

# First Presbyterian Church (Non-Subscribing) Dunmurry

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101607

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-03-26
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 fellow-men.

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

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information, Arts, Community development, Counselling/support, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Heritage/historical, Religious activities, Welfare/benevolent

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£104,463	£102,826	£0	1

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Gilbert Cameron		
Mr Jeffrey Douglas		
Mr Kenny Yuille		
Mr Mark Douglas		
Mr Robert John (Jackie) Gordon		
Mr Stephen Kennedy		
Mrs Adele Johnston		
Mrs Kathy Yuille		
Mrs Leigh Saulters		
Mrs Linda Kerr		
Mrs Sylvia McBride		
Rev Dr David Steers		
Roseann Frizzell		

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# Accounts

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## **Honorary Treasurers' Report 2024**

The Church has made a small surplus for the year despite a reduction in contributions from the congregation. There was a marked increase in income from rents and investment income which helped to off set the reduction in congregational income. This was due to a full years rent on one of the Kingsway properties which had only been occupied in late 2023.

The church had a lot of exceptional expenditure during 2024 (new sound internet system, church doors refurbished, Session room refurbished and the hall electrics updated). To pay for this the church had to transfer a sum from reserves to the current account. All other expenses remained stable. But comparisons between 2023 and 2024 may be different due to interpretation of accounting between our Auditor Mr Ivan Laird (2023) and our current Auditor Mr John Neill.

We would like to thank Mrs Heather Douglas and Mrs Janice Vance, the Freewill Offering Treasurers in 2024, for their work throughout the year. Our thanks also go to our Auditor Mr John Neill for all his help and continued support during the year.

The continued support of the congregation is greatly appreciated and we look forward to this continuing into 2025.

**Mrs Sylvia McBride and Mrs Kathy Yuille**  
**Honorary Treasurers**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ( NON - SUBSCRIBING ) DUNMURRY.  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

**Current Account ( No. 1 Account)**

<u>2023</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	£	£
	<b><u>Congregational Income:</u></b>		
2173	Stipend	2667.62	
23643	Weekly Freewill Offering	20601.50	
5082	Income Tax Refunds	4848.50	
276	Sundry Cash	<u>555.51</u>	28673.13
	<b><u>Property &amp; Investment Income:</u></b>		
10210	Dividends & Interest	10855.42	
29659	Rents Received	42171.72	
490	Graveyard	<u>510.00</u>	53537.14
	<b><u>Donations:</u></b>		
-	Donations	1075.00	
5500	Bequest: Robert McFarland	-	
8187	Ulster Bank Ltd	-	
7665	Donations McMillan Library	1000.00	
-	Bank of Ireland Ltd	20000.00	
927	Sundry Income	<u>178.71</u>	<u>22253.71</u>
<b>93812</b>	<b><u>Total Income</u></b>		<b><u>104463.98</u></b>
	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
32500	Salary	32827.48	
3385	Employers Pension Contributions	3182.40	
3300	Organist & Musical Accom.	3440.00	
200	Pulpit Supplies	<u>250.00</u>	39699.88
	<b><u>Property Costs:</u></b>		
	Maintenance & Repair		
3722	Buildings & Equipment	14141.59	
4360	Grounds	2787.25	
1673	New Equipment: Sound System	16737.47	
990	Manse	-	
-	Shop Premises	1402.99	
-	14 Glebe Road	1441.12	
360	3 Glenburn Ford.	1932.52	
-	6 Glanaan Avenue	<u>1464.72</u>	39907.66
9657	Rates & Insurance		5512.42
1434	<b><u>Denominational Funds:</u></b>		1744.00
	<b><u>General Expenses:</u></b>		
3824	Heat & Light	8943.32	
1156	Telephone	978.37	
1558	Stationery, Postage & Printing	1181.49	
603	Payroll Costs	496.80	
507	Fees : Bank,Rent Collection	2618.05	
1343	Miscellaneous Expenses	812.07	
5962	McMillan Library	697.41	
500	Sunday School	234.60	
693	Donations and Gifts	-	
500	Transfer to Charity Account	-	
3651	Memorial Garden	-	<u>15962.11</u>
<b>81878</b>	<b><u>Total Expenditure.</u></b>		<b><u>102826.07</u></b>
<b>11934</b>	<b><u>Surplus for Year.</u></b>		<b><u>1637.91</u></b>
<b>93812</b>			<b><u>104463.98</u></b>

**Audit Report:**

I have examined the above Account with the Cash Book,Bank Statements,Receipts and Payment Vouchers kept by the Honorary Treasurers. In my opinion, it gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church at 31st December 2024.

Dated : 25th February 2025



Auditor.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (NON-SUBSCRIBING) DUNMURRY.**

**RESERVE ON DEPOSIT - BANK of IRELAND.**

Balance at 1st January 2024	£156,737.03
Add: Interest Received	<u>4834.13</u>
	161571.16
Less: Transfer to Current Account	<u>20000.00</u>
Balance at 31st December 2024	<u>141571.16</u>

**ULSTER BANK LTD BUSINESS RESERVE.**

Balance at 1st January 2024	92405.12
Add: Interest Received	<u>1340.48</u>
Balance at 31st December 2024	<u>93745.60</u>

**CHARITY ACCOUNT**

Bodel Mackenzie Benev Fund	25.00	Balance at 1st January 2024	479.62
Ministers' Widows Fund	150.00		
Orphan Society	250.00	Donations from Congregation	938.00
Porter Fund	50.00	Carol Service: Ocular Melanoma	420.00
Christian Ministries	150.00	Quiz Night: Friends of Cancer Centre	450.00
Moderator's Appeal	100.00		
Friends of Cancer Centre	450.00		
Ocular Melanoma	420.00		
N.I. Chest Heart & Stroke	100.00		
Benevolent Fund	150.00		
Bank Charges	7.29		
Balance at 31st December 2024	<u>435.33</u>		
	<u>2287.62</u>		<u>2287.62</u>

**INVESTMENTS.**

7450	Units in M & G Charifund.
£120,000.00	Aegon
£109,026.28	No 3 Glenburn Ford Dunmurry.
£119,064.78	6 Glenaar Avenue

The Aegon investments have a market value at the 31st December 2024 of £128620.05 (2023 £127091.00)

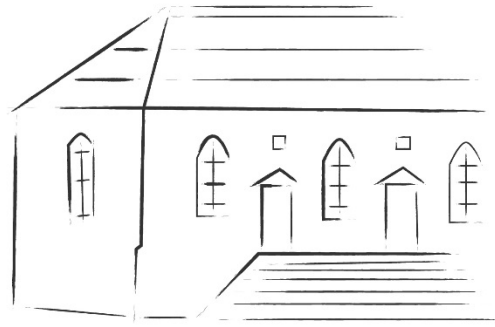
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# Accounts

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First Dunmurry  
NS Presbyterian Church

**Reports and Financial Statements**  
**Year ended**  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

## Honorary Treasurers' Report 2023

As can be seen from the financial statement the church has achieved a small surplus for the year. An increase in contributions from the congregation together with the additional income from investments have helped towards this result. On the negative side one of the rented properties (Kingsway, Dunmurry) was vacant for most of the year with the loss of rent. This property is now occupied on a long-term lease and income will be reflected in future accounts.

Maintaining church property, buildings and grounds is on par with previous year and all other expenses have been well controlled. The memorial garden is now completed, and the new library is ongoing, we appreciate the donations towards this project which will offset any costs we may incur.

We would like to thank Mrs. Heather Douglas, Freewill Offering Treasurer, for her work throughout the year and Mr. John Neill for his continued support and to Mr. Ivan Laird for his work as Auditor.

The continued support of the Congregation is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to this continuing into 2024.

**Mrs. Sylvia McBride and Mrs. Kathy Yuille  
Honorary Treasurers**

## Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Current Account (No. 1 Account)

<u>2022</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	£	£
	<b><u>Congregational Income:</u></b>		
2403	Stipend	2173.00	
21425	Weekly Freewill Offering	23643.00	
	Income Tax Refunds	5082.00	
4776			
306	Sundry Cash	<u>276.00</u>	31174.00
	<b><u>Property &amp; Investment Income:</u></b>		
	Dividends & Interest	10210.00	
8732			
44248	Rents Received	29659.00	
	Graveyard	<u>490.00</u>	40359.00
100			
	<b><u>Donations:</u></b>		
435	Donations In Memory	-	

-	Bequest: Robert McFarland	5500.00	
-	Ulster Bank Ltd	8187.00	
-	Donations McMillan Library	7665.00	
40000	Bank of Ireland Ltd	-	
<u>171</u>	Sundry Income	<u>927.00</u>	<u>22279.00</u>
<u>122596</u>	<b><u>Total Income</u></b>		<u>93812.00</u>

**EXPENDITURE**

33756	Salary	32500.00	
911	Employers NIC Contributions	-	
3401	Employers Pension Contributions	3385.00	
3300	Organist & Musical Accom.	3300.00	
495	Pulpit Supplies	<u>200.00</u>	39385.00
	<b><u>Property Costs:</u></b>		
	<b><u>Maintenance &amp; Repair</u></b>		
8354	Buildings & Equipment	3722.00	
3713	Grounds	4360.00	
3120	New Equipment	1673.00	
2558	Manse	990.00	
4391	Shop Premises	-	
1289	14 Glebe Road	-	
3092	3 Glenburn Ford.	360.00	
805	6 Glanaan Avenue	-	11105.00
3279	Rates & Insurance		9657.00
1239	<b><u>Denominational Funds:</u></b>		1434.00
	<b><u>General Expenses:</u></b>		
3877	Heat & Light	3824.00	
177	Telephone	1156.00	
568	Stationery, Postage & Printing	1558.00	
397	Payroll Costs	603.00	
1855	Fees: Bank, Rent Collection	507.00	
882	Miscellaneous Expenses	1343.00	
1560	McMillan Library	5962.00	
-	Sunday School	500.00	

-	Donations and Gifts	693.00	
-	Transfer to Charity Account	500.00	
<u>6390</u>	Memorial Garden	<u>3651.00</u>	<u>20297.00</u>
<u>89409</u>	<b><u>Total Expenditure.</u></b>		<u>81878.00</u>
<u>33187</u>	<b><u>Surplus for Year.</u></b>		<u>11934.00</u>
<u>122596</u>			<u>93812.00</u>

**Audit report:**

I have examined the above Account with the Cash Book, Bank Statements, Receipts and Payment Vouchers kept by the Honorary Treasurers. In my opinion, it gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Signed: I Laird, Auditor

**RESERVE ON DEPOSIT - BANK of IRELAND**

Balance at 1st January 2023	£152,877.43
Add: Interest Received	<u>£3,859.60</u>
Balance at 31st December 2023	<u>£156,737.03</u>

**ULSTER BANK LTD BUSINESS RESERVE**

Balance at 1st January 2023	£99,769.24
Add: Interest Received	<u>£822.64</u>
	£100,591.88
Less: Transfer to Current Account	<u>£8,186.76</u>
Balance at 31st December 2023	<u>£92,405.12</u>

**CHARITY ACCOUNT**

Bodel Mackenzie Benev Fund	£25.00	Balance at 1st January 2023	£289.62
Ministers' Widows Fund	£150.00		
Orphan Society	£250.00	Donations from Congregation	£585.00

Porter Fund	£50.00	Turkey, Syria Appeal	£251.00
Christian Ministries	£150.00	Quiz Night: Lighthouse Charity	£480.00
NSPCI Benevolent Fund	£150.00		
Lighthouse Charity	£500.00	Transfer from Current Account	£500.00
Turkey, Syria Appeal	£251.00		
N.I. Chest Heart & Stroke	£100.00		

Balance at 31st December 2023	<u>£479.62</u>		
	<u>£2,105.62</u>		<u>£2,105.62</u>

### **INVESTMENTS**

7450	Units in M & G Charifund.
£120,000.00	Aegon
£109,026.28	No 3 Glenburn Ford Dunmurry.
£119,064.78	6 Glanaan Avenue

The Aegon investments have a market value at the 31st December 2023 of £127091.00.

The M&G Charifund units have a market value of £106907.00.

## Bequests and Donations to Church 2023

We have received several generous donations to Church funds, as listed in the Accounts. We are very grateful for the generosity of these bequests and donations. A list of such payments received over the last 5 years is shown below:

<b>Bequest</b>		<b>Donations</b>	
<b>2023</b>			
Mr. Robert McFarland	£5500	McMillan Library from JA Bright Fund	£7500
<b>2022</b>			
-		In Mem: Mr. M Orr	£200
		Mr. R McFarland	£215
		E Hughes	£20
<b>2021</b>			
-		In Mem: Mr. R Douglas	£545
		Mrs. I Douglas	£495
		Mr. M Orr	£500
<b>2020</b>			
-		In Mem: Rev. W McMillan	£4047
<b>2019</b>			
Miss. M A Orr	£5000	In Mem: Miss. MA Orr	£103.50
		Mrs. F Press	£300
		Mrs. E Allen	£145
<b>2018</b>			
Mr. Alfred Martin DFC	£20,000	Belfast Domestic Mission	£500



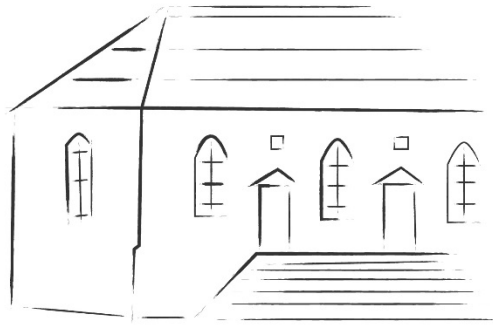
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# Annual report

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**Year ended**  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

Sunday Services	Morning 11.30am Evening, as arranged
Church for Children & Young People	11.30am meet in Church and transfer to McCleery Hall
Communion	Celebrated in May and November
Baptism	By arrangement
Session	Meet prior to Communion and other dates as arranged
Committee	Monthly
Women's League	As arranged.

## **Honorary Secretary's Report 2023**

### **Church committee meetings:**

During 2023 the committee met on eleven occasions. Our committee is very active in ensuring the upkeep and maintenance of the church, hall, glebe, graveyard other buildings and grounds. This year there has been much remedial work to ensure that the church and grounds which we as a denomination have inherited will continue for future generations. The committee is also committed to ensuring that all members enjoy a sense of community and throughout the year a number of social and devotional events were held.

### **Church and environs maintenance:**

The grounds and graveyard surrounding the church are a wonderful asset which require regular upkeep. We are grateful to those volunteers who give their time to plant bulbs and shrubs and regularly undertake a general tidy up. The planters around the church require particular attention to ensure the blooms continue throughout the year. It is thanks to these volunteers that the grounds always look so well preserved.

### **Swift Boxes:**

In early spring, following a talk and instruction from the RSPB, swift boxes were installed on the side of the McCleery Hall. A swift caller was also installed and within weeks swifts were noted flying over the church and grounds. Through time we hope that these endangered birds will find a home in our church grounds.

### **Rev. McMillan Library:**

Throughout the year Mrs Sue Steers and her team of volunteers have continued to catalogue all the books and pamphlets which the Rev. McMillan left to the congregation. The library collection of books and documents is large and unique with the library opening planned for late 2024.

### **Church events:**

Throughout the year a number of devotional and social events were held. Members of our congregation along with those of other local churches participated in the World Day of Prayer service which was held in the neighbouring Presbyterian Church. Our members also participated in the Dunmurry Churches Together services held at Easter and Christmas.

Throughout the year Dunmurry NSPCI was represented at the Bangor Presbytery meetings and the annual Synod meeting. During the year Rev. Dr. D. Steers and secretary Mrs M. Graham met with representatives from Rosemary Street, All Souls and Mount Pottinger churches (the 4 churches) with the aim of collaborating on a range of initiatives to promote the denomination and meet socially. A series of events including quiz nights, walking tours and a reading of all the names of those who lost their lives during the Troubles as listed in the book 'Lost Lives' was agreed for 2023/24 with each church taking the lead for an agreed event. It is the intent that this initiative will be on-going and extended more widely within the denomination.

### **Rev. McMillan Garden:**

The main highlight of the year was the opening of the Rev. McMillan Garden. After many months of planning and hard work, on a sunny June Saturday, the ribbon was

cut by the McMillan family and the garden declared open. The garden design was created by Frances Gibson and the sculpture by Tim Mulchinock in collaboration with Mrs Sheila McMillan. The service of dedication held in the church was well attended by the congregation and guests from the local community and flower arranging organisations with which the Rev. McMillan had been associated. This is a beautiful space for quiet reflection.

### **Congregational Social Events:**

In August we held our first Church BBQ since covid. Despite the inclement weather it was well supported and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the men who cooked on the BBQ and ladies who supplied the salads. It is our plan that this will become an annual event for our congregation.

In December we held our first Carols by Candlelight service supported by the Harmonic Sounds Concert Band. This service was widely publicised, and we were delighted that so many visitors attended filling the church. It was pleasing to see that many joined us for the supper which followed. Thanks especially goes to Mrs Heather Douglas who sourced and arranged the many candles which decorated the church. It is hoped that this service will now become an annual occasion alongside our Easter and Harvest services when the church is also decorated.

In collaboration with the 4 churches noted above, quiz nights have been held in Dunmurry and thanks goes to John and Sandra Neill for undertaking the demanding role as quiz masters.

### **Warm Space:**

In January recognising that the high cost of heating was causing hardship for many in the wider community, the McCleery Hall was opened to all on Thursday mornings (10am-12pm) offering tea/coffee and a place to have a good chat. This was widely advertised and welcomed by many as a pleasant time to relax and reminisce. The Warm Space was open throughout most of the year, closing for the summer.

### **First Aid Training:**

This essential training, held in the hall, was quickly filled. It was organised by Mrs Emma McCrudden and good to see that we now have so many in the congregation holding first aid certificates.

### **Community Events:**

Where possible, the church and committee support local initiatives. European Heritage Open Days (EHOD):- Following on from 2022, the church opened its doors for EHOD which is held annually in September. This year Rev. Dr. Steers again conducted a tour of the church graveyard identifying a different number of headstones which were to all on the tour a fascinating history of those buried in the grounds. Although visitor numbers were low, we agreed that the effort is worthwhile.

### **McCleery Hall:**

The Bailie School of Irish dance and Yoga with Gill continue to rent the hall and it is good to see this engagement with the local community.

The monthly Gardening Club has also had another successful year with expert guest speakers speaking on a wide range of topics.

Thank you to the many volunteers who support the upkeep and church management.

The weekly Sunday Free Will Offering collections are counted and lodged by Mrs H. Douglas Thanks also to the church treasurers Mrs S. McBride and Mrs K. Yuille for maintaining the accounts.

**Social media:**

The church's Facebook page and website are the envy of many of our sister churches. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank Mrs E. McCrudden for her time given to maintaining and updating weekly uploads and pictures on the Facebook page and website. These media sites are highly viewed and favourably commented on by many. The social media platforms have given Dunmurry the opportunity to reach a wider audience. The wider reach has also been maintained through up-loads of readings, homilies and history by the Rev. Dr. Steers.

**The Glebe:**

Maintaining the Glebe is on-going due to the age of the building. Damp is a persistent problem in the downstairs rooms and requires frequent monitoring and attention. During the year all the library books were relocated to the session room to allow for restorative work to be undertaken in the library followed by redecoration. Having controlled the dampness in the room it is hoped that the freshly painted library, will be an inspiring resource to many when it is officially opened.

**Church catering:**

The catering team under the direction of Mrs S McBride have had another busy year providing refreshments for the various occasions held. The opportunity of meeting up with members of the congregation and other visitors is an important part of church activity and the time given by the ladies team in organising and planning for each occasion is greatly appreciated.

Finally on behalf of the committee I wish to thank the Rev. Dr. Steers and Mrs Steers for their commitment to the congregation and all the members who support the church not only with their time but also financially without all of which the church could not flourish.

**Mrs. Margaret Graham  
Honorary Secretary**

**First Presbyterian Church (Non-Subscribing) Dunmurry**

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiner's report to the Charity Trustees and Members of Dunmurry Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are attached here-to.

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

As the Charity 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 Church 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 Church 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 Church 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.

  
**Ivan Laird**

*Fellow of the Institute of Bankers in Ireland*  
102 Circular Road Belfast BT4 2GE  
25 April 2024

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# Accounts

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Charity Name: **The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland** (not a subscriber) Church DuNMUR Charity No. **NIC101607**

Receipts and payments accounts

from 01/01/2019 To 31/12/2019

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Charity Funds & Restricted Funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Congregational Collections	28,293	989	-	29,282	34,301
do- Building Fund	-	-	-	-	922
Misc Income	-	-	-	-	2,045
Property & Invest Income	51,069	-	-	51,069	38,921
Defibrillator	-	1,258	-	1,258	-
Donations & Bequests	5,549	-	-	5,549	20,500
Charitable Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>84,911</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,158</b>	<b>96,689</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>84,911</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,158</b>	<b>96,689</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Minister Salary NIC & Pulpit Supplies	4,145	-	-	4,145	18,625
Minister travel and Tel	-	-	-	-	574
Property Costs	18,299	-	-	18,299	22,537
Organist	3,270	-	-	3,270	3,310
Rates & Insurance	4,548	-	-	4,548	4,457
Charity & Denom Payments	2,666	475	-	3,141	2,781
Other Exp	8,405	-	-	8,405	10,539
Office Equip & Website	240	-	-	240	2,184
Defibrillator	242	1,258	-	1,500	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>41,815</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,548</b>	<b>65,007</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Gleanna Ave	16,388	-	-	16,388	102,677
Aegon	-	-	-	-	30,000
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>16,388</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,388</b>	<b>132,677</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>58,203</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,936</b>	<b>197,684</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>26,708</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,222</b>	<b>- 100,995</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>165,149</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>166,020</b>	<b>230,897</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>191,857</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>193,242</b>	<b>129,902</b>

#### Unrestricted Fund Assets also include the following

M& G Charifund - 7450 units  
 Aegon Investments - Cost £120,000  
 3 Glenburn Ford - cost £109,000  
 6 Gleanna Avenue - Cost £119,000

The following assets have not been valued and have been held for many years  
 Church in Dunmurry  
 Church Hall  
 Manse  
 14 Glebe Road  
 Graveyard and grounds adjacent to Church  
 Various ground rents

#### Contingent Liability

The former minister is in dispute with the church.  
 The church committee believe they have a robust defence,  
 but ultimately any final settlement, if any, will be determined  
 by an employment tribunal.

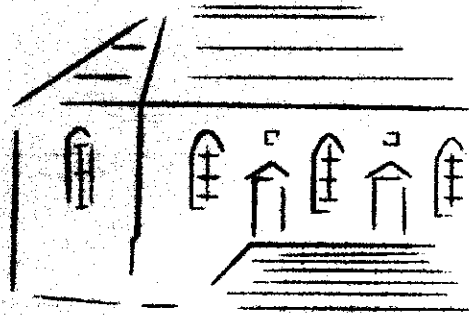
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# Annual report

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**First Dunmurry  
NS Presbyterian Church**

**Reports and Financial Statements  
Year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

<b>Sunday Services</b>	<b>Morning 11.30am Evening, as arranged</b>
<b>Church for Children</b>	<b>11.30am meet in Church and transfer to McCleery Hall</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Celebrated in May and November</b>
<b>Baptism</b>	<b>By arrangement</b>
<b>Session</b>	<b>Meet prior to Communion and other dates as arranged</b>
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
<b>Women's League</b>	<b>As arranged</b>

## **CHURCH OFFICERS**

<b>Minister-in-Charge</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. David Steers</b>
<b>Clerk of Session</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	<b>Mrs M Graham</b>
<b>Honorary Treasurers</b>	<b>Mrs S McBride Mrs K Yuille</b>
<b>Freewill Offering Secretary</b>	<b>Mrs N Wilson</b>
<b>Honorary Registrar</b>	<b>Mr S Kennedy</b>
<b>Honorary Auditor</b>	<b>Mr J Neill</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Mr A Yarr</b>
<b>Sunday School Superintendent</b>	<b>Mrs A Johnston</b>

## **CONGREGATIONAL TRUSTEES**

**Mr R Mcl Douglas  
Dr J I Logan  
Mrs S McBride  
Mr C F Wells  
Mr S Kennedy  
Mr J Douglas  
Mr J Neill  
Mr R Graham**

**The N.S. Presbyterian Church of Ireland Trustee Company**

## **Report - Minister In Charge (AGM 2020)**

This year our AGM has inevitably been delayed by the extraordinary circumstances which have developed across the world. These have been challenging times for everyone, not least for churches, and they have come upon Dunmurry on the back of other issues over which we have no control and which are not yet finalised. On top of that the congregation endured the loss of their esteemed minister emeritus the Very Rev William McMillan in January of this year.

Since March we have been unable to meet together for worship or any social activities and all use of the hall has had to stop. Only now are we starting to come out of lockdown. Although the path to resuming activities is not entirely clear and we still don't really know what the 'new normal' will look like.

But despite all this the congregation is in as good shape as it possibly could be. This is partly because through its excellent Facebook page and website, Dunmurry has the most effective electronic communication with its members of any church in the denomination. The committee has also produced first class newsletters to send to members at home. In addition we have maintained services, children's stories and other things online through the You Tube channel which attracts large audiences from within the church and further afield. But all this is not the same as the normal interaction we would expect as a congregation and a community and times have been especially hard for those who have been bereaved and those who have been unwell over recent months.

I would like to pay tribute now to all the office holders, members of the committee and others who take on the various responsibilities in the church. In all aspects of its administration and operation Dunmurry is extremely well run and I want to thank those who organise the committee, keep the minutes, manage the finances and the stipend, lead the Sunday School, play the organ, clean the church, look after the premises and the grounds, manage the graveyard and all the other myriad activities that go on. At this AGM we are thinking particularly of these activities in 2019 but they have all had to continue throughout the period of lockdown, in some cases in limited form but in exactly the same way.

In the final analysis it is incumbent on all of us to continue to support our church in whatever way we can. In a history that stretches back well over 300 years the congregation has faced many challenges and difficulties, the current situation is just the latest of these, but we exist because we are inspired by our faith, we must continue to be guided and sustained by this.

**Rev Dr David Steers**

### **Members of Committee**

#### **Retiring 2020**

Mr S Kennedy  
Mrs N Wilson  
Mrs R Frizzell  
Mrs E McCrudden

#### **Retiring 2021**

Mr M Douglas  
Mr J Douglas

#### **Retiring 2022**

Mr R Gordon  
Mr K Yuille  
Mrs K Yuille  
Mrs S McBride

### **Members of Session**

Mr R McFarland  
Mrs S McMillan  
Mrs A Jonston

Mr G Cameron  
Mrs M Graham

### **Synod and Presbytery Representatives**

Rev Dr D Steers and Mr Stephen Kennedy

## **Secretary's Report for Committee January - December 2019**

### **Meetings of Committee**

This year the Committee convened on 7 occasions, chaired by our Minister-in-Charge Rev Dr D Steers. In January 2019 the Committee was informed that a bequest to Dunmurry congregation of £20,000 has been received from the estate of Mr A Martin DFC who had died in December 2017. Mr Martin, a highly respected member of the congregation, had been Clerk of Session for many years. His generous bequest was greatly appreciated.

The congregational Annual General Meeting was held in the McCleery Hall on Monday 29th April chaired by Rev Dr D Steers. At this meeting the annual reports of the past year's church activities and the church's financial accounts were circulated to those present. These reports had also been made available for all who had attended the previous day's Sunday service.

All reports were read and opportunity given to discuss each report. All were accepted and passed. The Committee and office bearers were re-elected for a further year.

### **Presbytery/Synod Matters**

Mr Stephen Kennedy has represented Dunmurry congregation at the quarterly meetings of the Bangor Presbytery where he has provided the Presbytery with a congregational update. At each meeting he has sought permission to advertise our vacancy, but this has been denied because of pending legal action which has been postponed on several occasions. Rev Dr Steers also attends these meetings and has supported Mr Kennedy, especially with regard to Dunmurry's request to advertise the vacancy.

Mrs Margaret Graham attended General Synod in Moira on Wednesday 11th June, as representative elder. Mr Gilbert Cameron also attended to raise an issue relevant to the whole Denomination concerning Charity Commission guidelines.

### **Pulpit Vacancy**

Due to the on-going vacancy, a rota of ministers, students and lay preachers has been maintained with pastoral care and other ministerial duties as required carried out by Rev Dr D Steers.

The Committee welcome and thank the Rev Dr Steers for his ongoing support provided throughout our vacancy.

### **Organisations and Clubs**

The organisations and clubs which use the McCleery Hall weekly and monthly continued throughout the year and were well attended.

These include the monthly Glebe Gardening Club and Belfast Floral Art Club.

Weekly sessions include the Baille Irish Dancing class for children and Adult Yoga class.

At the beginning of 2019 a weekly session of Keep Fit for Seniors led by the yoga teacher, commenced and has been welcomed by those attending.

### **Churches Together**

The Denomination has supported all the inter-church services which have been held throughout the year. These include the Christmas Service, Christian Unity Service, World Day of Prayer and Easter Dawn Service.

Thank you to all who have faithfully supported these services.

### **Other Events**

This year the Committee willingly supported an initiative proposed by committee member, Mrs Emma McCrudden, to organise a number of lifestyle awareness fund raising events to purchase a defibrillator. The goal was achieved and a defibrillator installed outside the entrance to the McCleery Hall in October.

A demonstration and training evening regarding its use was well attended and the defibrillator is now registered on "The Circuit", which is the national defibrillator network hosted by the British

Heart Foundation. It is connected to every Ambulance Service in the UK and allows them to direct bystanders to the nearest defibrillator to help save lives.

In June and December Mrs McCrudden arranged a Family Film Night with refreshments served. These family evenings were welcomed, allowing members of the congregation to meet and socialise.

The Church was open for European Heritage Day on Sunday 15th September.

#### Thanking all volunteers and those who support the Church

The Committee are very appreciative of the assistance and support which Rev Dr D Steers has given, and continues to give, to the committee and congregation during the vacancy.

A big thank you is also due to Mrs Adele Johnston, Sunday School Superintendent, and her volunteers who lead the Sunday School each week. This is a huge commitment and is greatly appreciated. Special congratulations must go to the children for all their hard work and effort, especially on the occasions they have led Sunday worship. Well done to all those "stars" who participated.

Thanks also to Noelle Wilson and Mrs Sheila McMillan who weekly record and bank the Freewill Offering. Similarly the attention given to Church financial affairs by Mrs Sylvia McBride and Mrs Kathy Yuille, joint Treasurers, and Mr John Neill, Auditor of our accounts. Mrs McMillan continues to do many jobs around the Church to ensure that the property is maintained, oil tank filled, bins emptied and much more.

Thanks is also due to those who provide refreshments when required and all who donate flowers for Sunday worships and outside planters, those who clean the Church and look after the graveyard. There is a lot of work involved in keeping the property neat, tidy and safe. The congregational practical support is much appreciated as is the additional assistance of Bobby McCorrison.

In September the Committee was informed that Mr Sammy McClure would no longer be available to help with cleaning the McCleery Hall. Mrs McMillan also gave notice that, due to health problems, she would no longer be able to open the Church for Sunday services. It was agreed to put the opening on a rota of committee members.

The Committee very much appreciate the assistance of Mr and Mrs Lenny Myies who have volunteered to clean the hall when required in addition to helping with other cleaning duties.

The Committee also acknowledged the long time contribution of Mr Tom McCullough, who had to retire for health reasons from collecting the offering each Sunday. Mr McCullough had carried out this duty regularly for many decades.

Special thanks must also be given to Mrs Emma McCrudden who manages our Facebook page. It is a very informative and up to date page and continually receives many "likes" and compliments. Our Facebook page is a means of communicating what is going on in the Church to a younger generation and wider audience as it provides information of up and coming events and shows many lovely images of the Church and activities. Emma also manages our Church web-page. Emma's skills and knowledge in safely managing this social media are much appreciated by all. It is heartening to see how many views and requests come through this media.

The Committee continue to take great pride in caring for all aspects of the Church, the grounds, buildings, Christian heritage and ethos. It is encouraging and supportive to see good attendance each Sunday especially during our vacancy.

This report is for 2019, however, on behalf of the Committee, I wish to pay tribute to our Minister Emeritus, Rev McMillan or "Rev Mac" as he was so fondly known by all, who sadly died in January 2020.

His funeral was one of the largest seen within the Denomination in recent times with overflow of several hundred mourners listening to the relayed Service in the McCleery Hall. We all mourn the loss of such a remarkable and multi-talented man who blessed not only our congregation as a Minister who espoused Christianity with insightful liberal thought. As a flower arranger extraordinaire he placed wonderful flower arrangements in Church throughout his long tenure as Minister and into retirement.

He will be remembered by all whose lives he touched not only in Dunmurry but those here at home and abroad.

Our sympathies are extended to Sheila and family.

**Margaret Graham**  
**Secretary**

### **Honorary Treasurers' Report - 2019**

The Financial Statement for 2019 again shows a very good surplus which was boosted by a Legacy from Miss M.A. Orr and a transfer from Reserves in the Bank of Ireland.

The congregational income was down slightly but the rental income, which included the new property purchased in 2018 and the increased dividends and interest, compensated for the decrease.

Expenditure for the year was down and this was mainly due to no Ministerial salary and expenses for the period. All the other expenses have varied within reasonable parameters, the exception being professional fees paid which relate to the ongoing dispute with our previous Minister.

The Church's Gift Aid for the year has decreased but we are grateful to all the members who are involved with the Scheme.

2020 will be a challenging year for the Church due to the Covid Pandemic and the suspension of Sunday services. Meanwhile expenses and maintenance relating to the Church property and grounds are ongoing with a greatly reduced congregational income having to support this.

We would like to thank Mrs Noelle Wilson, Freewill Offering Treasurer, for her work throughout the year and also Mr John Neill for his valued work as Church Auditor.

The Committee would like to thank all the Congregation for their support at this time and look forward to welcoming everyone back to Church in the near future.

**Mrs S McBride and Mrs K Yullie**  
**Honorary Treasurers**

## **Sunday School Report 2019**

The Sunday School in Dunmurry met every Sunday during 2019 with a break over the summer months. We have continued to follow the denominational syllabus and support denominational Sunday School events.

On 9th March 10 of our children participated in the Denominational Sunday School Games at the Trinity Centre in Lisburn. They joined over 50 other children representing 8 of our congregations and enjoyed an afternoon of games, quizzes, crafts and all eagerly participated in a very noisy drum circle. After refreshments the children were all presented with a medal by the Moderator, Rt Rev Campbell, as a souvenir of the event.

The children worked hard on their entries for the annual Exhibition of Work / Sunday School Service which was held in All Souls Church on Friday 7th June. One of our young people, Erin Black, did a reading at the service. The children from Dunmurry did very well and were awarded a total of 13 prizes - 7 individual prizes and 6 group prizes for the whole Sunday School, the children were also awarded the Betty Weaver Award for Music and Drama for their short drama performance of Jesus Calming the Storm. Our full list of prizewinners were as follows:-

### **1st Prizes**

Erin Black (Thank you tree)  
Erin Black (Reading)  
Group prize for Jesus Calming the Storm drama.

### **2nd Prizes**

Grace Brown (Thank you tree)  
Julia Englefield (Hymn Review)  
Holly Brown (Palm Leaf)  
Group Prize for Joseph Scrapbook  
Group Prize for Bible ABC Book  
Group Prize for Singing "Our God is a Great Big God"

### **3rd Prizes**

Erin Black (10 Rules to Live By)  
Erin Black (Holy Week Time Line)  
Toby & Juliet Power (Poster about God's Wonderful World)  
Group Prize for Singing "Give Me Oil in my Lamp"

At the NSPCI General Synod Meetings in June I was honoured to be re-elected as Joint Denominational Sunday School & Youth Convenor with Rev Stephen Reain-Adair.

Sunday School Finished for the summer with our Children's Day Service on Sunday 9th June. The Service was led by Rev Steers, our Minister-in-Charge. Erin Black and Grace Brown read the lessons, the children wrote a prayer which was read by myself and all the children took part in a short item called "Think of a World Without any Flowers" which was narrated by Julia Englefield. At the end of the Service Rev Steers presented the children with prizes for Attendance and their entries for the Exhibition of Work.

Sunday School started back after the summer break on 14th September.

The children continue to sponsor Yeny in Peru and have been writing to her and have received some beautiful pictures from her. We are continuing to collect "loose change" to help sponsor Yeny and would like to thank members of the congregation for helping with this. Donations are always welcome and can be left in the Sunday School Room or in the Church.

I think the highlight of the year was this year's Christmas Service which was held on Sunday 22nd December. This year's service was led by the Sunday School with the teachers, children and their parents doing the readings and prayers. The children had made Christingles which were on display in the Church and Jenna, Holly, Toby and Juliet handed out candy canes to the congregation while our organist, Allen, did a short musical recital. Two of our youngest members, Holly and Jenna, also did fantastic solos during the Service. At the end of the Service the children were presented with Gift Tokens and Selection Boxes.

We would love to see more children in Church each Sunday - please support the Sunday School and bring / encourage your children or grandchildren to attend - they will be very welcome.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Kerr and Heather Cameron for their help on Sunday mornings, Allen Yarr our organist, Rev Steers and the visiting preachers who have included the children in their Services and also the Session, Committee, Parents and Congregation for their continued support over the year.

**Adele Johnston**  
**Sunday School Superintendent**

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's report to the Charity Trustees of First Presbyterian Church (Non-Subscribing) Dunmurry charity reg no 101607**

*20 Leydene Court,  
Lisburn .  
BT28 3LL*

To whom it may concern,

I report on the accounts of the above Church which have been presented to the Trustees, committee and congregational AGM.

I have examined the accounts as required under the Charities Act and my examination was carried out as such and in accordance under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination includes a review of the accounting records and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

My examination included the cash book, bank statements, receipts and payment vouchers kept by the Trustees.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns and I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Date: *14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020*