

# Ballycairn Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104362

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-04

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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## Activities

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**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

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£180,705	£185,443	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Gillian McBride		
Mr David Gowdy		
Mrs Julie Gowdy		
Mrs Karen Ann Arrell		
Mrs Lilian Johnston		
Mrs Lucy Mulholland		
Mrs Olive Moore		
Ms Pamela Mc Carroll		
Rev Morris Gault		

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

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# Accounts

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**BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**CHURCH ACCOUNTS FOR**  
**YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2024**

Stuart M. Lynn FCCA  
Suite 9 Railway Studios  
The Sidings  
Lisburn  
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BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENERAL ACCOUNT	2022	2023	2024
<b>Summary Totals</b>			
Opening surplus/deficit	-34,536	-6,953	-9,162
Income	159,034	192,238	180,705
Expenditure	131,451	194,447	185,443
In year/surplus/ (deficit)	27,583	-2,209	-4,738
Closing surplus/ (deficit)	-6,953	-9,162	-13,899
<b>General Income Details</b>			
Freewill Offering	28304	33713	33668
Loose Offering	955	1007	436
Rates Rebate	-	-	1,590
Gift Aid tax refund received	1,193	11,108	7,144
United Appeal	2615	3050	2914
Bequests, legacies and donations	-	5,500	-
Bank interest and dividends	320	648	811
Rental income	18000	9000	10500
Use of premises	315	1740	2125
Investments matured	-	-	-
Open Door bank account closure	-	-	-
Convenors Furlough	-	-	-
Sale of masks	-	-	-
<b>Income for Property Fund</b>			
Harvest Offering	-	465	471
Plant Sale	2,400	4,665	5,975
Sale of Band Hall	-	8000	0
Grant	-	4000	0
Concert & spring Event	-	1340	1340
History Society	-	299	361
Breakfasts/Coffee Mornings	-	3,941	4,062
Funeral Teas & Donations	3993	5845	540
Others	435	1828	3019
<b>Income for Graveyard Fund</b>			
Burials, donations etc.	14844	26920	22154
Sub-Total	73,374	123,069	97,110
<b>Income from Church Organisations</b>			
Badminton Club	-	-	-
Bowling Club	-	-	-
PW	532	530	1,114
Tots & Co	-	-	-
Open Door	358	1,195	903
Sub-Total	890	1,725	2,017
<b>Collections/donations for charitable funds</b>			
PCS	500	500	505
Leprosy	783	740	635
Africa appeal	580	-	-
Earl Haig	145	110	240
WDA	100	-	-
Christian Aid	385	-	460
Sustain Food Bank	-	-	-
Sub-Total	2,493	1,350	1,840
<b>Other collections/donations received</b>			
Calendars	0	45	0
Heralds	240	162	0
PW overseas mission & soup lunch	190	215	265
Black Service for Batts Lodge	-	260	-
Students Bursary Fund	-	515	-
Gifts	0	0	640
Sub-Total	430	1,197	905
Transfer from deposit account	81847	64897	78833
Total income	159,034	192,238	180,705

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENERAL ACCOUNT	2022	2023	2024
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>			
Balance per back statement @ 31 December	5,001	6,851	5,001
Less: total outstanding cheques	14,331	20,344	22,349
Add: total outstanding lodgements	2,377	4,331	3,449
Add: cash in hand	-	-	-
Reconciled bank balance	-6,953	-9,162	-13,899
Closing surplus/ (deficit) = Reconciled bank balance ?	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>General Expenditure Details</b>			
Stipend	-	-	-
Central Assessment Fund	8,449	7,477	8,703
United Appeal	2,615	3,050	3,000
Total payments to Church House	11,064	10,527	11,703
<b>Church Costs</b>			
Advertising, printing and stationery	632	554	797
Bank interest and fees	269	302	317
Cleaning costs	700	700	700
PW and other Church organisations	0	0	0
Presbytery fees	731	706	490
Pulpit supplies & Convenors Fee	19,201	20,243	13,939
Visiting organists	0	70	50
Gift	0	0	0
Catering	-	1,870	-
Plant Sale	-	2,798	3,560
Copyright and music	-	152	163
Electricity	1,266	1,063	949
Insurance	1,663	1,780	3,158
Repairs and maintenance	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	-	-	1,320
Electrician & Fire Safety	-	-	-
<b>Manse Costs</b>			
Rates	1,835	1,962	0
Insurance	596	638	1,132
Repairs and maintenance	809	470	472
Electricity	-	-	617
<b>Montgomery Hall Costs</b>			
Electricity & Oil	0	871	682
Cleaning Costs	700	700	700
Insurance	879	941	1,669
Water rates	597	655	689
Electrician & Fire Safety	237	872	188
Internet Costs	-	-	602
PPE & misc exps	60	655	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	1,647	9,918
Transfer of Breakfast/Coffee Mornings to Restricted Deposit A	-	-	4,063
<b>Grounds &amp; Graveyard Costs</b>			
Grasscutting and maintenance	3,234	5,375	10,647
Maintenance and Upkeep of Pathways	-	-	-
Transfer of Burial Fees to Restricted Deposit Account	7,500	13,000	11,000
<b>Other Costs</b>			
Professional Fees	-	-	12,213
Miscellaneous	3,393	1,922	1,155
Sub-Total	44,302	59,946	81,190
<b>Charitable funds paid out</b>			
PCS	500	500	505
Leprosy	783	740	685
Africa appeal	580	-	-
Earl Haig	205	170	300
WDA	100	0	0
Christian Aid	385	-	460
Sustain Food Bank	-	-	-
Sub-Total	2,553	1,410	1,950
<b>Other collections/donations paid out</b>			
Calendars	-	45	-
Heralds	240	162	0
PW overseas mission & soup lunch	190	400	300
Black Service for Batts Lodge	-	260	-
Students Bursary Fund	-	515	-
Gifts	-	-	1,116
Sub-Total	430	1,382	1,416
Transfer to deposit account	73,101	121,182	89,184
Total expenditure	131,451	194,447	185,443

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

2022 2023

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

2022 2023 2024

**Summary Totals**

	2022	2023	2024		2022	2023	2024
<b>Opening surplus/deficit</b>	184,777	176,232	235,102	<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>			
				Balance per back statement @ 31 December	176,232	235,102	249,539
<b>Income</b>	73,302	123,766	93,270	Less: total outstanding cheques	-	-	-
<b>Expenditure</b>	81,847	64,897	78,833	Add: total outstanding lodgements	0	0	0
<b>In year/surplus/ (deficit)</b>	(8,545)	58,869	14,437	Add: cash in hand	-	-	-
				<b>Reconciled bank balance</b>	176,232	235,102	249,539
<b>Closing surplus/ (deficit)</b>	176,232	235,102	249,539	<b>Closing surplus/ (deficit) = Reconciled bank balance ?</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Income Details**

2022 2023 2024

**Expenditure Details**

2022 2023 2024

Regular giving	-	-	-		-	-	-
Gift Aid tax refund	-	-	-	Building projects	-	-	-
Bank interest and dividends	201	2,584	4,086	Bank interest and fees	-	-	-
Transfer from General Account	73,101	121,182	89,184	Transfer to General Account	81,847	64,897	78,833
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	Miscellaneous	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>	73,302	123,766	93,270	<b>Total expenditure</b>	81,847	64,897	78,833

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIXED TERM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

2022 2023

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

2022 2023 2024

**Summary Totals**

	2022	2023	2024		2022	2023	2024
Opening surplus/deficit	62,409	69,987	83,783	<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>			
Income	7,578	13,796	16,250	Balance per back statement @ 31 December	62,487	70,783	84,969
Expenditure	-	-	-	Less: total outstanding cheques	-	-	-
In year/surplus/ (deficit)	7,578	13,796	16,250	Add: total outstanding lodgements	7,500	13,000	15,063
				Add: cash in hand	-	-	-
				Reconciled bank balance	69,987	83,783	100,032
Closing surplus/ (deficit)	69,987	83,783	100,032	Closing surplus/ (deficit) = Reconciled bank balance ?	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Income Details**

2022 2023 2024

**Expenditure Details**

2022 2023 2024

Regular giving	-	-	-	Bank interest and fees	-	-	-
Gift Aid tax refund	-	-	-	Building projects	-	-	-
Bank interest and dividends	78	796	1,187	Computer and audio visual equipment	-	-	-
Transfer from General Account	7,500	13,000	15,063	Transfer to General Account	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Total income	7,578	13,796	16,250	Total expenditure	-	-	-

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUMMARY ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet as at 31 December	2024	2024	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets		-		-		-
Investments at Cost		19,530		19,530		19,530
Current Assets						
General Bank Account		-		-		-
Deposit Bank Account	249,539		235,102		176,232	
Fixed Term Bank Account	100,032		83,783		69,987	
Organisational Bank Accounts	3,036		3,036		3,036	
Inter Church Funds	1,927		1,927		1,927	
Debtors - Gift Aid	-		-		-	
		<u>354,534</u>		<u>323,848</u>		<u>251,182</u>
Current Liabilities						
Inter Church Funds		-		-		-
General Bank Overdraft	13,899		9,162		6,953	
		<u>13,899</u>		<u>9,162</u>		<u>6,953</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>360,166</u></u>		<u><u>334,216</u></u>		<u><u>263,760</u></u>
Fund Balances						
Unrestricted Funds	225,809		216,110		159,451	
Restricted Funds	131,321		115,070		101,273	
Restricted Organisational Funds	3,036		3,036		3,036	
		<u><u>360,166</u></u>		<u><u>334,216</u></u>		<u><u>263,760</u></u>

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Ballycairn Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the preceding pages 1-5.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

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

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My 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.

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27 June 2025

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BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENERAL ACCOUNT	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Summary Totals</b>				
Opening surplus/deficit	- 13,578	-24,468	-34,536	-6,953
Income	130,350	144,590	159,034	192,238
Expenditure	141,240	154,658	131,451	194,447
In year/surplus/ (deficit)	- 10,890	-10,068	27,583	-2,209
Closing surplus/ (deficit)	- 24,468	-34,536	-6,953	-9,162
<b>General Income Details</b>	2020	2021	2022	2023
Freewill Offering	30454	31212	28304	33713
Loose Offering	868	922	955	1007
Harvest Offering	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid tax refund received	-	-	1,193	11,108
United Appeal	2705	2799	2615	3050
Bequests, legacies and donations	18	-	-	5,500
Bank interest and dividends	340	197	320	648
Rental income	14950	16278	18000	9000
Use of premises	195	90	315	1740
Investments matured	-	-	-	-
Open Door bank account closure	545	-	-	-
Convenors Furlough	1980	-	-	-
Sale of masks	153	-	-	-
<b>Income for Property Fund</b>				
Harvest Offering	-	-	-	465
Plant Sale	-	-	2,400	4,665
Sale of Band Hall	-	-	-	8000
Grant	-	-	-	4000
Concert & spring Event	-	-	-	1340
History Society	-	-	-	299
Breakfasts/Coffee Mornings	1,016	-	-	3,941
Funeral Teas & Donations	455	5658	3993	5845
Others	250	40	435	1828
<b>Income for Graveyard Fund</b>				
Burials, donations etc.	35,795	23375	14844	26920
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>89,724</b>	<b>80,571</b>	<b>73,374</b>	<b>123,069</b>
<b>Income from Church Organisations</b>				
Badminton Club	-	-	-	-
Bowling Club	-	-	-	-
PW	200	366	532	530
Tots & Co	-	-	-	-
Open Door	117	-	358	1,195
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>1,725</b>
<b>Collections/donations for charitable funds</b>				
PCS	530	550	500	500
Leprosy	790	620	783	740
Africa appeal	-	-	580	-
Earl Haig	100	200	145	110
WDA	-	195	100	-
Christian Aid	-	-	385	-
Sustain Food Bank	225	-	-	-
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>1,350</b>
<b>Other collections/donations received</b>				
Calendars	-	0	0	45
Heralds	225	0	240	162
PW overseas mission & soup lunch	136	0	190	215
Black Service for Batts Lodge	-	-	-	260
Students Bursary Fund	-	-	-	515
B Milligan Gift	-	250	0	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>1,197</b>
Transfer from deposit account	38,303	61,838	81847	64897
<b>Total income</b>	<b>130,350</b>	<b>144,590</b>	<b>159,034</b>	<b>192,238</b>

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENERAL ACCOUNT	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>				
Balance per back statement @ 31 December	5,001	5,001	5,001	6,851
Less: total outstanding cheques	30,689	47,399	14,331	20,344
Add: total outstanding lodgements	1,220	7,861	2,377	4,331
Add: cash in hand	-	-	-	-
<b>Reconciled bank balance</b>	<b>- 24,468</b>	<b>-34,536</b>	<b>-6,953</b>	<b>-9,162</b>
Closing surplus/ (deficit) = Reconciled bank balance ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>General Expenditure Details</b>	2020	2021	2022	2023
Stipend	-	-	-	-
Central Assessment Fund	8576	8,843	8,449	7,477
United Appeal	2705	2,800	2,615	3,050
<b>Total payments to Church House</b>	<b>11,281</b>	<b>11,643</b>	<b>11,064</b>	<b>10,527</b>
<b>Church Costs</b>				
Advertising, printing and stationery	779	625	632	554
Bank interest and fees	168	230	269	302
Cleaning costs	700	700	700	700
PW and other Church organisations	-	366	0	0
Presbytery fees	436	730	731	706
Pulpit supplies & Convenors Fee	8862	29,586	19,201	20,243
Visiting organists	481	0	0	70
Gift	120	50	0	0
Catering	-	-	-	1,870
Plant Sale	-	-	-	2,798
Copyright and music	-	-	-	152
Electricity	721	1,033	1,266	1,063
Insurance	1436	1,528	1,663	1,780
Repairs and maintenance	-	7,920	0	0
Miscellaneous	1368	-	-	-
Electrician & Fire Safety	-	-	-	-
<b>Manse Costs</b>				
Rates	1798	1,812	1,835	1,962
Insurance	515	548	596	638
Repairs and maintenance	-	4,703	809	470
<b>Montgomery Hall Costs</b>				
Electricity & Oil	465	949	0	871
Cleaning Costs	700	700	700	700
Insurance	759	808	879	941
Water rates	494	563	597	655
Electrician & Fire Safety	54	116	237	872
PPE & misc exps	434	-	60	655
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	1,647
<b>Grounds &amp; Graveyard Costs</b>				
Grasscutting and maintenance	3,749	6,912	3,234	5,375
Maintenance and Upkeep of Pathways	-	-	-	-
Transfer of Burial Fees to Restricted Deposit Account	17,000	12,000	7,500	13,000
<b>Other Costs</b>				
Miscellaneous	1,009	205	3,393	1,922
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>42,048</b>	<b>72,084</b>	<b>44,302</b>	<b>59,946</b>
<b>Charitable funds paid out</b>				
PCS	530	550	500	500
Leprosy	790	620	783	740
Earl Haig	100	260	205	170
WDA	-	195	100	0
Christian Aid	-	-	385	-
Sustain Food Bank	225	-	-	-
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>1,410</b>
<b>Other collections/donations paid out</b>				
Calendars	-	-	-	45
Heralds	240	0	240	162
PW overseas mission & soup lunch	136	0	190	400
Black Service for Batts Lodge	-	-	-	260
Students Bursary Fund	-	-	-	515
B Milligan Gift	-	530	-	-
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>1,382</b>
Transfer to deposit account	85,890	68,776	73,101	121,182
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>141,240</b>	<b>154,658</b>	<b>131,451</b>	<b>194,447</b>

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

	2020	2021	2022	2023		2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Summary Totals</b>					<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>				
Opening surplus/deficit	130,191	177,822	184,777	176,232	Balance per back statement @ 31 December	177,822	157,777	176,232	235,102
Income	85,934	68,793	73,302	123,766	Less: total outstanding cheques	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	38,303	61,838	81,847	64,897	Add: total outstanding lodgements	-	27,000	0	0
In year/surplus/ (deficit)	47,631	6,955	(8,545)	58,869	Add: cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Closing surplus/ (deficit)	177,822	184,777	176,232	235,101.81	Reconciled bank balance	177,822	184,777	176,232	235,102
					Closing surplus/ (deficit) = Reconciled bank balance ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Income Details</b>					<b>Expenditure Details</b>				
Regular giving	-	-	-	-	Building projects	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid tax refund	-	-	-	-	Bank interest and fees	-	-	-	-
Bank interest and dividends	44	17	201	2,584	Transfer to General Account	38,303	61,838	81,846.97	64,897
Transfer from General Account	85,890	68,776	73,101	121,182	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	Total expenditure	38,303	61,838	81,847	64,897
Total income	85,934	68,793	73,302	123,766					

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FIXED TERM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DEPOSIT ACCOUNT					
	2020	2021	2022	2023		2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Summary Totals</b>				<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>					
Opening surplus/deficit	33,368	50,397	62,409	69,987	Balance per back statement @ 31 December	23,397	50,409	62,487	70,783
Income	17,029	12,022	7,578	13,796	Less: total outstanding cheques	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	-	10	-	-	Add: total outstanding lodgements	27,000	12,000	7,500	13,000
In year/surplus/ (deficit)	17,029	12,012	7,578	13,796	Add: cash in hand	-	-	-	-
					Reconciled bank balance	50,397	62,409	69,987	83,783
Closing surplus/ (deficit)	50,397	62,409	69,987	83,783	Closing surplus/ (deficit) = Reconciled bank balance ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Income Details</b>				<b>Expenditure Details</b>					
Regular giving	-	-	-	-	Bank interest and fees	-	10	-	-
Gift Aid tax refund	-	-	-	-	Building projects	-	-	-	-
Bank interest and dividends	29	22	78	796	Computer and audio visual equipment	-	-	-	-
Transfer from General Account	17,000	12,000	7,500	13,000	Transfer to General Account	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>17,029</b>	<b>12,022</b>	<b>7,578</b>	<b>13,796</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUMMARY ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet as at 31 December	2023	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets		-		-		-		-
Investments at Cost		19,530		19,530		19,530		19,530
Current Assets								
General Bank Account		-		-		-		-
Deposit Bank Account	235,102		176,232		184,777		177,822	
Fixed Term Bank Account	83,783		69,987		62,409		50,397	
Organisational Bank Accounts	3,036		3,036		3,146		3,824	
Inter Church Funds	1,927		1,927		1,927		1,561	
Debtors - Gift Aid	-		-		-		-	
		<u>323,848</u>		<u>251,182</u>		<u>252,259</u>		<u>233,604</u>
Current Liabilities								
Inter Church Funds		-		-		-		-
General Bank Overdraft	9,162		6,953		34,536		24,468	
		<u>9,162</u>		<u>6,953</u>		<u>34,536</u>		<u>24,468</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>334,216</u></u>		<u><u>263,760</u></u>		<u><u>237,253</u></u>		<u><u>228,666</u></u>
Fund Balances								
Unrestricted Funds	216,110		159,451		140,413		143,525	
Restricted Funds	115,070		101,273		93,695		81,317	
Restricted Organisational Funds	3,036		3,036		3,146		3,824	
		<u><u>334,216</u></u>		<u><u>263,760</u></u>		<u><u>237,253</u></u>		<u><u>228,666</u></u>

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104362

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# Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104362)**

**BALLYCAIRN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Ballycairn congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
49 Ballylesson Road, Belfast BT8 8JS  
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104362)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were

Rev Morris Gault	Karen Arrell
David Gowdy	Julie Gowdy
Lilian Johnston	Lucy Mulholland
Olive Moore	Gillian McBride
Pamela McCarroll	

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Rev. Morris Gault (Convener)
Clerk of Session	Lucy Mulholland
Treasurer	Susan Smyth
Secretary	Pamela McCarroll

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** **Stuart Lynn Chartered Certified Accountant**  
**Suite 9 Railway Studios, Building 3 The Sidings, Lisburn BT28 3AJ**

**BANKERS**

**Danske Bank**  
**Donegall Square West,**  
**Belfast BT1 6JS**

**SOLICITORS**

**King & Gowdy**  
**208 Upper Newtownards Rd**  
**BELFAST BT4 3EJ**

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Kirk Session

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

Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee. The Committee consists of sub-committees whose suggestions and proposals are presented to and passed by a full committee. Stated meetings of the Kirk session and committee are held at least five times in each year. The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister a clerk of Session and the ruling elders of the congregation. 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.

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. We were inspired by the fact that we have ordained six new elders who have professed their faith in God.

### **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 congregation assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Ballycairn congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the South Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the 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.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion. Ballycairn is a congregation of 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 congregations mission purposes is by the grace of

God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

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.

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and all visitors are made welcome. 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

- Bible Study
- PW
- Monthly activity for senior citizens
- Social History group
- Craft mornings
- Dance class
- Prayer groups

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30. As well as our regular services during the year we would acknowledge

- God's gift of new life at a Sacrament of Baptism ceremony,
- We would also conduct marriage services.
- We celebrate Remembrance Sunday Service
- We hold a thanksgiving service for the harvest God has provided for us.
- We give thanks for faithful services and comfort and support to those who had been

- bereaved during the year.
- We celebrate Christmas with a Carol service and a Special Service on Christmas day. At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 there were 40 communicant members and 136 families connected with the congregations. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 40/50

### **PASTORAL CARE**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the Convener, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. A recording of the weekly service is sent to those who are unable to attend.

### **MISSION AND OUTREACH**

At a local level the congregation financially supports other charities. Christian Aid, Presbyterian Children's Society, Leprosy Mission, United Appeal and Earl Haig Fund. Christmas Carol Service's special retiring offering goes to a different charity each year. The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care. The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

### **PRESBYTERY**

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

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

### **PROPERTY**

A problem of dry rot in the main Sanctuary resulted in the closure of the Church building. We engaged specialists to undertake the work which involved treatment to halt the spread of the problem. Major refurbishment was required but before we proceeded we engaged an M&E consultant whose report indicated that the main Sanctuary required new electric wiring and a new heating system. This inspired us to think of creating a new universal

entrance with facilities for disabled. Plans were prepared and are in the hands of the planning council. This being a major project we look to God for guidance to enable us to secure a future for Ballycairn.

## **ORGANISATIONS**

PW The monthly meeting of the PW has introduced lots of speakers to us. We are always interested in the work of our Missionaries. We have been educated on the use of Food banks and learnt of the poverty of so many. During our meetings there's an opportunity for members to pray openly for others. For our yearly outing we enjoy an evening at The Gospel Choir Christmas show.

### Open Door

Each month senior citizens from the community meet to enjoy activities such as knitting, armchair aerobics, bowls, scrabble, etc. or simply have a chat. We sometimes engage a speaker. An epilogue is followed by dinner. We finish the year with an outing, this year we visited Tullyglass House Hotel in Ballymena.

History Group have compiled a collection of old photos, they learn about the area and the changes in the surrounding villages. These photos will be compiled to create a history project as we plan for celebrations in 2026 when our Church is 100 years old.

Dancing class a great means of exercise its aims are to combine Fun, Friendship and Fitness. These classes open our halls to the community.

### Volunteers

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

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion. The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved). Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of notice boards, 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.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting held on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and signed on its behalf by

*Lucy Mulholland*

Lucy Mulholland (Clerk of Session)

9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104362

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Ballycairn Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the preceding pages 1-5.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

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

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My 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.

Stuart M Lynn FCCA  
Chartered Certified Accountant  
Suite 9 Railway Studios  
Building 3 The Sidings  
Lisburn  
BT28 3 AJ

19 August 2024

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104362

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# Accounts

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**BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**CHURCH ACCOUNTS FOR**  
**YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2022**

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENERAL ACCOUNT	2020	2021	2022
<b>Summary Totals</b>			
Opening surplus/deficit	- 13,578	-24,468	-34,536
Income	130,350	144,590	159,034
Expenditure	141,240	154,658	131,451
In year/surplus/ (deficit)	- 10,890	-10,068	27,583
Closing surplus/ (deficit)	- 24,468	-34,536	-6,953

General Income Details	2020	2021	2022
Freewill Offering	30454	31212	28304
Loose Offering	868	922	955
Harvest Offering	-	-	-
Gift Aid tax refund received	-	-	1,193
United Appeal	2705	2799	2615

Bequests, legacies and donations	18	-	-
Bank interest and dividends	340	197	320
Rental income	14950	16278	18000
Use of premises	195	90	315
Investments matured	-	-	-
Open Door bank account closure	545	-	-
Convenors Furlough	1980	-	-
Sale of masks	153	-	-

Income for Property Fund	2020	2021	2022
Psalms Service	-	-	-
Plant Sale	-	-	2,400
Clothes Collection	-	-	-
Breakfast/Winter Warmer	1,016	-	-
Funeral Teas & Donations	455	5658	3993
Others	250	40	435

Income for Graveyard Fund	2020	2021	2022
Burials, donations etc.	35,795	23375	14844
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>89,724</b>	<b>80,571</b>	<b>73,374</b>

Income from Church Organisations	2020	2021	2022
Badminton Club	-	-	-
Bowling Club	-	-	-
PW	200	366	532
Tots & Co	-	-	-
Open Door	117	-	358
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>890</b>

Collections/donations for charitable funds	2020	2021	2022
PCS	530	550	500
Leprosy	790	620	783
Africa appeal	-	-	580
Earl Haig	100	200	145
WDA	-	195	100
Christian Aid	-	-	385
Sustain Food Bank	225	-	-
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>2,493</b>

Other collections/donations received	2020	2021	2022
Carol Service For Charity	-	0	0
Heralds	225	0	240
PW overseas mission & soup lunch	136	0	190
Black Service for Batts Lodge	-	-	-
Students Bursary Fund	-	-	-
B Milligan Gift	-	250	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>430</b>

Transfer from deposit account	38,303	61,838	81847
<b>Total income</b>	<b>130,350</b>	<b>144,590</b>	<b>159,034</b>

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GENERAL ACCOUNT	2020	2021	2022
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>			
Balance per back statement @ 31 December	5,001	5,001	5,001
Less: total outstanding cheques	30,689	47,399	14,331
Add: total outstanding lodgements	1,220	7,861	2,377
Add: cash in hand	-	-	-
Reconciled bank balance	- 24,468	-34,536	-6,953
Closing surplus/ (deficit) = Reconciled bank balance ?	Yes	Yes	Yes

General Expenditure Details	2020	2021	2022
Stipend	-	-	-
Central Assessment Fund	8576	8,843	8,449
United Appeal	2705	2,800	2,615
<b>Total payments to Church House</b>	<b>11,281</b>	<b>11,643</b>	<b>11,064</b>

Church Costs	2020	2021	2022
Advertising, printing and stationery	779	625	632
Bank interest and fees	168	230	269
Cleaning costs	700	700	700
PW and other Church organisations	-	366	0
Presbytery fees	436	730	731
Pulpit supplies & Convenors Fee	8862	29,586	19,201
Visiting organists	481	0	0
Gift	120	50	0
Catering	-	-	-
Copyright and music	-	-	-
Electricity	721	1,033	1,266
Insurance	1436	1,528	1,663
Repairs and maintenance	-	7,920	0
Miscellaneous	1368	-	-
Electrician & Fire Safety	-	-	-

Manse Costs	2020	2021	2022
Rates	1798	1,812	1,835
Insurance	515	548	596
Repairs and maintenance	-	4,703	809

Montgomery Hall Costs	2020	2021	2022
Electricity & Oil	465	949	0
Cleaning Costs	700	700	700
Insurance	759	808	879
Water rates	494	563	597
Electrician & Fire Safety	54	116	237
PPE & misc exps	434	-	60

Grounds & Graveyard Costs	2020	2021	2022
Grasscutting and maintenance	3,749	6,912	3,234
Maintenance and Upkeep of Pathways	-	-	-
Transfer of Burial Fees to Restricted Deposit Account	17,000	12,000	7,500

Other Costs	2020	2021	2022
Miscellaneous	1,009	205	3,393
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>42,048</b>	<b>72,084</b>	<b>44,302</b>

Charitable funds paid out	2020	2021	2022
PCS	530	550	500
Leprosy	790	620	783
Earl Haig	100	260	205
WDA	-	195	100
Christian Aid	-	-	385
Sustain Food Bank	225	-	-
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>2,553</b>

Other collections/donations paid out	2020	2021	2022
Tiny Life	-	-	-
Heralds	240	0	240
PW overseas mission & soup lunch	136	0	190
Black Service for Batts Lodge	-	-	-
Students Bursary Fund	-	-	-
B Milligan Gift	-	530	-
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>430</b>

Transfer to deposit account	85,890	68,776	73,101
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>141,240</b>	<b>154,658</b>	<b>131,451</b>

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

	2020	2021	2022		2020	2021	2022
<b>Summary Totals</b>				<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>			
Opening surplus/deficit	130,191	177,822	184,777	Balance per back statement @ 31 December	177,822	157,777	176,232
Income	85,934	68,793	73,302	Less: total outstanding cheques	-	-	-
Expenditure	38,303	61,838	81,847	Add: total outstanding lodgements	-	27,000	0
In year/surplus/ (deficit)	47,631	6,955	(8,545)	Add: cash in hand	-	-	-
				Reconciled bank balance	177,822	184,777	176,232
Closing surplus/ (deficit)	177,822	184,777	176,232	Closing surplus/ (deficit) = Reconciled bank balance ?	Yes	Yes	Yes

<b>Income Details</b>	2020	2021	2022	<b>Expenditure Details</b>	2020	2021	2022
Regular giving	-	-	-		-	-	-
Gift Aid tax refund	-	-	-	Building projects	-	-	-
Bank interest and dividends	44	17	201	Bank interest and fees	-	-	-
Transfer from General Account	85,890	68,776	73,101	Transfer to General Account	38,303	61,838	81,847
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	Miscellaneous	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>85,934</b>	<b>68,793</b>	<b>73,302</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>38,303</b>	<b>61,838</b>	<b>81,847</b>

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIXED TERM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

2020 2021 2022

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

2020 2021 2022

**Summary Totals**

Opening surplus/deficit	33,368	50,397	62,409
Income	17,029	12,022	7,578
Expenditure	-	10	-
<b>In year/surplus/ (deficit)</b>	<b>17,029</b>	<b>12,012</b>	<b>7,578</b>
Closing surplus/ (deficit)	50,397	62,409	69,987

**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance per back statement @ 31 December	23,397	50,409	62,487
Less: total outstanding cheques	-	-	-
Add: total outstanding lodgements	27,000	12,000	7,500
Add: cash in hand	-	-	-
<b>Reconciled bank balance</b>	<b>50,397</b>	<b>62,409</b>	<b>69,987</b>
Closing surplus/ (deficit) = Reconciled bank balance ?	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Income Details**

2020 2021 2022

**Expenditure Details**

2020 2021 2022

Regular giving	-	-	-	Bank interest and fees	-	10	-
Gift Aid tax refund	-	-	-	Building projects	-	-	-
Bank interest and dividends	29	22	78	Computer and audio visual equipment	-	-	-
Transfer from General Account	17,000	12,000	7,500	Transfer to General Account	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	Miscellaneous	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>17,029</b>	<b>12,022</b>	<b>7,578</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Organisations Accounts

Organisation Name	12/31/2021		12/31/2022	
	Opening Bank	Receipts	Payments	Closing Bank
Bowling Club	2813	4	14	2803
Choir	0	0	0	0
PW	333	0	100	233
Open Door	0	0	0	0
	<u>3146</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>3036</u>

Organisation Name	12/31/2020		12/31/2021	
	Opening Bank	Receipts	Payments	Closing Bank
Bowling Club	2798	15	0	2813
Choir	593	0	593	0
PW	433	0	100	333
Open Door	0	0	0	0
	<u>3824</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>3146</u>

Organisation Name	12/31/2019		12/31/2020	
	Opening Bank	Receipts	Payments	Closing Bank
Bowling Club	2836	695	733	2798
Choir	593	30	30	593
PW	587	376	530	433
Open Door	552	0	552	0
	<u>4568</u>	<u>1101</u>	<u>1845</u>	<u>3824</u>

BALLYCAIRN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUMMARY ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet as at 31 December	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets		-		-		-
Investments at Cost		19,530		19,530		19,530
Current Assets						
General Bank Account	-					
Deposit Bank Account	176,232		184,777		177,822	
Fixed Term Bank Account	69,987		62,409		50,397	
Organisational Bank Accounts	3,036		3,146		3,824	
Inter Church Funds	1,927		1,927		1,561	
Debtors - Gift Aid	-		-		-	
		251,182		252,259		233,604
Current Liabilities						
Inter Church Funds	-		-		-	
General Bank Overdraft	6,953		34,536		24,468	
		6,953		34,536		24,468
Net Assets		<u>263,760</u>		<u>237,253</u>		<u>228,666</u>
Fund Balances						
Unrestricted Funds	159,451		140,413		143,525	
Restricted Funds	101,273		93,695		81,317	
Restricted Organisational Funds	3,036		3,146		3,824	
		<u>263,760</u>		<u>237,253</u>		<u>228,666</u>

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104362

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# Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104362)**

**BALLYCAIRN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Ballycairn congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
49 Ballylesson Road, Belfast BT8 8JS

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104362)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were

William Harkness  
Brian Milligan  
Helen McKelvy

Muriel Cromie  
Pamela McCarroll  
Lucy Mulholland

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Rev. William Harkness (Convener)  
Lucy Mulholland  
Susan Smyth

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER Stuart Lynn Chartered Certified Accountant 16D Castle Street, Lisburn BT27 4XD**

**BANKERS**

**Danske Bank  
Donegall Square West,  
Belfast BT1 6JS**

**SOLICITORS**

**Hewitt & Gilpin  
8 HIGH ST., HOLYWOOD,  
BT189AZ**

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

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least five times in each year.

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. Ballycairn congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the South Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

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

### **The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, 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.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

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

The congregations mission purposes is by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

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]

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

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

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

- PW
- Monthly activity for senior citizens
- Social History group
- Craft mornings
- Dance class
- Prayer group

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism, we conduct marriage services and give thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 40 communicant members and 136 families connected with the congregations. The average week attendance at morning worship is 50

#### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. A recording of the weekly service is sent to all who are unable to attend.

#### **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation financially supports other charities. Christian Aid, Presbyterian Children's Society, Leprosy Mission, United Appeal and Earl Haig Fund. Christmas Carol Service's special retiring offering goes to a different charity each year.

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

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

A problem of dry rot in the main sanctuary resulted in the closure of the Church building and we engaged specialists to undertake the work that involved treatment to halt the spread of the problem and we now have to begin the first stage of refurbishment.

### **Organisations**

The monthly meeting of the PW has introduced lots of speakers to us. One informed us of the work of our Missionary's, another educated us on the use of Food banks and during our meetings there's an opportunity for members to pray openly for others. We went on our outing to The Gospel Choir Christmas show. Each month senior citizens from the community meet to enjoy activities such as knitting, armchair aerobics, bowls, scrabble, etc. we have an epilogue and all enjoy dinner. We finish the year with an outing, this year we visited Annalong and Newcastle. The History Group have compiled a collection of old photos, they learn about the area and the changes in the surrounding villages. The dancing

class is creating a means of exercise its aims are to combine Fun, and Friendship with Fitness. These classes open our hall to the community.

### **Volunteers**

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

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

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved). Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of notice boards, 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.

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**TATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

As the congregations total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 208 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] Lucy Mulholland (Clerk of Session)

[Date] 4<sup>th</sup> September

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

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Ballycairn Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the preceding pages 1-5.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

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

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My 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.

Stuart M Lynn FCCA  
Chartered Certified Accountant  
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Lisburn  
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7 July 2023