

Coleraine Congregational Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102315

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-07-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The purpose of Coleraine Congregational Church is to promote the glory of God by public worship, preaching and teaching of the Word of God, reaching out to people with the Gospel of Christ, and encouraging godly living in all true believers.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Counselling/support, Overseas aid/famine relief, Religious activities, Youth development

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£71,534	£80,052	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alex Steele		
David Mailey		
Jim Lyons		
Morris McAfee		
Sammy Kelly		

Coleraine Congregational Church

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Accounts

Coleraine Congregational Church
 Receipts and Payments Account
 Year ended 30th November 2024

Receipts	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	12 months 2024	12 months 2023
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received		50,527	8,453	58,981	55,360
Tax refunds under Gift Aid		6,110	-	6,110	5,960
		<u>56,638</u>	<u>8,453</u>	<u>65,091</u>	<u>61,320</u>
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		3,094	15	3,109	12
Dividends received		-	357	357	365
Other		2,977	-	2,977	3,454
Total receipts		<u>62,709</u>	<u>8,826</u>	<u>71,534</u>	<u>65,151</u>
Payments					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the Church's objectives</i>					
Direct costs		69,438	4,064	73,503	71,009
Grants paid		-	6,549	6,549	5,135
Total payments		<u>69,438</u>	<u>10,613</u>	<u>80,052</u>	<u>76,144</u>
Net receipts/(payments) before transfers		(6,730)	(1,788)	(8,517)	(10,992)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(6,730)	(1,788)	(8,517)	(10,992)
Balances at start of period		179,459	7,532	186,991	197,983
Balances at end of period		<u>172,729</u>	<u>5,745</u>	<u>178,474</u>	<u>186,991</u>

Coleraine Congregational Church
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year ended 30th November 2024

	Market Value 2024	Insurance Value 2024
1 Fixed Assets		
The value of the assets owned are:		
Church building	-	3,242,017
Church building contents	-	182,420
Manse	-	529,059
	-	3,953,496
2 Bank balances	2024	2023
Held at bank	-	-
	304,127	309,726
3 Other assets and liabilities	2024	2023
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	7,077	6,643
 <i>Liabilities</i>		
Payments due to HMRC	426	445
Unbilled fee for accounts preparation and independent examination	792	792
	1,218	972

Except where indicated from the statement of receipts and payments or above, all the assets and liabilities are in respect of the charity's unrestricted funds.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 25TH MARCH 2025

by 
DAVID MAILEY

Coleraine Congregational Church
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 30th November 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared in accordance on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

2 Direct costs

	Notes	General funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Employment costs	4	41,676	-	41,676	39,152
Property costs	6	13,956	-	13,956	17,992
Insurance		3,063	-	3,063	2,413
Pulpit supply		1,680	-	1,680	2,010
Independent examination		792	-	792	660
Events and other costs		8,272	10,613	18,885	8,658
		<u>69,438</u>	<u>10,613</u>	<u>80,052</u>	<u>70,885</u>

3 Grants paid

				-	
Institutions		-	4,565	4,565	5,259
		<u>-</u>	<u>4,565</u>	<u>4,565</u>	<u>5,259</u>

All grants distributed in 2023 were less than £1,000.

4 Employees and trustees

During 2024, the charity had 3 employees (2023 - 3 employees) to whom the employment costs above refer.

Mrs Sandra Mailey, the wife of a trustee, is employed as the church organist and was paid £1,872 per annum for her services.

The legal authority for these payments is included in the Consitution.

5 Agency funds

During the year, the charity acted as agent in holding and disbursing cash donated by church members to donate to a special guest speaker. This money was paid to the speaker via cheque.

6 Property costs	General funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Church utility and other premises costs	12,163	-	12,163	9,613
Manse utility and other premises costs	1,793	-	1,793	8,379
	<u>13,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,956</u>	<u>17,992</u>

7 Movement of restricted funds	At 1 Dec 23	Receipts	Payments	At 30 Nov 24
Missionary fund	490	3,574	(4,064)	-
ECF fund	1,030	731	(500)	1,261
Mather's fund	149	71	(96)	124
Sunday school	1,918	789	(406)	2,301
Ladies fellowship	763	583	(377)	970
Deveney Trust	1,018	15	-	1,033
Repairs	2,165	3,061	(5,170)	56
	<u>7,533</u>	<u>8,826</u>	<u>(10,613)</u>	<u>5,745</u>

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Accounts

**Coleraine Congregational Church
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 30th November 2023**

Receipts	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	12 months 2023	12 months 2022
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received		47,446	7,914	55,360	52,565
Tax refunds under Gift Aid		5,960	-	5,960	5,645
		53,406	7,914	61,321	58,210
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		-	12	12	2,108
Dividends received		-	365	365	357
Other		3,454	-	3,454	1,385
Total receipts		56,861	8,291	65,152	62,061
Payments					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the Church's objectives</i>					
Direct costs		68,612	2,397	71,009	67,370
Grants paid		-	5,135	5,135	5,409
Total payments		68,612	7,532	76,144	72,779
Net receipts/(payments) before transfers		(11,752)	759	(10,992)	(10,718)
Transfers between funds		(1,437)	1,437	-	-
Net movement in funds		(13,189)	2,196	(10,992)	(10,718)
Balances at start of period		192,647	5,336	197,983	208,701
Balances at end of period		179,459	7,532	186,991	197,983

Coleraine Congregational Church
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2 Bank balances	2023	2022
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	-	
3 Other assets and liabilities	2023	2022
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	6,643	6,307
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Payments due to HMRC	445	312
Unbilled fee for accounts preparation and independent examination	792	660
	<u>1,237</u>	<u>972</u>

Except where indicated from the statement of receipts and payments or above, all the assets and liabilities are in respect of the charity's unrestricted funds.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on

by


(David Maize)

Coleraine Congregational Church
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 30th November 2023

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2 Direct costs

	Notes	General funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Employment costs	4	39,152	-	39,152	36,498
Property costs	6	17,992	-	17,992	13,027
Insurance		2,413	-	2,413	2,344
Pulpit supply		2,010	-	2,010	1,360
Independent examination		660	-	660	660
Events and other costs		6,385	2,273	8,658	13,480
		68,612	2,273	70,885	67,370

3 Grants paid

Institutions	-	5,259	5,259	5,409
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6 Property costs	General funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Church utility and other premises costs	9,613	-	9,613	11,283
Manse utility and other premises costs	8,379	-	8,379	1,744
	17,992	-	17,992	13,027

7 Movement of restricted funds	At 1 Dec 22	Receipts	Payments	At 30 Nov 23
Missionary fund	-	2,887	(2,397)	490
ECF fund	750	780	(500)	1,030
Mather's fund	148	73	(72)	149
Sunday school	1,563	667	(311)	1,918
Ladies fellowship	889	1,363	(1,489)	763
Deveney Trust	1,007	12	-	1,018
Repairs	2,417	2,510	(2,762)	2,165
	6,453	8,291	(7,532)	7,534

Coleraine Congregational Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102315

Annual report

COLERAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023

The Managing Trustees during the period of report were:

Rev J Lyons, Mr Sammy Kelly, Mr. David Mailey, Mr. Morris McAfee & Mr Alex Steele
Mr Reggie Crozier (decd 01/01/24)

Our church's beneficiaries include our members, their families, the general public and the community in which our charity ministers. All of our activities are open to the general public and advertised to them.

The Trustees of Coleraine Congregational Church have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's Annual Reporting and Public Benefit Requirement Statutory Guidance in the preparation of this report and in the course of their business in the reporting period.

Our volunteers working with children have been AccessNI checked. We have a Child Protection Policy document in place and also have a designated person for child protection.

Coleraine Congregational Church is governed by its Constitution. The Constitution was reviewed in 2015/16 and the revised document was adopted at our AGM on 24th February 2016 and came into effect at the AGM on 22nd February 2017.

The Charity's 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 within the community. The Charity's building has disabled access making public worship accessible to all members of the general public. Pastoral support and visits were undertaken by Rev Lyons, Deacons, and members of the church to those in need within the church's own membership and the wider community.

No harmful effects will come from the purposes of our Charity.

What we do:

We hold **two services of public worship** each Sunday and regular **Bible study and prayer meetings** during the week. Throughout the year we have special services to celebrate Christmas, Easter Harvest and take the opportunity of inviting friends and neighbours.

Children's Church is available for young children during the morning service. **Sunday School and Bible Class** takes place each Sunday morning between September and June.

kidsRus (formerly known as Sunshine Corner) caters for primary school age children and meets each Tuesday night. The programme for the club consists of a bible story, memory verse, quiz, craft and games. Each year a Christmas party is held with a visit from Santa. At the end of the session the children take part in a service on Mothers Day and all parents and guardians are invited.

Navigators caters for ages 10-16 and meets on the first Sunday of each month. The group aims to provide Christian fellowship, teaching, encouragement and direction. Occasionally a visiting speaker is invited from outside the fellowship. A special informal night out is arranged to end the term.

Men and Ladies Fellowship meetings are held for the benefits of adults of all ages once a month. A visiting speaker is invited each month, occasionally a DIY evening is arranged when members of the group take part. The evenings end by having tea and a time of fellowship. Also once a year a dinner is held in a local hotel.

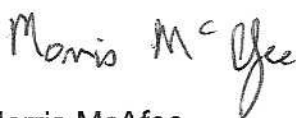
A **Crochet and Craft group** meets once a fortnight where the ladies enjoy refreshments and fellowship. This meeting is open for anyone interested in craft. They enjoy learning to knit and crochet. All completed items eg blankets, hats, mittens are sent to good causes.

A **football activity** for young men of varied ages is available outside the church each Thursday evening. This activity is held at the Score complex and is funded by the participants. This is seen as a way for the Church to connect with other people in our community. Again the emphasis is on encouragement, fellowship and promotion of the Christian faith. Special social times are arranged as an opportunity to get to know one another and to bond as a group.

There are regular opportunities to support Christian missions at our services whether on a Sunday or through our midweek activities. Contributions received to support a particular Christian mission are passed on in full to that mission.

The Charity has sufficient funds in its accounts to sustain its expenses and liabilities with the main source of income coming from freewill offering envelopes and loose donations. The Charity also receives gift aid payments from HMRC on submission of a claim. A small number of people faithfully and regularly contribute to the repair fund using a separate envelope system.

A report of our activities and finances is prepared annually and is formally adopted at our AGM in February each year.



Morris McAfee
Secretary/Trustee

30th April 2024

Coleraine Congregational Church
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
For the year ended 30th November 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (FRS 102) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is reasonable to presume the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 28th February 2024:

Allen Steel 14/May/2024

Anthony R. Veary 14.5.24.

Coleraine Congregational Church

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Annual return

Coleraine Congregational Church
Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees
For the year ended 30th November 2023

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th November 2023, which are set out on pages 9-12.

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.

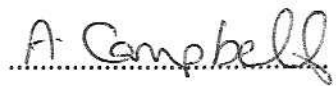
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Campbell". The signature is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Ashley Campbell FCA
Chartered Accountant
21 Warnock's Lane,
Coleraine,
BT52 1TH

28th February 2024

Coleraine Congregational Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102315

Accounts

Charity Registration Number 102315

Coleraine Congregational Church

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 30th November 2020

**Coleraine Congregational Church
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**Coleraine Congregational Church
General Details**

Trustees

Morris McAfee
David Mailey
Alex Steele
Sammy Kelly
Reg Crozier

Correspondence Address

16 Rectory Road
Coleraine
BT52 2LR

Charity Registration Number

102315

**Coleraine Congregational Church
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For the year ended 30th November 2020**

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Approved by the trustees of the charity on 12th March 2021:

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B. A. King

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R. P. King

**Coleraine Congregational Church
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 30th November 2020**

Receipts	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	12 months 2020	12 months 2019
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received		36,240	2,122	38,361	43,952
Tax refunds under Gift Aid		5,011	-	5,011	5,399
		<u>41,251</u>	<u>2,122</u>	<u>43,372</u>	<u>49,351</u>
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		203	1	204	449
Dividends received		-	349	349	349
Rent received		1,800	-	1,800	5,650
Other		1,200	-	1,200	1,510
Total receipts		<u>44,454</u>	<u>2,472</u>	<u>46,926</u>	<u>57,309</u>
Payments					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the Church's objectives</i>					
Direct costs	2	28,033	799	28,832	34,705
Grants paid	3	-	1,304	1,304	3,047
Total payments		<u>28,033</u>	<u>2,103</u>	<u>30,136</u>	<u>37,752</u>
Net receipts/(payments) before transfers		16,421	369	16,789	19,558
Transfers between funds	7	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		16,421	369	16,789	19,558
Balances at start of period	7	206,425	2,276	208,701	189,143
Balances at end of period		<u>222,846</u>	<u>2,644</u>	<u>225,490</u>	<u>208,701</u>

The notes on pages 10-11 form part of these accounts.

**Coleraine Congregational Church
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year ended 30th November 2020**

1 Fixed assets	Market value 2020 £	Insurance value 2020 £
The value of the assets owned are:		
Church building	-	2,250,378
Church building contents	-	132,732
Manse	-	361,494
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,744,604</u>

In addition to the above, the charity also holds shares in the Dundooan and Mathers Trusts, which are administered by the Department for Communities. The dividends are split between a number of churches, and the charity's share of the dividends paid in the period is shown in the accounts. As these investments are unlisted, and there is no readily-available market value, no value has been included in the table above.

2 Bank balances	2020 £	2019 £
Held at bank	<u>213,781</u>	297,975
	213,781	<u>297,975</u>

3 Other assets and liabilities	2020 £	2019 £
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	<u>5,400</u>	5,404
	5,400	<u>5,404</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Payments due to HMRC	100	98
Unbilled fee for accounts preparation and independent examination	660	660
Other amounts payable	-	994
	<u>760</u>	<u>1,753</u>

Except where indicated from the statement of receipts and payments or above, all the assets and liabilities are in respect of the charity's unrestricted funds.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 12/3/21

by



MR DAVID MAILEY

Coleraine Congregational Church
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 30th November 2020

1 Accounting policies

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2 Direct costs

	Note	General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Employment costs	4	6,160	-	6,160	6,613
Property costs	6	7,968	-	7,968	11,050
Insurance		2,425	-	2,425	1,976
Bus hire		1,600	-	1,600	5,680
Pulpit supply		2,825	-	2,825	5,475
Other ministry costs		175	-	175	175
Support services		-	-	-	291
Professional fees		50	-	50	700
Independent examination		660	-	660	660
Events and other costs		6,171	799	6,970	2,130
		<u>28,033</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>28,832</u>	<u>34,750</u>

3 Grants paid

Institutions	-	1,304	1,304	3,047
	-	<u>1,304</u>	<u>1,304</u>	<u>3,047</u>

All grants distributed in 2020 were less than £1,000.

4 Employees and trustees

During 2020, the charity had 2 employees (2019 - 2) to whom the employment costs above refer.

Mrs Sandra Mailey, the wife of a trustee, is employed as the church organist and was paid £916 per annum for her services.

The legal authority for these payments is included in the Constitution.

5 Agency funds

During the year, the charity acted as agent in holding and disbursing cash donated by church members to donate to a special guest speaker. This money was paid to the speaker via cheque.

6 Property costs	General funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Church utility and other premises costs	4,520	-	4,520	6,183
Church interior refurbishment	2,290	-	2,290	3,445
Manse utility and other premises costs	1,157	-	1,157	1,422
	<u>7,968</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,968</u>	<u>11,050</u>

7 Movement of restricted funds	At 1 Dec 19	Receipts	Payments	At 30 Nov 20
	£	£	£	£
Missionary fund	(221)	1,304	(1,304)	(221)
ECF fund	366	73	(360)	78
Mather's fund	5	70	-	75
Sunday school	636	411	(59)	988
Ladies Fellowship	515	450	(380)	585
Deveney Trusts	1,004	1	-	1,005
Repairs	(29)	164	-	135
	<u>2,276</u>	<u>2,472</u>	<u>(2,103)</u>	<u>2,644</u>

Coleraine Congregational Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102315

Annual report

Coleraine Congregational Church
Trustees Annual Report
For the year ended 30th November 2020

The Managing Trustees during the period of this report were: Mr. Morris McAfee, Mr. David Mailey, Mr. Samuel Kelly, Mr. Alex Steele & Mr. Reg Crozier.

The Trustees of Coleraine Congregational Church have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Annual Reporting and Public Benefit Requirement Statutory Guidance in the preparation of this report and in the course of their business in the reporting period.

Coleraine Congregational Church is governed by its Constitution. The Constitution was reviewed in 2015/16 and the revised document was adopted at our A.G.M. on 26th February 2016 and came in effect at the A.G.M. of 22nd February 2017.

Our Purpose:

The purpose of Coleraine Congregational Church is to promote the glory of God by public worship, preaching and teaching of the Word of God, reaching out to people with the Gospel of Christ, and encouraging godly living in all true believers.

Public Benefit:

The charity aims to share the Christian gospel and faith through advancement of religion. The direct benefits of this purpose include the provision of a church building for public worship and all listed activities. This building has disabled access making public worship accessible to all members of the general public. The public worship contributes to the wellbeing of those attending the church. It also provides spiritual and moral teaching and support for its members and the general public. There is the potential for moral and intellectual improvement for church members and members of the general public who attend the public worship and follow its Biblical teaching. The churches purposes promote Christian values and its Biblical teachings provide opportunities for Biblical response including prayer and worship. Pastoral and practical support is provided to those in need. Support is also given to missionaries and missionary organisations through prayer and financial support.

The benefits of our organisation are demonstrated through informal feedback from our members, their families, parents of young people and the general public who attend our meetings. Expressions of benefit are often demonstrated by members in regular church meetings. Benefits can also be seen by the behaviour and service demonstrated by those involved in the churches public worship and meetings.

Our churches beneficiaries include our members, their families, the general public and the community in which our charity ministers. All of our activities are open to the general public and advertised to them.

A private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to the employment of our caretaker and the organist. This benefit is incidental and necessary in the furtherance of our charity's purpose. The private benefit is also reasonable and not excessive. The church organist is the wife of one of our trustees. The trustee exempts himself from any business concerning his wife to avoid any perceived conflict of interest.

No harm will come from the purposes of our charity. Our volunteers working with children have been 'AccessNI' checked, we have a Designated Person for Child Protection in office. We revised and updated our Child Protection Policy document in 2019.

What we do:

Prior to the March 2019 lockdown due to the Covid 19 pandemic we held 2 services of public worship each Sunday and regular bible study and prayer meetings during the week. We returned in September to holding a single service each Sunday morning with protective measures and appropriate distancing in place. This initially reduced our capacity but with new audio-visual equipment in place we have been able to use our church hall for an overflow area. Since May 2019 we have been having a weekly Bible Study and prayer time using the 'Zoom' platform. This has enabled a good number of our folk to have a sense of fellowship together.

Sunday School and Bible Class took place each Sunday morning until the lockdown. Transport was hired to bring any children requiring transport to these activities. We also provided crèche facilities for parents attending church with their babies and young children and Children's Church was held during our weekly morning worship each Sunday. These services have been suspended since the March 2019 lockdown

Pastoral support continues to be undertaken by our Deacons, and members of the church, to both those in need within the church's own membership and the wider community. This is done through a telephone call. Men and Ladies fellowship meetings were suspended from March 2019 and have not been able to resume to date. The Deacons meet 2 times per month on Zoom to maintain church business and discuss pastoral matters.

We remain at the date of this report without a full time Pastor but are actively praying for and seeking a replacement. We believe that whoever that man will be, will be revealed to us by God in due time. Our Sunday services continue to be led by Christian men known to us who share our beliefs and our 'Statement of Faith'. These men are invited following discussion among the Diaconate and are offered a monetary gift for leading us in worship and bringing a scriptural message to those gathered for worship.

The church provides opportunities for missionaries and missionary organisations to share details of their work to the fellowship and the general public. The church offers these missionaries prayerful and financial support and encouragement to help advance the Christian gospel and faith. Again during lock-down the number of opportunities to meet with missionaries has been reduced.

All other church activities have had to be suspended during the pandemic.

How we are funded:

The charity has sufficient funds in its accounts to sustain its expenses and liabilities. The main source of income for the church is the free will contributions of those attending for worship at our weekly Sunday services.

There are regular opportunities to support **Christian missions** at our services whether on a Sunday or through our midweek activities. Contributions received to support a particular Christian mission are passed on in full to that mission.

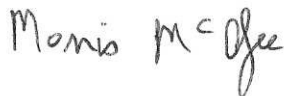
The weekly 'Free Will Offering' is received either through money contained in sealed envelopes carrying the contributors allocated number or in loose cash deposited in the collection plate. Stewards appointed by the membership at our Annual General Meeting record these contributions and deposit the funds in our bank account weekly. The church also receives **Gift Aid** payments from HMRC on submission of a claim.

A small number of people faithfully and regularly contribute to the '**Repair Fund**' using a separate envelope system. These contributions are recorded and deposited in our general account on a weekly basis. These contributions are only used to maintain the fabric structure of the church building for the benefit of the charity.

Children from the **Sunday School** contribute to the Sunday School fund and the ladies attending Ladies Fellowship contribute to the **Ladies Fellowship** fund. Funds held in these accounts are used solely for the activities of these groups.

During the period of this report we continued to rent our manse for 3 months. A short term rental agreement between the holding trustees and the other party was prepared and an appropriate monthly rent agreed. The Trustees are registered with the Northern Ireland Landlord Registration Scheme and the property is properly insured in line with these temporary circumstances.

A report on our activities and finances is prepared annually and is formally adopted at our A.G.M. in February each year.



Morris McAfee
Secretary/Trustee
12th March 2021

Coleraine Congregational Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102315

Annual return

Coleraine Congregational Church
Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees
For the year ended 30th November 2020

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th November 2020, which are set out on pages 9-12.

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.

A. Campbell FCA

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12th March 2021