

# Belvoir Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104242

## Details

Known as	Belvoir Presbyterian Church
Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-05
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£42,261	£34,739	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Brian Dunwoody		
Harvey Glenn		
Mr Raymond Mcneill		
Rev Ben Walker		
Robert Clarke		
William McClune		

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# Accounts

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# Belvoir Presbyterian Church Annual Accounts 2024

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Belvoir Presbyterian Church  
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For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Summary of Accounts	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and Legacies						
Charitable Activities						
Other Trading Activities						
Investment Income						
Other	2	£21,796.00	£20,465.00		£42,261.00	£51,170.00
Sale of Investments						
Sale of Fixed Assets						
Loans Received						
<b>Total Receipts</b>		£21,796.00	£20,465.00		£42,261.00	£51,170.00
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising Funds						
Charitable Activities	3		£6,479.00		£6,479.00	£7,276.00
Investment Costs						
Other	3	£13,573.00	£14,687.00		£28,260.00	£33,822.00
Purchase of Investments						
Purchase of fixed assets						
Loan Repayments						
<b>Total Payments</b>	3	£13,573.00	£21,166.00		£34,739.00	£41,098.00
<b>Transfers</b>						
Net movement in funds		£8,223.00	-£701.00		£7,522.00	£10,072.00
Funds brought forward		£31,039.00	£25,276.00		£56,315.00	£46,243.00
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		£39,262.00	£24,575.00		£63,837.00	£56,315.00

## 2. Income

<b>Belvoir P.C. Income 2024 (Note 2)</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
<b>Unrestricted Income (General Account)</b>		
F.W.O.	£17,051.00	
F.W.O. Gift Aid	£2,663.00	
Loose Offering	£908.00	
Periodicals	£70.00	
In Memory of M. Ferguson	£100.00	
In Memory of R. Burke	£40.00	
Heat and Light (from Organisations)	£323.00	
Heat and Light (Easter Offering)	£454.00	
Easter Offering Gift Aid	£70.00	
Bank Interest	£117.00	
<b>Total Unrestricted Income</b>	<b>£21,796.00</b>	£27,357.00
<b>Restricted Income in the General Account</b>		
United Appeal	£1,702.00	
United Appeal Gift Aid	£357.00	
Tearfund	£165.00	
Kenya Sunbeam Ministries(Harvest Offering)	£421.00	
Coin Jar (Kenya Sunbeam Ministries)	£92.00	
Blythswood Care	£52.00	
Catechisms	£135.00	
Royal British Legion	£107.00	
EMF (General Fund)	£115.00	
Property Fund	£4,831.00	
Missionary Fund	£3,004.00	
<b>Total Restricted Income in the General Account</b>	<b>£10,981.00</b>	£14,328.00
<b>Other Restricted Income</b>		
Manse Account	£6,010.00	
Bowling Club	£410.00	
Friday Focus	£2,228.00	
Lunch Club	£836.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,484.00</b>	£9,485.00
<b>Total Restricted Income</b>	<b>£20,465.00</b>	£23,813.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£42,261.00</b>	£51,170.00

### 3. Expenses

<b>Belvoir P.C. Expenditure 2024 (Note 3)</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
<b>Expenditure from Unrestricted Funds</b>		
<b>Assessments</b>		
Central Ministry Fund	£388.00	
Widows of Ministers' Fund	£70.00	
Incidental Fund	£279.00	
Prolonged Disability Fund	£54.00	
Church House Repairs	£140.00	
Ground Rent	£40.00	
Sick Supply	£2.00	
Student Bursary Fund	£124.00	
Ministerial Development Fund	£8.00	
Communications	£109.00	
<b>Assessments</b>	<b>£1,214.00</b>	£1,737.00
<b>Other Unrestricted Expenditure</b>		
Presbytery Fees	£211.00	
Pulpit Supply	£2,776.00	
Electricity	£2,046.00	
Oil	£2,825.00	
Church Insurance	£2,701.00	
Water Rates	£507.00	
F.W.O. Envelopes	£160.00	
Web-Site Expenses	£230.00	
Periodicals	£70.00	
Outreach	£70.00	
Printer Ink	£164.00	
Stationery	£80.00	
Postage	£60.00	
C.C.L.I. License	£97.00	
Gift Tokens	£50.00	
Christmas Gifts for the Congregation	£115.00	
Hospitality	£43.00	
Wireless Mouse	£11.00	
Keys	£26.00	
Bank Fees	£117.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,359.00</b>	£16,356.00
<b>Total of Unrestricted Expenditure</b>	<b>£13,573.00</b>	£18,093.00

<b>Expenditure from Restricted Funds</b>		
Property Fund	£6,039.00	
Manse Account	£4,939.00	
Bowling Club	£447.00	
Friday Focus	£2,443.00	
Lunch Club	£479.00	
Christmas Books	£80.00	
Catechisms	£135.00	
Royal British Legion	£107.00	
Outreach Literature	£18.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,687.00</b>	£15,729.00
<b>Total Expenditure (apart from Charitable Activities)</b>	<b>£28,260.00</b>	£33,822.00
<b>Expenditure on Charitable Activities (Note 3)</b>		
Tearfund	£165.00	
Blythswood	£52.00	
E.M.F. (General Fund)	£115.00	
Kenya Sunbeam Ministries	£513.00	
United Appeal	£2,059.00	
Gifts from the Missionary Fund	£3,575.00	
<b>Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>	<b>£6,479.00</b>	£7,276.00
<b>Total Restricted Expenditure</b>	<b>£21,166.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£34,739.00</b>	£41,098.00

## Appendices

### Appendix 1 - Envelope Giving 2024

No	F.W.O.	Property	Missionary	U.A.	Easter	Harvest	Total
1	£520.00	£5.00					£525.00
2	£3.00	£1.00	£1.00	£1.00	£1.00		£7.00
3	£244.00	£84.00	£51.00	£51.00	£10.00		£440.00
6	£470.00	£480.00	£1,170.00	£235.00	£100.00	£60.00	£2,515.00
8	£193.00	£163.00	£61.00	£56.00	£23.00	£26.00	£522.00
9	£250.00				£5.00	£10.00	£265.00
10	£560.00						£560.00
11	£1,000.00	£200.00	£500.00			£65.00	£1,765.00
12	£400.00	£2,000.00	£200.00		£50.00	£50.00	£2,700.00
16	£1,800.00	£405.00	£75.00	£710.00	£30.00	£30.00	£3,050.00
19	£445.00		£20.00				£465.00
20	£250.00						£250.00
21	£25.00						£25.00
22	£250.00						£250.00
23	£420.05						£420.05
24	£1,100.00	£80.00		£20.00			£1,200.00
26	£100.00						£100.00
27	£340.00						£340.00
28	£520.00						£520.00
29	£585.00	£20.00	£85.00	£85.00	£30.00	£50.00	£855.00
31	£100.00						£100.00
34	£590.00	£100.00	£30.00	£380.00			£1,100.00
35	£130.00	£78.00	£26.00	£26.00			£260.00
36	£1,020.00				£20.00	£20.00	£1,060.00
41	£1,500.00						£1,500.00
43	£10.00	£10.00					£20.00
44	£491.00	£60.00	£181.50	£115.00	£30.00	£50.00	£927.50
45	£104.00						£104.00
46	£1,040.00	£24.00	£14.00	£6.00	£40.00	£40.00	£1,164.00
48	£244.00	£24.00	£23.00	£17.00	£10.00	£20.00	£338.00
49	£1,997.00						£1,997.00
50	£350.00						£350.00
Totals	£17,051.05	£3,734.00	£2,437.50	£1,702.00	£349.00	£421.00	£25,694.55

## Appendix 2 – Further details of Income and Expenditure

<b>Property Fund Summary 2024</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£6,298.01	Cleaner	£2,366.00
Contributions	£3,734.00	Grounds Maintenance	£697.00
Gift Aid	£1,097.38	Roof Cleaning	£2,400.00
		Portable Appliance Testing	£158.40
		Time Clock	£71.80
		Safety Service Agency	£176.64
		Paper Towels	£64.50
		Neon Tubes	£14.40
		Plumber	£90.00
		Closing Balance	£5,090.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,129.39</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,129.39</b>

<b>Missionary Fund Summary 2024</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£4,207.23	SASRA	£100.00
Contributions	£2,437.50	Christian Unions Ireland	£100.00
Tearfund	£164.50	The Christian Institute	£100.00
E.M.F. (General Fund)	£114.50	Revival Movement Association (Every Home Crusade)	£100.00
Blythswood Care	£52.05	Wycliffe Bible Translators	£100.00
Harvest Offering (Kenya Sunbeam Ministries)	£421.00	E.M.F.	£600.00
Coin Jar (Kenya Sunbeam Ministries)	£91.56	International Mission to Jewish People	£200.00
Gift Aid	£566.78	Kenya Sunbeam Ministries	£100.00
		Naomi Keefe (P.C.I.)	£200.00
		John and Birita Timothy (O.M.F.)	£200.00
		Wilson and Irene McMahon (O.M.F.)	£400.00
		Shelter Now UK	£200.00
		Mission Africa (Brian Wilson)	£200.00
		Hamsayeh International	£200.00
		Josh McCance (P.C.I.)	£200.00
		MERF	£100.00
		Seafarers' Christian Friend Society	£200.00
		The Bible Society N.I.	£100.00
		All Nations Ministries	£75.00
		Thompson House	£100.00
		Blythswood Ireland	£52.05
		EMF (General Fund)	£114.50
		Tearfund	£164.50
		Coin Jar (Kenya Sunbeam Ministries)	£91.56
		Harvest Offering (Kenya Sunbeam Ministries)	£421.00
		Closing Balance	£3,636.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,055.12</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,055.12</b>

<b>Manse Account 2024</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£12,145.62	Tree Removal	£456.00
Rent	£6,000.00	Manse Rates	£2,004.48
Donation	£10.00	Cleanzone (Gutters)	£65.00
		Carryduff Saw Mills (Fence Timber)	£650.00
		Bank Fees	£33.08
		Skip Hire	£150.00
		Ray Light (Fencing)	£1,100.00
		Boiler Service	£60.00
		Garden Tidy-Up	£420.00
		Closing Balance	£13,217.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>£18,155.62</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£18,155.62</b>

<b>Bowling Club 2024</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£217.00	Bowling Club Dinner	£224.00
Membership Fees	£410.00	Heat and Light	£223.00
		Cash in Hand	£180.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£627.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£627.00</b>
<b>Tiny Talk 2024</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£544.62	Cash in Hand	£39.61
Cash in Hand	£39.61	Closing Balance	£544.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>£584.23</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£584.23</b>

<b>Lunch Club 2024</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£64.17	Meals (BHSCT)	£405.00
Donations	£535.67	Publicity	£29.79
Gift Aided Donation (11)	£300.00	Stamps	£6.80
		Bank Fees	£36.76
		Closing Balance	£421.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>£899.84</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£899.84</b>
<b>Friday Focus 2024</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£530.53	Tuck Expenses	£1,116.14
Dues	£331.60	Juniors' Trip (includes minibus hire)	£320.00
Tuck Shop	£1,007.30	Seniors' Trips (includes minibus hire)	£653.00
Donations	£74.01	Equipment & Prizes	£100.79
Juniors' Trips (Zoo / Cinema)	£243.00	Heat & Light	£100.00
Senior Trips (Lost City, Bowling, Prison Island)	£502.00	Bank Fees	£45.19
Treasure Hunt	£70.00	Treasure Hunt	£108.00
		Closing Balance	£315.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,758.44</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,758.44</b>
<b>Women's Focus 2024</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£404.45	Closing Balance	£404.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>£404.45</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£404.45</b>



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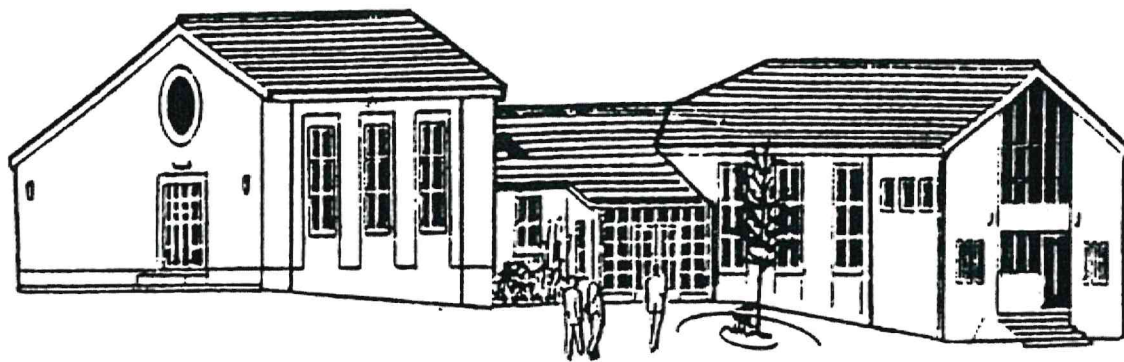
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Charitable Activities						
Other Trading Activities						
Investment Income						
Other	2	£27,357.00	£23,813.00		£51,170.00	<del>£46,453.00</del>
						£40,425.00
Sale of Investments						
Sale of Fixed Assets						
Loans Received						
<b>Total Receipts</b>		£27,357.00	£23,813.00		<del>£51,881.00</del>	<del>£46,453.00</del>
					£51,170.00	£40,425.00
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising Funds						
Charitable Activities	3		£7,276.00		£7,276.00	£7,304.00
Investment Costs						
Other	3	£18,093.00	£15,729.00		£33,822.00	£33,288.00
Purchase of Investments						
Purchase of fixed assets						
Loan Repayments						
<b>Total Payments</b>	3	£18,093.00	£23,005.00		£41,098.00	£40,592.00
<b>Transfers</b>						
Net movement in funds		£9,264.00	£808.00		£10,072.00	-£167.00
Funds brought forward		£21,775.00	£24,468.00		£46,243.00	£46,410.00
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		£31,039.00	£25,276.00		£56,315.00	£46,243.00

## 2. Income

<b>Belvoir P.C. Income 2023 (Note 2)</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
<b>Unrestricted Income (General Account)</b>		
F.W.O.	£18,922.00	
F.W.O. Gift Aid	£2,665.00	
Loose Offering	£624.00	
Gift Aid Envelopes	£160.00	
Periodicals	£69.00	
In Memory of Mary Pratt	£250.00	
In Memory of Sadie Lynar	£2,150.00	
In Memory of Hannah Graham	£40.00	
In Memory of Alice Pavoux	£40.00	
In Memory of Gilbert Anderson and Norman Mannis	£1,000.00	
Heat and Light (from Organisations)	£240.00	
Heat and Light (Easter Offering)	£424.00	
Easter Offering Gift Aid	£36.00	
60th Anniversary Gift	£60.00	
Hall Rental (BBC)	£655.00	
Miscellaneous Income	£1.00	
Bank Interest	£21.00	
<b>Total Unrestricted Income</b>	<b>£27,357.00</b>	£21,506.00
<b>Restricted Income in the General Account</b>		
United Appeal	£1,998.00	
United Appeal Gift Aid	£395.00	
Tearfund (Syrian Earthquake)	£365.00	
Tearfund (Harvest Offering)	£424.00	
Harvest Offering / Tearfund Gift Aid	£62.00	
Carol Service Offering (Tearfund)	£24.00	
Tearfund	£1.00	
Torch Trust (Coin Jar)	£100.00	
Outreach Literature	£200.00	
Royal British Legion	£89.00	
Presbyterian Children's Society (Coin Jar)+ Harvest Loose Off.	£77.00	
Gift for Manse Tenants	£300.00	
Christmas Books	£80.00	
Property Fund	£6,103.00	
Missionary Fund	£4,110.00	
<b>Total Restricted Income in the General Account</b>	<b>£14,328.00</b>	£4,029.00

<b>Other Restricted Income</b>		
Manse Account	£6,000.00	
Bowling Club	£563.00	
Friday Focus	£2,354.00	
Lunch Club	£568.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,485.00</b>	£14,890.00
<b>Total Restricted Income</b>	<b>£23,813.00</b>	£18,919.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£51,170.00</b>	£40,425.00

### 3. Expenses

<b>Belvoir P.C. Expenditure 2023 (Note 3)</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
<b>Expenditure from Unrestricted Funds</b>		
<b>Assessments</b>		
Central Ministry Fund	£540.00	
Widows of Ministers' Fund	£110.00	
Incidental Fund	£442.00	
Prolonged Disability Fund	£110.00	
Church House Repairs	£245.00	
Ground Rent	£40.00	
Sick Supply	£5.00	
Student Bursary Fund	£196.00	
Ministerial Development Fund	£49.00	
<b>Assessments</b>	<b>£1,737.00</b>	<b>£2,125.00</b>
<b>Other Unrestricted Expenditure</b>		
Presbytery Fees	£236.00	
Pulpit Supply	£3,984.00	
Electricity	£4,425.00	
Oil	£3,376.00	
Church Insurance	£2,574.00	
Water Rates	£431.00	
F.W.O. Envelopes	£148.00	
Web-Site Expenses	£230.00	
Periodicals	£116.00	
Printer Ink	£126.00	
Stationery	£90.00	
Postage	£55.00	
C.C.L.I. License	£93.00	
Gift Tokens	£50.00	
Christmas Books for the Congregation	£250.00	
Hospitality	£67.00	
Microphone	£40.00	
Batteries	£6.00	
Christianity Explored Resources	£42.00	
Bank Fees	£17.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,356.00</b>	<b>£18,230.00</b>
<b>Total of Unrestricted Expenditure</b>	<b>£18,093.00</b>	<b>£20,355.00</b>

<b>Expenditure from Restricted Funds</b>		
Property Fund	£4,476.00	
Manse Account	£7,117.00	
Bowling Club	£679.00	
Tiny Talk	£10.00	
Friday Focus	£2,300.00	
Women's Focus	£10.00	
Lunch Club	£655.00	
Outreach Literature	£182.00	
Gift to Manse Tenants	£300.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,729.00</b>	<b>£8,009.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditure (apart from Charitable Activities)</b>	<b>£33,822.00</b>	<del>£28,364.00</del>
		£33,288.00 BL
<b>Expenditure on Charitable Activities (Note 3)</b>		
Tearfund	£876.00	
Lady Johnston's Bounty	£55.00	
Torch Trust	£100.00	
Presbyterian Children's Society	£77.00	
The Royal British Legion	£89.00	
United Appeal	£2,393.00	
Gifts from the Missionary Fund	£3,652.00	
Missionary Account Bank Fees	£34.00	
		£7,304.00 BL
<b>Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>	<b>£7,276.00</b>	<del>£6,304.00</del>
<b>Total Restricted Expenditure</b>	<b>£23,005.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£41,098.00</b>	<del>£34,668.00</del>

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## Appendices

### Appendix 1 - Envelope Giving 2023

No	F.W.O.	Property	Missionary	United Appeal	Easter	Harvest	Total
1	£530.00	£15.00	£20.00		£30.00		£595.00
3	£109.00	£52.00	£52.00	£52.00	£10.00		£275.00
4	£200.00						£200.00
5	£53.00		£53.00				£106.00
6	£390.00	£640.00	£640.00	£90.00	£75.00	£75.00	£1,910.00
8	£152.00	£162.00	£60.00	£43.00	£24.00	£19.00	£460.00
9	£285.00				£5.00	£5.00	£295.00
10	£470.00						£470.00
11	£1,000.00		£140.00				£1,140.00
12	£200.00	£2,200.00	£250.00		£50.00	£50.00	£2,750.00
16	£1,740.00	£395.00	£85.00	£925.00	£30.00	£20.00	£3,195.00
17	£90.00			£5.00			£95.00
18	£85.00						£85.00
19	£780.00	£40.00	£330.00	£130.00			£1,280.00
20	£245.00						£245.00
21	£122.50						£122.50
22	£256.40						£256.40
23	£415.10						£415.10
24	£1,030.00	£90.00		£20.00		£20.00	£1,160.00
27	£1,299.00						£1,299.00
28	£520.00						£520.00
29	£530.00	£45.00	£70.00	£70.00		£30.00	£745.00
30	£180.00	£25.00	£20.00				£225.00
31	£60.00	£20.00	£20.00				£100.00
33	£950.00	£610.00	£600.00	£100.00		£100.00	£2,360.00
34	£370.00	£120.00	£90.00	£470.00	£50.00		£1,100.00
35	£130.00	£78.00	£26.00	£26.00			£260.00
36	£910.00				£20.00	£20.00	£950.00
41	£2,180.00						£2,180.00
42	£15.00						£15.00
43	£145.00	£115.00	£25.00	£15.00	£5.00	£10.00	£315.00
44	£453.00	£99.00	£140.50	£32.00	£50.00	£25.00	£799.50
46	£1,012.00	£28.00	£21.00	£11.00	£60.00	£40.00	£1,172.00
48	£270.00	£20.00	£20.00	£9.00	£15.00	£10.00	£344.00
49	£1,405.00						£1,405.00
50	£340.00	£50.00					£390.00
	£18,922.00	£4,804.00	£2,662.50	£1,998.00	£424.00	£424.00	£29,234.50

## Appendix 2 – Further details of Income and Expenditure

<b>Property Fund Summary 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£4,671.89	Cleaner	£2,366.00
Contributions	£4,804.00	Grounds Maintenance	£640.00
Dream Scheme	£123.75	Roof Repairs (Glenn Floyd)	£744.00
Bank Interest	£64.59	Window Repairs (Adrian McAuley)	£216.00
Gift Aid	£1,110.09	Fence Repairs	£110.00
		Safety Service Agency	£210.18
		Radiator Repairs	£60.00
		Bank Fees	£130.13
		Closing Balance	£6,298.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,774.32</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,774.32</b>

<b>Manse Account 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£13,262.42	Bathroom Renovations	£4,894.80
Rent	£6,000.00	Manse Rates	£1,927.53
		Door Handles / Hinges	£19.98
		Plumber	£70.00
		Bank Fees	£34.49
		A. Francey (Electrician)	£110.00
		Minor Repairs	£60.00
		Closing Balance	£12,145.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,262.42</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,262.42</b>

<b>Missionary Fund Summary 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£3,783.52	Jose and Anneke de Segovia (E.M.F.)	£100.00
Contributions	£2,662.50	Antonio and Anna de Noia (E.M.F.)	£200.00
Interest	£3.28	SASRA	£100.00
Uncashed Cheque from 2022	£200.00	Christian Unions Ireland	£100.00
Donations to E.M.F.	£440.00	The Christian Institute	£100.00
Donation to Blythswood Care	£200.00	Revival Movement Association (Every Home Crusade)	£100.00
Donation to Seafarers' C.F.S.	£1.50	Wycliffe Bible Translators	£100.00
Wycliffe Bible Society	£10.00	Vitalii Mariash (E.M.F.)	£100.00
Gift Aid	£591.87	Martin Hjellvik (E.M.F.)	£100.00
		E.M.F.	£340.00
		International Mission to Jewish People	£200.00
		James and Heather Cochrane (P.C.I.)	£200.00
		Naomi Keefe (P.C.I.)	£200.00
		John and Birita Timothy (O.M.F.)	£200.00
		Wilson and Irene McMahon (O.M.F.)	£200.00
		Shelter Now UK	£100.00
		Mission Africa (Brian Wilson)	£200.00
		Hamsayeh International	£200.00
		Josh McCance (P.C.I.)	£200.00
		MERF	£100.00
		Seafarers' Christian Friend Society	£201.50
		The Bible Society N.I.	£100.00
		Blythswood Care	£200.00
		Wycliffe Bible Translators	£10.00
		Bank Fees	£33.94
		Closing Balance	£4,207.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,892.67</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,892.67</b>

<b>Tiny Talk 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£554.62	Bank Fees	£10.00
Cash in Hand	£39.61	Cash in Hand	£39.61
		Closing Balance	£544.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>£594.23</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£594.23</b>

<b>Bowling Club 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£333.00	Bowling Club Dinner	£439.00
Membership Fees	£509.00	Heat and Light	£240.00
Donation	£54.00	Cash in Hand	£217.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£896.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£896.00</b>

### Women's Focus 2023

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£414.33	Bank Charges	£10.00
Bank Interest	£0.12	Closing Balance	£404.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>£414.45</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£414.45</b>

<b>Lunch Club 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£151.85	Meals (BHSCT)	£371.25
Donations	£567.69	Gifts to Speakers	£210.00
		Publicity	£19.54
		Stamps	£15.44
		Bank Fees	£39.14
		Closing Balance	£64.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>£719.54</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£719.54</b>

<b>Friday Focus 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£477.18	Tuck Expenses	£1,009.03
Dues	£342.80	Juniors' Trip	£177.50
Tuck Shop	£965.00	Seniors' Trips	£822.00
Donations	£340.00	Prizes	£28.30
Juniors' Trip (We are Vertigo)	£105.00	Christmas Expenses & Chn's Gifts	£42.68
Senior Trips (E. Irvine & Prison Island)	£457.50	Publicity	£25.06
Treasure Hunt	£142.50	Sundries	£36.91
		Bank Fees	£42.36
		Treasure Hunt	£115.61
		Closing Balance	£530.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,829.98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,829.98</b>



**Belvoir Presbyterian Church  
24C Dunseverick Avenue  
Belfast  
BT8 7EA**

Jesus First in Everything

Sunday 16th June 2024

Dear Sir,

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 were received, considered and adopted at a meeting of the Congregation held on 16th June 2024.

This was on the proposal of DAVID KORIMER

and seconded by ELEANOR ANDERSON

Yours faithfully

B. S. Dunwoody (Clerk of Session)

*Brian S. Dunwoody*

*B. Walker*

Rev. Dr B. Walker (Convenor)

**Belvoir Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104242

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# Annual report

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**BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104242)**

## **BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**BELVOIR** congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (Belvoir Presbyterian Church)  
24C Dunseverick Avenue, Belfast, BT8 7EA

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104242)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year 2023 were:

Rev Ben Walker  
Mr Brian Dunwoody  
Mr Harvey Glenn  
Mr William McClune  
Mr Robert Clarke

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister:	Rev Ben Walker
Clerk of Session:	Mr Brian Dunwoody
Treasurer:	Miss Catherine Riddell

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mr. Ian Wright

### **BANKERS**

Danske Bank Ltd, Forestside Branch, 27 Upper Galwally, Belfast BT8 6FX.

## **BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **The Kirk Session**

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held several times each year as required.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain the votes of two-thirds of those who vote.

#### **Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Belvoir congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the South Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by each of the Kirk Sessions of the congregations.

## **BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administrative and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion. Belvoir congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable our members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

Sunday worship is at the heart of the life of the church family with services being held every week. Belvoir Presbyterian Church aims to provide a welcome for all. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and baptisms are administered to children of believing parents and adults upon profession of faith.

A Prayer and Bible Study meeting is held each Wednesday evening. On Friday evening the church operates a youth club which is well attended with young people from the surrounding community. In addition, a lunch is provided every month on a Tuesday for anyone who would like to come along. There church also runs an indoor Bowling group. Visits are made to those connected with the church who are sick or in need of friendship or pastoral support.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11:00 am; and also at 6:30pm. During the year the nature of the evening gathering has changed, often using video-based courses and providing refreshment, but continues to happen every week. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 23. The mid-week meeting provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. The youth group on Friday evenings remains very popular particularly with younger teenagers and primary school-aged children. The Tuesday lunches and bowling club continue to welcome people from across the community.

## **BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

Members of the congregation are visited by the minister and elders and church visitors. Those who are sick, elderly, the bereaved and those facing difficult circumstances are given special attention through regular visits and the provision of support, friendship and prayer.

The congregation became vacant (without a minister) from the end of September 2017 and since then first, Rev Barry McCroskery and, more latterly, Rev Ben Walker have convened the vacancy providing preachers to cover for Sunday Services. The convener of the vacancy, along with Presbytery and the neighbouring congregation of Saintfield Road Presbyterian, has continued to explore various options for future ministry in Belvoir Presbytery which will be both sustainable and seek to reach out in new ways into the local community.

### **MISSION AND OUTREACH**

The church continues to see its Tuesday Lunches, Youth Club, Bowling Club, as well as links with the local Primary School all as ways of reaching out into the local community and wider afield. The church is represented on the Board of Governors of Belvoir Park Primary School and there is regular attendance and participation by one of the trustees in the Wednesday school assembly. A special Harvest service was held in the church hosting the local Primary School choir and their family members. This year, the congregation marked it's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Literature and personal invitations were distributed and extended to many local residents, as well as past connections, to attend celebratory services in September. These were well attended.

Belvoir congregation supports a number of missionaries and charities. It contributes to the denomination's United Appeal and annual World Development Appeal, and the occasional special appeal for disaster relief.

### **PRESBYTERY**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our vacancy convener and one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregation and the wider structures of the church.

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The minister and one of our elders attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

### **PROPERTY**

During 2023 the church manse was rented out and the income from this is being intentionally allocated towards both necessary work to the manse and potential future mission work in keeping with the charity's purposes.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with various church groups and weekly activities.

**BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 35 contributing families during the year.

Please see accompanying financial report for details.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in conjunction with the treasurer and in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

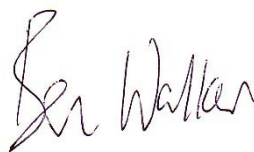
As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

In terms of assets, Belvoir Presbyterian Church has funds carried forward at the end of 2023 totalling £56,315 and owns the church building and halls at 24C Dunseverick Ave, Belfast BT8 7EA; and the manse, 10 The Beeches, Belfast, BT8 6PP. It has no liabilities in terms of loans, overdrafts, creditors or bank overdrafts.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Rev Ben Walker  
29<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Belvoir Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104242

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined the accounting records of the congregation of Belvoir Presbyterian Church from which the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared. The accounting records have been properly maintained in accordance with standard procedures.

*Ian G. Wright*

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Ian Wright BA CA

14 May 2024

**Belvoir Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104242

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# Accounts

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## General Account 2018 – Income

<b>Income</b>	
Opening Balance	£2,549.21
F.W.O.	£28,115.89
F.W.O. Gift Aid	£6,556.18
Loose Offering	£862.24
Coin Jar	£64.80
United Appeal	£2,987.50
United Appeal Gift Aid	£384.99
Harvest Gift Offering	£816.00
Harvest Offering Gift Aid	£212.21
Gift Aid Envelopes	£1,025.00
<b>Outreach</b>	
Moderator's Appeal	£312.10
Association of Belvoir Churches	£40.00
Blythswood Shoebox Appeal	£339.23
Tearfund	£163.13
Royal British Legion	£141.50
Belvoir Connect (SU)	£192.20
<b>General</b>	
Anonymous Donations	£1,500.00
Lunch Club (Heat and Light)	£200.00
Friday Focus (Heat and Light)	£400.00
Bible Reading Notes	£18.00
Periodicals	£89.00
Bowling Club (Heat & Light)	£160.90
Oil (Rebate)	£30.00
Uncashed Cheques 2017	£306.00
	£47,466.08

## General Account 2018 – Expenditure

<b>Assessments</b>	
Central Ministry Fund	£2,535.00
Retired Ministers' Fund	£599.00
Widows of Ministers' Fund	£563.00
Incidental Fund	£1,056.00
Prolonged Disability Fund	£106.00
Church House Repairs	£739.00
Ground Rent	£40.00
Sick Supply	£14.00
Student Bursary Fund	£352.00
Ministerial Development Fund	£176.00
Presbytery Fees	£348.00
United Appeal	£3,372.49
Pulpit Supply	£5,005.00
<b>Outreach</b>	
Belvoir Connect	£200.00
Association of Belvoir Churches	£616.31
Shelter Now UK	£514.10
Blythswood Care	£339.23
Tearfund	£163.13
Lady Johnston's Bounty	£303.80
The Royal British Legion	£141.50
Moderator's Appeal	£376.90

<b>General</b>	
Electricity	£1,308.00
Oil	£3,117.47
Church Insurance	£1,949.09
Manse Rates	£833.70
Water Rates	£2,116.87
Manse Electric	£146.05
Periodicals	£105.00
F.W.O. Envelopes	£281.00
Photocopying	£172.80
Stationery	£32.15
Web-Site Expenses	£155.83
Printer Ink	£159.96
Light Bulbs	£15.00
Accident Book	£4.25
Convenor's Fees	£10,010.00
C.C.L.I. License	£76.00
Presentation Books and Bibles	£56.25
Gift Tokens	£100.00
Reissue of 2017 cheque (Holywood PS)	£34.00
Balance in Bank	£9,232.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>£47,466.08</b>

<b>Property Account 2018</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£3,896.01	Cleaner	£2,366.00
Contributions	£1,895.50	Maintenance	£633.80
Gift Aid	£297.22	Grounds Maintenance	£730.00
Easter Gift Offering	£1,239.00	Bank Fees	£131.94
Easter Gift Offering Gift Aid	£276.25	Closing Balance	£3,751.26
Bank Interest	£9.02		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,613.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,613.00</b>

<b>Missionary Account 2018</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£3,123.49	David Timothy	£500.00
Contributions	£2,053.00	Bank Fees	£6.56
Gift Aid	£418.27	Closing Balance	£5,092.91
Interest	£4.71		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,599.47</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,599.47</b>

<b>Manse Account</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	-	Bank Fees	£17.00
<b>Rent</b>	<b>£5,356.00</b>	Closing Balance	<b>£5,340.85</b>
Interest	£1.85		
	<b>£5,357.85</b>		<b>£5,357.85</b>

<b>Bowling Club 2018</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£201.25	Bowling Club Dinner	£323.10
Membership Fees	£612.75	Donation to General Account	£160.90
Donation	£13.00	Christmas Dinner	£340.00
		Cash in Hand	£3.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£827.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£827.00</b>

<b>Tiny Talk 2018</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£474.97	Food	£137.26
Cash in Hand	£73.79	Bibles and Books	£35.00
Donations	£293.23	Tableware	£20.00
Bank Interest	£0.46	Bank Fees	£3.13
		Cash in Hand	£174.76
		Closing Balance	£472.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>£842.45</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£842.45</b>

<b>Friday Focus 2018</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£965.71	Tuck Expenses	£930.28
Dues	£507.12	Heat and Light (General Acc)	£400.00
Tuck Shop	£841.50	Pens	£167.64
Education Authority Grant	£495.00	Prizes	£70.39
Jun. & Sen. FF Trips	£192.00	Jun. & Sen. FF Trips	£338.85
Sale of Pens	£32.00	Bank Fees	£13.44
Donation	£20.00	Sundries	£62.21
		Transport	£74.00
		Treasure Hunt and BBQ	£112.00
Bank Interest	£0.98	Closing Balance	£885.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,054.31</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,054.31</b>

<b>Lunch Club 2018</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£403.63	Gifts to Speakers	£90.00
Donations	£431.94	Meals (BHSCT)	£183.72
Lady Johnston's Bounty (Gen Acc)	£200.00	Bank Fees	£5.12
Stamps	£6.38	Heat and Light (Belvoir P.C.)	£200.00
Bank Interest	£0.37	Food and Sundry Items	£43.20
		Stamps	£9.86
		Arab World Ministries	£50.00
		Bible Society NI	£50.00
		Shelter Now UK	£50.00
		Closing Balance	£360.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,042.32</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,042.32</b>

<b>Women's Focus 2018</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	£369.36	Bank Charges	£0.21
Cash in Hand	£24.12	Cash in Hand	£47.70
Bank Interest	£0.29	Closing Balance	£381.96
Gifts	£36.10		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£429.87</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£429.87</b>

**Belvoir Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104242

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# Annual report

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**BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2018**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104242)**

## **BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**BELVOIR** congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
24C Dunseverick Avenue, Belfast, BT8 7EA

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104242)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year 2018 were:

Rev Barry McCroskery  
Mr Gilbert Anderson  
Mr Brian Dunwoody  
Mr Norman Mannis

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Rev Barry McCroskery  
Mr Brian Dunwoody  
Miss Catherine Riddell

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

**Mr. Ian Wright**

### **BANKERS**

**Danske Bank Ltd, 49-51 University Road, Belfast, BT7 1ND**

## **BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **The Kirk Session**

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held several times each year as required..

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain the votes of two-thirds of those who vote.

#### **Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Belvoir congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the South Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by each of the Kirk Sessions of the congregations.

## **BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administrative and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion. Belvoir congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable our members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

Sunday worship is at the heart of the life of the church family with services being held morning and evening. Belvoir Presbyterian Church aims to provide a welcome for all. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and baptisms are administered to children of believing parents and adults upon profession of faith.

A Prayer and Bible Study meeting is held each Wednesday evening. On Friday evening the church operates a youth club which is well attended with young people from the surrounding community. It also runs a mothers and toddlers group each week, a women's drop in, and a men's drop in. A lunch is provided every other Tuesday for anyone who would like to come along. The church also runs an indoor Bowling group. Visits are made to those connected with the church who are sick or in need of friendship or pastoral support.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11:00 am and 6:30pm. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 35. The mid-week meeting provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. The youth group on Friday evenings remains very popular particularly with younger teenagers. The Tuesday lunches and Mothers and Toddlers Group have also welcomed a number of newcomers.

## **BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

Members of the congregation are visited by the minister and elders and church visitors. Those who are sick, elderly, the bereaved and those facing difficult circumstances are given special attention through regular visits and the provision of support, friendship and prayer.

The congregation became vacant (without a minister) from the end of September 2017 and since then Rev Barry McCroskery has convened the vacancy providing preachers to cover for Sunday Services. The convener of the vacancy along with Presbytery has been exploring various options for future ministry in Belvoir Presbytery which will be both sustainable and seeking to reach out in new ways into the local community.

### **MISSION AND OUTREACH**

The congregation is part of the Association of Belvoir Churches which runs a number of outreach events through the year. In the summer of 2018 they supported a holiday outreach to children of the Belvoir Estate. The church continues to see its Tuesday Lunches, Youth Club, Mother's and Toddlers, as well as links with the local Primary School all as ways of reaching out into the local community and wider afield. Belvoir congregation supports a number of missionaries and charities. It contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, and the occasional special appeal for disaster relief. A special harvest service was held in the church hosting the local Primary School Choirs and their family members.

### **PRESBYTERY**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our vacancy convener and one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregation and the wider structures of the church.

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

### **PROPERTY**

During 2018 the church manse was rented out and the income from this is being kept aside for future work to the manse in preparation for a new minister or for sale.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with various church groups and weekly activities.

## **BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**BELVOIR CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 59 contributing families during the year.

Please see accompanying financial report for details.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in conjunction with the treasurer and in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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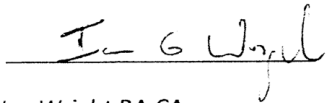
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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined the accounting records of the congregation of Belvoir Presbyterian Church from which the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 have been prepared. The accounting records have been properly maintained in accordance with standard procedures.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Wright', written over a horizontal line.

Ian Wright BA CA

12 April 2019