

First Holywood Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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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	£248,551	£330,516	£0	6

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Arthur Parke		
Hazel Mccrea		
Jenny Russell		
Mark Watson		
Miss Elizabeth Mary Laing		
Miss Lynda Francis		
Mr Andrew Michael Nugent B. Sc.(Hons) Mcoptom		
Mr Brendan Bromley		
Mr Craig Malcolm Russell		
Mr David Kennedy		
Mr Graeme Thompson		
Mr John Ferguson		
Mr Mark Baillie		
Mr Mark Shields		
Mr Richard Mccall		
Mrs Christina Baillie		
Mrs Fiona Woods		
Mrs Sandra Gallagher		
Rev. Stuart Mccrea		

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Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC104336

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

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First Hollywood Presbyterian Church

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for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

First Holywood Presbyterian Church is a Christian organisation derived from a Declaration of Trust and it is a registered charity, registration number NIC 104336.

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

First Holywood Congregation 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 her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to seek to enable people of all ages to discover Christ and to follow Him, to celebrate Him together and to learn how God's truth can change and equip us for effective service in the community and the wider world.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice

Significant activities

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Children's Ministry
- Connect (for teenagers)
- Tots R Us (Mothers and Toddlers)
- Women's Morning Bible Study
- Home and fellowship groups
- Presbyterian Women
- Thursday Club (for senior citizens)
- Luncheon Club (for senior citizens)
- Girls Brigade and Explorers
- Arts & Crafty Folk
- Young Life
- Creche

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

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.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

MINISTER'S REVIEW

We give thanks to God our Father, for the grace by which we have been called to faith in Jesus; led and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as members of his Church universal, and blessed to be gathered in the fellowship of First Holywood Presbyterian Church.

We have journeyed with one another through seasons of sickness and bereavement, new births and new growth, both physically and spiritually. It was a particular joy on Palm Sunday, to baptise three adults and welcome them along with five others into full membership of the church through profession of faith. What a wonderful thing to see and hear how God has called these friends and family members into his eternal family! Amidst the celebration of welcome in that service, we also marked the retirement of Kathleen Spence, giving thanks for the incredible blessing she brought to First Holywood, through nine years of faithful service as our part-time pastoral worker. I want to note again my personal thanks for the wonderful support that Kathleen was in the pastoral care of our church family.

2024 saw the retirement of two longstanding elders of our church, Paul McClenahan and Jeremy Harbinson, and the ordination of five new elders - Christina Baillie, Hazel McCrea, Arthur Parke, Jenny Russell, and Mark Watson. The Clerk's report will give further detail in relation to Paul and Jeremy's service, as well as the addition of our new elders. I want to record my thanks to Mark Baillie for the vision and wisdom that he continues to bring to the role of Clerk of Session.

I was blessed to enjoy a sabbatical break in June and July, and very thankful to the elders, members, and friends of the church, who took on pastoral and preaching duties in my absence.

Late in the Autumn term of 2024, we successfully ran an election for a new church committee, thanking all the outgoing members who served so effectively, and praying the Lord's blessing on our new committee cohort, including a new secretary and new treasurer. Thanks must be noted to Trevor Reaney, for his exemplary work in chairing the church committee, which he has agreed to continue into 2026.

In November we were delighted to call Cathy Smith as full-time Deaconess, and share in the celebration of her commissioning and installation to that role, by the Presbytery of East Belfast.

I want to thank our staff team for 2024 (Maria Lopez-Melus, Kathleen Spence, Christine McClenahan, Helen Jeffrey, Charles Maginnes, Amy Hunter and Cathy Smith), Kirk Session, committee members, treasurer, organisational leaders and helpers for their dedication, inspiration and creativity.

Thanks are also due to all our members, who faithfully support and enthusiastically participate in the many and varied aspects of our church life.

We praise God for the tangible signs of his grace and power at work, in and through the community of our church, and we echo the Psalmist in declaring 'the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations (Ps 100:5).

I pray these reports will move us to further praise of the Lord for his goodness and faithfulness, and inspire us to spur one another on, in the work of his kingdom mission through the life, witness and fellowship of First Holywood Presbyterian Church.

Grace and peace to you.

Rev. Stuart McCrea

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KIRK SESSION

In 2024, Session met on eight occasions to deliberate and provide spiritual leadership for the Congregation of First Holywood Presbyterian.

Before the summer, the congregation elected five new elders to join the Session of First Holywood: Christina Baillie, Hazel McCrea, Arthur Parke, Jenny Russell and Mark Watson. Our new elders have already brought their talents, wisdom and enthusiasm to Session. We are grateful to them for their willingness to serve as elders in our congregation. We also put on record our thanks to the Presbytery of East Belfast for their guidance, support and leadership throughout the process of electing and ordaining our new elders.

While we had five elders join Session, we also had two elders retire from their roles this year: Jeremy Harbinson and Paul McClenahan. The Session of First Holywood is hugely grateful to both Jeremy and Paul for their many years of service. Jeremy was ordained as an elder on the 26th of September 1999. During Joe Campbell's tenure as Clerk of Session, Jeremy became the Deputy Clerk of Session and diligently produced the minutes of the meetings of Session for several years. Jeremy has been a consistent encouragement to Ministers and elders during his time on Session. Many Session members have been uplifted by Jeremy's evident faith and trust in God and in the power of his Spirit.

Paul McClenahan was ordained as an elder on the 4th of December 2011. Paul has been a voice of calm and considered wisdom. Never a man to seek the limelight, he has played a particularly important role in matters of pastoral care for the Church, both in his own district and in terms of the wider congregation. Both Paul and Jeremy will be missed on Session - we have been so blessed to have had people of their calibre serving with us, but I know they will both remain active and supportive members of the Church in the months and years to come.

We were delighted to be able to appoint Cathy Smith as our full-time Deaconess in late 2024. Cathy had been our student Deaconess in 2023 into 2024 and consistently illustrated her own deep faith and gifting for pastoral care as she continued on the road to graduation from Union College. As a Session, we were pleased that Cathy applied for the full-time role on her graduation. It is our hope and prayer that God will continue to work through Cathy to bless our congregation and the wider Holywood community in the time she spends with us as our Deaconess.

In 2024, First Holywood supported four charities through our Mission Partnerships initiative: Thimar, the Irish Bible Institute, Flourish NI and Alpha in Maghaberry. Our congregation has been regularly praying for the work of these four organisations and they have been profiled in our Church magazine.

Graeme Thompson stepped down as Treasurer of First Holywood in 2024. The congregation are grateful to Graeme for all of the time, effort and skill he brought to the role during his time of service. We are thankful to Peter Woods for his willingness to take on the role and for all of his work thus far.

We are grateful to Caroline Thompson and Andrew Nugent for their continued service as child protection designated persons. Child protection remains a matter of major importance for our congregation and we are blessed to have individuals like Caroline and Andrew willing to serve in this way.

As well as child protection considerations being a regular item of session agenda, we received useful updates from Lynda Francis as our Presbytery elder. Lynda served as our Presbytery representative at the General Assembly. Our Minister Stuart McCrea was on sabbatical during the Assembly this year.

We were glad to join together again with our brothers and sisters in High Street congregation for four Sunday services in July. We also elected a new Committee in 2024 and they have hit the ground running on several different matters of practical importance for the Church. We are grateful to all of our Committee members for their willingness to serve.

We are thankful to God for how he has blessed us in so many ways in 2024. First Holywood Presbyterian is not a social club, but one part of the body of Christ seeking to glorify God in 21st century Holywood. We will together continue to seek his face as we go forward together.

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for the year ended 31 December 2024**

"Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom."
(Psalm 145:3)

Mark Baillie
Clerk of Session

CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Church Committee is responsible for a range of practical affairs of the congregation, as delegated to it by the Kirk Session. Members are elected to serve for a three year term. Elections were held in the autumn of 2024 and a new Committee took up office in November 2024.

During the year the Treasurer, Graeme Thompson, stepped down after five years of service and Peter Woods willingly took up the role in June 2024.

The following office-bearers served during the year:

Chairperson - Trevor Reaney
Secretary - Christina Baillie (to November) and Joanne Henderson (from November)
Treasurer - Graeme Thompson (to June) and Peter Woods (from June)

The diligent and faithful service of all office-bearers, convenors of Sub-Committees and members who were appointed from 2021 to 2024 is greatly appreciated, as is the willingness of the new Committee members to serve the congregation in this role for the next three years.

The essential work of the Office Administrator (Maria Lopez-Melus) and Cleaner/Caretaker (Helen Jeffrey) continue to be of great assistance to the practical work of the congregation.

The Committee is also grateful to the many volunteers, both seen and unseen, who at times use their own initiative to ensure the smooth running of the church premises and events.

Sub-Committees

The Church Committee conducts its business through four Sub-Committees and the purpose of each is as follows:

Finance - to ensure the effective management of church finances and to support Session and Committee in financial planning and oversight.

Property - to ensure the effective day-to-day management and maintenance of all church property and to support Session and Committee in long-term planning for the development, acquisition and disposal of all property.

Hospitality - to support the ministries of the church through the provision of hospitality and assist in creating a welcoming atmosphere at church services.

Communications - to support the work of Session and Committee through effective internal and external communications

Business of the Year

The Finance Sub-Committee and Treasurer have overseen the financial affairs of the church dealing with both the routine management of accounts and longer-term financial planning. The Treasurer presents a separate detailed report on the finances of the congregation.

The Property Sub-Committee continued to ensure the church premises and manse were maintained in a safe and appropriate condition to support the various ministries of the church. Reviews of fire risks, health and safety and environmental issues were conducted during the year and actions from each of these reviews are being progressed. In addition to routine and urgent repairs, a new fire alarm system was installed, the manse chimneys were refurbished and first aid training provided.

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The Hospitality Sub-Committee continued to organise rotas for stewarding and refreshments to assist the church in providing a welcoming environment. Catering was provided at a monthly lunch club and, when necessary, for special events and funerals. Essential training of volunteers in hygiene also took place during the year.

Following the significant redesign of a new logo and web site, the Communications Sub-Committee developed a design for a new roadside sign which will be erected in the near future.

Trevor Reaney
Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

Overall income, within the General account, decreased £694 to £213,766 from previous year. This decrease included a £5,379 decrease in Freewill offering. This decrease was partially mitigated by an increase in income from other Sources (mainly a legacy received) and an increase in Donations from Church Organisations.

Expenditure within the General account increased by £20,466 (10%) to £225,986. The main drivers in the increased expenditure from 2023 are Repairs and Upkeep increasing by over £7,000, increased Accountancy and Payroll fees, sundry expenses and employment costs. During the year there has been investment in the repair and servicing of the boilers and fire alarm systems.

The resulting decrease in income and increase in expenditure, has resulted in a deficit of £12,220, a movement of £21,160 from prior year surplus of £8,940.

Incorporating the annual depreciation charge of £54,792, the total deficit for the year on the General Account sits at £67,012, a £23,167 worsening from previous year.

Income to the Building Fund decreased £736 to £13,574.

Significant investment in improving our facilities has been approved by Committee during 2024, resulting in an increase in expenditure within the Building fund of £8,299 (62%) to £21,747. Expenditure during the year included a new fire alarm system, intercom system, manse repairs, roof repairs and floodlighting.

This has resulted in a deficit of £8,173 compared to a small surplus of £862 in the previous year.

United Appeal donations and collections for other religious and charitable donations decreased £3,038 to £14,164. This reduction was however offset by a reduction in expenditure including a reduction in the United Appeal Assessment of £4,892 to £14,119.

Income within the Outreach Account increased £1,842 to £7,045 from the previous year.

Donations remained similar to previous year at £9,250 and includes £7,000 donations to our Mission Partners.

Payments from the Fair Fund increase to £1,308 compared to £862 in previous year.

Consolidated income across all the funds has decreased £18,226 to £248,549. Overall expenditure, excluding depreciation has increased £21,988 to £275,723 leading to a deficit for the year of £27,174. If we add the annual non cash depreciation charge of £54,792 the total deficit for the year is £81,966.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words of thanks.

Firstly I would like to thank the congregation for giving so freely, especially in these uncertain economic times. We may get lost in discussing increased repair costs, but we must remember all monies given to the church help us live out our vision to enable others to 'Discover, Follow and Serve Christ'.

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I would also like to thank our previous treasurer Graeme Thomson for his help and advice during the year, Mark Ballie and Trevor Reaney for their support in setting up new governance protocols, the count teams who reconcile and bank donations and Fiona Woods for her work as Gift Aid Secretary.

Finally I would like to thank Maria, for her back office support, maintenance of systems and her patience in answering all my queries.

Peter Woods
Hon Treasurer

ORGANISATIONS

UNITED CHOIR AND WORSHIP GROUPS

"Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His people" (Psalm 149)

In 2024 we continued to praise and worship God together as a church family using traditional hymns and modern worship songs. This is representative of how we worship as a whole family together - tiny tots, children, teens and adults. It is such a blessing when so many churches have adopted separate services to cater for different ages and styles of worship. We bring glory to His name as we lift our voices to Him each week.

We began the year as in the past, with a special service singing favourite hymns and worship songs chosen by some of our church members. We hear the stories of how these hymns have touched individual hearts and appreciate them, perhaps from a different perspective.

We worship each week, leading with a small group of talented musicians and singers. As always, we give grateful thanks to all our musicians and singers for their enthusiasm and commitment. Sadly, due to ill health, we have greatly missed Amy this year and we continue to earnestly pray for an improvement to her health into 2025. Charles leads us week by week with his sensitive playing and we would encourage you to listen as he stills our hearts and prepares us for worship before services or skilfully plays a voluntary as you leave. Thanks also to our talented pianists - Liz, Sheena, Emma and Judith, who occasionally play before services begin. We also thank the A/V team for their dedication and expertise each week.

At Easter, Harvest and Christmas, the United Choir and Youth Choir meet together for a few weeks to rehearse special items of praise for those highlights in the church's year. This year numbers grew as the year went on, when finally at the Christmas Services we had an adult choir of 23 and a Youth Choir of 12. If you don't want the regular commitment of leading each week, this is a wonderful opportunity to come together occasionally to sing and it is also great fun.

The regular music team meet at 9.30 am each Sunday morning to rehearse. United Choir meets for 5/6 Monday evenings in the run up to a special service. Youth Choir meet after church for a few weeks also before a special service. We are always keen to get more folk involved, either on Sunday mornings (band or singers) or in the United Choir and Youth Choir.

A special word of thanks to Stuart, for his spiritual guidance to us. His own talents as a musician are a great blessing to the church family and our repertoire of music is gradually increasing, largely thanks to his prayerful input.

Thanks to all our church family, who offer us support and encouragement throughout the year. It is very much appreciated.

Christine McClenahan
Music Co-ordinator

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry is for children aged 4-11 years and takes place upstairs during the morning service. We follow as closely as possible to the main themes which are being covered in the morning service, using a mixture of interactive and presented material suitable to the age of the children attending. We are currently working through The Biggest Story at the same time as those who remain in the service.

Please continue to pray for our children and their parents that each may know the nearness and faithfulness of God, and for the leaders and helpers that they may discern your will in planning the teaching.

Fiona Woods

CRÈCHE

Our Creche is located in the Minor Hall and we welcome all children from birth to 4 years. Our space has been set up to take in the needs of the children with a designated play area for babies and various sections for older children with the aim to stimulate their imagination.

This year we welcomed 2 new babies. Emily, born 19th March and Erin, born 14th June. It has been a delight to watch these little girls develop and the older kids have enjoyed connecting with them too.

Please pray for our dedicated leaders and children, as they continue to develop and grow within our church family.

'Then He took the children in his arms. He put His hands on them and blessed them' (Mark 10:16)

Sandra Gallagher

YOUNG LIFE

Young Life continues to see encouraging numbers of young people attend on Sunday evenings, most of whom do not belong to First Holywood. The programme is high energy and relational, concluding each week with a clear Gospel presentation. We were encouraged by the numbers of young people attending camp in the summer, particularly Wyldlife camp in 2024, which has seen more young people come to faith in Jesus and many start to attend church. Young life continues to be well led by DGLs Daisy Shannon and Emma Magowan, who were joined this September by Luke McAleer along with a great team of volunteer leaders for whom we are very grateful to the Lord for this partnership in the Gospel.

Graeme Thompson

CONNECT

Connect meets weekly from September to June for years 8-12, to help equip them to understand the Christian faith and find their place as part of the wider church family. Roughly twice a month we leave the service at the same time as the children for specific teaching and the other weeks we try to equip the young people to be in church with the rest of the congregation, including a monthly sermon review at the end of the service to check that the young people have been able to understand and apply the teaching. Our numbers have continued to grow and we now have 35 on our list, most of whom come regularly, with about 25+ coming on the average week. In fact, attendance overall has become much more consistent overall and we have been greatly encouraged by the levels of engagement by the young people in the Connect programme and also in church. Growing numbers of young people play a part in church life through serving coffee, welcoming, helping with AV, as part of the music ministry or through prayers and readings. This helps us meet our goals connecting them to God, each other and the church.

Graeme Thompson

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DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Every Thursday, four groups meet to study God's Word - two girls' groups and two boys' groups. They are led by a mixture of members of First Holywood and the Young Life DGLs and we have seen increased attendance and engagement which has been a real answer to prayer. This is a vital part of the overall programme for young people in the congregation and we have seen encouraging progress this year.

Graeme Thompson

50TH NI COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Our Girl's Brigade session runs from September to April. The Explorer Section (ages 3 to P4) meets on Friday afternoons from 3.30 pm to 5 pm - this is a very noisy session as the girls are very enthusiastic in everything they do. They follow a Bible course similar to the Company Section and also do craft activities. They had their usual Christmas party with a visit from Santa.

The Company Section (P5 and up) meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. They begin with Bible class and have a varied programme - marching, drill, duster hockey, cookery, crafts, singing, etc. On the third Tuesday night in September we had ice-cream in Holywood and then went for a walk along the coastal path, which the girls really enjoyed.

We would like to thank all the parents and friends for their support and encouragement over the last year and ask for your continued prayers for us, as we trust in God to achieve our aim to help girls become followers of Jesus Christ.

Rosemary Ferguson
GB Captain

TOTS R US

Tots R Us welcomed a new generation of mums, child minders, grandparents and toddlers on September 2023 and numbers soon built up to around an average of 30 children and at least as many adults. We gather in the Main Hall on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to 11.30 am, although helpers start the set up earlier. We provide a variety of toys and activities: dough/baking table, home corner, floor play, dressing up, soft play area, baby mat and table top activities which includes painting and crafts. During snack time, we provide fruit, toast and drinks for the children and tea/coffee and biscuits for the adults. We end the morning with Rhyme Time, songs and actions.

As a group, we support an orphan project in Malawi, Toybox - a charity working with street children around the world, and the NI Children's Hospice, as well as contributing to our Church funds.

Join us in praying that God's name will be honoured in all we do, as all come into our Church.

Margaret Hewitt
Tots R Us leader

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WOMEN TOGETHER

Our 2024 year began with a good number of all-aged girls having fish and chips and watching a light-hearted movie. Next, we received a very informative visit from 'Prison Alpha', which highlighted the importance of spreading the Christian faith. This was followed by an enjoyable evening with the topic of 'Hats over the decades'. A visit from Flourish, one of our mission partners, made us realise how privileged we are, after hearing about the struggles of survivors of human trafficking. We held a May Day event in the Main Hall, to help us raise funds for all the projects we support as a group.

Videos of our new season's projects started us off in September, with our new theme being 'Entrusted'. A floral demonstration got us into the mood for autumn and colder days. The members of Women Together donated pyjamas for Women's Aid, which was very much appreciated. We held a Christmas gathering at Holywood Golf Club, where we chatted, had a few brain teasers and lots of laughter.

Our varied programme shows that in all situations, all ages together can praise God and have fun at the same time.

Anne Galway
Secretary

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study Group meets each Wednesday morning from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon in the minor hall. Around twelve ladies currently join regularly each week.

After Kathleen Spence the Pastoral Assistant retired, Chris Hewitt led the group each week until November 2024 when I began leading the study. Since November we have been following the PCI study guide Finding our Voice in Prayer.

We begin with coffee and chat weekly before we pray the Lord's Prayer. We then have a short time when we share, this has been an encouraging time to get to know each other. Finding our Voice in Prayer has been a great resource, it has encouraged us to examine our prayer life, aiming to develop and help deepen our understanding and confidence in praying to God. We also have a small homework and prayer encouragement for the week ahead.

Before we finish, we have a short time for silent reflective prayer and pray a piece of scripture together.

Cathy Smith
Deaconess

ART AND CRAFTY FOLK

A group of ladies continues to meet on the second and fourth Thursday in every month for fellowship, chat and creative craft work, which includes painting, sketching, knitting, crocheting and jewellery making.

We organise a Christmas Sale each year, which generates funds for donations to charities. Also, an annual outing is arranged to other places where crafts are made, which provides inspiration for all. An example of this was our visit to Cloughmills Presbyterian ladies craft group, to see the knitted model of their village that they had created, and which had featured on television.

Everyone works on their own project of interest, and we always appreciate new ideas for group initiatives. New members of any age group are made very welcome

Rosemary Logan

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TEA AND CHAT

During July and August, we held our fortnightly Tea and Chat group. We had 20-30 people attend each session. The sessions included an outside speaker and a few members from our church congregation. We were encouraged when the Holywood Facebook page advertised one of the events, this encouraged others to join with us.

Tea, coffee and treats were provided and enjoyed by all.

Cathy Smith
Deaconess

LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 12.30 pm. A tasty two course meal is followed by tea/coffee and something sweet. There is always a buzz, as regular members catch up with each other. The Minor Hall is usually quite full, but there is always room for more, please consider joining us.

A big thank you to the team of volunteers who provide the service - Elinor, Anne, Lynda, Nathena, Joy, Dorothy and Lynne.

Cheryl Harbinson

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 16 to 24. The results show net outgoing resources for the year of £81,965 (2023: Net outgoing resources of £59,838).

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least 6 month's normal expenditure. At the year end unrestricted reserves excluding the property, were £176,270 which represents an adequate level of reserves.

Going concern

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

Risk Review

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

FUTURE PLANS

The Church plans continuing the activities outlined within the Annual Report in the forthcoming years.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE 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 monitors and overviews at each meeting compliance with its child protection and safeguarding procedures and approves all leaders within church organisations. 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 ministers 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 ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are normally held at 7.30pm at the church on the first Wednesday of each month (save usually in January, July and August), and additionally when 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 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. First Holywood Congregation has been assigned to the East 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 the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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, administration 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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

NIC104336

Principal address

7 Bangor Road
Holywood
Co Down
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First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Trustees

Rev S McCrea
Mr R McCall
Mr P McClenahan (resigned 12/6/24)
Mr J Ferguson
Mr J Harbinson (resigned 12/6/24)
Ms E Laing
Mr A Nugent
Mr C Russell
Mr M Shields
Miss L Francis
Mrs F Woods
Mr M Baille
Mr D Kennedy
Mrs S Gallagher
Mr G C Thompson
Mr B Bromley
Ms J Russell (appointed 21/6/24)
Mr M Watson (appointed 21/6/24)
Mrs C Baillie (appointed 21/6/24)
Ms H McCrea (appointed 21/6/24)
Mr A Parke (appointed 21/6/24)

Independent Examiner

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Rev Stuart McCrea

Clerk of Session

Mark Bailee

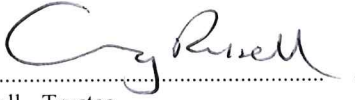
Church Treasurer

Graeme M Thompson

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 3/09/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr C Russell - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages sixteen to twenty four.

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 requirements of 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

Independent examiner's statement

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



Mrs Pauline McDonnell FCA
Chartered Accountants Ireland
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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 3/9/25

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	213,407	34,785	248,192	255,144
Investment income	3	359	-	359	930
Total		<u>213,766</u>	<u>34,785</u>	<u>248,551</u>	<u>256,074</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activities	4	11,197	-	11,197	4,545
Ministry & Support Staff Costs		123,934	-	123,934	129,823
Congregational Running Expenses		108,673	28,233	136,906	114,185
General Assesmbly Assessments		30,489	14,119	44,608	30,795
Donations to Missions and Charities		-	13,871	13,871	36,564
Total		<u>274,293</u>	<u>56,223</u>	<u>330,516</u>	<u>315,912</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(60,527)	(21,438)	(81,965)	(59,838)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,312,206	147,948	1,460,154	1,519,992
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,251,679</u></u>	<u><u>126,510</u></u>	<u><u>1,378,189</u></u>	<u><u>1,460,154</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

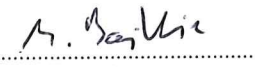
First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Balance Sheet
31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	1,135,270	1,190,062
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	43,999	78,232
Cash at bank and in hand		241,630	264,089
		<u>285,629</u>	<u>342,321</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(42,710)	(72,229)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>242,919</u>	<u>270,092</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,378,189</u>	<u>1,460,154</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,378,189</u>	<u>1,460,154</u>
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		1,251,679	1,312,206
Restricted funds		126,510	147,948
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,378,189</u>	<u>1,460,154</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 03/01/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr C Russell - Trustee


Mr M Baillie - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Gift aid claims are recognised in the period to which they relate.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Property is carried at its revalued amount less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures & fittings	- 25% on cost

Taxation

First Holywood Presbyterian Church is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and therefore is not subject to tax on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended therefore include irrecoverable input VAT.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Freewill Offering	197,387	-	197,387	200,007
Building Fund	-	13,575	13,575	14,310
Church Collections	3,085	-	3,085	5,486
United Appeal	-	10,852	10,852	11,782
Weddings & Funerals	1,000	-	1,000	620
Use of Halls	5,031	-	5,031	3,986
Legacies -	4,000	-	4,000	-
Books	669	-	669	856
World Development Appeal	-	1,980	1,980	4,645
PCI - Student Bursary	-	572	572	-
Earl Haig Fund	-	209	209	-
General Missions Fund	-	4,815	4,815	5,203
Fair Fund	-	-	-	5,600
Sundry receipts	50	-	50	1,124
Presbyterian Orphans and Children's Society	-	280	280	775
Tots R Us	600	-	600	750
Girls Brigade	350	-	350	-
Lunch Club donation	705	-	705	-
Woman's Bible Study donation	30	-	30	-
Youth donation	500	-	500	-
Deaconess training	-	252	252	-
Ladies Bible Club	-	1,400	1,400	-
Storehouse	-	850	850	-
	<u>213,407</u>	<u>34,785</u>	<u>248,192</u>	<u>255,144</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Deposit account interest	<u>359</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>930</u>

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Charitable Activities	11,197	-	11,197
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	123,934	-	123,934
Congregational Running Expenses	130,893	6,013	136,906
General Assesmbly Assessments	44,608	-	44,608
Donations to Missions and Charities	13,871	-	13,871
	<u>324,503</u>	<u>6,013</u>	<u>330,516</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Congregational Running Expenses	<u>6,013</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Rev S McCrea received a stipend in his role of minister, but did not receive any remuneration for his role of Trustee.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	106,989	104,896
Social security costs	5,013	4,783
	<u>112,002</u>	<u>109,679</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Ministerial	2	2
Admin	4	4
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	212,829	42,315	255,144
Investment income	930	-	930
Total	<u>213,759</u>	<u>42,315</u>	<u>256,074</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	1,870	2,675	4,545
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	129,823	-	129,823
Congregational Running Expenses	93,299	20,886	114,185
General Assesmbly Assessments	30,795	-	30,795
Donations to Missions and Charities	-	36,564	36,564
Total	<u>255,787</u>	<u>60,125</u>	<u>315,912</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(42,028)	(17,810)	(59,838)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,354,234	165,758	1,519,992
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1,312,206</u>	<u>147,948</u>	<u>1,460,154</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2024	1,300,000	81,896	93,034	1,474,930
Disposals	-	-	(3,132)	(3,132)
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,300,000</u>	<u>81,896</u>	<u>89,902</u>	<u>1,471,798</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2024	207,731	27,415	49,722	284,868
Charge for year	26,000	8,190	20,602	54,792
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(3,132)	(3,132)
At 31 December 2024	<u>233,731</u>	<u>35,605</u>	<u>67,192</u>	<u>336,528</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,066,269</u>	<u>46,291</u>	<u>22,710</u>	<u>1,135,270</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,092,269</u>	<u>54,481</u>	<u>43,312</u>	<u>1,190,062</u>

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

Freehold property includes the Church land, buildings and halls and in the opinion of the Trustees is stated at fair value. The fair value includes £1,050,000 representing the uplift from original cost of the properties. The Trustees consider that legal title to all of the land and property comprised in the underlying deeds relating to the various properties are ultimately held by the Trustees on behalf of the Trust

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	39,019	78,232
Prepayments	4,980	-
	<u>43,999</u>	<u>78,232</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,563	36,815
Other creditors	37,147	35,414
	<u>42,710</u>	<u>72,229</u>

12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,099,294	35,976	1,135,270	1,190,062
Current assets	160,402	125,227	285,629	342,321
Current liabilities	(8,017)	(34,693)	(42,710)	(72,229)
	<u>1,251,679</u>	<u>126,510</u>	<u>1,378,189</u>	<u>1,460,154</u>

The unrestricted funds represent the free funds of the church which are not designated for particular purposes. The unrestricted fund includes £1,050,000 being the transfer of the uplifted market value of the Charity's properties in 2017.

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,312,206	(60,527)	1,251,679
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	147,948	(21,438)	126,510
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,460,154</u>	<u>(81,965)</u>	<u>1,378,189</u>

First Holywood Presbyterian Church
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	213,766	(274,293)	(60,527)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	34,785	(56,223)	(21,438)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>248,551</u>	<u>(330,516)</u>	<u>(81,965)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,354,234	(42,028)	1,312,206
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	165,758	(17,810)	147,948
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>(59,838)</u>	<u>1,460,154</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	213,759	(255,787)	(42,028)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	42,315	(60,125)	(17,810)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>256,074</u>	<u>(315,912)</u>	<u>(59,838)</u>

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,354,234	(102,555)	1,251,679
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	165,758	(39,248)	126,510
TOTAL FUNDS	1,519,992	(141,803)	1,378,189

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	427,525	(530,080)	(102,555)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	77,100	(116,348)	(39,248)
TOTAL FUNDS	504,625	(646,428)	(141,803)

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Freewill Offering	197,387	200,007
Building Fund	13,575	14,310
Church Collections	3,085	5,486
United Appeal	10,852	11,782
Weddings & Funerals	1,000	620
Use of Halls	5,031	3,986
Legacies -	4,000	-
Books	669	856
World Development Appeal	1,980	4,645
PCI - Student Bursary	572	-
Earl Haig Fund	209	-
General Missions Fund	4,815	5,203
Fair Fund	-	5,600
Sundry receipts	50	1,124
Presbyterian Orphans and Children's Society	280	775
Tots R Us	600	750
Girls Brigade	350	-
Lunch Club donation	705	-
Woman's Bible Study donation	30	-
Youth donation	500	-
Deaconess training	252	-
Ladies Bible Club	1,400	-
Storehouse	850	-
	248,192	255,144
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	359	930
	248,551	256,074
Total incoming resources		
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	106,989	104,896
Social security	5,013	4,783
Insurance	5,623	4,155
Light and heat	16,412	17,430
Telephone	3,276	2,264
Postage and stationery	3,739	2,241
Pulpit Supply	581	-
General Assembly Assessments	29,535	30,795
East Belfast Presbytery Fee	954	908
Carried forward	172,122	167,472

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First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	172,122	167,472
Ministerial Expenses	11,351	10,589
Youth Ministry	11,197	8,647
General Maintenance	35,877	20,211
Books	2,558	3,035
Other Expenditure	8,616	7,850
PCI - United Appeal	14,119	19,011
PCI - Childrens Society	280	775
PCI - Student Bursary Fund	572	-
World Development Appeal	1,980	4,645
Earl Haig	209	259
General Missions Funds	1,328	862
Storehouse	850	1,615
Mission Partnerships	7,000	6,000
Tens Foundation	-	800
PIPs	-	800
Summer Madness and Other Camps	-	2,675
Deaconess training	252	-
Ladies Bible Club - donations	1,400	-
Freehold property	26,000	26,000
Improvements to property	8,190	8,190
Fixtures and fittings	20,602	21,574
	<u>324,503</u>	<u>311,010</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	6,013	4,902
	<u>6,013</u>	<u>4,902</u>
Total resources expended	<u>330,516</u>	<u>315,912</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(81,965)</u>	<u>(59,838)</u>

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First Holywood Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104336

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC104336

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

McIlveen Howard Limited
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First Hollywood Presbyterian Church

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for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

First Holywood Presbyterian Church is a Christian organisation derived from a Declaration of Trust and it is a registered charity, registration number NIC 104336.

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

First Holywood Congregation 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 her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to seek to enable people of all ages to discover Christ and to follow Him, to celebrate Him together and to learn how God's truth can change and equip us for effective service in the community and the wider world.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice

Significant activities

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Children's Ministry
- Connect (for teenagers)
- Tots R Us (Mothers and Toddlers)
- Women's Morning Bible Study
- Home and fellowship groups
- Presbyterian Women
- Thursday Club (for senior citizens)
- Luncheon Club (for senior citizens)
- Young Life (for teenagers)
- Girls Brigade and Explorers
- Arts & Crafty Folk

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

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.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

Minister's Review

We give thanks to God, Father, Son and Spirit for the grace by which we have been called, gathered, led and empowered to live as members of the church of Christ, in First Holywood Presbyterian.

In this report, we do more than note facts and figures, by which any organisation may give account for itself. We give all glory to God for the signs of his blessing and purpose for us and through us, as we continue to put him first in all things, and work together for the building of his kingdom, in Holywood and far beyond.

In this year we were blessed to welcome new staff members - Maria Lopez-Melus as administrator, Amy Hunter as Coordinator for Children's and Youth Ministry, and Cathy Smith as student deaconess. We gave thanks for the continuing work of our Kirk Session, as we marked the retirement of Anne White and Scott Burnside, and the handing over of the Clerk's role from Craig Russell to Mark Baillie. We have been blessed and encouraged to see not only the continuation, but the growth of various ministries of the church, engaging a wide range of ages and interests within the church family and wider community.

The Clerk's report will highlight in more detail, some of the changes in leadership and roles during 2023, as well as a new mission partnership strategy, and Kirk Session working structure, all of which are proving fruitful in our ongoing work and witness.

I want to note my own thanks to our staff team for 2023 (Maria Lopez-Melus, Kathleen Spence, Christine McClenahan, Helen Jeffrey, Charles Maginnes, Amy Hunter and Cathy Smith), Kirk Session, committee members, treasurer, organisational leaders and helpers for their dedication, inspiration and creativity.

Thanks are also due to all those of you, our members, who faithfully support and enthusiastically participate in the many and varied aspects of our church life. As a worshipping family of faith, God has called each of us to play our part, and each is as important as the next, within this body.

I pray that these reports, will move us to further praise of the Lord for his goodness and faithfulness, and inspire us to spur one another on, in the work of his kingdom mission through the life, witness and fellowship of First Holywood Presbyterian Church.

Grace and peace to you.

Rev. Stuart McCrea

Kirk Session

In May 2023, Craig Russell stood down as Clerk of Session having served in the role for four years from May 2019. The Session and Congregation of First Holywood is hugely grateful to Craig for his diligent and faithful leadership during his tenure. Craig served in the role in one of the most challenging periods faced by the Church in recent memory with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. He further had to play a central role in guiding the Church at this time while we did not have a Minister in post.

Craig served as Clerk with a steady hand and put to excellent use his considerable legal and theological talents. He also managed to maintain his good humour and grace in what were at times very difficult circumstances. We are grateful to God for his providence in leading and gifting Craig for this role. He was the right person for the role at the right time. As his successor, I would also want to put on record my thanks to his wife Jenny, and children Lily and Emma, for their support to Craig during his tenure and for the sacrifices they made.

We are grateful to God for how he continued to work and move in the Church family at First Holywood in 2023. Session met on eight occasions in 2023 as we sought to provide spiritual leadership to the congregation.

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In 2023, we had three new staff join our staff team. In January, Maria Lopez-Melus joined as our new Office administrator; in May, Amy Hunter joined as our Children and Youth Co-ordinator; and in September, Cathy Smith joined as our student deaconess. We want to express our gratitude to Maria, Amy and Cathy for the many ways in which they contributed to the life and witness of First Holywood in 2023.

First Holywood supported six charities through our Mission Partnerships initiative: Flourish NI, Scripture Union North Down, Christians in Sport, the Irish Bible Institute, Jengana and Mercy Ships. Several of these organisations led services throughout the year.

In September, Session adopted a new structure which introduced six new sub-groups covering the different areas of the mission and life of the Church. These six groups covered Children and Youth Ministry; Discipleship; Finance and Administration; Mission and Social Justice; Pastoral Care; and Prayer. Each of the groups is led by an elder and we hope that the development of the groups will help the Church to witness to the difference that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ makes in the Holywood of today.

In 2023, two of our elders retired from Session. Firstly, Anne White in March and secondly Scott Burnside in May. Anne, who was ordained as an elder in 2011, had served for several years as the Presbytery representative for First Holywood and was a consistent advocate for the central importance of mission and social justice on Session. Scott, who became an elder in 2007, retired on the corresponding Sunday to his ordination sixteen years before. He had served for many years as the Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee of Session and ably ensured that Session was kept informed of financial matters during his time. The congregation of First Holywood is grateful to both Anne and Scott for their faithful service; both "ruled well" (1 Timothy 5:17) during their years of service.

We were grateful for the work of Graeme Thompson as Treasurer and for the role of Caroline Thompson and Andrew Nugent as child protection designated persons. These are roles of vital importance to the life of the Church and we continue to be thankful to God that we have people of such calibre willing to serve in these roles.

As well as child protection considerations being a regular item of session agenda, we received useful updates from Anne White as our Presbytery elder up to March and by her replacement Lynda Francis. Their willingness to serve in this way is hugely appreciated. We want to thank elder Graeme Thompson (not to be confused with our Treasurer Graeme Thompson) for serving as our representative elder at General Assembly in June alongside our Minister, Stuart McCrea. The importance of the support and guidance of Presbytery and the wider Church remains amply apparent to members of First Holywood and we are thankful for how God uses the different parts of his Church to his glory.

We were glad to join together again with our brothers and sisters in High Street congregation for four Sunday services in July. We were also grateful for the ongoing work of church committee and others in attending to many practical issues of the church and manse.

Ultimately, we give thanks to God who has called us out of darkness in to his marvellous light for his grace to us as a Church family in 2023. It is our hope and prayer that we may continue to seek his glory in all that we do.

"For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen." (Romans 11:36)

Mark Baillie (Clerk of Session from May 2023)

CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Congregational Committee of the church is charged with the responsibility of 'administration of the temporal affairs of the congregation'. Members are elected from the congregation to serve on the committee for a three-year term at which point a new committee is elected.

Office Bearers - The following were Committee Office Bearers during the year:

Chairperson: Trevor Reaney

Secretary: Christina Baillie

Treasurer: Graeme Thompson

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Sub Committees

The following Sub Committees served during the year:

The Finance Sub Committee which was chaired by Scott Burnside until May 2023 and following this Fiona Woods was appointed as the chair. Throughout 2023, the Sub Committee was made up of Scott Burnside, Fiona Woods, Graeme Thompson, Rev Stuart McCrea, Craig Russell, Robert Conlon, Rachael Mason, Trevor Reaney, Mark Baillie and Christina Baillie. In May 2023, Scott Burnside retired as an elder and therefore stepped down from his role on the Committee. In May 2023, Craig Russell stepped down as Clerk of Session and Mark Baillie took up this role in June 2023. In September 2023, Rachael Mason resigned from the Committee.

Those responsible for Property were Albert Hall and Peter Moran.

The Welcoming and Hospitality Sub Committee has been composed of Cheryl Harbinson, Elinor Cairnduff and Liz Reaney.

The Communications Sub Committee was made up of Jenny Russell, Ben Harbinson and Zoe Woods.

In March 2023, Colin Dewar resigned from the Committee.

Business during the year

While the Treasurer will issue a separate report on all financial matters, it is appropriate to express our thanks on behalf of the congregation to Graeme Thompson for serving in his role throughout 2023. The work of the Sub Committee has allowed for the ministry and mission of the church to continue through the year. In particular, there has been significant amounts given to support young people and young adults attending and serving through summer camps and missions, as well as contributions made to the organisations chosen to be supported through the mission partnerships scheme.

The Property Sub Committee worked consistently through the year responding to various issues which related to the church property and manse. There have been many minor to intermediate issues which have been dealt with efficiently, cost effectively and to a high standard. In early 2023, issues with the flue of the boiler providing heat to the church sanctuary meant alternate arrangements and repairs to the flue were required to support church services to continue. The Property Sub Committee put arrangements in place.

Regarding the Communications Sub Committee, there has been a significant piece of work completed to design and implement a new logo, house style and website for the church. This has updated the online and print representation of the church in a modern and clear style. The website is easy to navigate and holds lots of information for church members or those seeking to find out more about the church.

In respect of the Welcoming and Hospitality Sub Committee, the members continue to facilitate rotas and co-ordination which allow many practical aspects of the church to flourish. The lunch club continues to provide support to individuals who can gather during the day for a meal and connection.

In 2023, the Chairperson and Secretary reviewed the costs and terms for use of premises to those using the church facilities. This has been implemented and the church property continues to offer premises to various organisations, groups and private events.

Throughout 2023, there has been significant progress achieved by the Committee and the extensive service and work given by members is greatly appreciated.

Following Nicola Lynn's resignation as our Church Secretary, Maria Lopez-Melus was appointed and has been an excellent addition to our staff team. Maria has worked throughout 2023 in relation to many practical and administrative issues which support the work of the Committee and beyond to the wider church family. We are incredibly grateful to Maria for all she has done throughout this year.

Christina Baillie (Secretary)

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Freewill Offering in the General Account was £166,616 up 19% on last year, although still lower than per-pandemic levels of 2019, along with slightly higher Gift Aid receipts than 2022, this resulted in total gross Freewill Offerings of £200,007 compared with £171,749 the previous year, an increase of 16%. Here I would again like to thank Fiona Woods for her hard work in submitting the Gift Aid claims.

However, expenditure has also increased by £18,417 largely due to increases in the number of staff and to cost of living increases in salaries and heat & light leaving a deficit on the general account for the year of (£42,028) compared to a deficit in 2022 of (£52,386).

Building Fund donations (including Gift Aid) were 5% higher at £14,310 compared with last year of £13,591. In addition expenditure was significantly decreased to £13,448 from £45,529 due to major repairs to the tower and to the boilers in 2022, resulting in a surplus for the year of £862 compared to a deficit of £(31,938).

United Appeal contributions received were £11,782 down from £12,276 last year. This account required a £10,000 transfer from the general account to ensure United Appeal target was met and other outgoings.

Collections for Outreach amounted to £5,203 down from £16,078 last year, a very significant reduction and from this £9,215 was paid out in donations for various causes up from £2,095 last year due to £6,000 being contributed to mission partnerships.

However, it is encouraging to see the recent utilisation of the Fair Fund being supported by increased donations, with donations increasing to £5,600, up from £600 last year, leaving a balance of £8,763 being carried forward, after £862 was paid out to a number of families in need.

Unfortunately, this year there was an overall deficit of £(59,838) which whilst lower than last year's deficit of £(73,581) is still very significant. With increases in expenditure almost offsetting higher giving.

I would thus encourage the congregation to review what they are giving and either get back into the habit of bringing an envelope to church or if paying online consider increasing that, or simply make a one-off top up payment to the level that you'd like to be giving. I'd especially encourage support for the United Appeal account to offset the shortfall there.

I would like to thank all those who have helped me in 2023 including the members of the Finance Sub-committee, the treasurers of the various organisations, the counting teams, and especially Maria in the office for all their hard work, support, and assistance.

Graeme Thompson (Hon. Treasurer)

Organisations

UNITED CHOIR AND WORSHIP GROUPS

'Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord' (Ephesians 5:19)

In 2023 we continued to praise and worship God together as a church family using traditional hymns and modern worship songs. This is representative of how we worship as a whole family together - tiny tots, children, teens and adults. It is such a privilege when so many churches have adopted separate services to cater for different ages and styles of worship. We are blessed to sing alongside a great grandmother in her 90's right down to newborn babies and share God's love for each other in this way. We bring glory to His name as we lift our voices to Him each week.

We began the year with a special service singing favourite hymns and worship songs chosen by some of our church members. Stuart has introduced this and its such a lovely way to begin the year. We hear the stories of how these hymns have touched individual hearts and appreciate them perhaps from a different perspective.

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We worship each week, leading with a small group of talented musicians and singers. This year we welcomed Amy Hunter who is our Youth and Children's worker but also a talented musician herself. As always we give grateful thanks to all our musicians and singers for their enthusiasm and commitment. Charles leads us week by week with his sensitive playing and we would encourage you to listen as he stills our hearts and prepares us for worship before services or skilfully plays a voluntary as you leave. Thanks also to our talented pianists - Liz, Emma and Judith who occasionally play before services begin. We also thank the A/V team for their dedication and expertise each week.

At Easter, Harvest and Christmas the United Choir and Youth Choir meet together for a few weeks to rehearse special items of praise for those highlights in the churches year. This year numbers grew as the year went on when finally at the Christmas Services we had an adult choir of 22 and a Youth Choir of 15. If you do not want the regular commitment of leading each week this is a wonderful opportunity to come together occasionally to sing and it is also great fun.

The regular music team meet at 9.30 am each Sunday morning to rehearse. United Choir meets for 5/6 Thursday evenings in the run up to a special service. Youth Choir meet after church for a few weeks also before a special service. There is always room for more members to join us either on Sunday mornings or in the United Choir and Youth Choir.

Thanks to all our church family who offer us support and encouragement throughout the year. It is very much appreciated.

Christine McClenahan (Music Co-Ordinator)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry is for children aged 4-11 years and takes place upstairs in the Worship Centre during the morning service. We follow as closely as possible to the main themes which are being covered in the morning service, using a mixture of interactive and presented material suitable to the age of the children attending.

Please continue to pray for our children and their parents that each may know the nearness and faithfulness of God, and for the leaders and helpers that they may discern your will in planning the teaching.

Fiona Woods

CRÈCHE

'All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children' (Isaiah 54:13)

Our Creche is located in the Minor Hall and we welcome all children from birth to 4 years. Our space has been set up to take in the needs of the children with a designated play area for babies and various sections for older children with the aim to stimulate their imagination.

From September 2023 we have been following The Biggest Story theme with our ABC book relating to the stories being taught each week.

Please pray for our dedicated leaders & children as they continue to develop and grow within our church family.

Sandra Gallagher

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YOUNG LIFE

Young Life continues to produce growing numbers of young people on Sunday evenings, the majority of whom do not belong to First Holywood. The programme is high energy and relational, concluding each week with a clear Gospel presentation. We were encouraged by the numbers of young people attending camp in the summer, particularly Wyldlife camp, where a number of them came to trust Jesus as their Saviour. We were sorry to lose the leadership of Skye Houston and wish her God's blessing as she moved to start a YL club in Dundonald, and as she marries Tim in the summer of 2024. Young life continues to be ably led by DGLs Daisy Shannon and Emma Magowan and their team and we are very grateful to the Lord for this partnership in the Gospel.

Graeme Thompson

CONNECT

Connect meets roughly twice a month from September to June for year 8-12, to help equip them to understand the Christian faith and find their place as part of the wider church family. Our numbers have grown steadily and we have been greatly encouraged by the levels of engagement by the young people. In the autumn we started a new series on the character of God, following our practice of helping the young people to understand key doctrines and apply them to their lives, with the help of invited guests. We are also encouraging them to get more involved the worship and life of the wider congregation and have been delighted with their enthusiasm and growth.

Graeme Thompson

50TH NI COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Our Girl's Brigade session runs from September to April. The Explorer Section (ages 3 to P4) meets on Friday afternoons from 3.30 pm to 5 pm - this is a very noisy session as the girls are very enthusiastic in everything they do. They follow a Bible course similar to the Company Section and also do craft activities. They had their usual Christmas party with a visit from Santa.

The Company Section (P5 and up) meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. They begin with Bible class and have a varied programme - marching, drill, duster hockey, cookery, crafts, singing, etc. On the third Tuesday night in September we went for a walk along the coastal path which the girls really enjoyed and finished off our night with hot dogs and drinks back at the Church. In December the girls had a fun night painting Christmas tree decorations. We would like to thank all the parents and friends for their support and encouragement over the last year and ask for your continued prayers for us, as we trust in God to achieve our aim to help girls become followers of Jesus Christ.

Rosemary Ferguson (GB Captain)

TOTS R US

Tots R Us welcomed a new generation of mums and toddlers on September 2022 and the first half of 2023. Numbers attending soon built up to an average of 30 children and around the same number of adults. Most are from our local community and we have some members whose first language is not English. We gather in the big hall on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to 11.30 am and provide a variety of toys and activities: home corner, dough/baking table, floor play, dressing up, baby area and table top activities which includes painting and crafts. During snack time we provide fruit, breadstick and drinks for the children and tea/coffee and biscuits for the adults. We end the morning with Rhyme Time, songs and actions.

As a group we support an orphan project in Malawi, Toybox - a charity working with street children around the world, and the NI Children's Hospice, as well as contributing to our Church funds.

Join us in praying that God's name will be honoured in all we do as all come into our Church.

Margaret Hewitt (Tots R Us leader)

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

As the theme for the first half of 2023 was Deeper Together, we opened the year with Kelly Scott, a friend of Nathana Burnside's, who provided tips on changing our image with make-up and had great fun watching Kelly demonstrating her skills on two members.

Another meeting focused on the local PW Mission Project, with Henry telling us of the inspirational work reaching out to asylum seekers from the International Meeting

Point (IMP), which led to us collecting toiletries for donation to the IMP. We also catered on May Day to raise funds for PW projects.

It was good to renew friendship with Ann Wilson (nee Murphy) a former member of FHPC who shared her experience of service on PW Executive (she became President of PW in May 2023) and encouraged everyone to become more involved in service of Christ as she told of the value to the people of Timor of the restoration of the radio station after a cyclone.

We all enjoyed fellowship over food at Film Night (Mrs. Harris goes to Paris) -after a Fish and Chips tea for all ladies in the congregation - the May outing was a meal at Royal Belfast Golf Club - and the Christmas meeting was another fellowship meal at Holywood Golf Club in December. Food always features highly in our gatherings!

In September, PW opened the season with videos on the Home Mission projects, with Hazel McCrea, our Leader, setting us the challenge to clear our minds and to be more open to the work of the Holy Spirit, reminding us that we can only do this with help and encouragement in our journey of faith; this was followed by the distribution of gift bags with items to remind us of the power of Christ to change our mindset. We then indulged in a 'Pudding Party'!

We were also inspired by the stories of the faith journeys of two ladies who come regularly to our church and this was pressed home by a team from Sat-7 describing the broadcasting of Good News of the gospel into difficult countries, where the Lord is revealing the treasures of Jesus. Rachael from Bellevue Bees shared her personal story of working with bees and there was much fun as we attempted to make beautiful candles from beeswax.

In 2023, we were also involved with the wider PW family, as groups of ladies attended both the May & September conferences which encourage each other to work side by side and deepen our fellowship; it was also pleasing to welcome several ladies for the first time to join together with PW in 2023; whether you are free on a regular basis or not - please come along and enjoy gathering together with other ladies, sharing our lives and learning together to grow in grace.

Lynda Francis (PW Treasurer)

LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Ladies Bible Group gathers on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon in the Minor Hall, to learn how God moved and worked in people's lives. Throughout 2023, we have studied female characters in the Bible and reflecting on how God worked his plan and purpose in their lives at that time and in their culture, helping us to understand and know how God continues today to do the same for us. The ladies are given their notes the week before to take home and study, reflect and prepare for the following week. On occasions, such as Easter and Christmas, there is a special gift given in appreciation for their faithfulness, commitment and encouragement.

Kathleen Spence (Pastoral Assistant)

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ART AND CRAFTY FOLK

A group of ladies came together for the first time on 8th September 2022 sharing a common interest and diverse skills, not to mention a desire for fellowship and chat. We meet fortnightly, usually on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon, with a coffee break halfway and a devotional reading which provides a thought for the day and prayer. A lot of craftwork was completed during 2023, including a blanket for Evelyn Craig's grandson, made from squares knitted by our members. Some money was raised by sales of work among our members: jewellery, crochet and knitted goods being the most popular. From our funds, we were able to buy books for the Alpha course held in Maghaberry Prison, and provide a Christmas party for ourselves.

Rosemary Logan

TEA AND CHAT

During June, July and August 2023 we held our Tea & Chat sessions on alternative Thursday afternoons from 2.30 pm to 3.45 pm. Summer is a time when the Church calendar is quiet, which offers folk the opportunity to have a place to gather and share time together. Tea & Chat offers a variety of activities, such as quizzes, music, games, poems, even chair aerobics! Attendance would be in average of 20 people and anyone is welcome to join us for fun, friendship and fellowship. We also share a cup of tea and end with a short epilogue to praise and give thanks to the Lord for all our blessings.

Kathleen Spence (Pastoral Assistant)

LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club (open to both church and non-church members) meets at 12.30 pm on the 4th Friday of most months, except July and August.

Usually there are about 20 diners, all bringing some chat and a few jokes, so there is always a great atmosphere in the Minor Hall.

We held our Christmas lunch in the Main Hall. Seventy plus diners were treated to a delicious lunch provided by Mc Kees' and karaoke carols before Santa arrived laden with gifts, much to everyone's delight.

A huge thank you to Elinor, Anne and Lynda who have been very generous and loyal with their help.

Cheryl Harbinson

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 15 to 25. The results show net outgoing resources for the year of £59,838 (2022: Net outgoing resources of £73,581).

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least 6 month's normal expenditure. At the year end unrestricted reserves excluding the property, were £165,456 which represents an adequate level of reserves.

Going concern

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

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Risk Review

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

FUTURE PLANS

The Church plans continuing the activities outlined within the Annual Report in the forthcoming years.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE 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 monitors and overviews at each meeting compliance with its child protection and safeguarding procedures and approves all leaders within church organisations. 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 ministers 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 ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are normally held at 7.30pm at the church on the first Wednesday of each month (save usually in January, July and August), and additionally when 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 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. First Holywood Congregation has been assigned to the East 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 the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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, administration 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.

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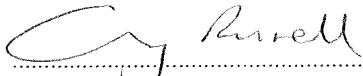
Church Treasurer

Graeme M Thompson

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20/10/24 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mr C Russell - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages fifteen to twenty three.

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 requirements of 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.


My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Chartered Accountants Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

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.



Mr Roy Creelman FCA
Chartered Accountants Ireland
McIlveen Howard Limited
Chartered Accountants
169a Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 3HZ

Date: 20/10/24

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	212,829	42,315	255,144	236,656
Investment income	3	<u>930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>930</u>	<u>356</u>
Total		<u>213,759</u>	<u>42,315</u>	<u>256,074</u>	<u>237,012</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activities	4	1,870	2,675	4,545	1,705
Ministry & Support Staff Costs		129,823	-	129,823	110,525
Congregational Running Expenses		93,299	20,886	114,185	139,983
General Assesmbly Assessments		30,795	-	30,795	26,952
Donations to Missions and Charities		-	36,564	36,564	26,208
Governance Costs		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,220</u>
Total		<u>255,787</u>	<u>60,125</u>	<u>315,912</u>	<u>310,593</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(42,028)	(17,810)	(59,838)	(73,581)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,354,234</u>	<u>165,758</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,312,206</u></u>	<u><u>147,948</u></u>	<u><u>1,460,154</u></u>	<u><u>1,519,992</u></u>

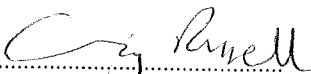
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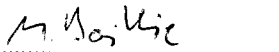
First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Balance Sheet
31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	1,190,062	1,237,796
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	78,232	128,216
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>264,089</u>	<u>212,257</u>
		342,321	340,473
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(72,229)	(58,277)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>270,092</u>	<u>282,196</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,460,154	1,519,992
NET ASSETS		<u>1,460,154</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		1,312,206	1,354,234
Restricted funds		<u>147,948</u>	<u>165,758</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,460,154</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20/10/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr C Russell - Trustee


Mr M Baillie - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Gift aid claims are recognised in the period to which they relate.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Property is carried at its revalued amount less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures & fittings	- 25% on cost

Taxation

First Holywood Presbyterian Church is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and therefore is not subject to tax on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended therefore include irrecoverable input VAT.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Freewill Offering	200,007	-	200,007	171,749
Building Fund	-	14,310	14,310	13,591
Church Collections	5,486	-	5,486	2,740
United Appeal	-	11,782	11,782	12,276
Weddings & Funerals	620	-	620	775
Use of Halls	3,986	-	3,986	4,059
Legacies -	-	-	-	1,500
Books	856	-	856	769
World Development Appeal	-	4,645	4,645	-
PCI - Moderator's Appeal	-	-	-	9,515
Earl Haig Fund	-	-	-	426
General Missions Fund	-	5,203	5,203	16,078
Fair Fund	-	5,600	5,600	600
Sundry receipts	1,124	-	1,124	2,578
Presbyterian Orphans and Children's Society	-	775	775	-
Tots R Us	750	-	750	-
	<u>212,829</u>	<u>42,315</u>	<u>255,144</u>	<u>236,656</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Deposit account interest	<u>930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>930</u>	<u>356</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Charitable Activities	4,545	-	4,545
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	129,823	-	129,823
Congregational Running Expenses	109,283	4,902	114,185
General Assesmbly Assessments	30,795	-	30,795
Donations to Missions and Charities	<u>36,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,564</u>
	<u>311,010</u>	<u>4,902</u>	<u>315,912</u>

First Hollywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £ <u>4,902</u>
Congregational Running Expenses	<u>4,902</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Rev S McCrea received a stipend in his role of minister, but did not receive any remuneration for his role of Trustee.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	104,896	81,600
Social security costs	<u>4,783</u>	<u>4,675</u>
	<u>109,679</u>	<u>86,275</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Ministerial	2	2
Admin	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	199,628	37,028	236,656
Investment income	<u>356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>356</u>
Total	<u>199,984</u>	<u>37,028</u>	<u>237,012</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	1,705	-	1,705
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	110,525	-	110,525
Congregational Running Expenses	92,968	47,015	139,983

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
General Assesmbly Assessments	26,952	-	26,952
Donations to Missions and Charities	-	26,208	26,208
Governance Costs	<u>5,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,220</u>
Total	<u>237,370</u>	<u>73,223</u>	<u>310,593</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(37,386)	(36,195)	(73,581)
Transfers between funds	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(52,386)	(21,195)	(73,581)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,406,620</u>	<u>186,953</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,354,234</u></u>	<u><u>165,758</u></u>	<u><u>1,519,992</u></u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2023	1,300,000	81,896	85,004	1,466,900
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,030</u>	<u>8,030</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,300,000</u>	<u>81,896</u>	<u>93,034</u>	<u>1,474,930</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2023	181,731	19,225	28,148	229,104
Charge for year	<u>26,000</u>	<u>8,190</u>	<u>21,574</u>	<u>55,764</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>207,731</u>	<u>27,415</u>	<u>49,722</u>	<u>284,868</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,092,269</u>	<u>54,481</u>	<u>43,312</u>	<u>1,190,062</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,118,269</u>	<u>62,671</u>	<u>56,856</u>	<u>1,237,796</u>

Freehold property includes the Church land, buildings and halls and in the opinion of the Trustees is stated at fair value. The fair value includes £1,050,000 representing the uplift from original cost of the properties. The Trustees consider that legal title to all of the land and property comprised in the underlying deeds relating to the various properties are ultimately held by the Trustees on behalf of the Trust

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			2023	2022
			£	£
Other debtors			<u>78,232</u>	<u>128,216</u>
11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			2023	2022
			£	£
Trade creditors			36,815	22,224
Other creditors			<u>35,414</u>	<u>36,053</u>
			<u>72,229</u>	<u>58,277</u>
12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS			2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	fund	fund	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,147,600	42,462	1,190,062	1,237,796
Current assets	236,835	105,486	342,321	340,473
Current liabilities	<u>(72,229)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(72,229)</u>	<u>(58,277)</u>
	<u>1,312,206</u>	<u>147,948</u>	<u>1,460,154</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>

The unrestricted funds represent the free funds of the church which are not designated for particular purposes. The unrestricted fund includes £1,050,000 being the transfer of the uplifted market value of the Charity's properties in 2017.

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Net	
	At 1/1/23	movement	At
	£	in funds	31/12/23
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,354,234	(42,028)	1,312,206
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	165,758	(17,810)	147,948
	<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>(59,838)</u>	<u>1,460,154</u>

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	213,759	(255,787)	(42,028)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	42,315	(60,125)	(17,810)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>256,074</u>	<u>(315,912)</u>	<u>(59,838)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,406,620	(37,386)	(15,000)	1,354,234
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	186,953	(36,195)	15,000	165,758
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,593,573</u>	<u>(73,581)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	199,984	(237,370)	(37,386)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	37,028	(73,223)	(36,195)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,012</u>	<u>(310,593)</u>	<u>(73,581)</u>

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,406,620	(79,414)	(15,000)	1,312,206
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	186,953	(54,005)	15,000	147,948
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,593,573</u>	<u>(133,419)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,460,154</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	413,743	(493,157)	(79,414)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	79,343	(133,348)	(54,005)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>493,086</u>	<u>(626,505)</u>	<u>(133,419)</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Freewill Offering	200,007	171,749
Building Fund	14,310	13,591
Church Collections	5,486	2,740
United Appeal	11,782	12,276
Weddings & Funerals	620	775
Use of Halls	3,986	4,059
Legacies -	-	1,500
Books	856	769
World Development Appeal	4,645	-
PCI - Moderator's Appeal	-	9,515
Earl Haig Fund	-	426
General Missions Fund	5,203	16,078
Fair Fund	5,600	600
Sundry receipts	1,124	2,578
Presbyterian Orphans and Children's Society	775	-
Tots R Us	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>
	255,144	236,656
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>930</u>	<u>356</u>
Total incoming resources	256,074	237,012
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	104,896	81,600
Social security	4,783	4,675
Insurance	4,155	3,522
Light and heat	17,430	11,670
Telephone	2,264	2,495
Postage and stationery	2,241	1,636
Pulpit Supply	-	1,232
General Assembly Assessments	30,795	26,952
East Belfast Presbytery Fee	908	861
Ministerial Expenses	10,589	9,063
Youth Ministry	8,647	15,187
General Maintenance	20,211	50,710
Books	3,035	4,180
Other Expenditure	7,850	3,082
PCI - United Appeal	19,011	16,213
PCI - Childrens Society	775	-
PCI - Moderators Appeal	-	14,515
Carried forward	<u>237,590</u>	<u>247,593</u>

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First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	237,590	247,593
World Development Appeal	4,645	-
Earl Haig	259	-
General Missions Funds	862	4,995
Storehouse	1,615	-
Mission Partnerships	6,000	-
Tens Foundation	800	-
PIPs	800	-
Summer Madness and Other Camps	2,675	-
Freehold property	26,000	26,000
Improvements to property	8,190	8,190
Fixtures and fittings	<u>21,574</u>	<u>18,595</u>
	311,010	305,373
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>4,902</u>	<u>5,220</u>
Total resources expended	<u>315,912</u>	<u>310,593</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(59,838)</u>	<u>(73,581)</u>

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First Holywood Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104336

Annual report

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

First Holywood Presbyterian Church is a Christian organisation derived from a Declaration of Trust and it is a registered charity, registration number NIC 104336.

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

First Holywood Congregation 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 her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to seek to enable people of all ages to discover Christ and to follow Him, to celebrate Him together and to learn how God's truth can change and equip us for effective service in the community and the wider world.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice

Significant activities

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Children's Ministry
- Connect (for teenagers)
- Tots R Us (Mothers and Toddlers)
- Women's Morning Bible Study
- Home and fellowship groups
- Presbyterian Women
- Thursday Club (for senior citizens)
- Luncheon Club (for senior citizens)
- Young Life (for teenagers)
- Girls Brigade and Explorers
- Arts & Crafty Folk

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

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

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

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.

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

Minister's Review

We give thanks to God, Father, Son and Spirit for the grace by which we have been called, gathered, led and empowered to live as members of the church of Christ, in First Holywood Presbyterian.

In this report, we do more than note facts and figures, by which any organisation may give account for itself. We give all glory to God for the signs of his blessing and purpose for us and through us, as we continue to put him first in all things, and work together for the building of his kingdom, in Holywood and far beyond.

In this year we were blessed to welcome new staff members - Maria Lopez-Melus as administrator, Amy Hunter as Coordinator for Children's and Youth Ministry, and Cathy Smith as student deaconess. We gave thanks for the continuing work of our Kirk Session, as we marked the retirement of Anne White and Scott Burnside, and the handing over of the Clerk's role from Craig Russell to Mark Baillie. We have been blessed and encouraged to see not only the continuation, but the growth of various ministries of the church, engaging a wide range of ages and interests within the church family and wider community.

The Clerk's report will highlight in more detail, some of the changes in leadership and roles during 2023, as well as a new mission partnership strategy, and Kirk Session working structure, all of which are proving fruitful in our ongoing work and witness.

I want to note my own thanks to our staff team for 2023 (Maria Lopez-Melus, Kathleen Spence, Christine McClenahan, Helen Jeffrey, Charles Maginnes, Amy Hunter and Cathy Smith), Kirk Session, committee members, treasurer, organisational leaders and helpers for their dedication, inspiration and creativity.

Thanks are also due to all those of you, our members, who faithfully support and enthusiastically participate in the many and varied aspects of our church life. As a worshipping family of faith, God has called each of us to play our part, and each is as important as the next, within this body.

I pray that these reports, will move us to further praise of the Lord for his goodness and faithfulness, and inspire us to spur one another on, in the work of his kingdom mission through the life, witness and fellowship of First Holywood Presbyterian Church.

Grace and peace to you.

Rev. Stuart McCrea

Kirk Session

In May 2023, Craig Russell stood down as Clerk of Session having served in the role for four years from May 2019. The Session and Congregation of First Holywood is hugely grateful to Craig for his diligent and faithful leadership during his tenure. Craig served in the role in one of the most challenging periods faced by the Church in recent memory with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. He further had to play a central role in guiding the Church at this time while we did not have a Minister in post.

Craig served as Clerk with a steady hand and put to excellent use his considerable legal and theological talents. He also managed to maintain his good humour and grace in what were at times very difficult circumstances. We are grateful to God for his providence in leading and gifting Craig for this role. He was the right person for the role at the right time. As his successor, I would also want to put on record my thanks to his wife Jenny, and children Lily and Emma, for their support to Craig during his tenure and for the sacrifices they made.

We are grateful to God for how he continued to work and move in the Church family at First Holywood in 2023. Session met on eight occasions in 2023 as we sought to provide spiritual leadership to the congregation.

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In 2023, we had three new staff join our staff team. In January, Maria Lopez-Melus joined as our new Office administrator; in May, Amy Hunter joined as our Children and Youth Co-ordinator; and in September, Cathy Smith joined as our student deaconess. We want to express our gratitude to Maria, Amy and Cathy for the many ways in which they contributed to the life and witness of First Holywood in 2023.

First Holywood supported six charities through our Mission Partnerships initiative: Flourish NI, Scripture Union North Down, Christians in Sport, the Irish Bible Institute, Jengana and Mercy Ships. Several of these organisations led services throughout the year.

In September, Session adopted a new structure which introduced six new sub-groups covering the different areas of the mission and life of the Church. These six groups covered Children and Youth Ministry; Discipleship; Finance and Administration; Mission and Social Justice; Pastoral Care; and Prayer. Each of the groups is led by an elder and we hope that the development of the groups will help the Church to witness to the difference that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ makes in the Holywood of today.

In 2023, two of our elders retired from Session. Firstly, Anne White in March and secondly Scott Burnside in May. Anne, who was ordained as an elder in 2011, had served for several years as the Presbytery representative for First Holywood and was a consistent advocate for the central importance of mission and social justice on Session. Scott, who became an elder in 2007, retired on the corresponding Sunday to his ordination sixteen years before. He had served for many years as the Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee of Session and ably ensured that Session was kept informed of financial matters during his time. The congregation of First Holywood is grateful to both Anne and Scott for their faithful service; both "ruled well" (1 Timothy 5:17) during their years of service.

We were grateful for the work of Graeme Thompson as Treasurer and for the role of Caroline Thompson and Andrew Nugent as child protection designated persons. These are roles of vital importance to the life of the Church and we continue to be thankful to God that we have people of such calibre willing to serve in these roles.

As well as child protection considerations being a regular item of session agenda, we received useful updates from Anne White as our Presbytery elder up to March and by her replacement Lynda Francis. Their willingness to serve in this way is hugely appreciated. We want to thank elder Graeme Thompson (not to be confused with our Treasurer Graeme Thompson) for serving as our representative elder at General Assembly in June alongside our Minister, Stuart McCrea. The importance of the support and guidance of Presbytery and the wider Church remains amply apparent to members of First Holywood and we are thankful for how God uses the different parts of his Church to his glory.

We were glad to join together again with our brothers and sisters in High Street congregation for four Sunday services in July. We were also grateful for the ongoing work of church committee and others in attending to many practical issues of the church and manse.

Ultimately, we give thanks to God who has called us out of darkness in to his marvellous light for his grace to us as a Church family in 2023. It is our hope and prayer that we may continue to seek his glory in all that we do.

"For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen." (Romans 11:36)

Mark Baillie (Clerk of Session from May 2023)

CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Congregational Committee of the church is charged with the responsibility of 'administration of the temporal affairs of the congregation'. Members are elected from the congregation to serve on the committee for a three-year term at which point a new committee is elected.

Office Bearers - The following were Committee Office Bearers during the year:

Chairperson: Trevor Reaney

Secretary: Christina Baillie

Treasurer: Graeme Thompson

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Sub Committees

The following Sub Committees served during the year:

The Finance Sub Committee which was chaired by Scott Burnside until May 2023 and following this Fiona Woods was appointed as the chair. Throughout 2023, the Sub Committee was made up of Scott Burnside, Fiona Woods, Graeme Thompson, Rev Stuart McCrea, Craig Russell, Robert Conlon, Rachael Mason, Trevor Reaney, Mark Baillie and Christina Baillie. In May 2023, Scott Burnside retired as an elder and therefore stepped down from his role on the Committee. In May 2023, Craig Russell stepped down as Clerk of Session and Mark Baillie took up this role in June 2023. In September 2023, Rachael Mason resigned from the Committee.

Those responsible for Property were Albert Hall and Peter Moran.

The Welcoming and Hospitality Sub Committee has been composed of Cheryl Harbinson, Elinor Cairnduff and Liz Reaney.

The Communications Sub Committee was made up of Jenny Russell, Ben Harbinson and Zoe Woods.

In March 2023, Colin Dewar resigned from the Committee.

Business during the year

While the Treasurer will issue a separate report on all financial matters, it is appropriate to express our thanks on behalf of the congregation to Graeme Thompson for serving in his role throughout 2023. The work of the Sub Committee has allowed for the ministry and mission of the church to continue through the year. In particular, there has been significant amounts given to support young people and young adults attending and serving through summer camps and missions, as well as contributions made to the organisations chosen to be supported through the mission partnerships scheme.

The Property Sub Committee worked consistently through the year responding to various issues which related to the church property and manse. There have been many minor to intermediate issues which have been dealt with efficiently, cost effectively and to a high standard. In early 2023, issues with the flue of the boiler providing heat to the church sanctuary meant alternate arrangements and repairs to the flue were required to support church services to continue. The Property Sub Committee put arrangements in place.

Regarding the Communications Sub Committee, there has been a significant piece of work completed to design and implement a new logo, house style and website for the church. This has updated the online and print representation of the church in a modern and clear style. The website is easy to navigate and holds lots of information for church members or those seeking to find out more about the church.

In respect of the Welcoming and Hospitality Sub Committee, the members continue to facilitate rotas and co-ordination which allow many practical aspects of the church to flourish. The lunch club continues to provide support to individuals who can gather during the day for a meal and connection.

In 2023, the Chairperson and Secretary reviewed the costs and terms for use of premises to those using the church facilities. This has been implemented and the church property continues to offer premises to various organisations, groups and private events.

Throughout 2023, there has been significant progress achieved by the Committee and the extensive service and work given by members is greatly appreciated.

Following Nicola Lynn's resignation as our Church Secretary, Maria Lopez-Melus was appointed and has been an excellent addition to our staff team. Maria has worked throughout 2023 in relation to many practical and administrative issues which support the work of the Committee and beyond to the wider church family. We are incredibly grateful to Maria for all she has done throughout this year.

Christina Baillie (Secretary)

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Freewill Offering in the General Account was £166,616 up 19% on last year, although still lower than per-pandemic levels of 2019, along with slightly higher Gift Aid receipts than 2022, this resulted in total gross Freewill Offerings of £200,007 compared with £171,749 the previous year, an increase of 16%. Here I would again like to thank Fiona Woods for her hard work in submitting the Gift Aid claims.

However, expenditure has also increased by £18,417 largely due to increases in the number of staff and to cost of living increases in salaries and heat & light leaving a deficit on the general account for the year of (£42,028) compared to a deficit in 2022 of (£52,386).

Building Fund donations (including Gift Aid) were 5% higher at £14,310 compared with last year of £13,591. In addition expenditure was significantly decreased to £13,448 from £45,529 due to major repairs to the tower and to the boilers in 2022, resulting in a surplus for the year of £862 compared to a deficit of (£31,938).

United Appeal contributions received were £11,782 down from £12,276 last year. This account required a £10,000 transfer from the general account to ensure United Appeal target was met and other outgoings.

Collections for Outreach amounted to £5,203 down from £16,078 last year, a very significant reduction and from this £9,215 was paid out in donations for various causes up from £2,095 last year due to £6,000 being contributed to mission partnerships.

However, it is encouraging to see the recent utilisation of the Fair Fund being supported by increased donations, with donations increasing to £5,600, up from £600 last year, leaving a balance of £8,763 being carried forward, after £862 was paid out to a number of families in need.

Unfortunately, this year there was an overall deficit of £(59,838) which whilst lower than last year's deficit of £(73,581) is still very significant. With increases in expenditure almost offsetting higher giving.

I would thus encourage the congregation to review what they are giving and either get back into the habit of bringing an envelope to church or if paying online consider increasing that, or simply make a one-off top up payment to the level that you'd like to be giving. I'd especially encourage support for the United Appeal account to offset the shortfall there.

I would like to thank all those who have helped me in 2023 including the members of the Finance Sub-committee, the treasurers of the various organisations, the counting teams, and especially Maria in the office for all their hard work, support, and assistance.

Graeme Thompson (Hon. Treasurer)

Organisations

UNITED CHOIR AND WORSHIP GROUPS

'Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord' (Ephesians 5:19)

In 2023 we continued to praise and worship God together as a church family using traditional hymns and modern worship songs. This is representative of how we worship as a whole family together - tiny tots, children, teens and adults. It is such a privilege when so many churches have adopted separate services to cater for different ages and styles of worship. We are blessed to sing alongside a great grandmother in her 90's right down to newborn babies and share God's love for each other in this way. We bring glory to His name as we lift our voices to Him each week.

We began the year with a special service singing favourite hymns and worship songs chosen by some of our church members. Stuart has introduced this and its such a lovely way to begin the year. We hear the stories of how these hymns have touched individual hearts and appreciate them perhaps from a different perspective.

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We worship each week, leading with a small group of talented musicians and singers. This year we welcomed Amy Hunter who is our Youth and Children's worker but also a talented musician herself. As always we give grateful thanks to all our musicians and singers for their enthusiasm and commitment. Charles leads us week by week with his sensitive playing and we would encourage you to listen as he stills our hearts and prepares us for worship before services or skilfully plays a voluntary as you leave. Thanks also to our talented pianists - Liz, Emma and Judith who occasionally play before services begin. We also thank the A/V team for their dedication and expertise each week.

At Easter, Harvest and Christmas the United Choir and Youth Choir meet together for a few weeks to rehearse special items of praise for those highlights in the churches year. This year numbers grew as the year went on when finally at the Christmas Services we had an adult choir of 22 and a Youth Choir of 15. If you do not want the regular commitment of leading each week this is a wonderful opportunity to come together occasionally to sing and it is also great fun.

The regular music team meet at 9.30 am each Sunday morning to rehearse. United Choir meets for 5/6 Thursday evenings in the run up to a special service. Youth Choir meet after church for a few weeks also before a special service. There is always room for more members to join us either on Sunday mornings or in the United Choir and Youth Choir.

Thanks to all our church family who offer us support and encouragement throughout the year. It is very much appreciated.

Christine McClenahan (Music Co-Ordinator)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry is for children aged 4-11 years and takes place upstairs in the Worship Centre during the morning service. We follow as closely as possible to the main themes which are being covered in the morning service, using a mixture of interactive and presented material suitable to the age of the children attending.

Please continue to pray for our children and their parents that each may know the nearness and faithfulness of God, and for the leaders and helpers that they may discern your will in planning the teaching.

Fiona Woods

CRÈCHE

'All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children' (Isaiah 54:13)

Our Creche is located in the Minor Hall and we welcome all children from birth to 4 years. Our space has been set up to take in the needs of the children with a designated play area for babies and various sections for older children with the aim to stimulate their imagination.

From September 2023 we have been following The Biggest Story theme with our ABC book relating to the stories being taught each week.

Please pray for our dedicated leaders & children as they continue to develop and grow within our church family.

Sandra Gallagher

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YOUNG LIFE

Young Life continues to produce growing numbers of young people on Sunday evenings, the majority of whom do not belong to First Holywood. The programme is high energy and relational, concluding each week with a clear Gospel presentation. We were encouraged by the numbers of young people attending camp in the summer, particularly Wyldlife camp, where a number of them came to trust Jesus as their Saviour. We were sorry to lose the leadership of Skye Houston and wish her God's blessing as she moved to start a YL club in Dundonald, and as she marries Tim in the summer of 2024. Young life continues to be ably led by DGLs Daisy Shannon and Emma Magowan and their team and we are very grateful to the Lord for this partnership in the Gospel.

Graeme Thompson

CONNECT

Connect meets roughly twice a month from September to June for year 8-12, to help equip them to understand the Christian faith and find their place as part of the wider church family. Our numbers have grown steadily and we have been greatly encouraged by the levels of engagement by the young people. In the autumn we started a new series on the character of God, following our practice of helping the young people to understand key doctrines and apply them to their lives, with the help of invited guests. We are also encouraging them to get more involved the worship and life of the wider congregation and have been delighted with their enthusiasm and growth.

Graeme Thompson

50TH NI COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Our Girl's Brigade session runs from September to April. The Explorer Section (ages 3 to P4) meets on Friday afternoons from 3.30 pm to 5 pm - this is a very noisy session as the girls are very enthusiastic in everything they do. They follow a Bible course similar to the Company Section and also do craft activities. They had their usual Christmas party with a visit from Santa.

The Company Section (P5 and up) meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. They begin with Bible class and have a varied programme - marching, drill, duster hockey, cookery, crafts, singing, etc. On the third Tuesday night in September we went for a walk along the coastal path which the girls really enjoyed and finished off our night with hot dogs and drinks back at the Church. In December the girls had a fun night painting Christmas tree decorations. We would like to thank all the parents and friends for their support and encouragement over the last year and ask for your continued prayers for us, as we trust in God to achieve our aim to help girls become followers of Jesus Christ.

Rosemary Ferguson (GB Captain)

TOTS R US

Tots R Us welcomed a new generation of mums and toddlers on September 2022 and the first half of 2023. Numbers attending soon built up to an average of 30 children and around the same number of adults. Most are from our local community and we have some members whose first language is not English. We gather in the big hall on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to 11.30 am and provide a variety of toys and activities: home corner, dough/baking table, floor play, dressing up, baby area and table top activities which includes painting and crafts. During snack time we provide fruit, breadstick and drinks for the children and tea/coffee and biscuits for the adults. We end the morning with Rhyme Time, songs and actions.

As a group we support an orphan project in Malawi, Toybox - a charity working with street children around the world, and the NI Children's Hospice, as well as contributing to our Church funds.

Join us in praying that God's name will be honoured in all we do as all come into our Church.

Margaret Hewitt (Tots R Us leader)

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

As the theme for the first half of 2023 was Deeper Together, we opened the year with Kelly Scott, a friend of Nathana Burnside's, who provided tips on changing our image with make-up and had great fun watching Kelly demonstrating her skills on two members.

Another meeting focused on the local PW Mission Project, with Henry telling us of the inspirational work reaching out to asylum seekers from the International Meeting

Point (IMP), which led to us collecting toiletries for donation to the IMP. We also catered on May Day to raise funds for PW projects.

It was good to renew friendship with Ann Wilson (nee Murphy) a former member of FHPC who shared her experience of service on PW Executive (she became President of PW in May 2023) and encouraged everyone to become more involved in service of Christ as she told of the value to the people of Timor of the restoration of the radio station after a cyclone.

We all enjoyed fellowship over food at Film Night (Mrs. Harris goes to Paris) -after a Fish and Chips tea for all ladies in the congregation - the May outing was a meal at Royal Belfast Golf Club - and the Christmas meeting was another fellowship meal at Holywood Golf Club in December. Food always features highly in our gatherings!

In September, PW opened the season with videos on the Home Mission projects, with Hazel McCrea, our Leader, setting us the challenge to clear our minds and to be more open to the work of the Holy Spirit, reminding us that we can only do this with help and encouragement in our journey of faith; this was followed by the distribution of gift bags with items to remind us of the power of Christ to change our mindset. We then indulged in a 'Pudding Party'!

We were also inspired by the stories of the faith journeys of two ladies who come regularly to our church and this was pressed home by a team from Sat-7 describing the broadcasting of Good News of the gospel into difficult countries, where the Lord is revealing the treasures of Jesus. Rachael from Bellevue Bees shared her personal story of working with bees and there was much fun as we attempted to make beautiful candles from beeswax.

In 2023, we were also involved with the wider PW family, as groups of ladies attended both the May & September conferences which encourage each other to work side by side and deepen our fellowship; it was also pleasing to welcome several ladies for the first time to join together with PW in 2023; whether you are free on a regular basis or not - please come along and enjoy gathering together with other ladies, sharing our lives and learning together to grow in grace.

Lynda Francis (PW Treasurer)

LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Ladies Bible Group gathers on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon in the Minor Hall, to learn how God moved and worked in people's lives. Throughout 2023, we have studied female characters in the Bible and reflecting on how God worked his plan and purpose in their lives at that time and in their culture, helping us to understand and know how God continues today to do the same for us. The ladies are given their notes the week before to take home and study, reflect and prepare for the following week. On occasions, such as Easter and Christmas, there is a special gift given in appreciation for their faithfulness, commitment and encouragement.

Kathleen Spence (Pastoral Assistant)

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ART AND CRAFTY FOLK

A group of ladies came together for the first time on 8th September 2022 sharing a common interest and diverse skills, not to mention a desire for fellowship and chat. We meet fortnightly, usually on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon, with a coffee break halfway and a devotional reading which provides a thought for the day and prayer. A lot of craftwork was completed during 2023, including a blanket for Evelyn Craig's grandson, made from squares knitted by our members. Some money was raised by sales of work among our members: jewellery, crochet and knitted goods being the most popular. From our funds, we were able to buy books for the Alpha course held in Maghaberry Prison, and provide a Christmas party for ourselves.

Rosemary Logan

TEA AND CHAT

During June, July and August 2023 we held our Tea & Chat sessions on alternative Thursday afternoons from 2.30 pm to 3.45 pm. Summer is a time when the Church calendar is quiet, which offers folk the opportunity to have a place to gather and share time together. Tea & Chat offers a variety of activities, such as quizzes, music, games, poems, even chair aerobics! Attendance would be in average of 20 people and anyone is welcome to join us for fun, friendship and fellowship. We also share a cup of tea and end with a short epilogue to praise and give thanks to the Lord for all our blessings.

Kathleen Spence (Pastoral Assistant)

LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club (open to both church and non-church members) meets at 12.30 pm on the 4th Friday of most months, except July and August.

Usually there are about 20 diners, all bringing some chat and a few jokes, so there is always a great atmosphere in the Minor Hall.

We held our Christmas lunch in the Main Hall. Seventy plus diners were treated to a delicious lunch provided by Mc Kees' and karaoke carols before Santa arrived laden with gifts, much to everyone's delight.

A huge thank you to Elinor, Anne and Lynda who have been very generous and loyal with their help.

Cheryl Harbinson

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 15 to 25. The results show net outgoing resources for the year of £59,838 (2022: Net outgoing resources of £73,581).

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least 6 month's normal expenditure. At the year end unrestricted reserves excluding the property, were £165,456 which represents an adequate level of reserves.

Going concern

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Risk Review

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

FUTURE PLANS

The Church plans continuing the activities outlined within the Annual Report in the forthcoming years.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE 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 monitors and overviews at each meeting compliance with its child protection and safeguarding procedures and approves all leaders within church organisations. 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 ministers 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 ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are normally held at 7.30pm at the church on the first Wednesday of each month (save usually in January, July and August), and additionally when 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 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. First Holywood Congregation has been assigned to the East 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 the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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, administration 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.

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NIC104336

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Mr J Ferguson
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Miss E Laing
Mr A Nugent
Mr C Russell
Mr M Shields
Mrs A White (resigned 31/3/23)
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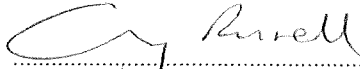
Church Treasurer

Graeme M Thompson

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on20/10/24..... and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr C Russell - Trustee

First Holywood Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104336

Annual return

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages fifteen to twenty three.

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 requirements of 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

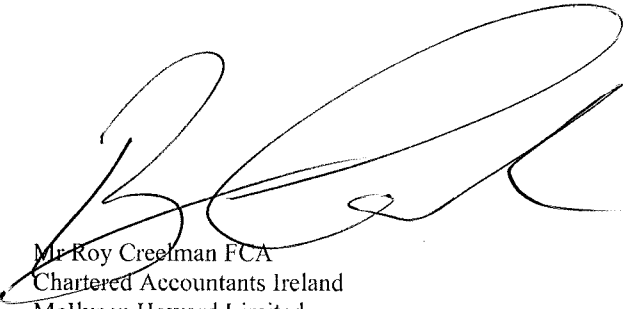
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Chartered Accountants Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

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.



Mr Roy Creelman FCA
Chartered Accountants Ireland
Mellveen Howard Limited
Chartered Accountants
169a Upper Newtownards Road
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Date: 20/10/24

First Holywood Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104336

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC104336

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
for
First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

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First Hollywood Presbyterian Church

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

First Holywood Presbyterian Church is a Christian organisation derived from a Declaration of Trust and it is a registered charity, registration number NIC 104336.

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

First Holywood Congregation 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 her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to seek to enable people of all ages to discover Christ and to follow Him, to celebrate Him together and to learn how God's truth can change and equip us for effective service in the community and the wider world.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice

Significant activities

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Children's Ministry
- Connect (for teenagers)
- Tots R Us (Mothers and Toddlers)
- Women's Morning Bible Study
- Home and fellowship groups
- Presbyterian Women
- Thursday Club (for senior citizens)
- Luncheon Club (for senior citizens)
- Young Life (for teenagers)
- Girls Brigade and Explorers
- Arts & Crafty Folk

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Public benefit

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.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

Minister's Review

As pandemic concerns eased somewhat, we entered 2022 with a cautious optimism for regaining much of the momentum lost in the previous two years of Covid restrictions, and seeking to gain traction from the significant transitions of 2021.

We give thanks to God that most of our church groups were able to restart in 2022, and indeed showed signs of new development and growth by His blessing. The Clerk's report will highlight some of the more difficult aspects of the year, and note particular thanks to staff and leaders whose roles ended or changed during 2022.

I want to note my own thanks to our staff team for 2022 (Nicola Lynn, Kathleen Spence, Christine McClenahan, Helen Jeffrey and Charles Maginnes), Kirk Session, committee members, treasurer, organisational leaders and helpers for their dedication through a year in which we faced significant challenges and embraced many wonderful opportunities.

Thanks are also due to all those of you, our members, who faithfully support and enthusiastically participate in the many and varied aspects of our church life and witness. As a worshipping family of faith, God has called each of us to play our part, and each is as important as the next.

As we reflect on 2022 through the lens of these reports, let us give unending praise to the Lord for his goodness and faithfulness, and let us look forward with confidence in him, trusting that he will fulfil his purposes for us, to the glory of his name.

Grace and peace to you.

Rev. Stuart McCrea

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Kirk Session

We are grateful to God for His work by His Holy Spirit in and through the congregation in 2022. Session had 7 opportunities to meet together through the year to assist in our role as part of God's people in First Holywood.

Through the year, this included setting in place a new Mission Partnerships process with the aim of more intentionally and strategically supporting mission locally, nationally and internationally each year.

There was also consideration of what staffing is required to support the mission and development of the congregation. Interviews took place for the post of Co-Ordinator of Children's and Youth Ministry in April, but an appointment was not able to be made at that time. Further considerations took place in the autumn, and it was decided to seek again for that position in early 2023, and also to investigate opportunities to employ a deaconess.

We were grateful for and fully supportive of Stuart's ministry amongst us and his faithful preaching and leading from God's word. Stuart was off due to illness from March before returning to work in June, and we continued to support and pray for his ongoing recovery.

We thank everyone for their ongoing contributions to the life and witness of this congregation. We acknowledged Bertie Maguire's faithful service as an elder over 3 decades as he retired in September, Nicola Lynn's service as office administrator as she moved on to a new job in December, and Carl McManus as he moved on from his role in leadership of Young Life to become pastor of Holywood CFC in August.

In November, Session formally notified Boys' Brigade headquarters that the Company was not restarting, and we are grateful to John Ferguson and all the leaders over the years and for all that God has done through them with BB.

We were grateful for the work of Graeme Thompson as Treasurer and his helpful financial projections for Session considerations, and for the role of Caroline Thompson and Andrew Nugent as child protection designated persons.

As well as child protection considerations being a regular item of session agenda, we received useful updates from Anne White as our Presbytery elder attending regular and other Presbytery meetings, and Mark Baillie as our representative attending General Assembly in June. The support of Presbytery and the wider church in the ongoing mission and ministry of First Holywood (and every PCI congregation) is not to be underestimated.

We were glad to join together again with our brothers and sisters in High Street congregation for four Sunday services in July. We were also grateful for the ongoing work of church committee and others in attending to many practical issues of the church and manse.

There is much more to be thankful for, as other parts of this annual report will also bear testimony to, and to commit to prayer for God's ongoing gracious work in his mercy to and through us, and all for His glory. Amen.

Craig Russell (Clerk of Session through 2022)

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CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Congregational Committee of the church is charged with the responsibility of 'administration of the temporal affairs of the congregation'. Members are elected from the congregation to serve on the committee for a three-year term at which point a new committee is elected.

Office Bearers - The following were Committee Office Bearers during the year:

Chairperson: Trevor Reaney

Secretary: Christina Baillie

Treasurer: Graeme Thompson

Sub Committees

The following Sub Committees served during the year:

The Finance Sub Committee which was chaired by Scott Burnside.

Throughout 2022, the Sub Committee was made up of Scott Burnside, Fiona Woods, Graeme Thompson, Rev. Stuart McCrea, Craig Russell, Robert Conlon, Rachel Mason, Trevor Reaney and Christina Baillie.

Those responsible for Property were Albert Hall, David Speers, Peter Moran and Jenny Russell. Jenny Russell agreed to move to the Communications Sub Committee from May 2022 to convene this. In September 2022, David Speers resigned from the Committee.

The Welcoming and Hospitality Sub Committee has been composed of Cheryl Harbinson, Elinor Cairnduff and Liz Reaney.

The Communications Sub Committee was made up of Colin Dewar, Ben Harbinson and Zoe Woods. In May 2022, Colin Dewar stepped down and Jenny Russell took on responsibility for coordinating this Sub Committee.

Business during the year

While the Treasurer will issue a separate report on all financial matters, it is appropriate to express our thanks on behalf of the congregation to Graeme Thompson for serving in his role through 2022. The church's financial position continues to allow for planned and future spending. The work of the Sub Committee has included considering investment plans for available funds and allocating financial support to mission organisations.

The Property Sub Committee continued to consider issues relating to the church property and manse. There were several major projects completed during 2022 including installation of the stair lift in the Worship Centre, repairs to the Church Tower, external painting, refurbishment of emergency lighting and renovation of the main church kitchen. The Sub Committee members have overseen complex projects to a high standard which have benefited the whole church. They have ensured minor repairs and any issues which have arisen have been resolved in a cost effective and timely manner.

Regarding the Communications Sub Committee, discussions are ongoing regarding the house style of the church and consideration of the visual presentation of the church. There has been work done considering the website and social media.

In respect of the Welcoming and Hospitality Sub Committee, the members continue to support and provide assistance through supervising stewarding and co-ordinating rotas. The luncheon club continues to provide an opportunity for older members to gather together for a meal and shared connection.

Throughout 2022, there has been significant work achieved by the Committee. All service by the various members is noted and appreciated.

We would also like to express our thanks to Nicola Lynn, the Church Secretary. Nicola worked through 2022 to help with many practical and administrative issues and is an excellent support to the Committee.

Christina Baillie (Secretary)

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Freewill Offering in the General Account was £141,815 down 10.4% on last year despite the impact of the pandemic on services being significantly less than in 2021. Lower Gift Aid receipts than 2021, and the receipt of a large legacy in 2021 (£67,353) resulted in total gross Freewill Offerings of £184,525 compared with £267,141 the previous year. a reduction of 30.9%. Here I would again like to thank Fiona Woods for her hard work in submitting the Gift Aid claims.

In addition, expenditure has also increased by £22,611 largely due to increased depreciation leaving a deficit on the general account for the year of £39,917 compared to a surplus in 2021 of £65,310.

Building Fund donations (including Gift Aid) were 9.3% lower at £13,591 compared with last year of £14,992. In addition expenditure was significantly increased to £45,529 up from £4,349 last year, due to major repairs to the tower and to the boilers, resulting in a deficit for the year of £31,938 compared to a surplus of £10,643 in 2021.

There was £74,380 spent on replacing the kitchen and the lift and those have been added to capital assets and will be included in expenditure as depreciation over the next 5 years.

United Appeal contributions received was £12,276 down from £13,287 last year. This account required a £15,000 transfer from the general account to ensure United Appeal target was met and other outgoings.

Collections for Outreach amounted to £16,078 up from £5,036 last year, from this £2,095 was paid out in donations for various causes.

The F.A.I.R. Fund continues to be supported and has a balance of £4,025 carried forward, after £2,900 was paid out to a number of families in need.

Unfortunately, this year there was an overall deficit of £73,581, with large expenditures on repairs being compounded by lower giving. In the last couple of years, I've thanked the congregation for their flexibility in setting up online payments to the church during covid. However now that we're back in the church whilst many of those online payments have been stopped, we haven't all got back into the habit of bringing an envelope every week. I'd thus encourage the congregation to review what they are giving and if an online payment that hasn't been changed for a while, consider increasing that, or simply make a one-off top up payment to the level that you'd like to be giving. I'd especially encourage support for the United Appeal account to offset the shortfall there.

I would like to thank all those who have helped me in 2022 including the members of the Finance Sub-committee, the treasurers of the various organisations, the counting teams, and especially Nicola in the office for all their hard work, support, and assistance.

Graeme Thompson (Hon. Treasurer)

Organisations

UNITED CHOIR AND WORSHIP GROUPS

Although no longer lockdown we began 2022 in a still socially distanced church with the congregation masked and the Worship leaders behind screens. On the 4th April as spring was emerging all around us, P.C.I lifted the restrictions and we approached Easter with a more familiar feel to our services. Social Distancing was ended and masks were removed. It felt like we were emerging from a deep dark winter alongside the blooming flowers and the leaves on the trees.

On Good Friday 15th April we joined with our friends from High Street to share in a special service which included communion, scripture readings and Lenten music sung by The Balligan Consort. This was a moving evening that took us through the biblical signposts of Christs life leading up to the crucifixion.

On Easter Sunday a small choir of 7 singers sang 'I will Rise' to a now fuller congregation as people were beginning to feel more comfortable to join the church fellowship once more.

Numbers continued to increase and at Harvest we were able to have 7 wonderful young people in the Youth Choir sing 'Blessed to be a Blessing' which really encompassed how we all felt at being back in the arms of our church family once more. The choir, this time with 18 members sang 'You Crown the Year with Your goodness'.

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The year was rounded off with a wonderful service of lessons and carols in a church lit only with fairy lights and candles on every available surface. A large choir sang 2 pieces, 'Noel' and 'O Holy Night'. The youth choir sang 'This Christmas Time' and so many folk led us in scripture readings. One of the highlights was the McCrea kids singing a beautiful piece called 'Night of Silence'.

As we came to the end of the year I was reminded of the promises of God that although we had come through a very strange 'winter' with the pandemic, we emerged into Spring once more with the resurrection hope of Jesus lifting and warming our hearts.

A huge thank you to all our instrumentalists and singers who are involved in the leading of the music each week and to those who join us for special services. You uplift us all with your gifts and bring glory to His holy name.

Christine McClenahan (Music Assistant)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry is for children aged 4-11 years and takes place upstairs in the Worship Centre during the morning service. We follow as closely as possible to the main themes which are being covered in the morning service, using a mixture of interactive and presented material suitable to the age of the children attending.

Please continue to pray for our children and their parents that each may know the nearness and faithfulness of God, and for the leaders and helpers that they may discern your will in planning the teaching.

Fiona Woods

CRÈCHE

After all the restrictions Creche is back up and running with a new look. We welcome all children from birth to 4 years old. Our creche space has been set up taking in needs of the children. Babies have a designated area to play, while the older children have various sections designed to stimulate their imagination.

Please pray for the leaders & children as they continue to develop and grow within our church family. 2 Peter 3:18 "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"

Sandra Gallagher

YOUNG LIFE

Our partnership with Young Life started to see some real growth and fruit for patient labour as we emerged from the worst of the pandemic. This saw not only a growth in numbers, with many young people from families outside of our church membership attending on club nights, but also a deeper engagement relationally and spiritually. 2022 saw the return of camp with several young people from Holywood attending either Young Life or Wildlife camp, where some took significant steps of faith, including trusting Jesus for the first time. This year also saw the expansion of discipleship groups, with a younger boys group bringing the number of groups to four. Sadly, 2022 saw the departure of Carl McManus as the full time staff lead of Young Life in Holywood after six years of excellent work and patient building. We are grateful to him for all he invested in the young people and how he engaged so supportively with First Holywood congregation and wished him God's blessing as he took up the role of site pastor at Holywood CFC. We were happy that in September 2022, Holywood Young Life leadership was taken up by DGLs Skye Houston and Daisy Shannon who assumed this role with passion and energy.

Graeme Thompson

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CONNECT

Connect exists to connect young people to God, to each other and to the wider church family and meets twice a month during the morning service. On other Sundays we try to help the young people engage with the church services. Our numbers and levels of commitment grew this year as we continued to look at doctrine that helped them understand faith and life. We continued to look at various pictures of the church between the new year and the summer. In the autumn we had a good influx of new year 8s to swell our numbers and looked at doctrine on Identity and various aspects of Sunday morning worship. Overall it was a really encouraging year.

Graeme Thompson

50TH NI COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Our GB company had to close on 20th March 2020 due to Covid 19. We were able to open again in October 2021 but with restrictions. The girls coped very well with all the changes during the sessions. We were unable to hold our Annual Display, on Tuesday 5th April 2022 the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders had a fun night and received their awards. The Explorers had their fun day on Friday 8th April and received their awards.

Our new session started on 2nd September 2022 and although our numbers were small, the girls were very enthusiastic and excited to be back to GB without covid restrictions. We had our Enrolment Service in Church on Sunday 16th October and this was well attended. In December we had our usual Christmas parties and the Explorers had a visit from Santa.

We would like to thank all the parents and friends for their support and encouragement and ask for your continuous prayers for us, as we trust in God to achieve our aim to help girls become followers of Jesus Christ.

Rosemary Ferguson (GB Captain)

TOTS R US

Tots were back in action during 2022 and welcomed a new generation of mums and toddlers, many of whom had been born during lockdown and had missed out on so many early years experiences outside of their families. Numbers attending soon built up to an average of 30 children and around the same number of adults. Most are from our local community and we have been delighted to welcome some whose first language is not English. We gather in the big hall on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to 11.30 am and provide a variety of toys and activities: home corner, dough, floor play, dressing up, baby area and table top activities which includes painting and crafts. During snack time we provide fruit, breadstick and drinks for the children and tea/coffee and biscuits for the adults. We end the morning with Rhyme time, songs and actions.

As a group we support an orphan project in Malawi, sending money to provide a nutritious hot meal for the children, some extra snacks, medicines and blankets for vulnerable families. Join us in praying that God's name will be honoured in all we do as all come into our Church.

Margaret Hewitt (Tots R Us leader)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our group of 'Women Together' meets monthly to encourage all ladies in the congregation to live for Jesus and to know God's presence as we gather together in friendship and love.

The 2022 year began with a well-attended February meeting as everyone, including several new members, enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know Hazel and Stuart who agreed to answer 20 (or more!) questions about themselves! What a revelation!

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We thank Elinor Cairnduff who led the PW so ably through the uncertainties of 2020-2021 and were pleased to welcome Hazel McCrea as our Leader; when the new Committee met in June 2022, we introduced the name "Women Together - PW" while the theme - Deeper Together - helped us focus on how we could strengthen our relationships and foster our spiritual connections with each other.

With that vision in place, we provided a gift bag of "treats" for each lady at our September meeting and Hazel McCrea shared the theme of cherishing each other; we exchanged named 'luggage tags' as a reminder to pray for one other person in the group and make opportunities to meet for a cuppa or chat outside regular church meetings. Another new venture was to have a friendship coordinator to send a card to each member at their birthday.

Through the year we also welcomed speakers such as Caroline Lowry from A Bundle of Joy - Baby in a Basket (for which two tables of items for babies were donated), we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with Nathena Burnside entertaining us with some royal connections and iced some creative designs on delicious home-baked fairy cakes, while sharing recollections of Tommy Bell (an elder and leader of Bible class) and his bakery in Shore Road; we were also inspired by the outreach to Lebanon from Rachel Maquire through dental care and enjoyed an hilarious seasonal celebration as we participated in a specially-written pantomime, Ella Cinders and the Mislaid Husband, followed by our usual tasty Christmas supper.

At each of our meetings about 30 of us were led in devotions encouraging our trust in Jesus, to serve together and go deeper across the generations. We welcome every lady in the congregation to join our group, to share in the laughter as we enjoy fellowship together and encourage each other to be a disciple of Jesus and live for Him each day.

Lynda Francis (PW Treasurer)

LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP

It has been almost two years since Ladies Bible Study returned to normal after the pandemic. It has been a blessing to come together again on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon, to learn how God moved and worked in people's lives. We study a variety of characters and reflecting on how God worked his plan and purpose in their lives at that time and in their culture, helping us to understand and know how God continues today to do the same for us. The ladies are given their notes the week before to take home and study, reflect and prepare for the following week. On occasions, such as Easter and Christmas, there is a special gift given in appreciation for their faithfulness, commitment and encouragement.

Kathleen Spence (Pastoral Assistant)

ART AND CRAFTY FOLK

A group of ladies came together for the first time on 8th September 2022 sharing a common interest and diverse skills, not to mention a desire for fellowship and chat. We meet fortnightly, usually on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon, with a coffee break halfway and a devotional reading which provides a thought for the day. Numbers vary between 12 and 18 and anyone who is interested can come along.

Rosemary Logan

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

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THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club had its last meeting in June 2022 after a run of 13 years. Over those years we enjoyed interesting talks once a month on a Thursday afternoon, followed by a short devotional, and afternoon tea. In that time we were privileged to hear exceptional speakers from within our church -Mary Robinson, Elizabeth Laing, Joe Campbell, David Boland, Don Harley, Ellen Boyd, and the McNeelys, amongst others- and from all over the province. Some speakers made return visits, such as the representative from Mercy Ships who updated us in March 2022 on the ongoing work of that organisation, the intrepid travellers Rev David Irwin and his wife Maureen, Robert Bell from S.D. Bell & Co on the Upper Newtownards Road, and Joan Christie, Lord-Lieutenant of Antrim who regaled us with stories of the Royals she met during her time in office. Other memorable speakers include Ros Ramsey from Ramsey's Fine Food, Brenda Campbell, a RSPB volunteer on Rathlin, and Brenda Turnbull from the Lagan Navigation Trust. Contributing to the success of the club were my very able helpers, Valerie Harley, Marion Perry, Ellen Boyd, Jill Campbell and Elinor Cairnduff, who made all our members feel so welcome and went beyond the call of duty to provide delicious refreshments and a relaxed and uplifting atmosphere. Happy memories to cherish!

Caroline Stevenson

LUNCHEON CLUB

It was wonderful to return to regular church lunches after the uncertainties of the pandemic. We are delighted to serve so many church members to lunch on the fourth Friday of most months (not July/August) at 12:30.

Usually there are about 20 dinners, all bringing some chat, so the hall has a great atmosphere.

Our Christmas lunch was well attended. Mc Kees provided the food, Liz, Christine and Jeremy, provided the entertainment - carol singing, and a few seasonal poems. Santa made an appearance as well, much to everyone's great delight.

Thank you to Elinor, Ann and Lynda, who have been very loyal and generous with their help.

Cheryl Harbinson

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 13 to 21. The results show net outgoing resources for the year of £73,581 (2021: Net incoming resources of £77,481).

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least 6 month's normal expenditure. At the year end unrestricted reserves excluding the property, were £165,386 which represents an adequate level of reserves.

Going concern

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

Risk Review

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

FUTURE PLANS

The Church plans continuing the activities outlined within the Annual Report in the forthcoming years.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE 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 monitors and overviews at each meeting compliance with its child protection and safeguarding procedures and approves all leaders within church organisations. 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 ministers 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 ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are normally held at 7.30pm at the church on the first Wednesday of each month (save usually in January, July and August), and additionally when 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 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. First Holywood Congregation has been assigned to the East 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 the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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, administration 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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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Mr P McClenahan
Mr J Ferguson
Mr J Harbinson
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Mr A Nugent
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Mr M Shields
Mrs A White (resigned 31/3/23)
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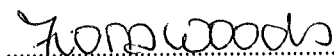
Clerk of Session

Mark Bailee

Church Treasurer

Graeme M Thompson

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs F Woods- Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages thirteen to twenty one.

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 requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 ('the Act').

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

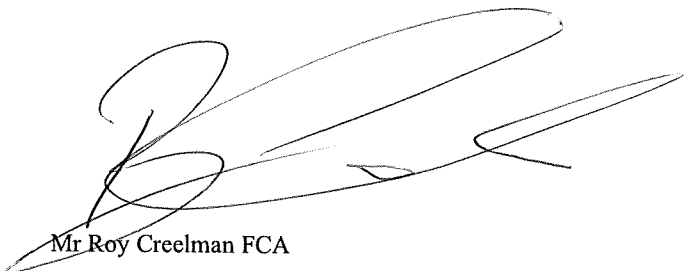
I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the 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 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.



Mr Roy Creelman FCA

McIlveen Howard Limited
Chartered Accountants
169a Upper Newtownards Road
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Date: 21/14/23.....

The notes form part of these financial statements

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	199,628	37,028	236,656	300,041
Investment income	3	<u>356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>415</u>
Total		<u>199,984</u>	<u>37,028</u>	<u>237,012</u>	<u>300,456</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activities	4	1,705	-	1,705	1,597
Ministry & Support Staff Costs		110,525	-	110,525	83,216
Congregational Running Expenses		92,968	47,015	139,983	85,343
General Assesmbly Assessments		26,952	-	26,952	28,490
Donations to Missions and Charities		-	26,208	26,208	20,801
Governance Costs		<u>5,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>3,528</u>
Total		<u>237,370</u>	<u>73,223</u>	<u>310,593</u>	<u>222,975</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	13	(37,386)	(36,195)	(73,581)	77,481
		<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(52,386)	(21,195)	(73,581)	77,481
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,406,620	186,953	1,593,573	1,516,092
		<u>1,406,620</u>	<u>186,953</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>	<u>1,516,092</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>1,354,234</u>	<u>165,758</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

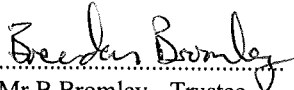
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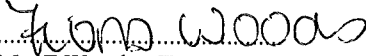
First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Balance Sheet
31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	1,237,796	1,216,201
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	128,216	95,457
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>212,257</u>	<u>333,501</u>
		340,473	428,958
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(58,277)	(51,586)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>282,196</u>	<u>377,372</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	13	1,354,234	1,406,620
Restricted funds		<u>165,758</u>	<u>186,953</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 1 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr B Bromley - Trustee


Mrs F Woods - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Charity charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Gift aid claims are recognised in the period to which they relate.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures & fittings	- 25% on cost

Taxation

First Holywood Presbyterian Church is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and therefore is not subject to tax on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended therefore include irrecoverable input VAT.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Freewill Offering	171,749	-	171,749	190,612
Building Fund	-	13,591	13,591	14,992
Church Collections	2,740	-	2,740	2,026
United Appeal	-	12,276	12,276	13,287
Grants	-	-	-	946
Weddings & Funerals	775	-	775	870
Use of Halls	4,059	-	4,059	3,284
Legacies -	1,500	-	1,500	67,353
Books	769	-	769	634
PCI - Moderator's Appeal	-	9,515	9,515	-
Earl Haig Fund	-	426	426	-
General Missions Fund	15,458	620	16,078	5,036
Fair Fund	-	600	600	-
Sundry receipts	<u>2,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,578</u>	<u>1,001</u>
	<u>199,628</u>	<u>37,028</u>	<u>236,656</u>	<u>300,041</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Other grants	<u>-</u>	<u>946</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Deposit account interest	<u>356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>415</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Charitable Activities	1,705	-	1,705
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	110,525	-	110,525
Congregational Running Expenses	139,983	-	139,983
General Assesmbly Assessments	26,952	-	26,952
Donations to Missions and Charities	26,208	-	26,208
Governance Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>5,220</u>
	<u>305,373</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>310,593</u>

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £ <u>5,220</u>
Governance Costs	<u>5,220</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	81,600	69,842
Social security costs	<u>4,675</u>	<u>4,342</u>
	<u>86,275</u>	<u>74,184</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Ministerial	2	3
Admin	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	266,726	33,315	300,041
Investment income	<u>415</u>	-	<u>415</u>
Total	<u>267,141</u>	<u>33,315</u>	<u>300,456</u>

EXPENDITURE ON

Charitable activities

Charitable Activities	1,597	-	1,597
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	83,216	-	83,216
Congregational Running Expenses	74,508	10,835	85,343
General Assesmbly Assessments	28,490	-	28,490
Donations to Missions and Charities	-	20,801	20,801

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2022

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Governance Costs	<u>3,528</u>	-	<u>3,528</u>
Total	<u>191,339</u>	<u>31,636</u>	<u>222,975</u>
NET INCOME	75,802	1,679	77,481
Transfers between funds	<u>(5,808)</u>	<u>5,808</u>	-
Net movement in funds	69,994	7,487	77,481
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,336,626</u>	<u>179,466</u>	<u>1,516,092</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1,406,620</u>	<u>186,953</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2022	1,300,000	81,896	10,624	1,392,520
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,380</u>	<u>74,380</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,300,000</u>	<u>81,896</u>	<u>85,004</u>	<u>1,466,900</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2022	155,731	11,035	9,553	176,319
Charge for year	<u>26,000</u>	<u>8,190</u>	<u>18,595</u>	<u>52,785</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>181,731</u>	<u>19,225</u>	<u>28,148</u>	<u>229,104</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,118,269</u>	<u>62,671</u>	<u>56,856</u>	<u>1,237,796</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,144,269</u>	<u>70,861</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>1,216,201</u>

Freehold property includes the Church land, buildings and halls and in the opinion of the Trustees is stated at fair value. The Trustees consider that legal title to all of the land and property comprised in the underlying deeds relating to the various properties are ultimately held by the Trustees on behalf of the Trust

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	128,216	92,282
Prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>3,175</u>
	<u>128,216</u>	<u>95,457</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	22,224	18,174
Other creditors	<u>36,053</u>	<u>33,412</u>
	<u>58,277</u>	<u>51,586</u>

12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Fixed assets	1,188,848	48,948	1,237,796	1,216,201
Current assets	172,309	168,164	340,473	428,958
Current liabilities	<u>(6,923)</u>	<u>(51,354)</u>	<u>(58,277)</u>	<u>(51,586)</u>
	<u>1,354,234</u>	<u>165,758</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

The unrestricted funds represent the free funds of the church which are not designated for particular purposes.

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,406,620	(37,386)	(15,000)	1,354,234
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	186,953	(36,195)	15,000	165,758
	<u>1,593,573</u>	<u>(73,581)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	199,984	(237,370)	(37,386)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	37,028	(73,223)	(36,195)
	237,012	(310,593)	(73,581)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,012</u>	<u>(310,593)</u>	<u>(73,581)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,336,626	75,802	(5,808)	1,406,620
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	179,466	1,679	5,808	186,953
	1,516,092	77,481	-	1,593,573
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,516,092</u>	<u>77,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	267,141	(191,339)	75,802
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	33,315	(31,636)	1,679
	300,456	(222,975)	77,481
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>300,456</u>	<u>(222,975)</u>	<u>77,481</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,336,626	38,416	(20,808)	1,354,234
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	179,466	(34,516)	20,808	165,758
	<u>1,516,092</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	467,125	(428,709)	38,416
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	70,343	(104,859)	(34,516)
	<u>537,468</u>	<u>(533,568)</u>	<u>3,900</u>

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Freewill Offering	171,749	190,612
Building Fund	13,591	14,992
Church Collections	2,740	2,026
United Appeal	12,276	13,287
Grants	-	946
Weddings & Funerals	775	870
Use of Halls	4,059	3,284
Legacies -	1,500	67,353
Books	769	634
PCI - Moderator's Appeal	9,515	-
Earl Haig Fund	426	-
General Missions Fund	16,078	5,036
Fair Fund	600	-
Sundry receipts	<u>2,578</u>	<u>1,001</u>
	236,656	300,041
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>356</u>	<u>415</u>
Total incoming resources	237,012	300,456
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	81,600	69,842
Social security	4,675	4,342
Insurance	3,522	3,908
Light and heat	11,670	5,905
Telephone	2,495	3,999
Postage and stationery	1,636	3,027
Pulpit Supply	1,232	73
General Assembly Assessments	26,952	28,490
East Belfast Presbytery Fee	861	898
Ministerial Expenses	9,063	9,032
Youth Ministry	15,187	17,053
General Maintenance	50,710	10,324
Books	4,180	3,181
Other Expenditure	3,082	2,321
PCI - United Appeal	16,213	17,029
PCI - Moderators Appeal	14,515	-
General Missions Funds	4,995	3,772
Vacancy convenor	-	1,524
Carried forward	252,588	184,720

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First Holywood Presbyterian Church

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	252,588	184,720
Freehold property	26,000	26,000
Improvements to property	8,190	8,190
Fixtures and fittings	<u>18,595</u>	<u>537</u>
	305,373	219,447
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>5,220</u>	<u>3,528</u>
Total resources expended	<u>310,593</u>	<u>222,975</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(73,581)</u>	<u>77,481</u>

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First Holywood Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104336

Annual report

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC104336

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
for
First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

**McIlveen Howard Limited
Chartered Accountants
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First Holywood Presbyterian Church

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for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

First Holywood Presbyterian Church is a Christian organisation derived from a Declaration of Trust and it is a registered charity, registration number NIC 104336.

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

First Holywood Congregation 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 her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to seek to enable people of all ages to discover Christ and to follow Him, to celebrate Him together and to learn how God's truth can change and equip us for effective service in the community and the wider world.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice

Significant activities

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Children's Ministry
- Connect (for teenagers)
- Tots R Us (Mothers and Toddlers)
- Women's Morning Bible Study
- Home and fellowship groups
- Presbyterian Women
- Thursday Club (for senior citizens)
- Luncheon Club (for senior citizens)
- Young Life (for teenagers)
- Girls Brigade and Explorers
- Arts & Crafty Folk

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

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.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

Minister's Review

As pandemic concerns eased somewhat, we entered 2022 with a cautious optimism for regaining much of the momentum lost in the previous two years of Covid restrictions, and seeking to gain traction from the significant transitions of 2021.

We give thanks to God that most of our church groups were able to restart in 2022, and indeed showed signs of new development and growth by His blessing. The Clerk's report will highlight some of the more difficult aspects of the year, and note particular thanks to staff and leaders whose roles ended or changed during 2022.

I want to note my own thanks to our staff team for 2022 (Nicola Lynn, Kathleen Spence, Christine McClenahan, Helen Jeffrey and Charles Maginnes), Kirk Session, committee members, treasurer, organisational leaders and helpers for their dedication through a year in which we faced significant challenges and embraced many wonderful opportunities.

Thanks are also due to all those of you, our members, who faithfully support and enthusiastically participate in the many and varied aspects of our church life and witness. As a worshipping family of faith, God has called each of us to play our part, and each is as important as the next.

As we reflect on 2022 through the lens of these reports, let us give unending praise to the Lord for his goodness and faithfulness, and let us look forward with confidence in him, trusting that he will fulfil his purposes for us, to the glory of his name.

Grace and peace to you.

Rev. Stuart McCrea

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

Kirk Session

We are grateful to God for His work by His Holy Spirit in and through the congregation in 2022. Session had 7 opportunities to meet together through the year to assist in our role as part of God's people in First Holywood.

Through the year, this included setting in place a new Mission Partnerships process with the aim of more intentionally and strategically supporting mission locally, nationally and internationally each year.

There was also consideration of what staffing is required to support the mission and development of the congregation. Interviews took place for the post of Co-Ordinator of Children's and Youth Ministry in April, but an appointment was not able to be made at that time. Further considerations took place in the autumn, and it was decided to seek again for that position in early 2023, and also to investigate opportunities to employ a deaconess.

We were grateful for and fully supportive of Stuart's ministry amongst us and his faithful preaching and leading from God's word. Stuart was off due to illness from March before returning to work in June, and we continued to support and pray for his ongoing recovery.

We thank everyone for their ongoing contributions to the life and witness of this congregation. We acknowledged Bertie Maguire's faithful service as an elder over 3 decades as he retired in September, Nicola Lynn's service as office administrator as she moved on to a new job in December, and Carl McManus as he moved on from his role in leadership of Young Life to become pastor of Holywood CFC in August.

In November, Session formally notified Boys' Brigade headquarters that the Company was not restarting, and we are grateful to John Ferguson and all the leaders over the years and for all that God has done through them with BB.

We were grateful for the work of Graeme Thompson as Treasurer and his helpful financial projections for Session considerations, and for the role of Caroline Thompson and Andrew Nugent as child protection designated persons.

As well as child protection considerations being a regular item of session agenda, we received useful updates from Anne White as our Presbytery elder attending regular and other Presbytery meetings, and Mark Baillie as our representative attending General Assembly in June. The support of Presbytery and the wider church in the ongoing mission and ministry of First Holywood (and every PCI congregation) is not to be underestimated.

We were glad to join together again with our brothers and sisters in High Street congregation for four Sunday services in July. We were also grateful for the ongoing work of church committee and others in attending to many practical issues of the church and manse.

There is much more to be thankful for, as other parts of this annual report will also bear testimony to, and to commit to prayer for God's ongoing gracious work in his mercy to and through us, and all for His glory. Amen.

Craig Russell (Clerk of Session through 2022)

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CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Congregational Committee of the church is charged with the responsibility of 'administration of the temporal affairs of the congregation'. Members are elected from the congregation to serve on the committee for a three-year term at which point a new committee is elected.

Office Bearers - The following were Committee Office Bearers during the year:

Chairperson: Trevor Reaney

Secretary: Christina Baillie

Treasurer: Graeme Thompson

Sub Committees

The following Sub Committees served during the year:

The Finance Sub Committee which was chaired by Scott Burnside.

Throughout 2022, the Sub Committee was made up of Scott Burnside, Fiona Woods, Graeme Thompson, Rev. Stuart McCrea, Craig Russell, Robert Conlon, Rachel Mason, Trevor Reaney and Christina Baillie.

Those responsible for Property were Albert Hall, David Speers, Peter Moran and Jenny Russell. Jenny Russell agreed to move to the Communications Sub Committee from May 2022 to convene this. In September 2022, David Speers resigned from the Committee.

The Welcoming and Hospitality Sub Committee has been composed of Cheryl Harbinson, Elinor Cairnduff and Liz Reaney.

The Communications Sub Committee was made up of Colin Dewar, Ben Harbinson and Zoe Woods. In May 2022, Colin Dewar stepped down and Jenny Russell took on responsibility for coordinating this Sub Committee.

Business during the year

While the Treasurer will issue a separate report on all financial matters, it is appropriate to express our thanks on behalf of the congregation to Graeme Thompson for serving in his role through 2022. The church's financial position continues to allow for planned and future spending. The work of the Sub Committee has included considering investment plans for available funds and allocating financial support to mission organisations.

The Property Sub Committee continued to consider issues relating to the church property and manse. There were several major projects completed during 2022 including installation of the stair lift in the Worship Centre, repairs to the Church Tower, external painting, refurbishment of emergency lighting and renovation of the main church kitchen. The Sub Committee members have overseen complex projects to a high standard which have benefited the whole church. They have ensured minor repairs and any issues which have arisen have been resolved in a cost effective and timely manner.

Regarding the Communications Sub Committee, discussions are ongoing regarding the house style of the church and consideration of the visual presentation of the church. There has been work done considering the website and social media.

In respect of the Welcoming and Hospitality Sub Committee, the members continue to support and provide assistance through supervising stewarding and co-ordinating rotas. The luncheon club continues to provide an opportunity for older members to gather together for a meal and shared connection.

Throughout 2022, there has been significant work achieved by the Committee. All service by the various members is noted and appreciated.

We would also like to express our thanks to Nicola Lynn, the Church Secretary. Nicola worked through 2022 to help with many practical and administrative issues and is an excellent support to the Committee.

Christina Baillie (Secretary)

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Freewill Offering in the General Account was £141,815 down 10.4% on last year despite the impact of the pandemic on services being significantly less than in 2021. Lower Gift Aid receipts than 2021, and the receipt of a large legacy in 2021 (£67,353) resulted in total gross Freewill Offerings of £184,525 compared with £267,141 the previous year. a reduction of 30.9%. Here I would again like to thank Fiona Woods for her hard work in submitting the Gift Aid claims.

In addition, expenditure has also increased by £22,611 largely due to increased depreciation leaving a deficit on the general account for the year of £39,917 compared to a surplus in 2021 of £65,310.

Building Fund donations (including Gift Aid) were 9.3% lower at £13,591 compared with last year of £14,992. In addition expenditure was significantly increased to £45,529 up from £4,349 last year, due to major repairs to the tower and to the boilers, resulting in a deficit for the year of £31,938 compared to a surplus of £10,643 in 2021.

There was £74,380 spent on replacing the kitchen and the lift and those have been added to capital assets and will be included in expenditure as depreciation over the next 5 years.

United Appeal contributions received was £12,276 down from £13,287 last year. This account required a £15,000 transfer from the general account to ensure United Appeal target was met and other outgoings.

Collections for Outreach amounted to £16,078 up from £5,036 last year, from this £2,095 was paid out in donations for various causes.

The F.A.I.R. Fund continues to be supported and has a balance of £4,025 carried forward, after £2,900 was paid out to a number of families in need.

Unfortunately, this year there was an overall deficit of £73,581, with large expenditures on repairs being compounded by lower giving. In the last couple of years, I've thanked the congregation for their flexibility in setting up online payments to the church during covid. However now that we're back in the church whilst many of those online payments have been stopped, we haven't all got back into the habit of bringing an envelope every week. I'd thus encourage the congregation to review what they are giving and if an online payment that hasn't been changed for a while, consider increasing that, or simply make a one-off top up payment to the level that you'd like to be giving. I'd especially encourage support for the United Appeal account to offset the shortfall there.

I would like to thank all those who have helped me in 2022 including the members of the Finance Sub-committee, the treasurers of the various organisations, the counting teams, and especially Nicola in the office for all their hard work, support, and assistance.

Graeme Thompson (Hon. Treasurer)

Organisations

UNITED CHOIR AND WORSHIP GROUPS

Although no longer lockdown we began 2022 in a still socially distanced church with the congregation masked and the Worship leaders behind screens. On the 4th April as spring was emerging all around us, P.C.I lifted the restrictions and we approached Easter with a more familiar feel to our services. Social Distancing was ended and masks were removed. It felt like we were emerging from a deep dark winter alongside the blooming flowers and the leaves on the trees.

On Good Friday 15th April we joined with our friends from High Street to share in a special service which included communion, scripture readings and Lenten music sung by The Balligan Consort. This was a moving evening that took us through the biblical signposts of Christs life leading up to the crucifixion.

On Easter Sunday a small choir of 7 singers sang 'I will Rise' to a now fuller congregation as people were beginning to feel more comfortable to join the church fellowship once more.

Numbers continued to increase and at Harvest we were able to have 7 wonderful young people in the Youth Choir sing 'Blessed to be a Blessing' which really encompassed how we all felt at being back in the arms of our church family once more. The choir, this time with 18 members sang 'You Crown the Year with Your goodness'.

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The year was rounded off with a wonderful service of lessons and carols in a church lit only with fairy lights and candles on every available surface. A large choir sang 2 pieces, 'Noel' and 'O Holy Night'. The youth choir sang 'This Christmas Time' and so many folk led us in scripture readings. One of the highlights was the McCrea kids singing a beautiful piece called 'Night of Silence'.

As we came to the end of the year I was reminded of the promises of God that although we had come through a very strange 'winter' with the pandemic, we emerged into Spring once more with the resurrection hope of Jesus lifting and warming our hearts.

A huge thank you to all our instrumentalists and singers who are involved in the leading of the music each week and to those who join us for special services. You uplift us all with your gifts and bring glory to His holy name.

Christine McClenahan (Music Assistant)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry is for children aged 4-11 years and takes place upstairs in the Worship Centre during the morning service. We follow as closely as possible to the main themes which are being covered in the morning service, using a mixture of interactive and presented material suitable to the age of the children attending.

Please continue to pray for our children and their parents that each may know the nearness and faithfulness of God, and for the leaders and helpers that they may discern your will in planning the teaching.

Fiona Woods

CRÈCHE

After all the restrictions Creche is back up and running with a new look. We welcome all children from birth to 4 years old. Our creche space has been set up taking in needs of the children. Babies have a designated area to play, while the older children have various sections designed to stimulate their imagination.

Please pray for the leaders & children as they continue to develop and grow within our church family. 2 Peter 3:18 "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"

Sandra Gallagher

YOUNG LIFE

Our partnership with Young Life started to see some real growth and fruit for patient labour as we emerged from the worst of the pandemic. This saw not only a growth in numbers, with many young people from families outside of our church membership attending on club nights, but also a deeper engagement relationally and spiritually. 2022 saw the return of camp with several young people from Holywood attending either Young Life or Wildlife camp, where some took significant steps of faith, including trusting Jesus for the first time. This year also saw the expansion of discipleship groups, with a younger boys group bringing the number of groups to four. Sadly, 2022 saw the departure of Carl McManus as the full time staff lead of Young Life in Holywood after six years of excellent work and patient building. We are grateful to him for all he invested in the young people and how he engaged so supportively with First Holywood congregation and wished him God's blessing as he took up the role of site pastor at Holywood CFC. We were happy that in September 2022, Holywood Young Life leadership was taken up by DGLs Skye Houston and Daisy Shannon who assumed this role with passion and energy.

Graeme Thompson

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CONNECT

Connect exists to connect young people to God, to each other and to the wider church family and meets twice a month during the morning service. On other Sundays we try to help the young people engage with the church services. Our numbers and levels of commitment grew this year as we continued to look at doctrine that helped them understand faith and life. We continued to look at various pictures of the church between the new year and the summer. In the autumn we had a good influx of new year 8s to swell our numbers and looked at doctrine on Identity and various aspects of Sunday morning worship. Overall it was a really encouraging year.

Graeme Thompson

50TH NI COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Our GB company had to close on 20th March 2020 due to Covid 19. We were able to open again in October 2021 but with restrictions. The girls coped very well with all the changes during the sessions. We were unable to hold our Annual Display, on Tuesday 5th April 2022 the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders had a fun night and received their awards. The Explorers had their fun day on Friday 8th April and received their awards.

Our new session started on 2nd September 2022 and although our numbers were small, the girls were very enthusiastic and excited to be back to GB without covid restrictions. We had our Enrolment Service in Church on Sunday 16th October and this was well attended. In December we had our usual Christmas parties and the Explorers had a visit from Santa.

We would like to thank all the parents and friends for their support and encouragement and ask for your continuous prayers for us, as we trust in God to achieve our aim to help girls become followers of Jesus Christ.

Rosemary Ferguson (GB Captain)

TOTS R US

Tots were back in action during 2022 and welcomed a new generation of mums and toddlers, many of whom had been born during lockdown and had missed out on so many early years experiences outside of their families. Numbers attending soon built up to an average of 30 children and around the same number of adults. Most are from our local community and we have been delighted to welcome some whose first language is not English. We gather in the big hall on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to 11.30 am and provide a variety of toys and activities: home corner, dough, floor play, dressing up, baby area and table top activities which includes painting and crafts. During snack time we provide fruit, breadstick and drinks for the children and tea/coffee and biscuits for the adults. We end the morning with Rhyme time, songs and actions.

As a group we support an orphan project in Malawi, sending money to provide a nutritious hot meal for the children, some extra snacks, medicines and blankets for vulnerable families. Join us in praying that God's name will be honoured in all we do as all come into our Church.

Margaret Hewitt (Tots R Us leader)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our group of 'Women Together' meets monthly to encourage all ladies in the congregation to live for Jesus and to know God's presence as we gather together in friendship and love.

The 2022 year began with a well-attended February meeting as everyone, including several new members, enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know Hazel and Stuart who agreed to answer 20 (or more!) questions about themselves! What a revelation!

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We thank Elinor Cairnduff who led the PW so ably through the uncertainties of 2020-2021 and were pleased to welcome Hazel McCrea as our Leader; when the new Committee met in June 2022, we introduced the name "Women Together - PW" while the theme - Deeper Together - helped us focus on how we could strengthen our relationships and foster our spiritual connections with each other.

With that vision in place, we provided a gift bag of "treats" for each lady at our September meeting and Hazel McCrea shared the theme of cherishing each other; we exchanged named 'luggage tags' as a reminder to pray for one other person in the group and make opportunities to meet for a cuppa or chat outside regular church meetings. Another new venture was to have a friendship coordinator to send a card to each member at their birthday.

Through the year we also welcomed speakers such as Caroline Lowry from A Bundle of Joy - Baby in a Basket (for which two tables of items for babies were donated), we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with Nathana Burnside entertaining us with some royal connections and iced some creative designs on delicious home-baked fairy cakes, while sharing recollections of Tommy Bell (an elder and leader of Bible class) and his bakery in Shore Road; we were also inspired by the outreach to Lebanon from Rachel Maquire through dental care and enjoyed an hilarious seasonal celebration as we participated in a specially-written pantomime, Ella Cinders and the Mislaid Husband, followed by our usual tasty Christmas supper.

At each of our meetings about 30 of us were led in devotions encouraging our trust in Jesus, to serve together and go deeper across the generations. We welcome every lady in the congregation to join our group, to share in the laughter as we enjoy fellowship together and encourage each other to be a disciple of Jesus and live for Him each day.

Lynda Francis (PW Treasurer)

LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP

It has been almost two years since Ladies Bible Study returned to normal after the pandemic. It has been a blessing to come together again on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon, to learn how God moved and worked in people's lives. We study a variety of characters and reflecting on how God worked his plan and purpose in their lives at that time and in their culture, helping us to understand and know how God continues today to do the same for us. The ladies are given their notes the week before to take home and study, reflect and prepare for the following week. On occasions, such as Easter and Christmas, there is a special gift given in appreciation for their faithfulness, commitment and encouragement.

Kathleen Spence (Pastoral Assistant)

ART AND CRAFTY FOLK

A group of ladies came together for the first time on 8th September 2022 sharing a common interest and diverse skills, not to mention a desire for fellowship and chat. We meet fortnightly, usually on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon, with a coffee break halfway and a devotional reading which provides a thought for the day. Numbers vary between 12 and 18 and anyone who is interested can come along.

Rosemary Logan

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THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club had its last meeting in June 2022 after a run of 13 years. Over those years we enjoyed interesting talks once a month on a Thursday afternoon, followed by a short devotional, and afternoon tea. In that time we were privileged to hear exceptional speakers from within our church -Mary Robinson, Elizabeth Laing, Joe Campbell, David Boland, Don Harley, Ellen Boyd, and the McNeelys, amongst others- and from all over the province. Some speakers made return visits, such as the representative from Mercy Ships who updated us in March 2022 on the ongoing work of that organisation, the intrepid travellers Rev David Irwin and his wife Maureen, Robert Bell from S.D. Bell & Co on the Upper Newtownards Road, and Joan Christie, Lord-Lieutenant of Antrim who regaled us with stories of the Royals she met during her time in office. Other memorable speakers include Ros Ramsey from Ramsey's Fine Food, Brenda Campbell, a RSPB volunteer on Rathlin, and Brenda Turnbull from the Lagan Navigation Trust. Contributing to the success of the club were my very able helpers, Valerie Harley, Marion Perry, Ellen Boyd, Jill Campbell and Elinor Cairnduff, who made all our members feel so welcome and went beyond the call of duty to provide delicious refreshments and a relaxed and uplifting atmosphere. Happy memories to cherish!

Caroline Stevenson

LUNCHEON CLUB

It was wonderful to return to regular church lunches after the uncertainties of the pandemic. We are delighted to serve so many church members to lunch on the fourth Friday of most months (not July/August) at 12:30.

Usually there are about 20 dinners, all bringing some chat, so the hall has a great atmosphere.

Our Christmas lunch was well attended. Mc Kees provided the food, Liz, Christine and Jeremy, provided the entertainment - carol singing, and a few seasonal poems. Santa made an appearance as well, much to everyone's great delight.

Thank you to Elinor, Ann and Lynda, who have been very loyal and generous with their help.

Cheryl Harbinson

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 13 to 21. The results show net outgoing resources for the year of £73,581 (2021: Net incoming resources of £77,481).

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least 6 month's normal expenditure. At the year end unrestricted reserves excluding the property, were £165,386 which represents an adequate level of reserves.

Going concern

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

Risk Review

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

FUTURE PLANS

The Church plans continuing the activities outlined within the Annual Report in the forthcoming years.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE 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 monitors and overviews at each meeting compliance with its child protection and safeguarding procedures and approves all leaders within church organisations. 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 ministers 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 ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are normally held at 7.30pm at the church on the first Wednesday of each month (save usually in January, July and August), and additionally when 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 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. First Holywood Congregation has been assigned to the East 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 the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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, administration 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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

NIC104336

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Trustees

Rev S Mccrea
Mr S Burnside (resigned 31/5/23)
Mr B Maguire (resigned 30/9/22)
Mr R McCall
Mr P McClenahan
Mr J Ferguson
Mr J Harbinson
Mrs E Laing
Mr A Nugent
Mr C Russell
Mr M Shields
Mrs A White (resigned 31/3/23)
Miss L Francis
Mrs F Woods
Mr M Baille
Mr D Kennedy
Mrs S Gallagher
Mr G C Thompson
Mr B Bromley

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Rev Stuart McCrea

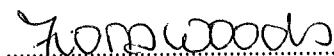
Clerk of Session

Mark Bailee

Church Treasurer

Graeme M Thompson

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs F Woods- Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages thirteen to twenty one.

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 requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 ('the Act').

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

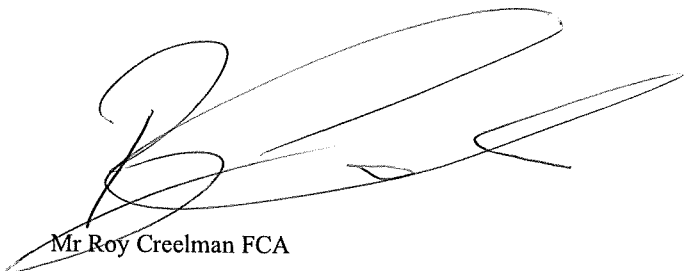
I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the 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 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.



Mr Roy Creelman FCA

McIlveen Howard Limited
Chartered Accountants
169a Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 3HZ

Date: 21/12/22

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	199,628	37,028	236,656	300,041
Investment income	3	<u>356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>415</u>
Total		<u>199,984</u>	<u>37,028</u>	<u>237,012</u>	<u>300,456</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activities	4	1,705	-	1,705	1,597
Ministry & Support Staff Costs		110,525	-	110,525	83,216
Congregational Running Expenses		92,968	47,015	139,983	85,343
General Assesmbly Assessments		26,952	-	26,952	28,490
Donations to Missions and Charities		-	26,208	26,208	20,801
Governance Costs		<u>5,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>3,528</u>
Total		<u>237,370</u>	<u>73,223</u>	<u>310,593</u>	<u>222,975</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	13	(37,386)	(36,195)	(73,581)	77,481
		<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(52,386)	(21,195)	(73,581)	77,481
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,406,620	186,953	1,593,573	1,516,092
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>1,354,234</u>	<u>165,758</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

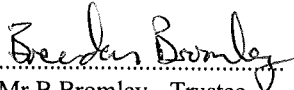
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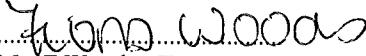
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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	1,237,796	1,216,201
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	128,216	95,457
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>212,257</u>	<u>333,501</u>
		340,473	428,958
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(58,277)	(51,586)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>282,196</u>	<u>377,372</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		1,354,234	1,406,620
Restricted funds		<u>165,758</u>	<u>186,953</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 1 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr B Bromley - Trustee


Mrs F Woods - Trustee

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First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Charity charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Gift aid claims are recognised in the period to which they relate.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures & fittings	- 25% on cost

Taxation

First Holywood Presbyterian Church is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and therefore is not subject to tax on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended therefore include irrecoverable input VAT.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Freewill Offering	171,749	-	171,749	190,612
Building Fund	-	13,591	13,591	14,992
Church Collections	2,740	-	2,740	2,026
United Appeal	-	12,276	12,276	13,287
Grants	-	-	-	946
Weddings & Funerals	775	-	775	870
Use of Halls	4,059	-	4,059	3,284
Legacies -	1,500	-	1,500	67,353
Books	769	-	769	634
PCI - Moderator's Appeal	-	9,515	9,515	-
Earl Haig Fund	-	426	426	-
General Missions Fund	15,458	620	16,078	5,036
Fair Fund	-	600	600	-
Sundry receipts	<u>2,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,578</u>	<u>1,001</u>
	<u>199,628</u>	<u>37,028</u>	<u>236,656</u>	<u>300,041</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Other grants	<u>-</u>	<u>946</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Deposit account interest	<u>356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>415</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Charitable Activities	1,705	-	1,705
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	110,525	-	110,525
Congregational Running Expenses	139,983	-	139,983
General Assesmbly Assessments	26,952	-	26,952
Donations to Missions and Charities	26,208	-	26,208
Governance Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>5,220</u>
	<u>305,373</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>310,593</u>

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5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £ <u>5,220</u>
Governance Costs	<u>5,220</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	81,600	69,842
Social security costs	<u>4,675</u>	<u>4,342</u>
	<u>86,275</u>	<u>74,184</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Ministerial	2	3
Admin	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	266,726	33,315	300,041
Investment income	<u>415</u>	-	<u>415</u>
Total	<u>267,141</u>	<u>33,315</u>	<u>300,456</u>

EXPENDITURE ON

Charitable activities

Charitable Activities	1,597	-	1,597
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	83,216	-	83,216
Congregational Running Expenses	74,508	10,835	85,343
General Assesmbly Assessments	28,490	-	28,490
Donations to Missions and Charities	-	20,801	20,801

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Governance Costs	<u>3,528</u>	-	<u>3,528</u>
Total	<u>191,339</u>	<u>31,636</u>	<u>222,975</u>
NET INCOME	75,802	1,679	77,481
Transfers between funds	<u>(5,808)</u>	<u>5,808</u>	-
Net movement in funds	69,994	7,487	77,481
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,336,626</u>	<u>179,466</u>	<u>1,516,092</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1,406,620</u>	<u>186,953</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2022	1,300,000	81,896	10,624	1,392,520
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,380</u>	<u>74,380</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,300,000</u>	<u>81,896</u>	<u>85,004</u>	<u>1,466,900</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2022	155,731	11,035	9,553	176,319
Charge for year	<u>26,000</u>	<u>8,190</u>	<u>18,595</u>	<u>52,785</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>181,731</u>	<u>19,225</u>	<u>28,148</u>	<u>229,104</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,118,269</u>	<u>62,671</u>	<u>56,856</u>	<u>1,237,796</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,144,269</u>	<u>70,861</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>1,216,201</u>

Freehold property includes the Church land, buildings and halls and in the opinion of the Trustees is stated at fair value. The Trustees consider that legal title to all of the land and property comprised in the underlying deeds relating to the various properties are ultimately held by the Trustees on behalf of the Trust

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	128,216	92,282
Prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>3,175</u>
	<u>128,216</u>	<u>95,457</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	22,224	18,174
Other creditors	<u>36,053</u>	<u>33,412</u>
	<u>58,277</u>	<u>51,586</u>

12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Fixed assets	1,188,848	48,948	1,237,796	1,216,201
Current assets	172,309	168,164	340,473	428,958
Current liabilities	<u>(6,923)</u>	<u>(51,354)</u>	<u>(58,277)</u>	<u>(51,586)</u>
	<u>1,354,234</u>	<u>165,758</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

The unrestricted funds represent the free funds of the church which are not designated for particular purposes.

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,406,620	(37,386)	(15,000)	1,354,234
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	186,953	(36,195)	15,000	165,758
	<u>1,593,573</u>	<u>(73,581)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	199,984	(237,370)	(37,386)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	37,028	(73,223)	(36,195)
	237,012	(310,593)	(73,581)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,012</u>	<u>(310,593)</u>	<u>(73,581)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,336,626	75,802	(5,808)	1,406,620
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	179,466	1,679	5,808	186,953
	1,516,092	77,481	-	1,593,573
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,516,092</u>	<u>77,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	267,141	(191,339)	75,802
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	33,315	(31,636)	1,679
	300,456	(222,975)	77,481
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>300,456</u>	<u>(222,975)</u>	<u>77,481</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,336,626	38,416	(20,808)	1,354,234
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	179,466	(34,516)	20,808	165,758
	<u>1,516,092</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	467,125	(428,709)	38,416
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	70,343	(104,859)	(34,516)
	<u>537,468</u>	<u>(533,568)</u>	<u>3,900</u>

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Freewill Offering	171,749	190,612
Building Fund	13,591	14,992
Church Collections	2,740	2,026
United Appeal	12,276	13,287
Grants	-	946
Weddings & Funerals	775	870
Use of Halls	4,059	3,284
Legacies -	1,500	67,353
Books	769	634
PCI - Moderator's Appeal	9,515	-
Earl Haig Fund	426	-
General Missions Fund	16,078	5,036
Fair Fund	600	-
Sundry receipts	<u>2,578</u>	<u>1,001</u>
	236,656	300,041
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>356</u>	<u>415</u>
Total incoming resources	237,012	300,456
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	81,600	69,842
Social security	4,675	4,342
Insurance	3,522	3,908
Light and heat	11,670	5,905
Telephone	2,495	3,999
Postage and stationery	1,636	3,027
Pulpit Supply	1,232	73
General Assembly Assessments	26,952	28,490
East Belfast Presbytery Fee	861	898
Ministerial Expenses	9,063	9,032
Youth Ministry	15,187	17,053
General Maintenance	50,710	10,324
Books	4,180	3,181
Other Expenditure	3,082	2,321
PCI - United Appeal	16,213	17,029
PCI - Moderators Appeal	14,515	-
General Missions Funds	4,995	3,772
Vacancy convenor	-	1,524
Carried forward	252,588	184,720

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	252,588	184,720
Freehold property	26,000	26,000
Improvements to property	8,190	8,190
Fixtures and fittings	<u>18,595</u>	<u>537</u>
	305,373	219,447
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>5,220</u>	<u>3,528</u>
Total resources expended	<u>310,593</u>	<u>222,975</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(73,581)</u>	<u>77,481</u>

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First Holywood Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104336

Annual return

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC104336

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
for
First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

**McIlveen Howard Limited
Chartered Accountants
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First Holywood Presbyterian Church

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First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

First Holywood Presbyterian Church is a Christian organisation derived from a Declaration of Trust and it is a registered charity, registration number NIC 104336.

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

First Holywood Congregation 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 her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to seek to enable people of all ages to discover Christ and to follow Him, to celebrate Him together and to learn how God's truth can change and equip us for effective service in the community and the wider world.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice

Significant activities

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Children's Ministry
- Connect (for teenagers)
- Tots R Us (Mothers and Toddlers)
- Women's Morning Bible Study
- Home and fellowship groups
- Presbyterian Women
- Thursday Club (for senior citizens)
- Luncheon Club (for senior citizens)
- Young Life (for teenagers)
- Girls Brigade and Explorers
- Arts & Crafty Folk

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

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.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

Minister's Review

As pandemic concerns eased somewhat, we entered 2022 with a cautious optimism for regaining much of the momentum lost in the previous two years of Covid restrictions, and seeking to gain traction from the significant transitions of 2021.

We give thanks to God that most of our church groups were able to restart in 2022, and indeed showed signs of new development and growth by His blessing. The Clerk's report will highlight some of the more difficult aspects of the year, and note particular thanks to staff and leaders whose roles ended or changed during 2022.

I want to note my own thanks to our staff team for 2022 (Nicola Lynn, Kathleen Spence, Christine McClenahan, Helen Jeffrey and Charles Maginnes), Kirk Session, committee members, treasurer, organisational leaders and helpers for their dedication through a year in which we faced significant challenges and embraced many wonderful opportunities.

Thanks are also due to all those of you, our members, who faithfully support and enthusiastically participate in the many and varied aspects of our church life and witness. As a worshipping family of faith, God has called each of us to play our part, and each is as important as the next.

As we reflect on 2022 through the lens of these reports, let us give unending praise to the Lord for his goodness and faithfulness, and let us look forward with confidence in him, trusting that he will fulfil his purposes for us, to the glory of his name.

Grace and peace to you.

Rev. Stuart McCrea

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

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Kirk Session

We are grateful to God for His work by His Holy Spirit in and through the congregation in 2022. Session had 7 opportunities to meet together through the year to assist in our role as part of God's people in First Holywood.

Through the year, this included setting in place a new Mission Partnerships process with the aim of more intentionally and strategically supporting mission locally, nationally and internationally each year.

There was also consideration of what staffing is required to support the mission and development of the congregation. Interviews took place for the post of Co-Ordinator of Children's and Youth Ministry in April, but an appointment was not able to be made at that time. Further considerations took place in the autumn, and it was decided to seek again for that position in early 2023, and also to investigate opportunities to employ a deaconess.

We were grateful for and fully supportive of Stuart's ministry amongst us and his faithful preaching and leading from God's word. Stuart was off due to illness from March before returning to work in June, and we continued to support and pray for his ongoing recovery.

We thank everyone for their ongoing contributions to the life and witness of this congregation. We acknowledged Bertie Maguire's faithful service as an elder over 3 decades as he retired in September, Nicola Lynn's service as office administrator as she moved on to a new job in December, and Carl McManus as he moved on from his role in leadership of Young Life to become pastor of Holywood CFC in August.

In November, Session formally notified Boys' Brigade headquarters that the Company was not restarting, and we are grateful to John Ferguson and all the leaders over the years and for all that God has done through them with BB.

We were grateful for the work of Graeme Thompson as Treasurer and his helpful financial projections for Session considerations, and for the role of Caroline Thompson and Andrew Nugent as child protection designated persons.

As well as child protection considerations being a regular item of session agenda, we received useful updates from Anne White as our Presbytery elder attending regular and other Presbytery meetings, and Mark Baillie as our representative attending General Assembly in June. The support of Presbytery and the wider church in the ongoing mission and ministry of First Holywood (and every PCI congregation) is not to be underestimated.

We were glad to join together again with our brothers and sisters in High Street congregation for four Sunday services in July. We were also grateful for the ongoing work of church committee and others in attending to many practical issues of the church and manse.

There is much more to be thankful for, as other parts of this annual report will also bear testimony to, and to commit to prayer for God's ongoing gracious work in his mercy to and through us, and all for His glory. Amen.

Craig Russell (Clerk of Session through 2022)

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Congregational Committee of the church is charged with the responsibility of 'administration of the temporal affairs of the congregation'. Members are elected from the congregation to serve on the committee for a three-year term at which point a new committee is elected.

Office Bearers - The following were Committee Office Bearers during the year:

Chairperson: Trevor Reaney

Secretary: Christina Baillie

Treasurer: Graeme Thompson

Sub Committees

The following Sub Committees served during the year:

The Finance Sub Committee which was chaired by Scott Burnside.

Throughout 2022, the Sub Committee was made up of Scott Burnside, Fiona Woods, Graeme Thompson, Rev. Stuart McCrea, Craig Russell, Robert Conlon, Rachel Mason, Trevor Reaney and Christina Baillie.

Those responsible for Property were Albert Hall, David Speers, Peter Moran and Jenny Russell. Jenny Russell agreed to move to the Communications Sub Committee from May 2022 to convene this. In September 2022, David Speers resigned from the Committee.

The Welcoming and Hospitality Sub Committee has been composed of Cheryl Harbinson, Elinor Cairnduff and Liz Reaney.

The Communications Sub Committee was made up of Colin Dewar, Ben Harbinson and Zoe Woods. In May 2022, Colin Dewar stepped down and Jenny Russell took on responsibility for coordinating this Sub Committee.

Business during the year

While the Treasurer will issue a separate report on all financial matters, it is appropriate to express our thanks on behalf of the congregation to Graeme Thompson for serving in his role through 2022. The church's financial position continues to allow for planned and future spending. The work of the Sub Committee has included considering investment plans for available funds and allocating financial support to mission organisations.

The Property Sub Committee continued to consider issues relating to the church property and manse. There were several major projects completed during 2022 including installation of the stair lift in the Worship Centre, repairs to the Church Tower, external painting, refurbishment of emergency lighting and renovation of the main church kitchen. The Sub Committee members have overseen complex projects to a high standard which have benefited the whole church. They have ensured minor repairs and any issues which have arisen have been resolved in a cost effective and timely manner.

Regarding the Communications Sub Committee, discussions are ongoing regarding the house style of the church and consideration of the visual presentation of the church. There has been work done considering the website and social media.

In respect of the Welcoming and Hospitality Sub Committee, the members continue to support and provide assistance through supervising stewarding and co-ordinating rotas. The luncheon club continues to provide an opportunity for older members to gather together for a meal and shared connection.

Throughout 2022, there has been significant work achieved by the Committee. All service by the various members is noted and appreciated.

We would also like to express our thanks to Nicola Lynn, the Church Secretary. Nicola worked through 2022 to help with many practical and administrative issues and is an excellent support to the Committee.

Christina Baillie (Secretary)

First Holywood Presbyterian Church

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

TREASURER'S REPORT

Freewill Offering in the General Account was £141,815 down 10.4% on last year despite the impact of the pandemic on services being significantly less than in 2021. Lower Gift Aid receipts than 2021, and the receipt of a large legacy in 2021 (£67,353) resulted in total gross Freewill Offerings of £184,525 compared with £267,141 the previous year. a reduction of 30.9%. Here I would again like to thank Fiona Woods for her hard work in submitting the Gift Aid claims.

In addition, expenditure has also increased by £22,611 largely due to increased depreciation leaving a deficit on the general account for the year of £39,917 compared to a surplus in 2021 of £65,310.

Building Fund donations (including Gift Aid) were 9.3% lower at £13,591 compared with last year of £14,992. In addition expenditure was significantly increased to £45,529 up from £4,349 last year, due to major repairs to the tower and to the boilers, resulting in a deficit for the year of £31,938 compared to a surplus of £10,643 in 2021.

There was £74,380 spent on replacing the kitchen and the lift and those have been added to capital assets and will be included in expenditure as depreciation over the next 5 years.

United Appeal contributions received was £12,276 down from £13,287 last year. This account required a £15,000 transfer from the general account to ensure United Appeal target was met and other outgoings.

Collections for Outreach amounted to £16,078 up from £5,036 last year, from this £2,095 was paid out in donations for various causes.

The F.A.I.R. Fund continues to be supported and has a balance of £4,025 carried forward, after £2,900 was paid out to a number of families in need.

Unfortunately, this year there was an overall deficit of £73,581, with large expenditures on repairs being compounded by lower giving. In the last couple of years, I've thanked the congregation for their flexibility in setting up online payments to the church during covid. However now that we're back in the church whilst many of those online payments have been stopped, we haven't all got back into the habit of bringing an envelope every week. I'd thus encourage the congregation to review what they are giving and if an online payment that hasn't been changed for a while, consider increasing that, or simply make a one-off top up payment to the level that you'd like to be giving. I'd especially encourage support for the United Appeal account to offset the shortfall there.

I would like to thank all those who have helped me in 2022 including the members of the Finance Sub-committee, the treasurers of the various organisations, the counting teams, and especially Nicola in the office for all their hard work, support, and assistance.

Graeme Thompson (Hon. Treasurer)

Organisations

UNITED CHOIR AND WORSHIP GROUPS

Although no longer lockdown we began 2022 in a still socially distanced church with the congregation masked and the Worship leaders behind screens. On the 4th April as spring was emerging all around us, P.C.I lifted the restrictions and we approached Easter with a more familiar feel to our services. Social Distancing was ended and masks were removed. It felt like we were emerging from a deep dark winter alongside the blooming flowers and the leaves on the trees.

On Good Friday 15th April we joined with our friends from High Street to share in a special service which included communion, scripture readings and Lenten music sung by The Balligan Consort. This was a moving evening that took us through the biblical signposts of Christs life leading up to the crucifixion.

On Easter Sunday a small choir of 7 singers sang 'I will Rise' to a now fuller congregation as people were beginning to feel more comfortable to join the church fellowship once more.

Numbers continued to increase and at Harvest we were able to have 7 wonderful young people in the Youth Choir sing 'Blessed to be a Blessing' which really encompassed how we all felt at being back in the arms of our church family once more. The choir, this time with 18 members sang 'You Crown the Year with Your goodness'.

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The year was rounded off with a wonderful service of lessons and carols in a church lit only with fairy lights and candles on every available surface. A large choir sang 2 pieces, 'Noel' and 'O Holy Night'. The youth choir sang 'This Christmas Time' and so many folk led us in scripture readings. One of the highlights was the McCrea kids singing a beautiful piece called 'Night of Silence'.

As we came to the end of the year I was reminded of the promises of God that although we had come through a very strange 'winter' with the pandemic, we emerged into Spring once more with the resurrection hope of Jesus lifting and warming our hearts.

A huge thank you to all our instrumentalists and singers who are involved in the leading of the music each week and to those who join us for special services. You uplift us all with your gifts and bring glory to His holy name.

Christine McClenahan (Music Assistant)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry is for children aged 4-11 years and takes place upstairs in the Worship Centre during the morning service. We follow as closely as possible to the main themes which are being covered in the morning service, using a mixture of interactive and presented material suitable to the age of the children attending.

Please continue to pray for our children and their parents that each may know the nearness and faithfulness of God, and for the leaders and helpers that they may discern your will in planning the teaching.

Fiona Woods

CRÈCHE

After all the restrictions Creche is back up and running with a new look. We welcome all children from birth to 4 years old. Our creche space has been set up taking in needs of the children. Babies have a designated area to play, while the older children have various sections designed to stimulate their imagination.

Please pray for the leaders & children as they continue to develop and grow within our church family. 2 Peter 3:18 "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"

Sandra Gallagher

YOUNG LIFE

Our partnership with Young Life started to see some real growth and fruit for patient labour as we emerged from the worst of the pandemic. This saw not only a growth in numbers, with many young people from families outside of our church membership attending on club nights, but also a deeper engagement relationally and spiritually. 2022 saw the return of camp with several young people from Holywood attending either Young Life or Wildlife camp, where some took significant steps of faith, including trusting Jesus for the first time. This year also saw the expansion of discipleship groups, with a younger boys group bringing the number of groups to four. Sadly, 2022 saw the departure of Carl McManus as the full time staff lead of Young Life in Holywood after six years of excellent work and patient building. We are grateful to him for all he invested in the young people and how he engaged so supportively with First Holywood congregation and wished him God's blessing as he took up the role of site pastor at Holywood CFC. We were happy that in September 2022, Holywood Young Life leadership was taken up by DGLs Skye Houston and Daisy Shannon who assumed this role with passion and energy.

Graeme Thompson

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CONNECT

Connect exists to connect young people to God, to each other and to the wider church family and meets twice a month during the morning service. On other Sundays we try to help the young people engage with the church services. Our numbers and levels of commitment grew this year as we continued to look at doctrine that helped them understand faith and life. We continued to look at various pictures of the church between the new year and the summer. In the autumn we had a good influx of new year 8s to swell our numbers and looked at doctrine on Identity and various aspects of Sunday morning worship. Overall it was a really encouraging year.

Graeme Thompson

50TH NI COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Our GB company had to close on 20th March 2020 due to Covid 19. We were able to open again in October 2021 but with restrictions. The girls coped very well with all the changes during the sessions. We were unable to hold our Annual Display, on Tuesday 5th April 2022 the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders had a fun night and received their awards. The Explorers had their fun day on Friday 8th April and received their awards.

Our new session started on 2nd September 2022 and although our numbers were small, the girls were very enthusiastic and excited to be back to GB without covid restrictions. We had our Enrolment Service in Church on Sunday 16th October and this was well attended. In December we had our usual Christmas parties and the Explorers had a visit from Santa.

We would like to thank all the parents and friends for their support and encouragement and ask for your continuous prayers for us, as we trust in God to achieve our aim to help girls become followers of Jesus Christ.

Rosemary Ferguson (GB Captain)

TOTS R US

Tots were back in action during 2022 and welcomed a new generation of mums and toddlers, many of whom had been born during lockdown and had missed out on so many early years experiences outside of their families. Numbers attending soon built up to an average of 30 children and around the same number of adults. Most are from our local community and we have been delighted to welcome some whose first language is not English. We gather in the big hall on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to 11.30 am and provide a variety of toys and activities: home corner, dough, floor play, dressing up, baby area and table top activities which includes painting and crafts. During snack time we provide fruit, breadstick and drinks for the children and tea/coffee and biscuits for the adults. We end the morning with Rhyme time, songs and actions.

As a group we support an orphan project in Malawi, sending money to provide a nutritious hot meal for the children, some extra snacks, medicines and blankets for vulnerable families. Join us in praying that God's name will be honoured in all we do as all come into our Church.

Margaret Hewitt (Tots R Us leader)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our group of 'Women Together' meets monthly to encourage all ladies in the congregation to live for Jesus and to know God's presence as we gather together in friendship and love.

The 2022 year began with a well-attended February meeting as everyone, including several new members, enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know Hazel and Stuart who agreed to answer 20 (or more!) questions about themselves! What a revelation!

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We thank Elinor Cairnduff who led the PW so ably through the uncertainties of 2020-2021 and were pleased to welcome Hazel McCrea as our Leader; when the new Committee met in June 2022, we introduced the name "Women Together - PW" while the theme - Deeper Together - helped us focus on how we could strengthen our relationships and foster our spiritual connections with each other.

With that vision in place, we provided a gift bag of "treats" for each lady at our September meeting and Hazel McCrea shared the theme of cherishing each other; we exchanged named 'luggage tags' as a reminder to pray for one other person in the group and make opportunities to meet for a cuppa or chat outside regular church meetings. Another new venture was to have a friendship coordinator to send a card to each member at their birthday.

Through the year we also welcomed speakers such as Caroline Lowry from A Bundle of Joy - Baby in a Basket (for which two tables of items for babies were donated), we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with Nathena Burnside entertaining us with some royal connections and iced some creative designs on delicious home-baked fairy cakes, while sharing recollections of Tommy Bell (an elder and leader of Bible class) and his bakery in Shore Road; we were also inspired by the outreach to Lebanon from Rachel Maquire through dental care and enjoyed an hilarious seasonal celebration as we participated in a specially-written pantomime, Ella Cinders and the Mislaid Husband, followed by our usual tasty Christmas supper.

At each of our meetings about 30 of us were led in devotions encouraging our trust in Jesus, to serve together and go deeper across the generations. We welcome every lady in the congregation to join our group, to share in the laughter as we enjoy fellowship together and encourage each other to be a disciple of Jesus and live for Him each day.

Lynda Francis (PW Treasurer)

LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP

It has been almost two years since Ladies Bible Study returned to normal after the pandemic. It has been a blessing to come together again on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon, to learn how God moved and worked in people's lives. We study a variety of characters and reflecting on how God worked his plan and purpose in their lives at that time and in their culture, helping us to understand and know how God continues today to do the same for us. The ladies are given their notes the week before to take home and study, reflect and prepare for the following week. On occasions, such as Easter and Christmas, there is a special gift given in appreciation for their faithfulness, commitment and encouragement.

Kathleen Spence (Pastoral Assistant)

ART AND CRAFTY FOLK

A group of ladies came together for the first time on 8th September 2022 sharing a common interest and diverse skills, not to mention a desire for fellowship and chat. We meet fortnightly, usually on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon, with a coffee break halfway and a devotional reading which provides a thought for the day. Numbers vary between 12 and 18 and anyone who is interested can come along.

Rosemary Logan

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THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club had its last meeting in June 2022 after a run of 13 years. Over those years we enjoyed interesting talks once a month on a Thursday afternoon, followed by a short devotional, and afternoon tea. In that time we were privileged to hear exceptional speakers from within our church -Mary Robinson, Elizabeth Laing, Joe Campbell, David Boland, Don Harley, Ellen Boyd, and the McNeelys, amongst others- and from all over the province. Some speakers made return visits, such as the representative from Mercy Ships who updated us in March 2022 on the ongoing work of that organisation, the intrepid travellers Rev David Irwin and his wife Maureen, Robert Bell from S.D. Bell & Co on the Upper Newtownards Road, and Joan Christie, Lord-Lieutenant of Antrim who regaled us with stories of the Royals she met during her time in office. Other memorable speakers include Ros Ramsey from Ramsey's Fine Food, Brenda Campbell, a RSPB volunteer on Rathlin, and Brenda Turnbull from the Lagan Navigation Trust. Contributing to the success of the club were my very able helpers, Valerie Harley, Marion Perry, Ellen Boyd, Jill Campbell and Elinor Cairnduff, who made all our members feel so welcome and went beyond the call of duty to provide delicious refreshments and a relaxed and uplifting atmosphere. Happy memories to cherish!

Caroline Stevenson

LUNCHEON CLUB

It was wonderful to return to regular church lunches after the uncertainties of the pandemic. We are delighted to serve so many church members to lunch on the fourth Friday of most months (not July/August) at 12:30.

Usually there are about 20 dinners, all bringing some chat, so the hall has a great atmosphere.

Our Christmas lunch was well attended. Mc Kees provided the food, Liz, Christine and Jeremy, provided the entertainment - carol singing, and a few seasonal poems. Santa made an appearance as well, much to everyone's great delight.

Thank you to Elinor, Ann and Lynda, who have been very loyal and generous with their help.

Cheryl Harbinson

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 13 to 21. The results show net outgoing resources for the year of £73,581 (2021: Net incoming resources of £77,481).

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least 6 month's normal expenditure. At the year end unrestricted reserves excluding the property, were £165,386 which represents an adequate level of reserves.

Going concern

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

Risk Review

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

FUTURE PLANS

The Church plans continuing the activities outlined within the Annual Report in the forthcoming years.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE 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 monitors and overviews at each meeting compliance with its child protection and safeguarding procedures and approves all leaders within church organisations. 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 ministers 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 ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are normally held at 7.30pm at the church on the first Wednesday of each month (save usually in January, July and August), and additionally when 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 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. First Holywood Congregation has been assigned to the East 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 the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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, administration 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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

NIC104336

Principal address

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Trustees

Rev S Mccrea
Mr S Burnside (resigned 31/5/23)
Mr B Maguire (resigned 30/9/22)
Mr R McCall
Mr P McClenahan
Mr J Ferguson
Mr J Harbinson
Mrs E Laing
Mr A Nugent
Mr C Russell
Mr M Shields
Mrs A White (resigned 31/3/23)
Miss L Francis
Mrs F Woods
Mr M Baille
Mr D Kennedy
Mrs S Gallagher
Mr G C Thompson
Mr B Bromley

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Minister

Rev Stuart McCrea

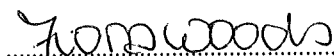
Clerk of Session

Mark Bailee

Church Treasurer

Graeme M Thompson

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mrs F Woods- Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages thirteen to twenty one.

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 requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 ('the Act').

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

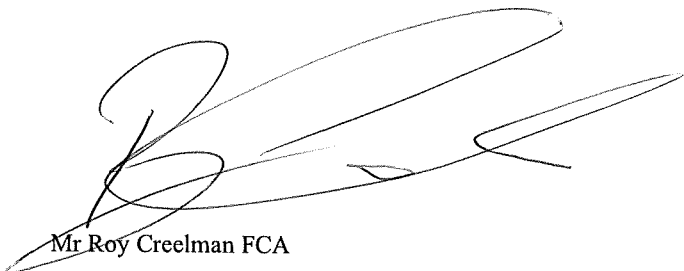
I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the 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 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.



Mr Roy Creelman FCA

McIlveen Howard Limited
Chartered Accountants
169a Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 3HZ

Date: 21/14/23.....

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	199,628	37,028	236,656	300,041
Investment income	3	<u>356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>415</u>
Total		<u>199,984</u>	<u>37,028</u>	<u>237,012</u>	<u>300,456</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activities	4	1,705	-	1,705	1,597
Ministry & Support Staff Costs		110,525	-	110,525	83,216
Congregational Running Expenses		92,968	47,015	139,983	85,343
General Assesmbly Assessments		26,952	-	26,952	28,490
Donations to Missions and Charities		-	26,208	26,208	20,801
Governance Costs		<u>5,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>3,528</u>
Total		<u>237,370</u>	<u>73,223</u>	<u>310,593</u>	<u>222,975</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	13	(37,386)	(36,195)	(73,581)	77,481
		<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(52,386)	(21,195)	(73,581)	77,481
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,406,620	186,953	1,593,573	1,516,092
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>1,354,234</u>	<u>165,758</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

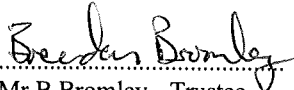
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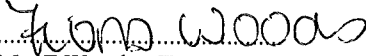
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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	1,237,796	1,216,201
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	128,216	95,457
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>212,257</u>	<u>333,501</u>
		340,473	428,958
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(58,277)	(51,586)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>282,196</u>	<u>377,372</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	13	1,354,234	1,406,620
Restricted funds		<u>165,758</u>	<u>186,953</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 1 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr B Bromley - Trustee


Mrs F Woods - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Charity charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Gift aid claims are recognised in the period to which they relate.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures & fittings	- 25% on cost

Taxation

First Holywood Presbyterian Church is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and therefore is not subject to tax on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT and resources expended therefore include irrecoverable input VAT.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Freewill Offering	171,749	-	171,749	190,612
Building Fund	-	13,591	13,591	14,992
Church Collections	2,740	-	2,740	2,026
United Appeal	-	12,276	12,276	13,287
Grants	-	-	-	946
Weddings & Funerals	775	-	775	870
Use of Halls	4,059	-	4,059	3,284
Legacies -	1,500	-	1,500	67,353
Books	769	-	769	634
PCI - Moderator's Appeal	-	9,515	9,515	-
Earl Haig Fund	-	426	426	-
General Missions Fund	15,458	620	16,078	5,036
Fair Fund	-	600	600	-
Sundry receipts	<u>2,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,578</u>	<u>1,001</u>
	<u>199,628</u>	<u>37,028</u>	<u>236,656</u>	<u>300,041</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Other grants	<u>-</u>	<u>946</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Deposit account interest	<u>356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>415</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Charitable Activities	1,705	-	1,705
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	110,525	-	110,525
Congregational Running Expenses	139,983	-	139,983
General Assesmbly Assessments	26,952	-	26,952
Donations to Missions and Charities	26,208	-	26,208
Governance Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>5,220</u>
	<u>305,373</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>310,593</u>

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5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £ <u>5,220</u>
Governance Costs	<u>5,220</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	81,600	69,842
Social security costs	<u>4,675</u>	<u>4,342</u>
	<u>86,275</u>	<u>74,184</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Ministerial	2	3
Admin	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	266,726	33,315	300,041
Investment income	<u>415</u>	-	<u>415</u>
Total	<u>267,141</u>	<u>33,315</u>	<u>300,456</u>

EXPENDITURE ON

Charitable activities

Charitable Activities	1,597	-	1,597
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	83,216	-	83,216
Congregational Running Expenses	74,508	10,835	85,343
General Assesmbly Assessments	28,490	-	28,490
Donations to Missions and Charities	-	20,801	20,801

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Governance Costs	<u>3,528</u>	-	<u>3,528</u>
Total	<u>191,339</u>	<u>31,636</u>	<u>222,975</u>
NET INCOME	75,802	1,679	77,481
Transfers between funds	<u>(5,808)</u>	<u>5,808</u>	-
Net movement in funds	69,994	7,487	77,481
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,336,626</u>	<u>179,466</u>	<u>1,516,092</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,406,620</u></u>	<u><u>186,953</u></u>	<u><u>1,593,573</u></u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2022	1,300,000	81,896	10,624	1,392,520
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,380</u>	<u>74,380</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,300,000</u>	<u>81,896</u>	<u>85,004</u>	<u>1,466,900</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2022	155,731	11,035	9,553	176,319
Charge for year	<u>26,000</u>	<u>8,190</u>	<u>18,595</u>	<u>52,785</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>181,731</u>	<u>19,225</u>	<u>28,148</u>	<u>229,104</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,118,269</u>	<u>62,671</u>	<u>56,856</u>	<u>1,237,796</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,144,269</u>	<u>70,861</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>1,216,201</u>

Freehold property includes the Church land, buildings and halls and in the opinion of the Trustees is stated at fair value. The Trustees consider that legal title to all of the land and property comprised in the underlying deeds relating to the various properties are ultimately held by the Trustees on behalf of the Trust

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10.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2022	2021
		£	£
	Other debtors	128,216	92,282
	Prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>3,175</u>
		<u>128,216</u>	<u>95,457</u>

11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2022	2021
		£	£
	Trade creditors	22,224	18,174
	Other creditors	<u>36,053</u>	<u>33,412</u>
		<u>58,277</u>	<u>51,586</u>

12.	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS				2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted		Total	Total
		fund	fund		funds	funds
		£	£		£	£
	Fixed assets	1,188,848	48,948		1,237,796	1,216,201
	Current assets	172,309	168,164		340,473	428,958
	Current liabilities	<u>(6,923)</u>	<u>(51,354)</u>		<u>(58,277)</u>	<u>(51,586)</u>
		<u>1,354,234</u>	<u>165,758</u>		<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

The unrestricted funds represent the free funds of the church which are not designated for particular purposes.

13.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					
		At 1/1/22	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds		At 31/12/22
		£	£	£		£
	Unrestricted funds					
	General fund	1,406,620	(37,386)	(15,000)		1,354,234
	Restricted funds					
	Restricted fund	186,953	(36,195)	15,000		165,758
		<u>1,593,573</u>	<u>(73,581)</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>1,519,992</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	199,984	(237,370)	(37,386)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	37,028	(73,223)	(36,195)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,012</u>	<u>(310,593)</u>	<u>(73,581)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,336,626	75,802	(5,808)	1,406,620
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	179,466	1,679	5,808	186,953
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,516,092</u>	<u>77,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,593,573</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	267,141	(191,339)	75,802
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	33,315	(31,636)	1,679
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>300,456</u>	<u>(222,975)</u>	<u>77,481</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,336,626	38,416	(20,808)	1,354,234
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	179,466	(34,516)	20,808	165,758
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,516,092</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,519,992</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	467,125	(428,709)	38,416
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	70,343	(104,859)	(34,516)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>537,468</u>	<u>(533,568)</u>	<u>3,900</u>

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Freewill Offering	171,749	190,612
Building Fund	13,591	14,992
Church Collections	2,740	2,026
United Appeal	12,276	13,287
Grants	-	946
Weddings & Funerals	775	870
Use of Halls	4,059	3,284
Legacies -	1,500	67,353
Books	769	634
PCI - Moderator's Appeal	9,515	-
Earl Haig Fund	426	-
General Missions Fund	16,078	5,036
Fair Fund	600	-
Sundry receipts	<u>2,578</u>	<u>1,001</u>
	236,656	300,041
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>356</u>	<u>415</u>
Total incoming resources	237,012	300,456
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	81,600	69,842
Social security	4,675	4,342
Insurance	3,522	3,908
Light and heat	11,670	5,905
Telephone	2,495	3,999
Postage and stationery	1,636	3,027
Pulpit Supply	1,232	73
General Assembly Assessments	26,952	28,490
East Belfast Presbytery Fee	861	898
Ministerial Expenses	9,063	9,032
Youth Ministry	15,187	17,053
General Maintenance	50,710	10,324
Books	4,180	3,181
Other Expenditure	3,082	2,321
PCI - United Appeal	16,213	17,029
PCI - Moderators Appeal	14,515	-
General Missions Funds	4,995	3,772
Vacancy convenor	-	1,524
Carried forward	252,588	184,720

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	252,588	184,720
Freehold property	26,000	26,000
Improvements to property	8,190	8,190
Fixtures and fittings	<u>18,595</u>	<u>537</u>
	305,373	219,447
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>5,220</u>	<u>3,528</u>
Total resources expended	<u>310,593</u>	<u>222,975</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(73,581)</u>	<u>77,481</u>

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