

Rathcoole Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104481

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-05

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

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£66,155	£53,201	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr David Henry McCormick		
Mr Dermot Keaveney		
Mr Norman Creaney		
Mr William George Lunn		

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Accounts

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

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 104481)

Rathcoole Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	£39,848	£10,643	£0	£50,491	£57,195
Charitable activities	3	£287	£0	£0	£287	£0
Other trading activities	4	£11,282	£0	£0	£11,282	£11,600
Investment Income	5	£0	£78	£0	£78	£69
Other Organisations	6	£715	£0	£0	£715	£0
		£0	£3,302	£0	£3,302	£3,111
Sale of Investments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sale of fixed assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Loans Received		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Receipts		£52,132	£14,023	£0	£66,155	£71,975
Payments						
Raising funds	7	£461	£0	£0	£461	£320
Charitable activities	8	£43,124	£7,492	£0	£50,616	£42,750
Other trading activities	9	£0	£0	£0	£0	£335
Investment costs	11	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Organisations		£0	£2,124	£0	£2,124	£2,264
Purchase of Investments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Purchase of fixed assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Loan Repayments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Payments		£43,585	£9,616	£0	£53,201	£45,669
Net receipts / (payments)		£8,547	£4,407	£0	£12,954	£26,306
Transfers between funds		£800	-£800	£0	£0	£0
Net movement in funds		£9,347	£3,607	£0	£12,954	£26,306
Funds brought forward		£64,474	£29,147	£0	£93,621	£67,315
Funds carried forward	12	£73,821	£32,754	£0	£106,575	£93,621

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	£64,474	£29,147	£0	£93,621	£67,315
Net movement in funds	£9,347	£3,607	£0	£12,954	£26,306
Bank and Cash at end of year	£73,821	£32,754	£0	£106,575	£93,621
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Account: General				£74,041	£64,474
Bank Account: Renovation				£17,263	£14,783
Bank Account: Maintenance				£5,189	£4,513
Bank Account: United Appeal				£0	-£11
Bank Account: Outreach Mission				£5,077	£5,135
Cash in hand - Organisations: Bowling Club				£320	£0
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations: Bowling Club				£918	£1,164
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations: Girls Brigade				£3,692	£3,488
Cash in hand - Organisations: Womens Fellowship				£75	£75
			Total	£106,575	£93,621
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets - Note 10					
Church Premises				£0	£0
Fixtures and Fittings				£0	£0
Vehicles				£0	£0
Investments - Note 11					
Gift Aid receivable on donations				£0	£0
Other assets				£7,542	£9,785
				£0	£0
Liabilities					
Loans				£0	£0
Other liabilities				£0	£0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on
and signed on its behalf by....

Name *David McCormick*

Name *Norman Creaney*

Date: 27th September 2025

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1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Financial Statements

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations) (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Fund Accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Recorded givings	£31,640	£8,846	£0	£40,486	£44,434
Loose collections	£1,925	£0	£0	£1,925	£2,192
Donations and gifts	£0	£318	£0	£318	£783
Gift Aid	£6,283	£1,259	£0	£7,542	£9,786
Belfast City Mission	£0	£220	£0	£0	£0
	£39,848	£10,643	£0	£50,491	£57,195

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3 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Salvation Army	£287	£0	£0	£287	£0
Fees from weddings and funerals	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Fundraising events	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£287	£0	£0	£287	£0

4 Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income: NIE Refund	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Manse: Rent Income	£11,282	£0	£0	£11,282	£10,920
Written 'off' cheque	£0	£0	£0	£0	£680
	£11,282	£0	£0	£11,282	£11,600

5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest: U.A./Maintenance	£0	£78	£0	£78	£69
General Investment Fund	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Rents investment properties	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other investment income	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£0	£78	£0	£78	£69

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6 Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Donations for Heat & Light	£715	£0	£0	£715	£0
	£715	£0	£0	£715	£0

7 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO/Mission Envelopes	£461	£0	£0	£461	£320
Fundraising events	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£461	£0	£0	£461	£320

8 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	£4,746	£0	£0	£4,746	£4,604
Presbytery fees	£708	£0	£0	£708	£561
Ministry and support staff costs	£23,417	£0	£0	£23,417	£15,796
Congregational running expenses	£13,004	£0	£0	£13,004	£10,313
Renv/Maintenance Fund	£0	£1,529	£0	£1,529	£4,041
United Appeal	£0	£4,887	£0	£4,887	£4,530
Outreach Mission & Other Charities	£0	£1,076	£0	£1,076	£2,279
Goverance/Solicitors Costs	£1,249	£0	£0	£1,249	£250
Bank Charges:Renv/Main/U.A./O.M.	£0	£0	£0	£0	£376
	£43,124	£7,492	£0	£50,616	£42,750

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9 Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Other Expenditure: Gift	£0	£0	£0	£0	£335
	£0	£0	£0	£0	£335

10 Fixed Assets

The congregation owns The Church premises situated at Rathmore Drive, Rathcoole, Newtownabbey BT37 9DP, and the manse situated at 9 Ballycraigy Rd, Newtownabbey, Co Antrim ,BT36 5ZZ together with associated fixtures / fittings and equipment for the use of the minister.
 These have a combined insurance value of **£3,367,990** at last renewal date.

11 Investments

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Investment Fund	0	0
Property	0	0
Other investments	0	0

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12 Fund Balances

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfers £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	£64,474	£52,132	£43,585	£8,547	£800	£73,821
TOTAL...	£64,474	£52,132	£43,585	£8,547	£800	£73,821
Restricted Funds						
Renovation Funds	£14,783	£2,536	£56	£2,480	£0	£17,263
Property/Maintenance Funds	£4,513	£2,149	£1,473	£676	£0	£5,189
Missions and Charities Fund						
United Appeal	-£11	£4,798	£4,887	-£89	£100	£0
Outreach Mission Fund	£5,135	£1,018	£53	£965	-£1,023	£5,077
Belfast City Mission	£0	£220	£400	-£180	£400	£220
Holiday Bible Club	£0	£0	£138	-£138	£138	£0
Majed Tiawani	£0	£0	£485	-£485	£485	£0
Organisations						
Presbyterian Womens	£75	£0	£0	£0	£0	£75
Girls Brigade	£3,488	£2,719	£1,915	£804	-£600	£3,692
Bowling Club	£1,164	£583	£209	£0	-£300	£1,238
Craft Class	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
TOTAL...	£29,147	£14,023	£9,616	£4,407	-£800	£32,754
Endowment Funds	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Funds	£93,621	£66,155	£53,201	£12,954	£0	£106,575

	Valuation at start	Revaluation Increase	Valuation at end
General Investment Fund	0	0	0

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	£46,716	£10,479	£0	£57,195	£60,267
Charitable activities	3	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other trading activities	4	£11,600	£0	£0	£11,600	£4,600
Investment Income	5	£0	£69	£0	£69	£10
Other	6	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Organisations		£0	£3,111	£0	£3,111	£3,467
Sale of Investments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sale of fixed assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Loans Received		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Receipts		£58,316	£13,659	£0	£71,975	£68,344
Payments						
Raising funds	7	£320	£0	£0	£320	£0
Charitable activities	8	£31,706	£11,044	£0	£42,750	£41,864
Other trading activities	9	£335	£0	£0	£335	£600
Investment costs	11	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Organisations		£0	£2,264	£0	£2,264	£2,961
Purchase of Investments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Purchase of fixed assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Loan Repayments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Payments		£32,361	£13,308	£0	£45,669	£45,425
Net receipts / (payments)		£25,955	£351	£0	£26,306	£22,919
Transfers between funds		£630	-£630	£0	£0	£0
Net movement in funds		£26,585	-£279	£0	£26,306	£22,919
Funds brought forward		£37,889	£29,426	£0	£67,315	£44,396
Funds carried forward	12	£64,474	£29,147	£0	£93,621	£67,315

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Funds Reconciliation					
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Net movement in funds	£26,585	-£279	£0	£26,306	£22,919
Bank and Cash at end of year	£64,474	£29,147	£0	£93,621	£67,315
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Account: General				£64,474	£37,889
Bank Account: Renovation				£14,783	£13,509
Bank Account: Maintenance				£4,513	£5,028
Bank Account: United Appeal				-£11	£0
Bank Account: Outreach Mission				£5,135	£6,279
Cash in hand - Organisations: Bowling Club/Craft				£0	£253
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations: Bowling Club				£1,164	£894
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations: Girls Brigade				£3,488	£3,358
Cash in hand - Organisations: Womens Fellowship				£75	£105
			Total	£93,621	£67,315

Other Assets

Fixed Assets - Note 10					
Church Premises				£0	£0
Fixtures and Fittings				£0	£0
Vehicles				£0	£0
Investments - Note 11					
Gift Aid receivable on donations				£9,785	£9,531
Other assets				£0	£0

Liabilities

Loans				£0	£0
Other liabilities				£0	£0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on
and signed on its behalf by....

Name <i>David McCormick</i>	Name <i>Norman Creaney</i>
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Date: <i>8th April 24</i>	Date: <i>8th April 24</i>
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2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded givings	£35,338	£0	£0	£35,338	£36,410
Loose collections	£2,192	£0	£0	£2,192	£2,425
Donations and gifts	£683	£0	£0	£683	£852
Gift Aid	£8,503	£0	£0	£8,503	£7,994
Renv /Maintenance Fund	£0	£4,260	£0	£4,260	£3,826
Gift Aid: Renv/Main	£0	£574	£0	£574	£709
United Appeal	£0	£3,804	£0	£3,804	£3,289
United Appeal: Donation	£0	£100	£0	£100	£886
United Appeal: Gift Aid	£0	£550	£0	£550	£610
Outreach Mission	£0	£1,032	£0	£1,032	£1,668
Outreach Mission: Gift Aid	£0	£159	£0	£159	£218
Belfast City Mission	£0	£0	£0	£0	£200
Appeal: Ukraine	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,180
	£46,716	£10,479	£0	£57,195	£60,267

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3 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income etc	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Fees from weddings and funerals	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Fundraising events	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

4 Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income: NIE Refund	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Manse: Rent Income	£10,920	£0	£0	£10,920	£4,600
Written 'off' cheque	£680	£0	£0	£680	£0
	£11,600	£0	£0	£11,600	£4,600

5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest: U.A./Maintenance	£0	£69	£0	£69	£10
General Investment Fund	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Rents investment properties	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other investment income	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£0	£69	£0	£69	£10

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6 Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other income: Gift	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

7 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO/Mission Envelopes	£320	£0	£0	£0	£0
Fundraising events	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£320	£0	£0	£0	£0

8 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	£4,604	£0	£0	£4,604	£4,842
Presbytery fees	£561	£0	£0	£561	£659
Ministry and support staff costs	£15,796	£0	£0	£15,796	£15,545
Congregational running expenses	£10,313	£0	£0	£10,313	£10,041
Renv/Maintenance Fund	£0	£4,041	£0	£4,041	£2,749
United Appeal	£0	£4,530	£0	£4,530	£4,746
Outreach Mission	£0	£2,279	£0	£2,279	£1,506
Belfast City Mission	£0	£0	£0	£0	£200
Ukraine Appeal	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,180
Governance Costs	£250	£0	£0	£250	£199
Bank Charges:Renv/Main/U.A./O.M.	£182	£194	£0	£376	£197
	£31,706	£11,044	£0	£42,750	£41,864

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9 Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Other Expenditure: Gift	£335	£0	£0	£335	£600
	£335	£0	£0	£335	£600

10 Fixed Assets

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These have a combined insurance value of **£3,367,990** at last renewal date.

11 Investments

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Investment Fund	0	0
Property	0	0
Other investments	0	0

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12 Fund Balances

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfers £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	£37,889	£58,316	£32,361	£25,955	£630	£64,474
TOTAL...	£37,889	£58,316	£32,361	£25,955	£630	£64,474
Restricted Funds						
Renovation Funds	£13,509	£2,802	£1,528	£1,274	£0	£14,783
Property/Maintenance Funds	£5,028	£2,088	£2,603	-£515	£0	£4,513
Missions and Charities Fund						
United Appeal	£0	£4,467	£4,578	-£111	£100	-£11
Outreach Mission Fund	£6,279	£1,191	£2,335	-£1,144	£0	£5,135
Belfast City Mission	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other: Ukraine Appeal	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Organisations						
Presbyterian Womens	£105	£0	£0	£0	-£30	£75
Girls Brigade	£3,358	£2,614	£2,084	£530	-£400	£3,488
Bowling Club	£1,147	£497	£180	£0	-£300	£1,164
Craft Class	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
TOTAL...	£29,426	£13,659	£13,308	£351	-£630	£29,147
Endowment Funds	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Funds	£67,315	£71,975	£45,669	£26,306	£0	£93,621
	Valuation at start			Revaluation Increase		Valuation at end
General Investment Fund	0			0		0

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Annual report

RATHCOOLE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Rathcoole Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Rathmore Drive
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Newtownabbey
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Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104481)

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

Norman Creaney
Dermot Keaveney
William George Lunn
David Henry McCormick

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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 78 contributing families during the year 2023 (78 in 2022) donating a total of £35,338 (£38,835 in 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £71,975 compared to £68,344 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £45,425 to £45,669

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 on 15th May 2024 and signed on its behalf by Norman Creaney and George Lunn.

Rathcoole Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104481

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Rathcoole Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

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.

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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 account to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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

Name: ... Roy Eakin
Occupation ... Retired Bank Official
Address: ... 18 Farm Lodge Road, Greenisland
... Carrickfergus, Co Antrim BT38 8XH
Date: ... 08th April 2024

Rathcoole Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts

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

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 104481)

Rathcoole Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	£47,681	£12,586	£0	£60,267	£64,473
Charitable activities	3	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other trading activities	4	£4,600	£0	£0	£4,600	£364
Investment Income	5	£0	£10	£0	£10	£0
Other Organisations	6	£0	£3,467	£0	£3,467	£2,405
Sale of Investments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sale of fixed assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Loans Received		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Receipts		£52,281	£16,063	£0	£68,344	£67,472
Payments						
Raising funds	7	£0	£0	£0	£0	£334
Charitable activities	8	£31,286	£10,578	£0	£41,864	£69,415
Other trading activities	9	£600	£0	£0	£600	£285
Investment costs	11	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Organisations		£0	£2,961	£0	£2,961	£1,238
Purchase of Investments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Purchase of fixed assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Loan Repayments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Payments		£31,886	£13,539	£0	£45,425	£71,272
Net receipts / (payments)		£20,395	£2,524	£0	£22,919	-£3,800
Transfers between funds		£600	-£600	£0	£0	£0
Net movement in funds		£20,995	£1,924	£0	£22,919	-£3,800
Funds brought forward		£16,894	£27,502	£0	£44,396	£48,196
Funds carried forward	12	£37,889	£29,426	£0	£67,315	£44,396

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Bank and Cash at end of year	£37,889	£29,426	£0	£67,315	£44,396
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Account: General - 49690067				£37,889	£16,894
Bank Account: Renovation - 10139128				£13,509	£10,752
Bank Account: Maintenance - 49690224				£5,028	£6,084
Bank Account: United Appeal - 49691115				£0	£0
Bank Account: Outreach Mission - 10489101				£6,279	£5,962
Cash in hand - Organisations: Bowling Club/Craft				£253	£300
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations: Bowling Club				£894	£893
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations: Girls Brigade				£3,358	£3,425
Cash in hand - Organisations: Womens Fellowship				£105	£86
			Total	£67,315	£44,396
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets - Note 10					
Church Premises				£0	£0
Fixtures and Fittings				£0	£0
Vehicles				£0	£0
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Investments - Note 11				£0	£0
Gift Aid receivable on donations				£9,531	£9,824
Other assets				£0	£0
Liabilities					
Loans				£0	£0
Other liabilities				£0	£0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on Wednesday 15th March 2023
and signed on its behalf by....

Name *David McCormick*

Name *Norman Creaney*

Date: 15th March 2023

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