

# Larne Congregational Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101508

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2017-04-13

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** This church exists by the grace of God, for the glory of God, which shall be the ultimate purpose in all its activities. This church will seek to glorify God by fulfilling its Biblical mission which we have summarised as follows - 'To be a gospel centred church that lives for Jesus and like Jesus, that loves one another as Jesus has loved us, and that leads others to know Jesus'. We believe to achieve our mission will require prayer to God, the power of God and the willing people of God.

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

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** Men, Women

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£49,954	£65,464	£0	2

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Jim Locke		
John Mckinty		
Lorin Bergen		
Mr Paul Matthews		
Mr William Thompson		
Uel Mcilwrath		

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# Accounts

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**LARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

		2024	2023
<b>ACCOUNT 1</b>			
OPENING BALANCE 01 JANUARY 2024		51,272.60	81994.95
OPENING CASH IN HAND BALANCE 01 JANUARY 2024		43.20	43.20
	NOTE		
<b>INCOME</b>			
FREE WILL OFFERING	4	23254	25467.00
LOOSE OFFERING		14636	12183.00
RENT		5147.78	5740.41
INTEREST		110.2	176.37
HARVEST OFFERING		1055	
SUNDRY			900.00
GIFT AID		<u>5751.25</u>	
			<u>44466.78</u>
		49954.23	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
MINISTER SALARY		9810.81	28957.55
PULPIT SUPPLY		7900	2750.00
ELECTRICITY		7015.49	1932.00
SUNDRY EXPENSES	1	8666.12	4937.37
CARETAKING / ORGANIST		4242.72	4234.84
CHURCH & MANSE MAINTENANCE	2	4379.56	10452.56
INSURANCE		2941.94	2674.30
RATES		1532.99	1426.71
GAS		2636.52	2256.30
BANK CHARGES		207.17	160.01
PAYE		6578.11	5579.49
MISSIONARY SUPPORT	3	7550.00	7300.00
ACCOUNTANCY		502.8	528.00
HARVEST - SGA		1500	2000.00
			<u>75189.13</u>
		65464.23	
<b>CLOSING BANK BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2024</b>		<b>35,762.60</b>	<b>51,272.60</b>
<b>CLOSING CASH IN HAND BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2024</b>		<b>43.20</b>	<b>43.20</b>

**LARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
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		2024	2023
<b>ACCOUNT 2</b>			
OPENING BALANCE 01 JANUARY 2024		81377.14	80719.76
<b>INCOME</b>			
INTEREST		854.6	657.38
TRANSFER FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT			
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>CLOSING BALANCE 31 DECEMBER 2024</b>		<b>82231.74</b>	<b>81377.14</b>

**LARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**NOTE 1**

**SUNDRY EXPENSES**

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	72
LADIES SPEAKER	100
ADVERTISING	107.4
LADIES OUTING	1088
IMMIGRATION	4935
CONGREGATIONAL UNION FEE	110
CATERING	357.92
PHONE EXPENSES	1098.76
CHURCH ENVELOPES	122.09
EASY WORSHIP LICENCE	135.95
CHRISTIAN COPYRIGHT LICENSING INTERNATIONAL	239
CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MINISTER	300
	<b>8666.12</b>

**NOTE 2**

**CHURCH/MANSE MAINTENANCE**

GRASS CUTTING, SPRAYING, HEDGE CUTTING	650
RB BOILERS	70
CHRISTIE PLASTERING MANSE	860
THOMAS LENNON MANSE WORK	695
SCARLETT MANSE WORK	435.48
H CAMPBELL MANSE BOILER	906
Fire & SAFETY SERVICES	385.68
CHURCH SIGNAGE	377.4
	<b>4379.56</b>

**LARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
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**NOTE 3  
MISSION SUPPORT**

Mary Lindsay Missionary Gift	500
International Mission to Jewish People	1000
Society Distributing Hebrew Scriptures	500
CEF Ladies Missionary	250
Belfast Street Pastors	500
UFM	500
Creation Ministries Missionary	500
Prison Fellowship Missionary	500
Arab World Ministries	500
Slavic Gospel Assoc	500
Revival Movements Missionary	500
Naomi Dudgeon Missionary	500
EFCC MISSIONARY GIFT	300
Michael Chitty Mission	500
Daily Bread	500
	<b>7550</b>

**Statement of Assest (Estimated)**

Church building and Hall	£1,250,000
Furniture and Fixings	£ 5000
Manse	£175,000
A/V equipment	£8000
	<b>£1,438,000</b>

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# Accounts

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**LARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

ACCOUNT 1		2023	2022
OPENING BALANCE 01 JANUARY 2023		81994.95	83,043.44
OPENING CASH IN HAND BALANCE 01 JANUARY 2023		43.20	43.20
	NOTE		
<b>INCOME</b>			
FREE WILL OFFERING	4	25467.00	23,945.00
LOOSE OFFERING		12183.00	12,275.00
RENT		5740.41	4,779.75
INTEREST		176.37	217.55
HARVEST OFFERING			
SUNDRY		900.00	
GIFT AID			13,603.80
		<u>44466.78</u>	<u>54,821.10</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
MINISTER SALARY		28957.55	12,871.96
PULPIT SUPPLY		2750.00	2,150.00
ELECTRICITY		1932.00	4,444.00
SUNDRY EXPENSES	1	4937.37	2,943.03
CARETAKING / ORGANIST		4234.84	3,887.60
CHURCH & MANSE MAINTENANCE	2	10452.56	6,088.83
INSURANCE		2674.30	2,375.73
RATES		1426.71	1,344.52
GAS		2256.30	1,012.77
BANK CHARGES		160.01	167.96
PAYE		5579.49	5,583.19
MISSIONARY SUPPORT	3	7300.00	10,400.00
ACCOUNTANCY & LEGAL		528.00	600.00
HARVEST		2000.00	2,000.00
		<u>75189.13</u>	<u>55,869.59</u>
CLOSING BANK BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		51,272.60	81,994.95
CLOSING CASH IN HAND BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		43.20	43.20

**LARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**NOTE 1**

**SUNDRY EXPENSES**

GIFTS	139.00
CHRISTMAS TREE	110.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL	68.35
AUDIO SUPPLIES, COMPUTER	2047.64
CONGREGATIONAL UNION FEE	85.00
CATERING	909.28
PHONE EXPENSES	894.07
CHURCH ENVELOPES	115.68
EASY WORSHIP LICENCE	222.35
ADVERTISING	117.00
CHRISTIAN COPYRIGHT LICENSING INTERNATIONAL	229.00
	<u>4937.37</u>

**NOTE 2**

**CHURCH/MANSE MAINTENANCE**

GRASS CUTTING, SPRAYING, HEDGE CUTTING	735.00
RB BOILERS	65.00
G STIRLING DOUBLE GLAZING	7513.20
HEATER COVERS MESH COVERS	1434.57
Fire & SAFETY SERVICES	85.68
CHURCH SINAGE	159.62
CLEANING MATERIALS	79.49
CHURCH CARPET	380.00
	<u>10452.56</u>

**NOTE 3**

**MISSION SUPPORT**

Evangelical Fellowship	250.00
Gospel Mission of South America	500.00
Open Door Turkey Appeal	1500.00
Operation Mobilisation Missionary	500.00
Missionary Aviation Fellowship	500.00
Kids4school Missionary	500.00
Good news for Everyone Missionary	500.00
Teen Challenge Missionary Gift	500.00
Eagles Fellowship Missionary Gift	250.00
Christian Institute Missionary	500.00
Our Daily Bread	500.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	500.00
EFCC GIFT	300.00
Chitty Family Missionary Gift	500.00
	<u>7300.00</u>

**Statement of Assest (Estimated)**

Church building and Hall	£1,250,000
Furniture and Fixings	£ 5000
Manse	£175,000
A/V equipment	£8000
	£1,438,000

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# Annual report

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## Chairman report 2023

As we reflect on the past year we are thankful to God for his blessing upon us. We appreciate all those who have preached for us as we continue without a minister. We especially say thanks to Rev Joe Brown who has ministered to us during this period. As a church we continue to look to the Lord in prayer to guide us.

During the year we have listened with interest as representatives from various missionary organisations have shared of the work they are involved in and we have heard how the Lord is working in many parts of the world. We are pleased to have been able to give gifts to all these organisations. We thank all who gave so generously to our Harvest offering which was given to Friends in Action for their well drilling projects.

One of the highlights of our year was our Carol service where a number of visitors joined with us.

We also thank everyone who supported the Larne Food bank during the year. We know that our donations are appreciated both by those who run the Food Bank and by those who receive help from it.

We are grateful to all those who contribute financially to the church and those who volunteer their time to ensure the continuation of the various groups.

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Larne Congregational Church**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out overleaf.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

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

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(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 explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

- 1 That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 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.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

Name: 

Address: 11 Point Street, Larne, Co Antrim, BT40 1HY

Date: 15/05/2024

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# Accounts

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**LARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

<b>ACCOUNT 1</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>OPENING BALANCE 01 JANUARY 2022</b>	<b>83,043.44</b>	<b>91,253.80</b>
<b>OPENING CASH IN HAND BALANCE 01 JANUARY 2022</b>	<b>43.20</b>	<b>43.20</b>
<b>NOTE</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>		
FREE WILL OFFERING	4 23,945.00	27,395.00
LOOSE OFFERING	12,275.00	13,423.21
RENT	4,779.75	5,288.00
INTEREST	217.55	243.68
Gift (Name withheld)		14,500.00
HARVEST OFFERING		
GIFT AID	<u>13,603.80</u>	
	54,821.10	<u>60,849.89</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
MINISTER SALARY	12,871.96	
PULPIT SUPPLY	2,150.00	4,660.00
ELECTRICITY	4,444.00	2,004.00
SUNDRY EXPENSES	1 2,943.03	1,050.17
CARETAKING / ORGANIST	3,887.60	3,208.00
CHURCH & MANSE MAINTENANCE	2 6,088.83	3,038.97
INSURANCE	2,375.73	2,307.53
RATES	1,344.52	1,321.00
GAS	1,012.77	537.89
BANK CHARGES	167.96	106.51
PAYE	5,583.19	514.80
MISSIONARY SUPPORT	3 10,400.00	5,260.98
ACCOUNTANCY & LEGAL	600.00	50.40
HARVEST TO ACCOUNT 2	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>
	55,869.59	69,060.25
<b>CLOSING BANK BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022</b>	<b>81,994.95</b>	<b>83,043.44</b>
<b>CLOSING CASH IN HAND BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022</b>	<b>43.20</b>	<b>43.20</b>

**LARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**ACCOUNT 2**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>OPENING BALANCE 01 JANUARY 2022</b>	<b>80642.94</b>	<b>35639.16</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
INTEREST	76.82	3.78
TRANSFER FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT		45000.00
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE 31 DECEMBER 2022</b>	<b>80719.76</b>	<b>80642.94</b>

**LARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
 INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
 FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**NOTE 1**

**SUNDRY EXPENSES**

GIFTS	200.00
FLOWERS	140.00
BOOKS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL	72.48
HALL COMPUTER/PROJECTOR	1353.51
CONGREGATIONAL UNION FEE	85.00
INDUCTION ORDER OF SERVICE & CATERING	525.00
PHONE EXPENSES	72.00
CHURCH ENVELOPES	112.55
CHURCH OUTREACH MAGAZINE	168.49
CHRISTIAN COPYRIGHT LICENSING INTERNATIONAL	214.00
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	<b>2943.03</b>

**NOTE 2**

**CHURCH/MANSE MAINTENANCE**

GRASS CUTTING, SPRAYING, HEDGE CUTTING	915.00
RB BOILERS	2530.00
THOMPSON & MCCURDY ELECTRICAL WORK	1346.83
WALL RAIL HAND RAIL	585.00
Fire & SAFETY SERVICES	66.00
CHURCH SINAGE	576.00
LANDLORD REGISTRATION	70.00
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	<b>6088.83</b>

**LARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
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**NOTE 3  
MISSION SUPPORT**

Arab World	400.00
Rivivon Movement	500.00
Slavic Gospel Association	5000.00
SASRA	500.00
Andrew Millar	500.00
Open Doors	500.00
SCFS	500.00
Take Heed Ministries	500.00
International Mission	500.00
Acre Gospel Mission	500.00
Michael Chitty	500.00
Our Daily Bread	500.00
	<u>10400.00</u>

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# Annual report

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**LARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC 101508**

**PURPOSE**

At Larne Congregational Church the purpose of the church is to glorify God. We do this through our public worship services which are held each Sunday morning and Sunday evening. In these services we proclaim the truth of God's inspired Word to bring comfort and hope to those of our community who attend.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday morning and evening service**

This brings together people from different social backgrounds, both from Larne and the surrounding areas.

**Tuesday coffee, chat and cake**

This is a new initiative that we have been running, providing the community around the church with a safe and warm environment in which to chat and enjoy companionship.

**Thursday weekly bible study and prayer meeting**

A meeting to study the Word of God and for a time of prayer.

**Monthly men's meeting**

These meetings vary in content. Examples would include visits to the indoor bowling rink, movie nights, quizzes, and testimony evenings.

These nights can involve 10 to 15 men of different ages and backgrounds.

**Monthly ladies meeting**

These include guest speakers, craft evenings and an outing for all the ladies.

There would be on average 20 ladies who attend these meetings.

Again, this is an all-age meeting within the church.

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We believe these activities provide the public, both those of the community who live in Larne itself and further afield with a considerable service.

We have developed our Facebook page posting our service online.

There is a CD ministry that provides recordings of our services to people in the community who are unable to physically attend.

We hope to develop both these ministries to benefit the community and to glorify God.

## FUTURE

We are looking to develop a work with the youth of our community. These would include

- a mothers/ fathers/carer and tots morning.
- a youth night
- a possible holiday bible club in the summer

As a church and as trustees our intention is to develop all these activities and also our normal church meeting to reach the wider community in these difficult and challenging times.

Signed by



Rev Joe Brown



Mr Samuel McIlwrath

Church Secretary

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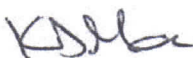
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Date: 05/06/2023