the shortbread and to Mrs Colette Brown for obtaining the non-alcoholic wine. There was a good attendance at the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday

12<sup>th</sup> November when the wreath at the war memorial was laid by Mr Alfie Hazley and Binyan's words were read by Mrs Sharon Hansen. The Last Post and Reveille were played by Mr Stephen Thompson on the organ. Thanks are extended to Mrs Elizabeth Stevenson for her usual beautiful poppy displays. On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, a Service was held for the installation of 3 new Elders for the Congregation, namely Mr Rodney Hutton, Mrs Elaine Hutton and Mrs Colette Brown. The Service, which was led by the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev Stephen Reain-Adair, was well attended with a good number of Presbytery members in attendance. Thanks were extended to the ladies for providing refreshments after the service. Our Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November was led by Mr Paul McCabe.

## **December**

The Church was again beautifully decorated throughout the Christmas period and thanks go to Mrs Sylvia Cruikshanks and her daughter, Karen, for the various displays on the windows and throughout the Church. Thanks also go to David Little for putting up and decorating the Christmas tree and to Mrs Edna Agnew and Sam for providing the Advent wreath, the first candle of which was lit by Rev Moodie on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. As Rev Moodie had covid, our Service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December was led by Rev Colin Campbell. There was a good attendance at the Carol Service, which was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Readers at the Service were Mrs Charlene Little, Mrs Vera McCullough, Mr Alfie Hazley, Mrs Sylvia Cruikshanks and Mr Tom Shields. During the service, Ellen Forsythe played 'O Holy Night' on the electric piano and members of the Congregation placed paper hearts on the Christmas tree to remember relatives and friends no longer with us. There was a good attendance on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, when the puppets Beany and Sheenie, aka Rev Moodie and his wife Wendy, made a further appearance to retell the Christmas Story. There were also a number of musical items with Bella Shields playing the electric organ and accompanying her sister Charlotte in singing 'When a Child is Born'. Bella also played the electric piano and sang a solo of 'Hallelujah' and Sarah & Ellen Forsythe sang 'Gloria in Excelsius Deo'. After the Service, Santa made a surprise visit and handed out selection boxes to all the children who were present.

There was a good attendance at the service on Christmas morning, during which, Ruby Bushby, accompanied by her Dad Matthew on guitar, sang 'Mary, Did you Know?'

Thanks were extended to everyone who brought donations of toiletries for our Christmas Appeal for Barnardo's. Our final Service of the year, on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December, was led by Mr Paul McCabe.

Carol McAlister

## Honorary Treasurer's Report 2023

Our thanks must go to our church members for their generosity throughout 2023. While we continue to see a decline in our ordinary collection each year, our total stipend collection (envelope and regular monthly bank transfers) for the year has increased by 11.5% from last year. We raise over £900 in total annually to the various monthly retiring charity collections and as a small congregation we should be proud of this. Our chosen charities are always grateful for the donations they receive from us.



A number of members are now opting to pay stipends directly into our church bank account and if any other church member needs further details about how to do this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our church income was again boosted this year by payment of Gift Aid claims made for 2022, which amounted to £3,579.55. Thank you to everyone, who has already signed up to the Gift Aid scheme. The scheme allows the church to claim 25 pence for every pound that you have already given to the church, providing that you are a taxpayer. It is a very simple process and forms are available for anyone, who has not yet signed up to Gift Aid and would like to do so.

This year, we were in the position to invest a total of £75,000 into a 2 year 5% fixed interest bond with the Progressive Building Society and I thank Rev Moodie and Mr Sam Agnew for their help and advice regarding this.

Our main outlays during 2023 were for the usual church insurance, graveyard maintenance and heating oil costs. It had been our aim to get the exterior of the church building repainted, but poor weather during the summer of 2023, meant that these plans had to be put on hold until 2024. Hopefully this work will now be carried out over the coming months.

I would like to thank the other members of the congregation, who have helped me during the year – Mr Jim Russell for his work as Stipend Treasurer, Mr Bertie McClean for collecting the weekly charity donations and Mrs Carol McAlister for her help & advice throughout the year. I am grateful to you all.

Thanks also to Mrs Jocelyn Girvan for independently verifying our accounts for 2023.

Once again, many thanks to all the members of our church – your continued support is greatly appreciated. I hope and pray that 2024 will be another good year for our church and for us all.

**ANNUAL REVIEW**

	<b><u>Stipend Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Ordinary Collection</u></b>
<b>2017</b>	£13,744	£529
<b>2018</b>	£13,145	£516
<b>2019</b>	£11,946	£224
<b>2020</b>	£11,225	£50
<b>2021</b>	£14,383	£223
<b>2022</b>	£14,862	£170
<b>2023</b>	£16,586	£129

Elaine Hutton - February 2024

**STIPEND FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>GIFT AID 2022</u>
1	£600.00	£138.75
2	£1,070.00	£262.50
3	£350.00	£75.00
6	£1,080.00	£267.50
8	£290.00	£70.00
9	£900.00	£150.00
10	£300.00	£75.00
16	£140.00	
18	£750.00	£155.00
21	£290.00	£70.00
22	£640.00	£182.50
24	£290.00	£63.75
26	£550.00	£101.25
27	£485.00	£117.50
28	£220.00	£37.50
30	£550.00	
33	£410.00	£116.25
34	£215.00	£62.50
35	£330.00	£61.25
36	£560.00	£135.00
38	£455.00	£100.00
39	£106.00	£26.75
45	£290.00	£80.00
47	£60.00	£15.00
48	£100.00	
49	£800.00	
51	£510.00	£130.00
52	£35.00	
93	£550.00	£137.50
95/105	£872.00	£209.00
101	£560.00	£140.00
106	£109.00	£28.00
107	£109.00	£28.00
112	£110.00	
119	£110.00	£42.50
120	£110.00	£42.50
121	£280.00	£50.00
122	£530.00	£130.00
132	£510.00	£122.50
137	£360.00	£90.00
	<b>Interest</b>	<b>£66.55</b>
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£3,579.55</b>
	<b>£16,586.00</b>	

Charity No.NIC100336  
Stipend Treasurer: Mr R.J. Russell  
Auditor: Mrs. J. Girvan

## No. 1 Account - Year Ending 31 December 2023

### RECEIPTS

### PAYMENTS

Balance @ bank Jan 01	£61,105.65	Minister's Salary	
Stipend (envelopes)	£12,276.00	including HMRC & Pension	£10,547.35
Annual Stipend (via bank)	£4,310.00	Vints - Payroll Services	£433.20
Ordinary Collection	£129.00	Pulpit Supplies	£306.00
Rent -Silver Band	£150.00	Church Cleaning	£720.00
Wayleave	£6.92	Organist & Relief	£2,085.00
Sustentation Fund	£150.00	Electricity	£182.97
Ground Rents	£105.00	Oil	£1,887.08
Gift Aid 2022	£3,579.55	Website Maintenance/Domain Name	£217.00
Ministry Expenses No.4 Acc	£1,000.00	MG Fire Services	£192.00
Dividends	£2,248.87	Transfer to Progressive 2yr Savings Bond	£45,000.00
Church Magazines	£106.40	Sunday School Gifts	£120.95
Burial Fee Cyril Woods	£50.00	Long Service Gifts (3 Elders)	£72.48
UK GOVT Energy Support Payment	£600.00	Benevolent Fund	£100.00
		Insurance	£2,159.66
<b>Charity Collections</b>		Annual Postage Expenses	£76.19
Southern Area Hospice	£132.00	N.I. Water/Sewerage Charges	£181.68
Alzheimers	£130.00	Catering Kettle	£49.26
Kidney Research	£65.00	Weedkiller	£58.00
Children's Hospice	£110.00	50% Reimbursement UK Visa Application	
Orphan Fund	£40.00	re: Rev Moodie	£2,404.00
Graveyard	£175.00	Rev Moodie sundry expenses	£9.31
B Positive	£95.00	Church Magazines	£85.36
Poppy Appeal	<u>£80.00</u>		
	£827.00	<b>Denominational Funds</b>	
		Joint Inc & Mod Fund	£285.00
		Sunday School Fund	£49.00
		Sustentation Fund	£430.00
		Rem. Synod	£45.00
		Trustee Co. Fund	£10.00
		Bodel Mackenzie	£20.00
		Ministers' Widows' Fund	£100.00
		Orphan Society	£100.00
		Porter Fund	£30.00
		Students & Ministers	<u>£50.00</u>
			£1,119.00
<b>Donations</b>		<b>Charity Collections</b>	
<b>Graveyard Donations:</b>		Southern Area Hospice	£132.00
D Bryans	£50.00	Alzheimer's Society	£130.00
S Curran	£100.00	NI Kidney Research	£65.00
		NI Children's Hospice	£110.00
<b>Harvest Donations:</b>		B Positive	£100.00
Mr & Mrs McCarrison	£50.00	Poppy Appeal	<u>£80.00</u>
			£617.00
<b>Other:</b>		<i>money sent directly to charity not included in figures:-</i>	
Mitchell family	£100.00	Christian Aid	£100.00
Just Giving	£9.61		
J Grossmith re:weekly organ practice	£100.00	<b>Balance @ bank Dec 31</b>	<b>£18,438.51</b>
Loose change donated			
for retiring collection charity	£8.00		
	<u>£87,062.00</u>		<u>£87,062.00</u>

**No. 2 Account - Ben Dickson Fund - Year Ending 31 December 2023**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£171.18	Dec 31 Balance @ Bank	£171.18
	£171.18		£171.18

**No. 3 Account - Renovation/Dunbar School - Year Ending 31 December 2023**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£54,642.79	Graveyard maintenance	£1,300.00
Rent Dunbar School	£8,150.04	Painting of graveyard gates	£370.00
		Church guttering maintenance	£560.00
		Deposit for church painting	£4,470.00
		<b>Dec 31 Balance @ Bank</b>	<b>£56,092.83</b>
	£62,792.83		£62,792.83

**No. 4 Account - Manse - Year Ending 31 December 2023**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£43,139.28	Ministry Expenses	£1,000.00
Dividends	£3,104.96	Transfer to 2yr savings bond	£30,000.00
Interest	£48.64	<b>Dec 31 Balance @ Bank</b>	<b>£15,292.88</b>
	£46,292.88		£46,292.88

**Dunbar Fund - Year Ending 31 December 2023**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£1,957.21	Bank fees	£30.20
Interest	£1.98		
Dividends	£99.26	<b>Dec 31 Balance @ Bank</b>	<b>£2,028.25</b>
	£2,058.45		£2,058.45

Charity No.NIC100336

Treasurer:

Mrs. E. Hutton

Independent Examiner:

Mrs J. Girvan

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN (NON SUBSCRIBING) CHURCH**

**BANBRIDGE**

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Apologies

Correspondence

Minutes of last AGM - March 2023

Matters Arising

Report of Hon. Secretary

Report of Hon. Treasurer

Election of Officers

Election of Presbytery & Synod Representative

Any other business

**First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100336

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# Annual return

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
NON-SUBSCRIBING CHURCH  
BANBRIDGE

DOWNSHIRE RD  
BANBRIDGE  
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AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING  
31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity No: NIC100336

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Charity No.NIC100336  
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		Porter Fund	£30.00
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**Dunbar Fund - Year Ending 31 December 2023**

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	£2,058.45		£2,058.45

Charity No.NIC100336

Treasurer:

Mrs. E. Hutton

Independent Examiner:

Mrs J. Girvan

**First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge**

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Charity No: NIC100336

To the best of my knowledge from the information given to me in my capacity as Honorary Treasurer during the financial year ending 31 December 2023, it is my belief that the attached accounts show a true and fair view of the financial state of First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge as of 31 December 2023.

E. Hutton (signature)

Dated: 15.02.2024

Mrs. Elaine Hutton  
Honorary Treasurer

I have examined the accounts of First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge from the books and receipts supplied to me, 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)(b) of the Charities Act.

My 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 explanation from charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

- 1 – That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 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 Charities Act
- 4 – That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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

To the best of my information and belief, the attached accounts show a true and fair view of the financial state of affairs of First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge as of 31 December 2023.

J. J. - e. (signature)

Dated: 26/02/24

Mrs. Jocelyn Girvan  
Accounts Administrator

**First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100336

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# Accounts

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## STIPEND FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>GIFT AID 2021</u>
1	£555.00	£2.50
2	£1,050.00	£293.75
3	£300.00	£77.50
6	£1,070.00	£265.00
8	£280.00	£111.25
9	£600.00	£150.00
10	£300.00	£75.00
18	£620.00	£166.25
21	£280.00	£63.75
22	£730.00	£192.50
24	£255.00	£65.00
26	£405.00	£76.25
27	£470.00	£155.00
28	£150.00	£36.25
30	£530.00	
33	£465.00	£106.25
34	£250.00	£52.50
35	£245.00	£52.50
36	£540.00	£142.50
38	£400.00	£96.25
39	£107.00	
45	£320.00	£57.50
51	£520.00	£142.50
52	£10.00	
93	£550.00	£155.00
95/105	£836.00	£218.00
100	£270.00	
101	£560.00	£135.00
106	£112.00	£28.50
107	£112.00	£28.50
119	£170.00	£52.50
120	£170.00	£52.50
121	£200.00	£67.50
122	£520.00	£125.00
132	£490.00	£105.00
137	£360.00	£90.00
	£60.00	£15.00
Interest		£10.22
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£14,862.00</b>	<b>£3,462.72</b>

Charity No.NIC100336

Stipend Treasurer: Mr R.J. Russell

Auditor: Mrs. J. Girvan

## No. 1 Account - Year Ending 31 December 2022

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance @ bank Jan 01	£57,794.95	Minister's Salary	
Stipend (envelopes)	£12,272.00	including HMRC & Pension	£10,102.79
Annual Stipend (via bank)	£2,590.00	Vints - Payroll Services	£402.60
Ordinary Collection	£170.35	Pulpit Supplies	£460.00
Rent -Silver Band	£150.00	Church Cleaning	£720.00
Wayleave	£6.32	Organist & Relief	£1,975.00
Sustentation Fund	£150.00	Electricity	£69.85
Ground Rents	£210.00	Oil	£1,297.00
Gift Aid 2021	£3,462.72	Organ Maintenance	£131.90
Ministry Expenses No.4 Acc	£1,000.00	MG Fire Services	£96.00
Dividends	£2,086.22	S. School Platinum Bibles	£105.30
Commonwealth War Graves	£15.00	S. School Gifts (selection boxes)	£21.00
		Rep Elder Synod Travel/Lunch	£30.00
		Benevolent Fund	£100.00
		Insurance	£2,014.46
<b>Charity Collections</b>		Annual Postage Expenses	£95.35
Southern Area Hospice	£160.00	N.I. Water/Sewerage Charges	£162.88
Alzheimers	£180.00	Communion Pre-filled Cups	£19.50
Kidney Research	£100.00	Weedkiller	£159.00
Children's Hospice	£110.00	Antrim Pres Fees	£40.00
Orphan Fund	£80.00	Antrim Pres Student Fund	£50.00
Graveyard	£120.00	Printing Costs	£1.28
B Positive	£100.00		
Poppy Appeal	<u>£85.00</u>		
	£935.00	<b>Denominational Funds</b>	
		Joint Inc & Mod Fund	£199.00
		Sunday School Fund	£74.00
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Charity No.NIC100336

Treasurer:

Mrs. E. Hutton

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**First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100336

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# Annual report

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NON-SUBSCRIBING  
BANBRIDGE**



**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2022**

*Charity No. NIC 100336*

## ANNUAL REPORT

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Minister:** Rev Brian Moodie

**Session:** Mr S Agnew (Clerk)

Mr RJ Russell; Mr D Stevenson

Mr R McClean; Mrs C McAlister

Mrs K Bushby

**Hon Secretary:** Mrs C McAlister

**Hon Treasurer:** Mrs E Hutton

**Committee:** Mr T Shields; Mrs L Shields; Mrs V McCullough

Mr D Little; Mrs C Brown

**Stipend Treasurer:** Mr RJ Russell

**Sunday Collection:** Mrs E Hutton

**Charity Collection:** Mr R McClean

**Magazine Correspondent:** Mrs K Bushby

**Organists:** Mr Stephen Thompson; Mrs Julie Black

**Trustees:** Mr RJ Russell; Mr T Shields;

Mr D Stevenson; Mr R McClean

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Mrs C McAlister

**Child Protection Officer:** Mrs D Whan

**Building Maintenance Officer:** Mr D Little

**Church Supervisor:** Mr D Little

## First Presbyterian Church Banbridge, Non-Subscribing

### Minister's Report for the Year 2022

Dear Friends

2022 was the first year that marked a return to full normality after the Covid-19 pandemic. It continued to be an encouraging year for us in Banbridge, as our numbers remain steady with a high percentage of attendance of our membership on an average Sunday morning and some very encouraging larger services at Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Day, as well as our Advent/Christmas period. It also marked another good financial year in which our members once again gave generously through their weekly Free Will Offering contributions, as well as their generous support of the monthly charities.

#### **Sunday Worship Highlights**

The year began in January with the celebration of Rev. Lena Cockcroft's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary since her ordination on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1982. It was therefore a privilege to have her preaching at Banbridge on this, her anniversary year, also in her capacity as Moderator of the NSPCI.

Holy Week was marked with a few online reflections culminating in our Easter Sunday Service on the 17<sup>th</sup> April at which we were privileged to have a solo from Ruby Bushby.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> May we shared in Communion, although still using the pre-packaged communion cups and wafers.

2022 was a poignant year as we not only remembered and celebrated Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, but also remembered her in her passing in a service led by Rev. Robert McKee, while I was away on leave, as well as two services when I arrived back in the middle of September.

We had a successful Harvest service on the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> October and are grateful for all the efforts that were made to decorate the Meeting House so beautifully.

On 6<sup>th</sup> November we returned to our normal Communion Service for the first time since November 2019. This was special for me as minister because it was the first time for me to participate in this old Presbyterian format of Communion with everyone seated at tables at the front of the Meeting House.

We had a very successful December period with the Christmas Nativity Puppet Show on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, put together by Wendy and myself, featuring

Sheeny and Beanie. This was followed on the 18<sup>th</sup> December with our Carol service, which took place at 10am, featuring the beautiful singing of Ellen and Sarah Forsythe, as well as the participation by a number of readers. Both of these services were well attended.

The year ended with our Christmas Service which took place this year on the last Sunday of the year and which drew a significant number of members, extended family and a few visitors as well. It was wonderful to have Lynda and Tom's grandchildren from Dublin, with Charlotte, Bella and Freddie Shields helping to make the service special with their musical items.

#### Preaching Series and Topics Covered in our Sunday Worship in 2022:

- Jan/Feb – Exploring the Five Languages of Love (Physical Touch; Giving Gifts; Acts of Service; Affirming Words; Quality Time)
- June – Return of the Prodigal Son – 7 weeks
- Jun/July/Oct – Historical Series:
  - The History of Banbridge NSP
  - What is the Westminster Confession and why don't we subscribe to it?
  - Why were we called Unitarians?
  - What does it mean for us to be Presbyterian?
  - How did the NSPCI come into existence?
  - The History and Significance of the Burning Bush for Presbyterians

#### Other Topics:

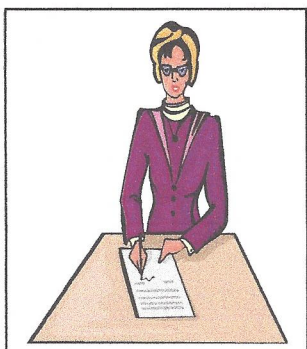
- Is this Really how God Acts in the World? Wrestling with the fall of Jerusalem 598BC
- Mother's Day – Granny is Like God (Reflecting on God as 'Mother').
- I do not condemn you either - Reflection on John 8:108
- Horses, Donkeys, Strength & Vulnerability – Palm Sunday Reflection
- The Resurrection Mystery – Easter Sunday
- Resurrection Stuckness Reflection on John 20:19-31
- Do you love me? Sharing Bread - Communion Sunday 1 May
- Queen Elizabeth II – A Reflection on her Life
- In Life & In Death – Reflecting on the Faith of Queen Elizabeth II
- Harvest – Cain & Abel and the 'First Harvest' (disaster)
- Becoming a Living Temple of God – Reflecting on Haggai & Zacchaeus
- The Art of Deep Listening Matt 13:13ff & Proverbs 1:1-7
- What is True Religion? (James 1:26-27)
- New Light on Communion – a symbol of allegiance to Christ
- Missing – A Remembrance Sunday Reflection
- What kind of a King is this? (A reflection on the Sunday of Christ the King)
- Advent 1: Plant a Sapling then Meet the Messiah

Gratitude needs to be expressed to all those who have helped to make our Sunday worship meaningful over the year: For all those who have assisted in providing flowers every Sunday and have given so generously of their time and creativity in decorating the Church for special services, most particularly for Harvest and the Advent/Christmas period. Gratitude also should be expressed to those members, who so faithfully open up and close on a Sunday and prepare the Meeting House for us all before we arrive, as well as to our organists, Julie Black and Stephen Thompson, for blessing us with beautiful music every Sunday. A very big thank you also needs to be expressed to Paul McCabe, and my father, Tony Moodie for preaching and filling the pulpit in my absence, both of whom gave freely of their time, both in preparation and on a Sunday, not wishing to receive remuneration for their ministry amongst us. From a pastoral perspective, we were privileged to celebrate the Baptism of Poppy Cruikshanks (daughter of Peter and Diane) on the 8<sup>th</sup> May.

While there were no deaths amongst our own members, we remember those of our members who lost family members during the year. Most especially, we remember Anna McGarry in the loss of her husband, Maurie, who would have been a not infrequent visitor with us.

Lastly, a very big thank you to everyone who has served in the Committee, both elders and non-elders, attending meetings so faithfully in helping to manage the life of our church with care and wisdom. A very special thank you to Elaine Hutton for so diligently looking after the finances of our church and Carol McAlister for both guiding and recording our meetings as Honorary Clerk.

Sincerely  
Rev. Brian Moodie



## Honorary Secretary's Report 2022

2022 saw the Church and life in general get back to some sort of normality again. Although Covid is very much still with us, we are learning to live with it. The wearing of face masks is no longer deemed mandatory, social distancing restrictions have been lifted and services have more or less returned to normal.

We are grateful to the members of the Congregation for their continued support. Attendances have been fairly regular throughout the year with some very good attendances at the special services such as Mothering Sunday, Easter, the Family Service in June, the Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, the Nativity Puppet Show and the Carol Service.

The Congregation were deeply saddened to learn of the death in July of Mr Maurice McGarry. Although, Maurice was a member of the Church of Ireland, following his marriage to Anna he regularly attended our Church with her and for a number of years laid the wreath at our Remembrance Day Service. Maurice always enjoyed a chat and made many friends within the Church. Sympathy is also extended to all the members of the congregation who have been bereaved throughout the year.

### **Baptism**

Poppy Emily Cruikshanks, daughter of Peter and Diane and granddaughter of Noel and Sylvia, was baptised on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Congratulations to Mrs Edna Agnew on the birth of a granddaughter in December.

Thanks are extended to:

Rev Moodie for continuing to provide an online sermon for those members of the Congregation unable to attend Church and for maintaining the Church's Internet site;

Mrs Karen Bushby for maintaining the Church's Facebook page and for her articles in the denominational magazine and local papers;

Mr Stephen Thompson and Mrs Julie Black for playing the organ for us; those members of the Congregation who supplied flowers for the pulpit throughout the year, and

Mr John Cunningham, a new member of the Congregation, for his donation of a Bible which is proudly open and on display at the front of the pulpit.

## **REVIEW OF EVENTS 2022**

### **January**

We welcomed Mr Paul McCabe who led our service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January as Rev Moodie was taking the services at Clough and Ballee. There was a good attendance on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January when our Service was taken by Rev Lena Cockroft. Rev Lena was celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination as a Non Subscribing Minister and being the first female to be ordained in the Denomination. Mrs Vera McCullough and Mrs Colette Brown both led us in prayer during the service.

### **February**

Congratulations were extended to Peter and Diane Cruikshanks on the birth of their daughter, Poppy. The service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February was conducted by Mr Sam Agnew.

### **March**

Mrs Sylvia Cruikshanks took part in the World Day of Prayer which was held in the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. As Rev Moodie had Covid, the services on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March were conducted by Rev Alister Bell and Mr Sam Agnew respectively. There was a good attendance on Mothering Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March and it was lovely to see baby Poppy Cruikshanks out with her mum and dad.

### **April**

There was a good attendance at the service on Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April at which Ruby sang the solo 'Death was arrested'. Thanks to Elaine Hutton for giving out creme eggs to everyone.

### **May**

Communion Service was held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, again using the prefilled cups. There was a good attendance on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May for the baptism of Poppy Emily Cruikshanks. On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May the Congregation agreed unanimously to move from the Antrim Presbytery back to the Presbytery of Bangor. On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May it was good to have Mr Jock Houston out visiting us again from Scotland. On Sunday afternoon there was a visitation from the Antrim Presbytery. The service was conducted by the Moderator of the Antrim Presbytery, Rev Paul Reid assisted by Rev Dr John Nelson, Rev Colin Campbell and student for the Ministry Mr David McCord. Thanks are extended to the ladies for providing tea/coffee after the service.

### **June/July**

There was a very good attendance at the Family Service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, when books were given to the young children and the older children each received a Platinum Jubilee Bible, inscribed by Mr Tom Shields, in commemoration of the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. During the service, Heidi and Luke Hansen led the prayers; Noah Hansen, Mia Richardson and Erin

McCluskey read poems; Matthew Little read the lesson; and Sarah and Ellen Forsythe sang, 'Here I am, Lord'. The service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June was conducted by Rev Alister Bell. The service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July was taken by Rev Moodie's father, Tony.

### **August**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, it was pleasing to have Brenda Francis, a previous Church organist, out with our organist for the day, Philip Beattie. During Rev Moodie's holiday, services on 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022 were led by Mr Tony Moodie. As part of the year's celebration of NSPCI women, Mrs Colette Brown, Mrs Diana Whan and Mrs Karen Bushby represented the Church when they joined other ladies from the Denomination for a walk at the Montalto Estate on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

### **September**

As Rev Moodie was on holiday, the services on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September were led by the Moderator Rt Rev Lena Cockroft and the Very Rev Robert McKee respectively. There was a good attendance on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, when Rev Moodie held a Memorial Service for the Queen, following her death on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### **October**

The Church, as always, was beautifully decorated for our Harvest Service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022. Thanks are extended to Mrs Elizabeth Stevenson, Mrs Sylvia Cruikshanks and Mrs Vera McCullough for all their hard work. Rev Moodie took the service, during which, Sarah and Ellen Forsythe sang 'Amazing Grace'. A large number of non-perishable food items were donated by the Congregation and these were later delivered by Rev Moodie and his wife, Wendy, to the Storehouse Banbridge Community Foodbank.

### **November**

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, for the first time since the Pandemic, we held our Communion Service in the traditional way sitting around the tables at the front of the Church. Mr Sam Agnew and Mrs Karen Busby assisted Rev Moodie in the serving of the wine and bread. Thanks were extended to Mrs Sylvia Cruikshanks for baking the shortbread. There was a good attendance at the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, when the wreath at the war memorial was laid by Mrs Sharon Hansen and Binyon's words were read by Mr Alfie Hazley. The Last Post and Reveille were played by Mr Stephen Thompson on the organ. Thanks are extended to Mrs Elizabeth Stevenson for her usual beautiful poppy displays. A Family Service was held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, when the lesson was read by Heidi Hansen.

### **December**

The Church was again beautifully decorated throughout the Christmas period and thanks go to Mrs Sylvia Cruikshanks and her daughter, Karen, for the various displays on the windows and throughout the Church. Thanks also go

to David Little for putting up and decorating the Christmas tree and to Mrs Edna Agnew and Sam for providing the Advent wreath. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, the Congregation were treated by Rev Moodie and his wife, Wendy, to a Nativity Puppet Show, which was thoroughly enjoyed by young and old present. There was a very good attendance at the Carol Service, which was held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Ellen and Sarah Forsythe sang 'O Holy Night' and the readers were Sarah and Ellen Forsythe, Ruby Bushby, Alison McCluskey, Colette Brown, John Cunningham and Wendy Moodie. At the end of the service, all the children received a selection box. Thanks to everyone who brought gifts of toiletries for Barnardos. There was also a good attendance on Christmas morning, when it was great to have Mr Martin Shields, his wife Francesca and their seven children join us from Dublin and take part in the service. Charlotte sang 'O Holy Night', Bella played the guitar and together, with her brother Freddie, sang 'Silent Night'.

Carol McAlister



## **Sunday School Report 2022**

Unfortunately, Sunday School has not yet resumed. However, it was good to have the children participate in a few services during the year.

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### **November**

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### **December**

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## Honorary Treasurer's Report 2022



Our thanks must go to our church members for their generosity throughout 2022. While we have seen a 23% decline in our ordinary collection, our total stipend collection (envelope and regular monthly bank transfers) for the year has increased by 3.33% from last year. Our donations we make to the various charity collections each month amounted to £935 and as a small congregation we should be proud of this. Our chosen charities are always grateful for the donations they receive from us.

A number of members are now opting to pay stipends directly into our church bank account and if any other church member needs further details about how to do this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our church income was again boosted this year by payment of Gift Aid claims made for 2021, which amounted to £3462.72 Thank you to everyone, who has already signed up to the Gift Aid scheme. The scheme allows the church to claim 25 pence for every pound that you have already given to the church, providing that you are a taxpayer. It is a very simple process and forms are available for anyone, who has not yet signed up to Gift Aid and would like to do so.

Our main outlays during 2022 were for the usual church insurance, graveyard maintenance and heating oil.

I would like to thank the other members of the congregation, who have helped me during the year – Mr Jim Russell for his work as Stipend Treasurer, Mr Bertie McClean for collecting the weekly charity donations and Mrs Carol McAlister for her help & advice throughout the year. Thanks also to Mrs Jocelyn Girvan for independently verifying our accounts for 2022. I am grateful to you all.

Once again, many thanks to all the members of our church – your continued support is greatly appreciated. I hope and pray that 2023 will be an even better year for our church and for us all.

### ANNUAL REVIEW

	<u>Stipend Collection</u>	<u>Ordinary Collection</u>
<b>2018</b>	£13,145	£516
<b>2019</b>	£11,946	£224
<b>2020</b>	£11,225	£50
<b>2021</b>	£14,383	£223
<b>2022</b>	£14,862	£170

Elaine Hutton - February 2023

**STIPEND FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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22	£730.00	£192.50
24	£255.00	£65.00
26	£405.00	£76.25
27	£470.00	£155.00
28	£150.00	£36.25
30	£530.00	
33	£465.00	£106.25
34	£250.00	£52.50
35	£245.00	£52.50
36	£540.00	£142.50
38	£400.00	£96.25
39	£107.00	
45	£320.00	£57.50
51	£520.00	£142.50
52	£10.00	
93	£550.00	£155.00
95/105	£836.00	£218.00
100	£270.00	
101	£560.00	£135.00
106	£112.00	£28.50
107	£112.00	£28.50
119	£170.00	£52.50
120	£170.00	£52.50
121	£200.00	£67.50
122	£520.00	£125.00
132	£490.00	£105.00
137	£360.00	£90.00
	£60.00	£15.00
Interest		£10.22
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£14,862.00</b>	<b>£3,462.72</b>

Charity No. NIC100336  
Stipend Treasurer: Mr R.J. Russell  
Auditor: Mrs. J. Girvan

## No. 1 Account - Year Ending 31 December 2022

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance @ bank Jan 01	£57,794.95	Minister's Salary	
Stipend (envelopes)	£12,272.00	including HMRC & Pension	£10,102.79
Annual Stipend (via bank)	£2,590.00	Vints - Payroll Services	£402.60
Ordinary Collection	£170.35	Pulpit Supplies	£460.00
Rent -Silver Band	£150.00	Church Cleaning	£720.00
Wayleave	£6.32	Organist & Relief	£1,975.00
Sustentation Fund	£150.00	Electricity	£69.85
Ground Rents	£210.00	Oil	£1,297.00
Gift Aid 2021	£3,462.72	Organ Maintenance	£131.90
Ministry Expenses No.4 Acc	£1,000.00	MG Fire Services	£96.00
Dividends	£2,086.22	S. School Platinum Bibles	£105.30
Commonwealth War Graves	£15.00	S. School Gifts (selection boxes)	£21.00
		Rep Elder Synod Travel/Lunch	£30.00
		Benevolent Fund	£100.00
		Insurance	£2,014.46
<b>Charity Collections</b>		Annual Postage Expenses	£95.35
Southern Area Hospice	£160.00	N.I. Water/Sewerage Charges	£162.88
Alzheimers	£180.00	Communion Pre-filled Cups	£19.50
Kidney Research	£100.00	Weedkiller	£159.00
Children's Hospice	£110.00	Antrim Pres Fees	£40.00
Orphan Fund	£80.00	Antrim Pres Student Fund	£50.00
Graveyard	£120.00	Printing Costs	£1.28
B Positive	£100.00		
Poppy Appeal	<u>£85.00</u>		
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Annual General Meeting – Thursday 9 March 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Apologies

Correspondence

Minutes of last AGM - March 2022

Matters Arising

Report of Hon. Secretary

Report of Hon. Treasurer

Sunday School Report

Election of Officers

Election of Presbytery & Synod Representative

Any other business

**First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100336

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# Annual return

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
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AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING  
31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity No: NIC100336

**STIPEND FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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24	£255.00	£65.00
26	£405.00	£76.25
27	£470.00	£155.00
28	£150.00	£36.25
30	£530.00	
33	£465.00	£106.25
34	£250.00	£52.50
35	£245.00	£52.50
36	£540.00	£142.50
38	£400.00	£96.25
39	£107.00	
45	£320.00	£57.50
51	£520.00	£142.50
52	£10.00	
93	£550.00	£155.00
95/105	£836.00	£218.00
100	£270.00	
101	£560.00	£135.00
106	£112.00	£28.50
107	£112.00	£28.50
119	£170.00	£52.50
120	£170.00	£52.50
121	£200.00	£67.50
122	£520.00	£125.00
132	£490.00	£105.00
137	£360.00	£90.00
	£60.00	£15.00
Interest		£10.22
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£14,862.00</b>	<b>£3,462.72</b>

Charity No.NIC100336  
Stipend Treasurer: Mr R.J. Russell  
Auditor: Mrs. J. Girvan

## No. 1 Account - Year Ending 31 December 2022

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance @ bank Jan 01	£57,794.95	Minister's Salary	
Stipend (envelopes)	£12,272.00	including HMRC & Pension	£10,102.79
Annual Stipend (via bank)	£2,590.00	Vints - Payroll Services	£402.60
Ordinary Collection	£170.35	Pulpit Supplies	£460.00
Rent -Silver Band	£150.00	Church Cleaning	£720.00
Wayleave	£6.32	Organist & Relief	£1,975.00
Sustentation Fund	£150.00	Electricity	£69.85
Ground Rents	£210.00	Oil	£1,297.00
Gift Aid 2021	£3,462.72	Organ Maintenance	£131.90
Ministry Expenses No.4 Acc	£1,000.00	MG Fire Services	£96.00
Dividends	£2,086.22	S. School Platinum Bibles	£105.30
Commonwealth War Graves	£15.00	S. School Gifts (selection boxes)	£21.00
		Rep Elder Synod Travel/Lunch	£30.00
		Benevolent Fund	£100.00
		Insurance	£2,014.46
<b>Charity Collections</b>		Annual Postage Expenses	£95.35
Southern Area Hospice	£160.00	N.I. Water/Sewerage Charges	£162.88
Alzheimers	£180.00	Communion Pre-filled Cups	£19.50
Kidney Research	£100.00	Weedkiller	£159.00
Children's Hospice	£110.00	Antrim Pres Fees	£40.00
Orphan Fund	£80.00	Antrim Pres Student Fund	£50.00
Graveyard	£120.00	Printing Costs	£1.28
B Positive	£100.00		
Poppy Appeal	<u>£85.00</u>		
	£935.00	<b>Denominational Funds</b>	
		Joint Inc & Mod Fund	£199.00
		Sunday School Fund	£74.00
		Sustentation Fund	£430.00
		Rem. Synod	£45.00
		Trustee Co. Fund	£10.00
		Bodel Mackenzie	£10.00
		Ministers' Widows' Fund	£100.00
		Orphan Society	£100.00
		Porter Fund	£30.00
		Students & Ministers	<u>£50.00</u>
			£1,048.00
<b>Donations</b>		<b>Charity Collections</b>	
<b>Graveyard Donations:</b>		Southern Area Hospice	£160.00
D Bryans	£50.00	Alzheimer's Society	£180.00
		NI Kidney Research	£100.00
<b>Harvest Donations:</b>		NI Children's Hospice	£110.00
Mr & Mrs McCarrison	£50.00	B Positive	£100.00
		Poppy Appeal	<u>£85.00</u>
			£735.00
		<b>Balance @ bank Dec 31</b>	<b><u>£61,105.65</u></b>
	<u>£80,942.56</u>		<u>£80,942.56</u>

**No. 2 Account - Ben Dickson Fund - Year Ending 31 December 2022**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£171.18		
		Dec 31 Balance @ Bank	<b>£171.18</b>
	£171.18		£171.18

**No. 3 Account - Renovation/Dunbar School - Year Ending 31 December 2022**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£46,742.75	Grass cutting at graveyard	£800.00
Rent Dunbar School	£8,750.04	Plumbing Repairs	£50.00
		Dec 31 Balance @ Bank	<b>£54,642.79</b>
	£55,492.79		£55,492.79

**No. 4 Account - Manse - Year Ending 31 December 2022**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£40,598.88	Ministry Expenses	£1,000.00
Dividends	£3,531.68		
Interest	£8.72	Dec 31 Balance @ Bank	<b>£43,139.28</b>
	£44,139.28		£44,139.28

**Dunbar Fund - Year Ending 31 December 2022**

Jan 1 Balance @ Bank	£1,891.74	Bank fees	£30.10
Interest	£1.91		
Dividends	£93.66	Dec 31 Balance @ Bank	<b>£1,957.21</b>
	£1,987.31		£1,987.31

Charity No.NIC100336

Treasurer:

Mrs. E. Hutton

Independent Examiner:

Mrs J. Girvan

**First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge**

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To the best of my knowledge from the information given to me in my capacity as Honorary Treasurer during the financial year ending 31 December 2022, it is my belief that the attached accounts show a true and fair view of the financial state of First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge as of 31 December 2022.

E Hutton (signature)

Dated: 8.2.2023

Mrs. Elaine Hutton  
Honorary Treasurer

I have examined the accounts of First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge from the books and receipts supplied to me, 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)(b) of the Charities Act.

My 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 explanation from charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

- 1 – That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 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 Charities Act
- 4 – That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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

To the best of my information and belief, the attached accounts show a true and fair view of the financial state of affairs of First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church, Banbridge as of 31 December 2022.

J. Y. - e (signature)

Dated: 18/02/23

Mrs. Jocelyn Girvan  
Accounts Administrator