

BALLYCLARE NON SUBSCRIBING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101107

Details

Known as NSPCI - Ballyclare

Status Received

Registered 2015-06-04

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

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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 of inconvenience inflicted by his fellow men.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Education/training,General charitable purposes,Relief of poverty,Religious activities

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£27,831	£42,468	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Edward Laird		
Jacqueline Crooks		
Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church Of Ireland Trustees		
Wilson Logan		

BALLYCLARE NON SUBSCRIBING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101107

Accounts

Ballyclare Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church
Charity No. NIC101107
Statement of Operating Income and Expenditure
Year ended 31 December 2024

		2023
<u>Income</u>		
Christian Aid Collection	£255.00	
Aware NI - Book Sale	£200.00	
Table Quiz for Moderator Appeal	£300.00	
Retirement Dinner	£277.00	
Retirement Gift Collection	£320.00	
Cash Collections	£167.30	
Dividends	£846.30	
Free Will Offering - 2023	£385.00	
Free Will Offering - 2024	£13,107.30	
Free Will Offering - Year End 2023 Donations	£350.00	
Gift Aid - Income Tax Recovered	£2,455.11	
Interest Income	£118.88	
National Savings	£2,074.92	
Other Income - Donations for use of School Room	£370.00	
Donation from W Love	£500.00	
Burns Night	£405.00	
Rent from Coffee Shop	£5,700.00	
Total Income	£27,831.81	£29,935.02
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank Charges	£80.72	
Caretaker	£1,470.00	
Donation to Cork Congregation	£500.00	
Donation to Christian Aid	£255.00	
Donation to Aware NI	£200.00	
Donation to :Moderator's Appeal	£300.00	
NSPCI Benevolent Fund	£50.00	
Church Maintenance:Buildings Maintenance	£5,470.28	
Free Will Offering Envelopes	£245.98	
Insurance - Church	£1,332.05	
Insurance - Coffee Shop	£562.27	
Joint Incidental & Moderatorial Fund	£1,453.00	
Minister's Expenses	£479.71	
Minister's Salary - HMRC - Tax and National Ins.	£5,042.46	
Minister's Salary	£16,169.06	
Minister's Salary - Pension Contribution	£1,838.60	
Expenses - Burns Night	£550.00	
Organist Gratuities	£550.00	
Organist Supplies	£270.00	
Presbytery Fee	£150.00	
Pulpit Supplies	£700.00	
Retirement Dinner	£449.50	
Retirement Gift	£2,000.00	
Utilities:Electric	£1,399.01	
Utilities:Water	£950.96	
Money Out	£42,468.60	£35,855.05
Difference	-£14,636.79	-£5,920.03

Ballyclare Non-Subscribing Prescribing Presbyterian Church
Free Will Offering and Gift Aid
Year ended 31 December 2024

To Note:- Following advice from NI Charity Commissioners, and mindful of Data Regulations, member contributions are anonymised. This recommendation has been agreed by the Church Committee.

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4 £	260.00	Y	£ 65.00
5 £	325.00	Y	£ 81.25
6 £	600.00	Y	£ 150.00
7 £	590.00	Y	£ 147.50
8 £	152.00	Y	£ 38.00
9 £	10.00	N	
10 £	285.00	Y	£ 71.25
12 £	275.00	Y	£ 68.75
14 £	185.00	Y	£ 46.25
15 £	300.00	Y	£ 75.00
16 £	155.00	Y	£ 38.75
17 £	27.00	Y	£ 6.75
18 £	20.00	Y	£ 5.00
19 £	280.00	Y	£ 70.00
20 £	160.00	Y	£ 40.00
22 £	245.00	Y	£ 61.25
23 £	40.00	Y	£ 10.00
25 £	240.00	Y	£ 60.00
26 £	590.00	Y	£ 147.50
27 £	100.00	N	
28 £	220.00	Y	£ 55.00
30 £	520.00	Y	£ 130.00
31 £	260.00	Y	£ 65.00
32 £	255.00	Y	£ 63.75
34 £	270.00	Y	£ 67.50
35 £	505.00	Y	£ 126.25
38 £	300.00	Y	£ 75.00
39 £	3.00	N	
41 £	210.00	Y	£ 52.50
45 £	435.00	Y	£ 108.75
46 £	150.00	Y	£ 37.50
48 £	520.00	Y	£ 130.00
49 £	500.00	Y	£ 125.00
50 £	1,045.00	Y	£ 261.25
51 £	102.00	Y	£ 25.50
52 £	1,080.00	Y	£ 270.00
55 £	262.00	Y	£ 65.50
56 £	52.00	Y	£ 13.00
59 £	10.00	N	
60 £	115.00	N	
63 £	81.00	Y	£ 20.25
64 £	260.00	Y	£ 65.00
65 £	10.00	N	
66 £	460.00	Y	£ 115.00
67 £	50.00	Y	£ 12.50
68 £	45.00	Y	£ 11.25
70 £	102.00	Y	£ 25.50
71 £	240.00	Y	£ 60.00
73 £	30.00	N	
74 £	100.00	Y	£ 25.00
75 £	32.00	Y	£ 8.00
76 £	22.00	Y	£ 5.50
77 £	25.00	N	
78 £	141.00	N	
79 £	142.00	N	
80 £	315.00	Y	£ 78.75
82 £	2.00	Y	£ 0.50
83 £	490.00	Y	£ 122.50
84 £	20.00	Y	£ 5.00
85 £	20.00	Y	£ 5.00

90	£	70.00	Y	£	17.50
91	£	121.20	Y	£	30.30
99	£	120.00	Y	£	30.00

Total **£14,826.20** **£ 3,560.05**

Gift Aid to be Collected in 2025

Ballyclare Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church

Statement of Assets, Bank Balances, Deposits & Investments

Year ended 31 December 2024

Assets

Session House - Retail Unit

Buildings Insured for	£	193,697.00
Contents Insured for	£	50,469.00

Church - Bulidngs & Contents £ 1,235,461.73

Total Insurances £ 1,479,627.73

Northern Bank Account

Current account

Opening Balance at 1 Jan 2024	£	58,037.70
Change for the Year	-£	15,471.31

Closing Balance at 31 Dec 2024 £ 42,566.39

Fixed term Deposit Account

Opening Balance at 1 Jan 2024	£	27,979.26
Total Interest	£	867.59
Closing Balance at 31 Dec 2024	£	28,846.85

Nat West Group (formerly the Royal Bank of Scotland)

Number of shares held at 31 Dec 2024		4836
At Dec 31 Dec 2024 price per share was	£	4.02
	£	19,440.72

National Savings Bonds

Held at 31 December 2024 £ 55,000.00

NI Central Investment Fund for Charities

Number of shares held at 31 Dec 2024		9,772
At 31 December 2024 price per share was	£	15.57
	£	152,150.04

Evelyn Partners Investments

Valuation of investments on 1 Jan 2024	£	182,298.00
Valuation of investments on 31 Dec 2024	£	192,045.47
Portfolio Capital Return		5.35%

Leeds & Holbeck Building Society

Balance at 5 April 2024 £ 1,620.92

Total Reserves £ 1,959,929.73

Previous Year's Reserves £ 1,873,883.21
Change 5%

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Charity No. NIC101107
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Year ended 31 December 2023

Income

Christain Aid Collection	£240.00
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	£1,028.00
Ordination -Donations	£1,320.00
Retirement Gift Collection	£390.00
Cash Collections	£187.90
Dividends	£749.58
Free Will Offering - 2023	£12,069.00
Free Will Offering - Year End 2022	£1,159.00
Gift Aid - Income Tax Recovered	£5,062.35
Interest Income	£155.67
National Savings Income	£1,663.52
Historical Society Donation	£210.00
Rent - Session House	£5,700.00

Total Income **£29,935.02**

Expenses

Bank Charges	£85.03
Caretaker	£1,320.00
Christain Aid	£240.00
Turkey Earthquake Appeal Donation	£1,028.00
NSPCI Benevolent Fund	£50.00
Church Maintenance:Buildings Maintenance	£12,493.53
Church Maintenance:Organ Maintenance	£195.00
Ballyclare Male Choir	£300.00
Free Will Offering Envelopes	£224.85
Insurance:Church	£1,272.35
Insurance:Coffee Shop	£509.09
Joint Incidental & Moderatorial Fund	£1,363.00
Minister's Salary	£10,012.98
NSP Magazine	£213.40
Ordination Costs	£1,524.88
Organist Gratuities	£550.00
Organist Supplies	£80.00
Pulpit Supplies	£2,200.00
Stationary	£160.38
Utilities:Electric	£1,384.10
Utilities:Water	£648.46

Total Expenses **£35,855.05**

Difference **-£5,920.03**

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Free Will Offering and Gift Aid
Year ended 31 December 2023

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9	£ 25.00	N	
10	£ 355.00	Y	£ 88.75
11	£ 6.00	Y	£ 1.50
12	£ 265.00	Y	£ 66.25
14	£ 250.00	Y	£ 62.50
16	£ 205.00	Y	£ 51.25
17	£ 50.50	Y	£ 12.63
18	£ 270.00	Y	£ 67.50
19	£ 320.00	Y	£ 80.00
22	£ 215.00	Y	£ 53.75
25	£ 300.00	Y	£ 75.00
26	£ 445.00	Y	£ 111.25
27	£ 35.00	N	
28	£ 260.00	Y	£ 65.00
30	£ 490.00	Y	£ 122.50
31	£ 180.00	Y	£ 45.00
32	£ 265.00	Y	£ 66.25
34	£ 10.00	Y	£ 2.50
36	£ 10.00	N	
38	£ 175.00	Y	£ 43.75
41	£ 200.00	Y	£ 50.00
45	£ 415.00	Y	£ 103.75
48	£ 530.00	Y	£ 132.50
49	£ 400.00	Y	£ 100.00
50	£ 1,005.00	Y	£ 251.25
51	£ 108.00	Y	£ 27.00
52	£ 1,000.00	Y	£ 250.00
55	£ 280.00	Y	£ 70.00
56	£ 55.00	Y	£ 13.75
59	£ 20.00	N	
61	£ 65.50	Y	£ 16.38
63	£ 117.00	Y	£ 29.25
64	£ 530.00	Y	£ 132.50
66	£ 365.00	Y	£ 91.25
67	£ 100.00	Y	£ 25.00
68	£ 87.50	Y	£ 21.88
70	£ 102.00	Y	£ 25.50
74	£ 128.00	Y	£ 32.00
75	£ 93.00	Y	£ 23.25
76	£ 99.00	Y	£ 24.75
77	£ 16.00	N	
78	£ 149.00	N	
79	£ 149.00	N	
80	£ 165.00	Y	£ 41.25
81	£ 10.00	N	
82	£ 181.00	Y	£ 45.25
83	£ 490.00	Y	£ 122.50
84	£ 20.00	Y	£ 5.00
85	£ 55.00	Y	£ 13.75
90	£ 60.00	Y	£ 15.00
91	£ 157.00	Y	£ 39.25
92	£ 10.00	N	
99	£ 140.00	Y	£ 35.00
Total	£13,025.50		£ 3,150.38

Gift Aid to be Collected in 2024

Ballyclare Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church

Statement of Assets, Bank Balances, Deposits & Investments

Year ended 31 December 2023

Assets

Session House - Retail Unit

Buildings Insured for	£	188,055.00
Contents Insured for	£	49,268.00

Church - Bulidngs & Contents	£	1,178,830.22
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Total Insurances	£	1,416,153.22
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Northern Bank Account

Current account

Opening Balance at 1 Jan 2023	£	62,757.71
Change for the Year	-£	4,720.01

Closing Balance at 31 Dec 2023	£	58,037.70
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Fixed term Deposit Account

Opening Balance at 1 Jan 2023	£	27,979.26
Total Interest	£	307.51
Closing Balance at 31 Dec 2023	£	28,286.77

Nat West Group (formerly the Royal Bank of Scotland)

Number of shares held at 31 Dec 2023	4836	
At Dec 31 Dec 2021 price per share was	£	2.19
	£	10,590.84

National Savings Bonds

Held at 31 December 2021	£	55,000.00
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NI Central Investment Fund for Charities

Number of shares held at 31 Dec 2023	9,504	
At 31 December 2023 price per share was	£	14.17
	£	134,671.68

Smith and Williamson Investments

Valuation of investments on 1 Jan 2023	£	171,143.00
Valuation of investments on 31 Dec 2023	£	182,298.00
Portfolio Capital Return	6.12%	

Leeds & Holbeck Building Society

Balance at 5 April 2023	£	1,605.34
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Total Reserves	£	1,873,883.21
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**OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BALLYCLARE
WOMEN'S GROUP
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Year ended 31 December 2023

Opening Bank Balance as at 31 December 2022		£ 1,112.72
INCOME		
30/10/2022 Interest	£	13.50
EXPENDITURE		
None		
Closing Bank Balance as at 31 December 2023		£ 1,126.22
Cash in hand at 31 December 2021		£ 301.00
INCOME		
None		
Total	£	-
EXPENDITURE		
Misc	£	41.00
Total	£	41.00
Cash in hand as at 31 December 2023		£ 260.00

BALLYCLARE NON SUBSCRIBING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101107

Annual report



THE OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAIN STREET
BALLYCLARE
(CHARITY NO. NIC101107)

Trustees Annual Statement 2023

We the trustees of the Old Presbyterian Church, Ballyclare are pleased to recommend that the details contained in the Secretary's Report for 2023 explains 'the main activities undertaken by the charity to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit' and 'the main achievements of the charity during the year'.

We also believe that the charity trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Commission under section 4(b) of the Charities Act (the public benefit requirement statutory guidance).

Jackie Crooks
Signed

JACKIE CROOKS
Printed

21/4/24.
Date

B. W. Laird
Signed

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BALLYCLARE NON SUBSCRIBING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Annual return



THE OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAIN STREET
BALLYCLARE
(CHARITY NO. NIC101107)

Auditor Annual Statement 2023

I report on the accounts of the Old Presbyterian Church, Ballyclare for the year ended 31 December 2023.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention in the records presented and it is my belief they are an accurate reflection of the church's finances.


Signed

THOMAS J. GREEN
Printed

21-4-2024
Date

Enquires to:

<p>Minister: Rev. Lynda Kane 31 Glanleam Draive Belfast BT15 3FN Tel: 077 4036 2817</p>	<p>Treasurer: Dr. Trevor Forsythe 36 Carrickfergus Road Ballymure Ballyclare Co Antrim BT39 9PX Tel. 028 93354219</p>	<p>Correspondence Mrs Evelyn Meharg 134 Lower Ballyboley Road Ballyclare BT39 9UL Co Antrim BT39 9UL Tel: 028 9334 0433</p>
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Northern Ireland - Charity number 101107

Accounts

Ballyclare Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church
Charity No. NIC101107
Statement of Operating Income and Expenditure
Year ended 31 December 2022

Income

Charity Collection:Christian Aid	£165.00
Charity Collection:The Alzheimers Society	£325.00
Charity Collection:Women's Day World of Prayer	£351.60
Cash Collections	£973.80
Dividends	£1,448.10
Free Will Offering - 2022	£10,320.84
Free Will Offering - Year End 2021	£1,475.00
Interest Income	£159.33
National Savings	£434.22
Other Income: Ballyclare Male Choir	£100.00
Other Income: Insurance Refund	£1,285.68
Other Income: Jean Moore Donation	£275.00
Other Income: Wilson Forsythe Bequest	£2,000.00
Rent - Session House	£5,700.00

Total Income **£25,013.57**

Expenses

Bank Charges	£77.02
Caretaker	£1,440.00
Charity:Christian Aid	£500.00
Charity:NSPCI Benevolent Fund	£50.00
Charity:Salvation Army	£244.00
Charity:The Alzheimers Society	£325.00
Charity: Women's Day World of Prayer Donation	£351.60
Church Maintenance:Buildings Maintenance	£14,117.42
Church Maintenance:Organ Maintenance	£195.00
Free Will Offering Envelopes	£218.69
Insurance:Church	£1,189.05
Insurance:Coffee Shop	£516.49
Joint Incidental & Moderatorial Fund	£1,197.00
Minister's Salary	£13,320.00
Organist Gratuities	£500.00
Organist Supplies	£40.00
Presbytery Fee	£40.00
Pulpit Supplies	£1,000.00
Stationary	£427.97
Utilities:Electric	£2,632.38
Utilities:Water	£557.75

Total Expenses **£38,939.37**

Difference **-£13,925.80**

Ballyclare Non-Subscribing Presbytery Church

Free Will Offering an Offering and Gift Aid

Year ended 31 December 2022

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9	£ 25.00	N	
10	£ 270.00	Y	£ 67.50
11	£ 12.00	Y	£ 3.00
12	£ 255.00	Y	£ 63.75
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31	£ 215.00	Y	£ 53.75
32	£ 265.00	Y	£ 66.25
34	£ 268.00	Y	£ 67.00
38	£ 225.00	Y	£ 56.25
39	£ 2.50	N	
41	£ 255.00	Y	£ 63.75
45	£ 380.00	Y	£ 95.00
48	£ 520.00	Y	£ 130.00
50	£ 1,011.00	Y	£ 252.75
51	£ 104.00	Y	£ 26.00
52	£ 1,000.00	Y	£ 250.00
55	£ 260.00	Y	£ 65.00
56	£ 51.10	Y	£ 12.78
57	£ 29.14	Y	£ 7.29
59	£ 25.00	N	
61	£ 132.50	Y	£ 33.13
64	£ 470.00	Y	£ 117.50
65	£ 15.00	Y	£ 3.75
66	£ 225.00	N	
68	£ 60.00	N	
70	£ 106.00	Y	£ 26.50
78	£ 161.00	N	
79	£ 153.00	N	
80	£ 270.00	Y	£ 67.50
83	£ 510.00	Y	£ 127.50
88	£ 1.00	N	

91	£	155.00	Y	£	38.75
92	£	10.00	N		
99	£	50.00	Y	£	12.50
Total		£11,458.64			£2,692.54

Gift Aid to be Collected in 2023

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Statement of Assets, Bank Balances, Deposits & Investments

Year ended 31 December 2022

Assets

Session House - Retail Unit

Buildings Insured for	£	158,640.00
Contents Insured for	£	39,071.00

Church - Bulidngs & Contents £ 1,094,539.74

Total Insurances **£ 1,292,250.74**

Northern Bank Account

Current account

Opening Balance at 1 Jan 2022	£	76,463.51
Change for the Year	-£	13,705.80

Closing Balance at 31 Dec 2022 **£ 62,757.71**

Fixed term Deposit Account

Opening Balance at 1 Jan 2022	£	27,979.26
Total Interest	£	73.34
Closing Balance at 31 Dec 2022	£	28,052.60

Nat West Group (formerly the Royal Bank of Scotland)

Number of shares held at 31 Dec 2022 4836
(See Note 1 below)

At Dec 31 Dec 2021 price per share was £ 2.65 **£ 12,815.40**

National Savings Bonds

Held at 31 December 2021 **£ 55,000.00**

NI Central Investment Fund for Charities

Number of shares held at 31 Dec 2022 9,221
At 31 December 2022 price per share was £ 14.24 **£ 131,307.04**

Smith and Williamson Investments

Valuation of investments on 1 Jan 2022	£	200,317.87
Valuation of investments on 31 Dec 2022	£	171,143.00
Portfolio Capital Return	-17.05%	

Leeds & Holbeck Building Society

Balance at 5 April 2022 **£ 1,604.54**

Total Reserves £ 1,782,501.36

Note 1 - Consolidation of Shares by Nat West Group on and 13 for 14 basis.
5,209 share held on 26 Aug 2022 consolidated to 4,836 shares.

**OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BALLYCLARE
WOMEN'S GROUP
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Year ended 31 December 2022

	Opening Bank Balance as at 31 December 2021		£ 1,112.72
	INCOME		
30/10/2022	Interest	£	0.95
	EXPENDITURE		
	None		
	Closing Bank Balance as at 31 December 2022		£ 1,113.67
	Cash in hand at 31 December 2021		£ 351.00
	INCOME		
	Total		0
	EXPENDITURE		
31/03/2021	Women's World Day Expenses	£	50.00
	Total		£ 50.00
	Cash in hand as at 31 December 2022		£ 301.00

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<u>Jaqueline Crooks</u>	<u>JACQUELINE CROOKS</u>	<u>12-3-23</u>
Signed	Printed	Date

<u>E. W. Laird</u>	<u>EDWARD LAIRD</u>	<u>12-3-23</u>
Signed	Printed	Date

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF BALLYCLARE OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 12th March 2023

Agenda

- 1 Opening remarks – Chairman
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of AGM – Sunday 20th March 2022 – Adoption and Signature
- 4 Presentation of Reports -
 - a) Secretary's Report – E Meharg
 - b) Treasurer's Report and Women's Group, Financial Report – T Forsythe
 - c) Sunday School Report – C Warnock
- 5 Declaration of offices vacant and elections 2023 - 2024
- 6 Any other business
- 7 Signing of Accounts and Reports
- 8 Close of Meeting and Benediction.

Minutes of AGM, Sunday 20th March 2022

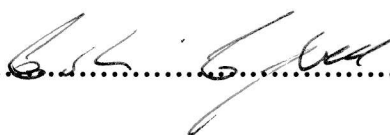
Ballyclare Presbyterian Church

Following a service of worship the AGM was held in the Meeting House, with The Rev Colin Campbell sitting in Chair.

No	Action	Responsible
1	Welcomed everyone and opened with a prayer. Thanked the Congregation for their support.	Rev C Campbell
2	Apologies -	Mr & Mrs R Laird
3	Minister read the Minutes of the AGM 26 th September 2021. Minutes were adopted and signed.	Proposed Mr T Forsythe Seconded Mrs C Warnock All agreed
4	Secretary's Report read, adopted and signed.	Proposed Mr E Laird Seconded Mr A Todd Agreed by the Congregation
5	Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was audited by Tom Green for 2020 and 2021. Trevor Forsythe talked through four sections of the accounts and included the Women's Group finances. Trevor noted how fortunate we are to have healthy assets and noted with gratitude the bequest of £50k to the Church by Renee Kennedy. The Investments were down after the outbreak of the Ukrainian war. The Rev Campbell thanked Trevor for a comprehensive report and was very appreciative of all his hard work.	Proposed Mr A Laird Seconded Mrs J Crooks Agreed by the Congregation
6	The Sunday School Report was given by Mrs Cathy Warnock. Cathy advised that activity had been suspended until October due to Covid restrictions. She noted the retirement of Jennifer Forsythe from the Sunday School and thanked her for all her work with the children.	Proposed Mrs S Laird Seconded Mrs E Logan Congregation Agreed.

	<p>There were no Child Protection issues.</p> <p>There was a balance of £552.03 on the Sunday School accounts.</p> <p>The Minister thanked Mrs Cathy Warnock and Mrs Jennifer Forsythe.</p>	
7	<p>The Women's Group Financial Report was incorporated into the Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Rev Colin Campbell thanked the Women's Group for their continued support.</p>	As per Treasurer's Report Congregation Agreed.
8	<p>The Rev Campbell declared all offices vacant.</p> <p>There was a proposed re-election of both secretaries. Meetings Secretary – Andrea Crook. Correspondence Secretary – Evelyn Meharg</p> <p>It was also proposed that the Treasurer was re-elected. Treasurer – Dr Trevor Forsythe</p> <p>Sunday School – proposed re-election of Cathy Warnock and Jennifer Hall.</p> <p>There was a proposal for re-election of the committee.</p>	<p>Proposed Mrs J Crooks Seconded Mrs I Campbell All Agreed</p> <p>Proposed Mr E Laird Seconded Mr A Todd All Agreed</p> <p>Proposed Mr A Laird Seconded Dr T Forsythe</p> <p>Proposed Dr T Forsythe Seconded Mrs S Laird</p>
9	<p>AOB Rev Campbell thanked the session and Committee, and thanked the congregation for their support. He looked forward to the opportunities and challenges in the future and thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting concluded in prayer.</p>	

Minutes Signed:



Date:

13th March 2023

Secretary's Report for the Year 2022

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The secretary's report encompasses the services and events of the past year, this report however encompasses the completion of another chapter in the church's history following the resignation and retirement of Rev Campbell.

Installed as our minister in November 2005, Rev Campbell had been with us from 2001. Thankfully the bonds with our church and congregation will not be broken as Rev Campbell will remain as minister in-charge, until a new minister is appointed.

I was recently flicking through an old hymn book and found the following hymn. I thought how well it summed up Rev Campbell and how blessed we have been to have him to lead our congregation.

*"Thou must be true thyself,
If thou the truth wouldst teach;
Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul wouldst reach.
The overflow of heart it needs
To give the lips full speech.*

*Think truly, and thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly, and each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed;
Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed."*

Deaths

- 21/06/22 Jean Moore – was a regular attender for many years until she moved to Bangor. Jean and her husband Alex maintained their contact and interest with the congregation.
- 09/11/22 Virginia Turkington –was a life long member of our church, and long standing member of the choir. Virginia was always quick to volunteer to help out at church events and cheerfully gave of her time when catering was required. She will be much missed.
- 29/12/22 Elizabeth Moore (Lilian) Gilpin – Lilian was Amy Gilpin's mother-in-law.

Marriages

There were no marriages

Baptisms

26/06/22 Kia Albie Curlett, daughter of Gareth and Kerry Curlett (nee Glass)
03/07/22 Quinn Sterling, son of Lynsey and Alexander Sterling

Special Services and Events

During the year we continued to be mindful of social distancing and services remained shorter with three hymns only and it was June before the collection was taken up rather than plates being placed in the Vestibule.

Following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the church was open on Wednesday 11th March 2022 from 11.00am to 1.00pm for prayer and reflection.

The decision was also taken for the Church to move from the Presbytery of Antrim to the Presbytery of Bangor. On 30th November a special meeting of Synod was held to transfer Ballyclare, Cairncastle and Ballymoney congregations to the Presbytery of Bangor.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer was held on Friday 4th March 2022. It was prepared by the Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland on the theme "I know the plans I have for you", from Jeremiah.

It was our church's year for hosting the service in the Ballyclare area and meetings were arranged by Jacqueline Crooks during October and January to organise the event. Lynda Kane led the service, Ethel Logan was our organist with readers from each of the participating churches in the area. Jeanette McKendry and Jennifer Hall had decorated the windows and prepared the table with candles to be lit during the service to symbolise Hope.

The ladies organised tea, coffee and with Covid measures in mind wrapped refreshments were placed in individual boxes and given out as everyone came into the church. There were also small boxes of wild-flower seeds given to each person as they arrived, again to symbolise Hope.

Annual General Meeting

After a short service, the Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 20th March. Reports were read and officers re-elected.

Mothering Sunday Service

On 27th March, Mothering Sunday Service was taken by Lynda Kane. It was decided to go back to singing 3 hymns and using Hymn Books at this service and onwards.

Easter Service

The Easter Service on the 17th April was led by Rev Campbell who talked about the message for Christians at Easter.

Communion

Communion services were held on Sunday 1st May with elders Jacqueline Crooks and Richard Laird giving out the bread and wine, with Rev Campbell leading the service.

The second communion service, on 6th November, was again led by Rev Campbell with Evelyn Meharg and Trevor Forsythe distributing the bread and wine. It was lovely to be able to use the traditional glasses and communion plates rather than the plastic variety used during Covid.

Jubilee Service

The Jubilee Service was held on Sunday 5th June. It was a service of thanksgiving and was led by the Rev Colin Campbell. Hymns included “The Lords my Shepherd” and “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”. The service ended with the National Anthem.

Afterwards the congregation retired to the Church garden for refreshments and a tree was planted by Mrs Doris Forsythe, as part of our celebrations of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

Children’s Day - 19/06/22

The family service, led by Lynda Kane, on a bright June morning, coincided with Father’s Day and had fathers as the theme.

Lynda, complete with two “volunteers” – Rev Campbell and Cathy Warnock, as the father and mother, asked the children during the Children’s Address to give various items to either one of them, depending on who they felt would be using it. The Rev Campbell was given the DIY items, Kathy received an apron, bills to organise etc. During the sermon Lynda spoke of biblical fathers and spoke of Abraham. She pointed out that great responsibility is placed on fathers and a stereo type of bread winner, DIY practitioner, strong, stoical person still exists. It was important to remember the individual behind this and for a father just to be himself and to acknowledge that everything wasn’t always OK all of the time. No matter what talents, jobs, hobbies or preferences it was important to be yourself and be accepted for that.

Although the Sunday School has reduced in size, it was lovely to see AJ, Gaby, Patrick and Harry all leading us in prayer. Patrick then played “Ode to Joy” on the trombone and Gaby followed this with “Morning has broken” played on the oboe. We sang three hymns, and for the first time since Covid, the collection was taken up in the church with the children performing this.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest Service was celebrated on Sunday 9th October. The Rev Campbell took the service in the Church which had been beautifully decorated by the ladies on the previous day. Rev Campbell spoke about how Harvests have been celebrated for over 4000 years and of other festivals and feast days.

He thanked everyone for their contributions of tinned and packeted goods which were donated to the local food bank.

Christmas Service

The Christmas Service, on the 18 December, starred the children of the Sunday School who performed a short Nativity Play and enchanted us with musical renditions. Paddy Charlesworth played “Jingles Bells” on the trombone, while Gaby Laird played the flute. Lynda Kane conducted the service of traditional carols; of “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”, “Away in a Manger” and “Good King Wenceslas” along with readings from Luke and Matthew. Laura Charlesworth sang a beautiful rendition of “O Holy Night”, while her son Harry sang “Away in a Manger”.

Candlelit Service

The Candlelit Service was held on 24th December, and was well attended. The tree decorated by Colin and Mary Surgeoner looked beautiful in the Vestibule. The windows and choir stalls were also decorated with candles and winter greenery, looking very festive.

The Service was led by Rev Colin Campbell who also played the guitar and sang the Calypso Carol. Traditional readings from Isaiah, Matthew, Luke and John were read by Irene Campbell, Shane Meharg, Evelyn Meharg, and Kathleen Campbell and retold the Christmas story that never seems to lose its magic.”

Susan Bates played a solo on the harp and Heather Walker also added to a delightful service.

The congregation joined in with the well known hymns – “In the bleak mid-winter”, “Once in Royal David’s City”, “Hark the Herald Angels sing”, “See Amid the winter’s snow” and “Silent Night”.

Afterwards we were treated, not only to mulled wine and short bread, but also to Heather Walker singing “O Holy Night” which was a beautiful way to head off home for Christmas.

Social Events

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week was held from 15th to 21st May. Envelopes were left in the pews and collected the following Sunday. Donations totalling £165 were given.

Women’s Group

The Womens Group meetings recommenced organised by Lynda Kane. While educational – different themes and topics were planned and discussed these meetings were light hearted and entertaining and provided fun and fellowship.

Play Reading

On Thursday 24th November, a play reading, by the Library Players, was organised by Jeanette McKendry in the church. This was an exciting “Who Dunit” murder mystery. It was well attended and refreshments were served during the interval. Donations received raised over £350 in aid of Alzheimer’s Society.

Fund Raising

A Table Quiz, held on 8th April, was organised by Lynda Kane, with Lynda doing quiz master in her own inimitable way! The event was light hearted and fun for everyone.

Black Santa appeal was held on 23rd December at ASDA Ballyclare. The Rev Campbell joined with other local clergy, and over £1020 was collected.

Property and Investments

The members of Session and Committee have worked hard to ensure repairs to the church have been addressed. Following the flooding which occurred in July of 2021 the flat roof of the Sunday School was replaced, the ceiling reinstated, the school room painted and new carpet was fitted to the stairs and ministers room. Fascia boards around the building have been replaced and the decision to renew the paths from the street to the church taken. This work will be undertaken with the commencement of better weather.

Investments have been performing well, but not quite to the level of last year.

Thanks

May I, on behalf of the congregation sincerely thank the Rev Campbell not only for the past year but for all his years of service, devotion and love to the church and its congregation. He has worked diligently with care and compassion throughout his time here at Ballyclare. May I also acknowledge the support and help given by Kathleen.

May I also thank Lynda Kane for her enthusiasm and support.

To Trevor Forsythe, who works extremely hard for the church, not just as Treasurer but in many other areas of the church.

Thanks to our Sunday School staff Cathy Warnock and Jennifer Hall.

Special thanks to Ethel Logan our organist, for her hard work and commitment and to Susan Bates who also joins us to play the organ.

Many thanks to Andrea Crook, our Meetings Secretary, to the Women’s Group for their continued support in activities within the Church and to Jacqueline Crooks, our Representative Elder.

May I also thank Mary Surgeoner for her care in the upkeep of the Church.

I would extend our sincere thanks to the Elders and Members of the Church Committee for all their support, enthusiasm and commitment throughout the year.

I would also like to mention the family and staff at Brown's, who continue to offer help and support throughout the year.

That Mr Chairman concludes the Secretary's report.

Good Morning Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, this is the Sunday School report for the year 2022

Sunday School continued throughout 2022 with up to five children attending. The Sunday school syllabus has not been changed since the 2019/2020 year as the conference has not been held due to covid so although we did some work on questions we have also undertaken other activities with quizzes being particularly popular with the children.

The children took part in the special church services in June and December and their contribution was much enjoyed by all.

We had an outing to Kilcreggan Urban Farm in Carrickfergus in June, this gave lots of opportunity to feed animals and birds and we were fortunate to have a sunny day.

Denominational activities have not resumed since the pandemic and are missed as markers in the Sunday School calendar – hopefully they will resume soon.

There were no child protection issues during the year.

The Sunday School accounts are also presented, there is a balance of £450.55 at end December 2022

BALLYCLARE NON SUBSCRIBING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101107

Annual return



THE OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAIN STREET
BALLYCLARE
(CHARITY NO. NIC101107)

Trustees Annual Statement 2022

We the trustees of the Old Presbyterian Church, Ballyclare are pleased to recommend that the details contained in the Secretary's Report for 2022 explains 'the main activities undertaken by the charity to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit' and 'the main achievements of the charity during the year'.

We also believe that the charity trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Commission under section 4(b)' of the Charities Act (the public benefit requirement statutory guidance).

Jaqueline Crooks Signed JACQUELINE CROOKS Printed 12-3-23 Date

E. W. Laird Signed EBUSMAD LAIRD Printed 12-3-23 Date

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