

First Presbyterian (Non-Subscribing) Church Downpatrick (NIC102339)
Report of Trustees
2024

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:

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.

Public benefit

As a free liberal thinking church, we believe in God and the revelation of God in the Bible, which is the word of God. Through this we help to promote good citizenship in the Downpatrick and surrounding area.

Activities which contribute to the achievement of our purpose and benefit to the public include the following:

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 2024

Sunday worship took place throughout the year, including those most important to our purposes, those at Easter, Communion (May and November) Harvest and Christmas. We were pleased to have 2 babies baptised in the church during the year and privileged to hold funerals for members who had passed away. Remains were also buried in our ancient churchyard.

Three Fund raising events 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

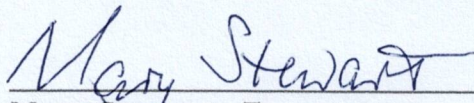
by member volunteers and contractors.

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:


Mary Stewart, Trustee

Date: 28.10.2025