

Methodist Historical Society of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103661

Details

Known as	MHSI
Status	Received
Registered	2015-10-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Society promotes the advancement of the education of the public in connection with the history of Methodism

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works:

Advice/advocacy/information, Cultural, Education/training, Heritage/historical, Research/evaluation

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£10,443	£10,701	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Derek J. Reid		
Mrs Jennifer P. Stutt		
Mrs Trudy Kelly		
Rev. Dr Edmund T.I. Mawhinney		
Rev. Dr Stephen Skuce		
Rev. Robin P. Roddie		

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Accounts

THE METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Members Subscriptions	4,111	4,754
HMRC Gift Aid	-	1,896
Donations (General)	722	160
Centenary Project	1,500	1,500
Circuit & Church Subscriptions	3,102	3,809
Pilgrimage	435	-
Sale of Books & Bulletins	120	180
Gain/(Loss) on Investments	253	225
Bank Interest	200	119
	<u>10,443</u>	<u>12,644</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Historical Room - Insurance	1,091	1,091
Historical Room - Other	663	-
Digitisation	1,137	-
Bulletins	2,268	1,530
Postage	920	756
Printing & Stationery	194	505
Bank Fees	18	18
Pilgrimage	420	-
Lectures	150	75
Book Binding	1,050	-
Website	1,183	1,176
Digitisation hosting	1,556	1,560
Paypal Fees	51	36
	<u>10,701</u>	<u>6,748</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFCIT)	- 258	5,896
Reserves B/F	17,024	11,128
RESERVES C/F	<u><u>16,766</u></u>	<u><u>17,024</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank Current Account	10,797	11,340
Bank Deposit Account	2,215	2,183
Investments (Trustees Units)	3,754	3,501
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>16,766</u></u>	<u><u>17,024</u></u>

William Peterson FCA Acct Compt.

19th APRIL 2025.

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Members Subscriptions	4,754	4,126
HMRC Gift Aid	1,896	976
Donations (General)	160	479
Centenary Project	1,500	3,000
Circuit & Church Subscriptions	3,809	3,347
Pilgrimage	-	420
AGM Catering	-	189
Sale of Books & Bulletins	180	90
Gain/(Loss) on Investments	225	360
Bank Interest	119	15
	<u>12,644</u>	<u>12,282</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Historical Room - Rent	-	2,000
Historical Room - Insurance	1,091	965
Historical Room - Other	-	-
Digitisation	-	831
Bulletins	1,530	2,345
Postage	756	889
Printing & Stationery	505	89
Bank Fees	18	6
Pilgrimage	-	450
AGM Catering	-	190
Lectures	75	-
Website	1,176	983
Digitisation hosting	1,560	1,417
Paypal Fees	36	50
	<u>6,748</u>	<u>10,215</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	5,896	2,067
Reserves B/F	11,128	9,061
RESERVES C/F	<u>17,024</u>	<u>11,128</u>

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Bank Current Account	11,340	5,695
Bank Deposit Account	2,183	2,157
Investments (Trustees Units)	3,501	3,276
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>17,024</u>	<u>11,128</u>

William Parkinson
 FCA ACA CMA.
 31st MARCH 2024.

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Annual report

THE METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Trustees' Annual Report for Financial Year ended 31 December 2023

Charity Name: The Methodist Historical Society of Ireland (MHSI)

Charity Number: 103661

Address: Edgehill House, 9 Lennoxvale, Belfast, BT9 5BY

Names of Trustees: Dr Fergus O'Ferrall, Rev. Dr Edmund T.I. Mawhinney; Mr Derek J. Reid; Miss Trudy Reid; Rev. Robin P. Roddie, Mrs Jennifer P. Stutt; Dr Brian S. Turner

Governance of MHSI: The Methodist Historical Society of Ireland is governed by its Constitution formally adopted on 15 October 2010. A sub-committee has been appointed to review the Constitution. A draft revised Constitution will be brought to the 2024 AGM for approval and adoption.

Principal purposes:

The Society's purposes are:

1. To promote the advancement of the education of the public in connection with the history of Methodism.
2. To acquire and preserve books, manuscripts, documents in any medium, and artefacts, and to provide facilities for study and display of same.
3. To promote conferences, public lectures and pilgrimages and lectures given by acknowledged authorities on some aspect of Methodism.
4. To publish a journal of the Society once a year or at other such intervals as determined by the Executive Committee.
5. To raise, invite and receive contributions from any body, person, or persons by way of subscription, donation, grant or otherwise.
6. To maintain a website to promote the interests, activities, and publications of the Society.

All of the Society's purposes are for public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS – achievements are listed below for each of the Society's six purposes.

1. Advancement of Education

The Archives continue to welcome academic researchers and those interested in researching their family history. Queries also come in online and are answered by the Archivist and Associate Archivist. The website continued to be active during this year and continues to provide some income through sales and charges for scanned copies of requested material. In particular, there had been a request from a Museum and Historical Society based in Pennsylvania requesting images from Roger Lamb's Commonplace book for a forthcoming exhibition and publication entitled *The Doan Gang – Outlaws of the Revolution*.

Indexing the Dublin-based monthly the *Irish Methodist Church Record* (1893-1929) has now covered the years up to 1903. In addition the transcribing of a three-volume index to early Irish Methodist baptisms from 1815-1858, compiled in 1865 is reaching completion. Indexing of articles which appeared in the *Irish Christian Advocate* on Methodist Circuits has been

uploaded to the in-house data base. A catalogue of early manuscript letters of early Methodist preachers is being uploaded to Library World. A data base of 3-dimensional material is in the process of being created and, when completed, will be uploaded on to Library World and will be accessible via the website.

The digitisation of Methodist periodicals from 1859-2015 is available online. Feedback continues to show that this important project is of great interest to scholars, researchers and those interested in Irish Methodist History across the world.

2. Acquisition and Preservation of Books, Manuscripts, Documents and Artifacts

Material continues to come in from around the Methodist Church in Ireland and it is estimated that more than eighty-five per cent of the Church's records are deposited in the archives. A more unusual acquisition had been an American portable organ which had belonged to Rev. Dwyer Kelly and used while ministering to the troops in the First World War. Personal papers belonging to prominent Methodists have also been deposited.

3. Conferences, Public Lectures and Pilgrimages.

In April 2023 Ian d'Alton gave the Spring Lecture in Dublin entitled *Focus – A Life's Ambition – Risteárd Ó Glaisne's Irish Protestant Journal*. Following the AGM in June 2023, Jane Donovan gave a lecture entitled, *An 1816 Honeymoon in Ireland: Henry Foxall's Connections to Irish Ironworking and Methodism*. This was an online lecture. Kevin Miller

from membership subscriptions, donations from churches and circuits and gave the Annual Lecture in October on *From Place to Place: The Ulster Mission Hall and the Protestant Denominations*. This was in person and online.

The annual Pilgrimage visited the churches of Castledermot, Carlow, Tullow and Clonegal on the Carlow Circuit in May 2023.

4. Publication of the Bulletin

The 2023 issue of the *Bulletin* was published in November and included the transcripts of Nicola Morris's lecture entitled *Looking beyond the Circuit: The Irish Christian Advocate and the question of Ireland after the Second World War*; Ian d'Alton's lecture on Risteárd Ó Glaisne's *Irish Protestant Journal* and Jane Donovan's lecture on Henry Foxall. There were book reviews by Clive D. Field, Richard Vickery, Clive Murray Norris and John R. Tyson.

Raising Financial Contributions.

Income for the Society is largely generated from members' subscriptions, congregational donations, and contributions for family genealogical research. In 2023 the Society's membership remained at 394 including institutional members.

5. Maintaining the Website.

The Society's website continues to be well used with queries regarding research topics and family histories coming from around the world. Society events are also publicised on the website.

PUBLIC BENEFIT:

Beneficiaries of the Society's work include anyone with an interest in Irish Methodist History – members of the public researching family history, scholars, researchers, genealogists, and members of MHSI, both locally and overseas. Those contacting the Society benefit from the expertise of the Archivist and volunteer staff and, under normal circumstances, have access to the huge range of resources managed by the Society. The publication of the *Bulletin* and its placement in the libraries of every university of Ireland, in academic libraries in the US and

Australia and in legal deposit libraries in both UK and Ireland has ensured a wide-reaching readership. The increasing number of visitors to the website have access to a wealth of information which facilitates research both of an academic nature and of local and family history. The digitization of the Methodist periodicals, now accessible online generates considerable interest worldwide. The programme of lectures and the annual pilgrimage foster and develop interest in people and places with significant relevance to Methodism. The continuing acquisition of new materials of special Methodist interest and the careful preservation of the collection held in the archives, ensures the long-term survival of this unique material for use of present and future generations. All of the above help to further understanding, appreciation and knowledge of all aspects of Irish Methodist history and are for public benefit.

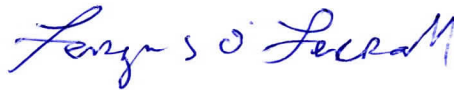
FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Funding for MHSI comes mainly from annual membership subscriptions and donations from Circuits. In addition, there is a small income derived from sales of books, from donations for searches and resultant scanning of materials and from donations from individuals. The main items of expenditure include rent, costs associated with the running of the archives, insurance, printing and stationery and website hosting. At the end of the financial year, income covered expenditure and there was a small reserve. There were no funds which were in deficit.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

The Trustees of the Methodist Historical Society, during the year, complied with their duty to have regards to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Signature of Trustee:



Position: Trustee and President

Date: 4 September 2024

Signature of Trustee:



Position: Trustee and Secretary

Date: 4 September 2024

Methodist Historical Society of Ireland

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Annual return

Methodist Historical Society of Ireland
Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on the attached account.

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 of Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of 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 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.

Name: *William Parkinson*

William Parkinson FCCA ACMA CGMA

Address: 11 Parkmount Road, Ballymena, BT43 5HR, Northern Ireland

Date: *4th JUNE 2024.*

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Accounts

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
INCOME		
Members Subscriptions	4,125.97	4,941.36
HMRC Gift Aid	976.05	507.62
Donations (General)	479.25	80.00
Centenary Project	3,000.00	16,970.43
Circuit & Church Subscriptions	3,347.12	3,193.47
Pilgrimage	420.00	-
AGM Catering	189.00	-
Sale of Books & Bulletins	90.30	203.40
Gain/(Loss) on Investments	- 360.46	492.06
Bank Interest	14.62	7.43
	12,281.85	26,395.77
EXPENDITURE		
Historical Room - Rent	2,000.00	2,000.00
Historical Room - Insurance	965.07	875.16
Historical Room - Other	-	1,980.00
Digitisation	830.83	21,769.38
Bulletins	2,345.00	2,295.00
Postage	889.20	347.56
Printing & Stationery	88.58	298.49
Bank Fees	6.00	-
Pilgrimage	450.00	-
AGM Catering	190.00	-
Book Binding	-	180.00
Website	982.95	892.94
Digitisation hosting	1,417.48	1,633.21
Paypal Fees	49.88	46.43
	10,214.99	32,318.17
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	2,066.86	- 5,922.40
Reserves B/F	9,060.93	14,983.33
RESERVES C/F	11,127.79	9,060.93

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank Current Account	5,695.07	3,272.44
Bank Deposit Account	2,156.91	2,152.22
Investments (Trustees Units)	3,275.81	3,636.27
TOTAL ASSETS	11,127.79	9,060.93

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Annual report

Declaration for new charity trustees

Name of organisation: The METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Name of charity trustee: FERGUS O' FERRALL of Ireland.

Charity trustee eligibility and responsibility

By signing this form, you declare that you:

- Are willing to act as a charity trustee
- Understand your organisation's purposes (objects) and rules set out in its governing document
- Are not prevented from acting as a charity trustee because you:
 - Have an unspent conviction for an offence involving dishonesty or deception
 - Are currently declared bankrupt (or subject to bankruptcy restrictions or an interim order)
 - Have an individual voluntary arrangement (IVA) to pay off debts with creditors
 - Have made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, creditors and this has not been discharged
 - Are subject to a moratorium period under a debt relief order or a debt relief restrictions order
 - Are disqualified from being a company director
 - Have previously been removed as a trustee by the Commission or the High Court due to misconduct or mismanagement, or removed as a charity trustee by any other charity regulator or Court in the UK
 - Are disqualified or barred from acting as a trustee of this charity under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (as amended by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012).

You also declare that:

- The information you provide is true, complete and correct
- You will comply with your responsibilities as a trustee set out in the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance.

Charity trustee declaration

Name (Print)	Signature	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)
FERGUS O' FERRALL	<i>Fergus O'Ferrall</i>	27/09/2023

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The twice postponed Pilgrimage to the historic churches on the Castlederg Circuit took place in May 2022.

4. Publication of the Bulletin

The 2022 issue of the *Bulletin* was published in November and included the transcript of Peter Forsaith's lecture on Adam Clarke, the transcript of Brian Callan's lecture on Methodism and Stamps and an important article on the Methodist New Connexion in Ireland by Robin Roddie.

Raising Financial Contributions.

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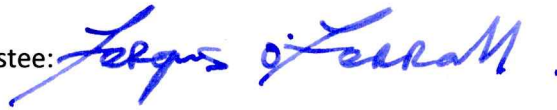
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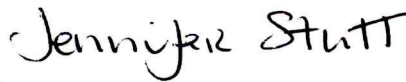
Signature of Trustee:



Position: Trustee and President

Date: 27 Sept 2023

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Name: *William Parkinson*

William Parkinson FCCA ACMA CGMA

Address: 11 Parkmount Road, Ballymena, BT43 5HR, Northern Ireland

Date: *4th JUNE 2023.*