

1st Presbyterian (Non-Subscribing) Church Downpatrick

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102339

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-07-15

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

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Activities

Purposes: To promote the inalienable right of every Christian to search these records of Divine Truth for his own instruction and guidance, to form his own opinions with regard to what they teach, and to worship God in sincerity, agreeably to the dictates of his own conscience, without privation, penalty, or inconvenience inflicted by his fellow-men.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Community development, General charitable purposes, Heritage/historical, Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£28,817	£26,436	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Freddie Straney		
Hamilton Cleland		
John Strain		
Mary Stewart		

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Freewill Offering & Stipend	9,018	-	-	9,018	10,796
Donations & Legacies	1,943	-	-	1,943	1,754
Fundraising Activities	2,190	-	-	2,190	2,790
Interest on Deposit A/Cs		498	-	498	742
Dividends on Investments	8,432	-	2,936	11,368	11,131
Reclaimed Gift Aid	3,508	-	-	3,508	3,054
Graveyard fees & donations		225	-	225	100
other	67	-	-	67	6,073
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	25,158	723	2,936	28,817	36,440
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,158	723	2,936	28,817	36,440
A3 Payments					
Payroll	13,433	-	-	13,433	16,506
Denomination Support	907	-	-	907	997
Property	6,895	-	-	6,895	6,221
Charitable Activity	1,270	-	-	1,270	830
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	115
Office Services & Printing	254	-	-	254	975
Bank Charges	89	-	-	89	97
Manse	3,198	-	-	3,198	800
Other	450	-	-	450	3,198
A3 Sub total	26,496	-	-	26,496	29,739
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Wooden railing		-	-	-	457
		-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	457
Total payments	26,496	-	-	26,496	30,196

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current A/C	37,778	-	-	37,778	22,300
	Business Reserve A/C	51,632	-	-	51,632	50,177
	Total cash funds	89,410	-	-	89,410	72,477

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Fixed Term Deposit - Manse	-	176,917	-	176,917	175,303
	Fixed Term Deposit & Bonds	35,190	-	66,288	101,478	99,769
	Total				278,395	275,072

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	NICIFC	Endowment.	-	-	-
	HSBC	Restricted	-	-	-
	Astra Zeneca	Endowment.	-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church, halls, Fixtures & Fittings	Endowment	-	-	-
	Cooker	Unrestricted	-	-	-
	Printer/Copier	unrestricted	-	-	-
	Secure Cabinet	unrestricted	-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Mary Stewart

Print Name

Mary D Stewart

Date of approval

28.10.25

1st Presbyterian (Non-Subscribing) Church Downpatrick

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Accounts



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN (NS) CHURCH DOWNPATRICK	NK 102339
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A1 Receipts					
Freewill Offering & Stipend	10,796	-	-	10,796	8,720
Donations & Legacies	1,754	-	-	1,754	1,437
Fundraising Activities	2,790	-	-	2,790	1,223
Interest on Deposit A/Cs		742	-	742	1,176
Dividends on Investments	5,537	-	5,594	11,131	8,501
Reclaimed Gift Aid	3,054	-	-	3,054	3,171
Graveyard fees & donations		100	-	100	100
other	3,159	2,914	-	6,073	3,417
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	27,090	3,756	5,594	36,440	27,745
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,090	3,756	5,594	36,440	27,745
A3 Payments					
Payroll	16,506	-	-	16,506	8,936
Denomination Support	997	-	-	997	928
Property	6,221	-	-	6,221	7,941
Charitable Activity	830	-	-	830	1,068
Fundraising costs	115	-	-	115	-
Office Services & Printing	975	-	-	975	639
Bank Charges	97	-	-	97	80
Manse	800	-	-	800	-
Other	3,198	-	-	3,198	2,181
A3 Sub total	29,739	-	-	29,739	21,773
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Wooden railing	457	-	-	457	612
A4 Sub total	457	-	-	457	612
Total payments	30,196	-	-	30,196	22,385

Trustee
Mary Stewart

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current A/C	22,300	-	-	22,300	10,381
	Business Reserve A/C	50,177	-	-	50,177	65,172
	Fixed Term Deposit & Bonds	30,720	-	89,049	89,769	96,236
	Total cash funds	103,197	-	89,049	172,246	171,789

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Fixed Term Deposit - Manse	-	176,024	-	176,024	176,024
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	176,024	176,024

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	NICIFC	Endowment	-	-	-
	HSBC	Restricted	-	-	-
	Astra Zeneca	Endowment	-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church, halls, Fixtures & Fittings	Endowment	-	-	-
	Cooker	Unrestricted	-	-	-
	Printer/Copier	unrestricted	-	-	-
	Secure Cabinet	unrestricted	-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Mary Stewart

Print Name

MARY STEWART

Date of approval

23.9.2024

1st Presbyterian (Non-Subscribing) Church Downpatrick

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102339

Annual report

First Presbyterian (Non-Subscribing) Church Downpatrick (NIC102339)
Report of Trustees
2023

Constitution

The 1st Presbyterian (Non-subscribing) Church, Stream Street, Downpatrick, Co Down is governed by Rules and Regulations which have evolved from the original Rules framed in 1807 and ratified on 12th August 1889. These rules and the Memorandum of choice and Appointment of Trustees of Congregational Property form the Constitution and Code of Discipline.

The purpose of the church is as follows:

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Regular Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Inter-denominational Services in the community. Readily available for Historical Tours of the building which is of great historical interest. Annual school visits to local schools. Representing the church at cross community events. We believe everyone has equal rights. We have both male and female elders within our congregation.

Activities During 2023

In 2022 we appointed a new minister, Rev Rosalind Taggart who is the first female minister to be appointed to this congregation in its 300 year plus history.

Sunday worship took place throughout the year, including those most important to our purposes, those at Easter, Communion (May and November) Harvest and Christmas.

A joint service of thanksgiving and afternoon tea was held on 7 May 2023 to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. This service brought together the three congregations in the charge of our Minister and was enjoyed by all who attended especially those who live

Three Fund raising events and one social outing were held these were inclusive of the local community and well supported by a diverse population of friends and members.

The exterior of our historic church and graveyard were carefully maintained by member volunteers and contractors. The interior of the church building was enhanced by the installation of a bespoke wooden railing at the front of the church.

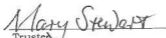
In recognition of the historical importance of the ancient graveyard within the curtilage of the church grounds and the monuments contained therein. Our Clerk of Session has researched and published a volume entitled "A Guide to the Notable Grave Inscriptions in the The First Presbyterian (NS) Church, Downpatrick". This volume is of particular interest to families in the local community and further afield who have predecessors interred there as well as to historians generally.

List of Trustees:

Volunteer Trustees: Hamilton Cleland, Frederick Straney, John Strain, Mary Stewart.

Denominational Trustee: Non Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland Trustee Company Limited.

Signed:


Trustee

Date: 23rd September 2024

1st Presbyterian (Non-Subscribing) Church Downpatrick

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102339

Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of:
1st Presbyterian (Non Subscribing) Church Downpatrick. (NIC102339)**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

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 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.

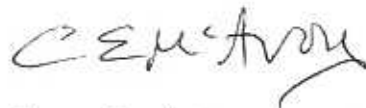
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1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Name: Carole McAvoy



Relevant professional qualification or body: Treasurer Presbytery of Antrim - Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland

Address: 29a Carrowdore Road, Greyabbey, BT22 2LU

Date: 2.10.24

1st Presbyterian (Non-Subscribing) Church Downpatrick

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2020	To	31/12/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Freewill Offering & Stipend	11,866	-	-	11,866	11,553
Donations & legacies	1,277	-	-	1,277	5,917
Fundraising activities	626	-	-	626	2,429
Interest on deposit A/cs	1,398	3,288	-	4,686	3,462
Dividends on Investments	668	-	-	668	5,851
Reclaimed Gift Aid	3,441	-	-	3,441	6,718
Graveyard fees & donations	25	-	-	25	300
Grant	-	-	-	-	1,348
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	19,101	3,288	-	22,389	37,578
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,101	3,288	-	22,389	37,578
A3 Payments					
Payroll	17,869	-	-	17,869	18,405
Denominational Support	1,067	-	-	1,067	1,177
Property	6,205	-	-	6,205	20,104
Charitable Activity	350	-	-	350	2,052
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	100
Office Services & Printing	1,251	-	-	1,251	938
Bank Charges	90	-	-	90	119
Other costs	451	-	-	451	588
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	27,283	-	-	27,283	43,483
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	2,100
	-	-	-	-	1,410
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	3,510
Total payments	27,283	-	-	27,283	46,993
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,182	3,288	-	4,894	9,415
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	8,182	3,288	-	4,894	9,415

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current A/C	10,381	-	-	10,381	15,275
	Business Reserve A/C	65,172	-	-	65,172	65,114
	Fixed Term Deposit & Bonds	31,236	-	64,000	95,236	95,503
	Total cash funds	106,789	-	64,000	170,789	175,892

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Fixed Term Deposit - Manse	-	176,926	-	176,926	177,305
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	176,926	-	176,926	177,305

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	Investment Fund	Endowment	-	-	-
	HSBC	Restricted Funds	-	-	-
	Astra Zeneca	Endowment	-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church, Halls, fixtures & fittings	Endowment	-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Mary Stewart

Print Name

MARY STEWART

Date of approval

5/10/21

1st Presbyterian (Non-Subscribing) Church Downpatrick

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102339

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Activities During 2020

The introduction of Government Restrictions due to the Coronavirus, Covid 19 pandemic significantly impacted on activities during the much of 2020. In the early months of the year the plastering and painting in the hall were carried out. Outdoor maintenance work on the grounds was able to go ahead between travel lockdown periods. However Church Services and attendance were suspended for much of the year. Our Minister galvanized support among the congregation on an ongoing basis to submit on-line readings and musical items and other suitable content which enhanced the on-line services he produced and uploaded to You-tube. This, enabled members, who had access to on-line facilities, to see familiar faces and experience the feeling of safety engendered by the familiarity of the Sunday

Service from their own minister each Sunday. This was particularly important for some medically vulnerable people who continued to utilize this mode of worship even when restrictions were eased.

Charitable collections and fund raising activities were very limited, although the SOS bus benefited from the collection at the United Service in our Church during the World Week of Prayer and the Royal British Legion collection on Remembrance Day and collection for the denominational Benevolent Fund were well supported.

There was one funeral and burial in the churchyard and one wedding, all carried out within the government restrictions in place at the time. The spring communion service was broadcast very successfully on-line and attracted a pleasingly high number of views. In all our on-line services were well received by both members of the church but also by others not connected to our church.

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Denominational Trustee: Non Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland
Trustee Company Limited.

Signed:

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Trustee

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Name: CAROL McAVOY DENOMINATIONAL
Relevant professional qualification or body: NSP CHURCH TREASURER

Address: 29A CARROWDONE ROAD
GREYABBEY BT22 2LU

Date: 7/1/22