

Newtownards Congregational Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101645

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-06-08

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

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Activities

Purposes: We will endeavour, therefore, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to maintain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the Church, the relief of the needy and the spread of the Gospel to all nations.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Counselling/support, General charitable purposes, Overseas aid/famine relief, Playgroup/after schools, Religious activities, Sport/recreation, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Older people, Overseas/developing countries, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£110,856	£113,421	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr David Bennett		
Mr Geoff Murray		
Mr Ian Gallagher		
Mr Ken Logan		
Mr Simon Mcnamara		
Roy Mckee		

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Accounts

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Statement of Receipts & Payments - Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Weekly Offerings	76376		76376	76451
Building Fund	0		0	0
Gift Aid	13720		13720	15376
Bank Interest	5		5	8
Other Receipts	9440		9440	7475
Sub Total	99541		99541	99310
Investment Withdrawal	11312		11312	49435
Total Receipts	110853		110853	148745
PAYMENTS				
Ministerial	48372		48372	49396
Church & Halls	27671		27671	50276
Missionary Support	10735		10735	13987
Other	15954		15954	18723
Sub Total	102732		102732	132382
Investments	0		0	0
Total Payments	102732		102732	132382
Net of Receipts/Payments	8121		8121	16363
Reconciliation 31 December 2025				
Cash in Bank 1 January 2025	5529		5529	-10834
Surplus/Deficit for 2025	2566		8121	16363
Cash in Bank 31 December 2025	2963		2963	5529
Statement of Assets & Liabilities Year ended 31 December 2024				
Other Assets				
Investments	57000		57000	55000
Liabilities				
Approved by the Trustees on 10 February 2026 and signed on their behalf by:				
Geoff Murray (Treasurer)	Geoff Murray			
Simon McNamara (Secretary)	Simon McNamara			

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Statement of Receipts & Payments - Year Ended 31 December 2024				
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Weekly Offerings	76451		76451	76749
Building Fund	0		0	0
Gift Aid	15376		15376	17624
Bank Interest	8		8	11
Other Receipts	7475		7475	17467
Sub Total	99310		99310	111851
Investment Withdrawal	49435		49435	35000
Total Receipts	148745		148745	146851
PAYMENTS				
Ministerial	49396		49396	59642
Church & Halls	50276		50276	59408
Missionary Support	13987		13987	14555
Other	18723		18723	27726
Sub Total	132382		132382	161331
Investments	0		0	0
Total Payments	132382		132382	161331
Net of Receipts/Payments	16363		16363	-14480
Reconciliation 31 December 2024				
Cash in Bank 1 January 2024	-10834		-10834	3646
Surplus/Deficit for 2024	16363		16363	-14480
Cash in Bank 31 December 2024	5529		5529	-10834
Statement of Assets & Liabilities Year ended 31 December 2024				
Other Assets				
Investments	55000		55000	100762
Liabilities				
Approved by the Trustees on 26 February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:				
Geoff Murray (Treasurer)	Geoff Murray			
Simon McNamara (Secretary)	Simon McNamara			

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Annual report

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Correspondence, C/O Simon McNamara 3, Hillside, Portavogie, BT22 1EZ

Nic No 101645

Trustees Annual Report for period 1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024

The trustees during the period of the report were:

Rev Paul Acheson, Mr Roy Mckee, Mr Simon McNamara, Mr Geoff Murray, Mr Ken Logan, Mr Ian Gallagher, Mr David Bennett.

The Trustees have had regard to the Commissions Public Benefit requirement statutory Guidance, they are also satisfied that effective Safeguarding is in place in respect of vulnerable adults and children. Child protection policies are in place and training takes place every 2 years (last completed 5/12/23) for all those who are involved in this work. All are aware of their responsibilities regarding reporting requirements.

Newtownards Congregational Church is governed by its Constitution, Covenant and Code of Doctrine 2009.

The Charities main activities are varied with all our main focus on public worship services each Sunday morning and evening promoting the Christian faith and through faithful Biblical teaching to bring hope and purposeful living to people of all ages.

Our purpose leads only to good and has no harmful effects.

Our activities within the church are varied and reach out to all age groups within the community.

Sunday Bible Club and Bible Class continue to meet each week. Around 12–15 children attend where they have continued to use, “ The Gospel Project,” material which gives an overview of the Bible for the first half of the year and then moved on to the Life of Christ.

Both the Sunday Bible Club and Bible Class continue to take part in various services throughout the year with Children’s Day and the Christmas Tree Service well attended by parents and guardians. The children and adults can bring a present and place these under the tree, if they so desire. These were then given to Mathew Marshall (Relief Aid Ministries) and taken to Ukraine where they were distributed to those who were in genuine need.

The Ladies Fellowship continued to meet on a regular basis. The ladies would meet and spent time enjoying some fellowship. The evening would normally be finished off with a guest speaker giving a short epilogue. The ladies enjoyed their Annual Retreat in February. This year there were 30 present. This involved a weekend away, with the ladies being taught from God’s Word, a time of fellowship, and relaxation. The ladies also enjoyed their Fit4Life program which was held every Thursday in May. The ladies enjoyed this as it provides them with some exercise and also guests speakers would deliver some talks on general health. The Christmas afternoon tea was attended by around 65 where they all enjoyed some treats, Carol singing and quizzes.

Girls and Boys Brigade continue to meet every Thursday and Friday nights respectively (September-March). This brings the boys and girls from various backgrounds into a safe environment, providing them with Christian Teaching, Physical Activity and Badge Work. This in turn helps them to develop life skills and leadership qualities. Three boys were presented with their President’s Badge at this years display.(the BB highest award). There was also a joint BB/GB Enrolment Service this year which was well attended by parents and guardians.

Cross Factor has continued to meet after the evening service every Sunday. This is a time where the young people can spend together in a safe environment. It is a time where they can express themselves and reflect on God’s Word. The young people have enjoyed some fun activities throughout the year, ie: bowling and a black tie take away night which was well attended by them and their families. This enables them to learn from God’s Word, build relationships, develop

personally, and simply enjoy themselves. Some of the young people would also participate in the Praise Ministry within the Church.

The Evergreens, (those a certain age) have continued to enjoy regular outings throughout the year. These are times of fellowship and companionship. Normally the Evergreens would frequent cafés/restaurants, and enjoy some conversation, perhaps, with a short epilogue at the end of the day.

Craft Corner continue to meet regularly with around 14-18 ladies being present. They will generally complete some Craft Activities, ie Card Making, etc. This is a time of opportunity for fellowship and conversation. Normally the evening will be rounded off by a short epilogue.

Both Phil Dunn from EMF (European Missionary Fellowship) and Alan Cousins from SAT7 attended our Missionary Weekend. This was well attended by adults and young people and gave the opportunity to all to be informed about Mission Work and to ask questions relating to this area of God's work.

This year we have also enjoyed a couple of, "Church Fellowship Lunches." This is held directly after the morning Sunday service and has been attended really well by around 60/90 people of all ages. This is a time where we all enjoy a meal and some fellowship one with another generally finishing off with a time of praise to the Lord.

At the end of June we ran our Holiday Bible Club, (HBC) This was attended by around 50-80 primary school aged children. They enjoy lessons from the Bible every night, arts and crafts along with some well appreciated fun and games. The children come from all across the local community and the week is finished off on the Sunday, (HBC Sunday) with a short service where their parents and guardians can attend.

Missionary Support:

Missionary support continues throughout the year with regular opportunities given for individuals to support various causes. The total amount given to Missionary Societies throughout the year amounted to £13,986.61 (see accounts)

How we are funded:

Newtownards Congregational Church has sufficient funds in its accounts to sustain its expenses and liabilities with the main source of income from Free Will Offering Envelopes and loose donations.

A report of our activities and finances are prepared annually and presented for adoption at our AGM in February each year.

Secretary

Simon McNamara

February 2025

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Annual return

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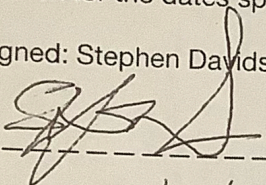
Reg Charity No NIC 101645
Auditor's Report

I, the undersigned have carried out an audit of the annual accounts of the Newtownards Congregational Church.

This was conducted for the Annual Report which was presented at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, the 26th February 2024, and covered the period 01/01/2024-31/12/2024 and was audited according to government standards.

I have found the account to be a true and accurate record of the finances of the above Church for the dates specified.

Signed: Stephen Davidson



Dated: 28/2/2025

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RECEIPTS				
Weekly Offerings	76749		76749	83335
Building Fund	0		0	70
Gift Aid	17624		17624	16077
Bank Interest	11		11	14
Other Receipts	17467		17467	16830
Sub Total	111851		111851	116326
Investment Withdrawal	35000		35000	23536
Total Receipts	146851		146851	139862
PAYMENTS				
Ministerial	59642		59642	54620
Church & Halls	59408		59408	51932
Missionary Support	14555		14555	13508
Other	27726		27726	24496
Sub Total	161331		161331	144556
Investments				
Total Payments	161331		161331	144556
Net of Receipts/ Payments	-14480		-14480	-4694

Reconciliation 31 December 2023				
Cash in Bank 1 January 2023	3646		3646	8340
Surplus/Deficit for 2023	-14480		-14480	-4694
Cash in Bank 31 December 2023	-10834		-10834	3646
Statement of Assets & Liabilities Year ended 31 December 2023				
Other Assets				
Investments	100762		100762	135000
Liabilities				
Approved by the Trustees on 21 February 2024 and signed on their behalf by:				
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The Ladies Fellowship continued to meet on a regular basis. The ladies would meet and spent time enjoying some fellowship. The evening would normally be finished off with a guest speaker giving a short epilogue. The ladies enjoyed their Annual Retreat in February. This year there were 30 present. This involved a weekend away, with the ladies being taught from God’s Word, a time of fellowship, and relaxation. The ladies also enjoyed their Fit4Life program which was held every Thursday in May. The ladies enjoyed this as it provides them with some exercise and also guests speakers would deliver some talks on general health. The Christmas afternoon tea was attended by around 65 where they all enjoyed some treats, Carol singing and quizzes.

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Cross Factor has continued to meet after the Evening Service every Sunday. This is a time where the young people can spend together in a safe environment. It is a time where they can express themselves and reflect on God’s Word. Around 8–10 young people enjoyed a weekend away throughout this year. This enables them to learn from God’s Word, build relationships, develop

personally, and simply enjoy themselves. Some of the young people would also participate in the Praise Ministry within the Church.

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This year the Church ran a Mission entitled, "Missing Peace" from 5-12th Nov. This was a time where people from right across the local community could come and hear testimonies from various people about what the Lord Jesus Christ means to them. This event was attended by around 70-100 people every night and provided them with an opportunity to ask questions, enjoy fellowship, and enjoy some companionship. We also had an opportunity to enjoy some conversation around a cup of tea and a bun.

Missionary Support:

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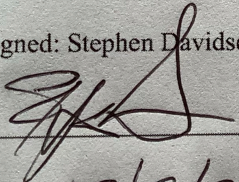
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I, the undersigned have carried out an audit of the annual accounts of the Newtownards Congregational Church.

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I have found the account to be a true and accurate record of the finances of the above Church for the dates specified.

Signed: Stephen Davidson



Dated: 18/2/2024