

**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 Holywood Presbyterian Church**

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

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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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"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 Hollywood 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 Hollywood 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, Nathana, 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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#### **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  
BT18 0NU

## First Holywood Presbyterian Church

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

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#### **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**

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

#### **Solicitors**

Hewitt & Gilpin Solicitors Limited  
8 High Street  
Holywood  
BT18 9AZ

#### **Bankers**

Danske Bank  
Donegal Square West  
Belfast  
BT1 6JS

#### **Minister**

Rev Stuart McCrea

#### **Clerk of Session**

Mark Bailee

#### **Church Treasurer**

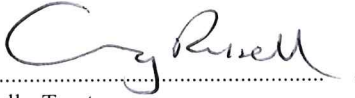
Graeme M Thompson

**First Hollywood Presbyterian Church**

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

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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**

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

Date: 31/9/25

**First Holywood Presbyterian Church**

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

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	213,407	34,785	248,192	255,144
Investment income	3	359	-	359	930
<b>Total</b>		<u>213,766</u>	<u>34,785</u>	<u>248,551</u>	<u>256,074</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Charitable Activities		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
<b>Total</b>		<u>274,293</u>	<u>56,223</u>	<u>330,516</u>	<u>315,912</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(60,527)	(21,438)	(81,965)	(59,838)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,312,206	147,948	1,460,154	1,519,992
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<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 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	9	1,135,270	1,190,062
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	10	43,999	78,232
Cash at bank and in hand		241,630	264,089
		<u>285,629</u>	<u>342,321</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(42,710)	(72,229)
		<u>242,919</u>	<u>270,092</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		1,378,189	1,460,154
		<u>1,378,189</u>	<u>1,460,154</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>FUNDS</b>	13		
Unrestricted funds		1,251,679	1,312,206
Restricted funds		126,510	147,948
		<u>1,378,189</u>	<u>1,460,154</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			

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

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#### 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	Restricted	2024	2023
	funds	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	funds	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	Restricted	2024	2023
	funds	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	funds	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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	212,829	42,315	255,144
Investment income	930	-	930
<b>Total</b>	<u>213,759</u>	<u>42,315</u>	<u>256,074</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
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
<b>Total</b>	<u>255,787</u>	<u>60,125</u>	<u>315,912</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(42,028)	(17,810)	(59,838)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	1,354,234	165,758	1,519,992
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<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 £
<b>COST</b>				
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>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
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>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,312,206	(60,527)	1,251,679
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	147,948	(21,438)	126,510
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	213,766	(274,293)	(60,527)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	34,785	(56,223)	(21,438)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,354,234	(42,028)	1,312,206
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	165,758	(17,810)	147,948
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	213,759	(255,787)	(42,028)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	42,315	(60,125)	(17,810)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,354,234	(102,555 )	1,251,679
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	165,758	(39,248 )	126,510
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,519,992</u>	<u>(141,803 )</u>	<u>1,378,189</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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	427,525	(530,080 )	(102,555 )
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	77,100	(116,348 )	(39,248 )
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>504,625</u>	<u>(646,428 )</u>	<u>(141,803 )</u>

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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
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	-
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	248,192	255,144
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	359	930
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	248,551	256,074
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
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 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
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>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	6,013	4,902
	<u>330,516</u>	<u>315,912</u>
Total resources expended		
	<u>(81,965)</u>	<u>(59,838)</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>		

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