

WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104498

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
2025-12-31	£29,314	£71,355	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Marion Lamont		
Mr David Mcnicol		
Mr Desmond Ernest Wonnacott		
Mr Ian Thomas Campbell		
Mrs Carol June Dalzell		
Paul Beggs		
Rev Angus Vere Stewart		
Rev William Joseph Moody Parker		

WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104498

Accounts

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

**Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104498)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

We report on the financial statements of Woodvale Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner:

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 62(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general direction given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- to state whether particulars matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

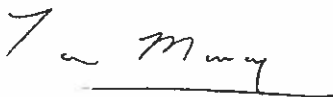
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention;

1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to kept accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act .
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008.

have not been met or

2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached



Ian Murray

For and on behalf of
Ian Murray & Co. Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants
27 Joymount, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DN

Dated: 5 March 2026

WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2025


	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	18,178	525	0	18,703	50,201
Charitable activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	4	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	5	0	0	0	0	338
Other	6	10,611	0	0	10,611	0
Organisations		0	0	0	0	6,638
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Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
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Total Receipts		28,789	525	0	29,314	57,177
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	8	52,616	2,990	0	55,606	70,176
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
Organisations		0	15,749	0	15,749	5,318
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		0	0	0	0	75,494
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
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Total Payments		52,616	18,739	0	71,355	75,494
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Net receipts / (payments)		(23,827)	(18,214)	0	(42,041)	(18,317)
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0
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Net movement in funds		(23,827)	(18,214)	0	(42,041)	(18,317)
Funds brought forward		98,853	31,225	0	130,078	148,395
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Funds carried forward	12	75,026	13,011	0	88,037	130,078
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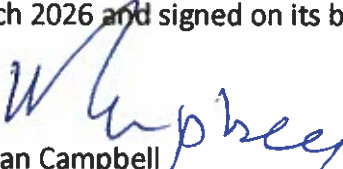
**WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	98,853	31,225	0	130,078	148,395
Net movement in funds	(23,827)	(18,214)	0	(42,040)	(18,317)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	75,026	13,011	0	88,037	130,078
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				0	0
Bank Current Accounts				87,896	114,187
Cash in Hand				141	142
Bank Current A/Cs – Organisations				0	15,749
Cash in Hand – Organisations				0	0
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				88,037	130,078
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises				6,687,331	6,687,331
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				0	0
- Vehicles				0	0
Investments – Note 11				0	0
Gift Aid receivable on donations				0	0
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				6,687,331	6,687,331
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Liabilities					
Loans				0	0
Other				0	0
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 5 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by


Paul Beggs
Clerk of Session


Ian Campbell
Treasurer

WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2025

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 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	9,791	125	0	9,916	40,377
Loose collections	844	0	0	844	1,783
Donations and gifts	3,313	167	0	3,480	1,616
Gift Aid	4,231	233	0	4,464	6,425
Legacies and bequest	0	0	0	0	0
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	18,178	525	0	18,703	50,201
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WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2025

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	0	0	0	0	0
Trading income	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	0	0	0	0	0
General Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	338
Rent - investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	338
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WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2025

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	10,611	0	0	10,611	0
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	10,611	0	0	10,611	0
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	5,356	0	0	5,356	8,578
Presbytery fees	772	0	0	772	835
Ministry and support staff costs	12,207	0	0	12,207	28,098
Congregational running expenses	33,591	2,527	0	36,118	26,735
Donations to missions & charities	0	463	0	463	5,250
Governance costs	690	0	0	690	680
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	52,616	2,990	0	55,606	70,176
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WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2025

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 64A Woodvale Road, Belfast BT13 3BT.
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These have an insurance value (including fixtures and fittings) of £6,687,331.14 at the last renewal date.

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
General Investment Fund	0	0
Property	0	0
Other investments	0	0
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	0	0
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Northern Ireland - Charity number 104498

Accounts

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Ian Murray

For and on behalf of
Ian Murray & Co. Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants
27 Joymount, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DN

Dated: 19th March 2025

WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	47,346	2,855	0	50,201	70,835
Charitable activities	3	0	0	0	0	1,962
Other trading activities	4	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	5	338	0	0	338	1,756
Other	6	0	0	0	0	1,230
Organisations		0	6,638	0	6,638	9,000
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Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	86,017
Sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
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Total Receipts		47,684	9,493	0	57,177	170,800
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	0	0	0	0	247
Charitable activities	8	62,743	7,433	0	70,176	124,548
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
Organisations		0	5,318	0	5,318	5,508
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		62,743	12,751	0	75,494	130,303
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
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Total Payments		62,743	12,751	0	75,494	130,303
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Net receipts / (payments)		(15,059)	(3,258)	0	(18,317)	40,497
Transfers between funds		(4,085)	4,085	0	0	0
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Net movement in funds		(19,144)	827	0	(18,317)	40,497
Funds brought forward		117,997	30,398	0	148,395	107,898
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Funds carried forward	12	98,853	31,225	0	130,078	148,395
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**WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	117,997	30,398	0	148,395	107,898
Net movement in funds	(19,144)	827	0	(18,317)	40,497
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Bank and Cash at end of year	98,853	31,225	0	130,078	148,395
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				0	0
Bank Current Accounts				114,187	133,889
Cash in Hand				142	77
Bank Current A/Cs – Organisations				15,749	14,429
Cash in Hand – Organisations				0	0
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				130,078	148,395
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises				6,687,331	6,386,887
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				0	0
- Vehicles				0	0
Investments – Note 11				0	0
Gift Aid receivable on donations				0	0
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				6,687,331	6,386,887
				=====	=====
Liabilities					
Loans				0	0
Other				0	0
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 20 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Paul Beggs
Clerk of Session
20 March 2025



Ian Campbell
Treasurer
20 March 2025

WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2024

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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 giving	38,246	2,131	0	40,377	53,292
Loose collections	1,783	0	0	1,783	821
Donations and gifts	1,616	0	0	1,616	3,496
Gift Aid	5,701	724	0	6,425	13,226
Legacies and bequest	0	0	0	0	0
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	47,346	2,855	0	50,201	70,835
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WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****31 December 2024****3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	1,962
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	0	0	0	0	1,962
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	0	0	0	0	0
Trading income	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	0	0	0	0	0
General Investment Fund	338	0	0	338	1,756
Rents investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
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	338	0	0	338	1,756
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WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	0	0	0	0	1,230
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	0	0	0	0	0
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	0	0	0	0	390
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	390
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	8,578	0	0	8,578	15,630
Presbytery fees	835	0	0	835	654
Ministry and support staff costs	28,098	0	0	28,098	65,772
Congregational running expenses	24,552	2,183	0	26,735	33,692
Donations to missions & charities	0	5,250	0	5,250	8,150
Governance costs	680	0	0	680	650
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	62,743	7,433	0	70,176	124,548
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WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 64A Woodvale Road, Belfast BT13 3BT.

The congregation owns the manse situated at 76 Woodvale Road BT13 3BU

These have an insurance value (including fixtures and fittings) of £6,687,331.14 at the 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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	0	0
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WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104498

Annual report

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

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104498)

WOODVALE 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 2024 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Woodvale Presbyterian Church congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
64a Woodvale Road
BELFAST BT13 3BU

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104498)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Reverend Keith Duddy (Retired May 2024)	Mr Paul Beggs
Reverend Angus Stewart	Mr Desmond Wonnacott
Mr Ian Campbell	Mrs Carol Dalzell
Mrs Marion Lamont	Mr David McNicol
Mrs Margaret Wilson (Elder Emeritus)	Rev Dr Bill Parker

VACANCY COMMISSION

Reverend Angus Stewart	Reverend Bill Parker
Mr David McNicol	Mr Trevor Long
Reverend Michael Rutledge	Mr Tommy McWatter
Reverend Colin Gamble	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Reverend Keith Duddy (Retired May 2024)
Vacancy Convenor	Reverend Angus Stewart (From June 2024)
Clerk of Session	Mr P Beggs
Treasurer	Mr I Campbell

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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BANKERS

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BELFAST BT2 7FW

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held once a month or as appropriate.

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 the votes cast.

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. Woodvale congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the North 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 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.

Woodvale 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.

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.

The congregation's mission purposes are stated in its Congregational Plan drawn up by Session in June 2019. This plan seeks to be faithful to God's own plan – a "master-plan of redemption centred on putting forward Christ at a particular time and in a particular way". Thus, our congregation is built on "a strong desire to glorify God, to imitate Him, and to obey His Word by putting Christ forward".

Accordingly, our work in Woodvale congregation is based on six projects:

- (1) **Evangelism** - that people may know Christ.
- (2) **Discipleship** - that people may grow in Christ and in His service.
- (3) **World** - that we might carry these aims into all the world.
- (4) **Family** - that families may know of Christ's love and our practical concern for them.
- (5) **Sunday** - that we might improve our use of the Lord's Day to worship God, to grow in the knowledge of His Word and in fellowship with one another, and to reach out to the community.
- (6) **Compassion** - that we might use all means available care for the hurting, support the needy, and demonstrate to everyone God's great kindness.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join us. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is normally observed on six 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. Normally, the congregation holds regular Bible studies and prayer meetings. Other activities include:

- Twiglets (Parents and Toddlers) (Finished April 2024)
- Girls Brigade
- BnB (Believe in Boys) (Finished April 2024)
- Women's Fellowship

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00 am and 6.00 pm. On some Wednesday evenings we have a midweek time of worship.

At 31 December 2024 there were 45 communicant members and 129 families connected with the congregation. During normal circumstances the average weekly attendance at morning worship is 40.

At a congregational meeting on 13 May 2024 the elders and the congregation agreed that Woodvale Presbyterian should close. This decision was taken with deep regret. It is due to decreasing membership, extensive building repairs and reduced funds.

The Congregation agreed that the method of closure would be to ask the Presbytery of North Belfast and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for permission to merge with the Presbytery of North Belfast.

Closure was agreed by the Presbytery of North Belfast in May 2024 and by the General Assembly in June 2024, with a suitable date for cessation of worship to be chosen by the elders/trustees in consultation with the congregation. Therefore, Woodvale Presbyterian Church will cease worship on 27 April 2025.

Woodvale will, however, continue as a congregation legal entity / charity after that point, until such time as the merger with the Presbytery of North Belfast can be arranged.

Pastoral care

As well as our regular Services during the year we have sought to befriend the lonely, assure the anxious, guide the doubting, and comfort the bereaved.

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are normally visited on a regular basis by the minister and ruling elders.

Mission and Outreach

We share information and pray for missionaries overseas working with PCI and other missionary organisations.

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 denomination's annual World Development Appeal and any other special appeals.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

The General Assembly took place in Assembly Buildings from Thursday 20 June to Saturday 22 June 2024. It was agreed by the General Assembly that worship would cease at a suitable time agreeable to the congregation of Woodvale Presbyterian Church, Belfast.

Property

In line with Government guidelines our church building has been adapted for social distancing, ensuring the safety of our congregation.

Organisations

Please see below a brief summary of the organisations in Woodvale Presbyterian Church:

70th Woodvale Girls Brigade

January seen the girls return after our Christmas break, to prepare for the PE marking.

In February the girls collected £1170 for GB week. £874.20 was paid to GBHQ for administration fees. We appreciate all the donations especially during the continued cost of living crisis.

Our scripture course was "Gods Promises "with stories and quizzes showing that although we live in a world of broken promises we can be sure God will never break his promises. We are ever grateful to GBHQ for producing such interesting and fun activity books which hold the girls attention.

In April we held our display. It was well attended and enjoyed by us all.

A meeting was held in May regarding the future of the Church and we were deeply saddened to hear Woodvale was to close, obviously meaning GB could no longer function after closure.

July seen the wedding of our helper Emma Jane to Curtis. The Tiny Tots and Explorers did guard of honour at the Galgorm.

We welcomed the girls back in September. Due to closing down at the end of this session we did not take any new girls and some girls moved to other GBs. This session we have 4 Tiny Tots, 10 Explorers, 16 Juniors, 5 Seniors, 4 Brigaders, 3 associates, 1 helper and 6 Officers. This final session we will concentrate on fun and happiness. We are thankful for the many years of 70th, for wonderful friendships and amazing leaders.

In October we had St John Ambulance come to show the girls the inside of the ambulance and demonstrate some first aid. The older girls did some CPR.

In November we had a busy few weeks preparing for the final enrolment. Thank you to Reverend David Clawson for a funny, uplifting and encouraging service and to the congregation and families for their support on the day. The girls were as always, lovely in their uniforms.

The Junior section girls were all given £5 which they brought to Tesco to buy items for the food bank on World Kindness Day. The girls enjoyed doing something helpful to help the less fortunate in the community.

The Church Christmas tree was put up in December by the Senior and Brigaders girls and their Officers. The tree is magical especially to the younger girls, we love the time spent singing Christmas songs and getting photographs taken. We were able to have the Christmas PJ party on the last night before the Christmas break which is always great fun, especially the annual "snowball fight".

Thank you to all the helpers and Officers for their support and dedication to myself and the company. I thank God for the amazing people that support the Girls Brigade faithfully in prayer and deeds.

BnB (Believing Boys; Believe in Boys)

BnB continued to meet until Easter 2024 with a programme aimed at primary school age boys consisting of games, crafts and teaching from the Bible. A typical week would have seen around 12 boys regularly attending.

Twiglets (Parents and Toddlers)

This group met weekly until Easter 2024 and there was a regular attendance of around 8 babies and toddlers along with one or more adults, typically parents and grandparents. The programme provided activities and toys for the children and conversation with the adults. A breakfast was also provided each week. Before the session ended, each of the adults was presented with a special badged copy of the New Testament and Psalms provided through Good New For Everyone (formerly known as The Gideons).

Women's Fellowship

This group met on a semi regular basis until Spring 2024 for a programme of fellowship. "keeping in line" line dancing fitness and bible study. Typically 8 ladies would have been in regular attendance.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who have given freely of their time in the performance of various tasks, 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 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.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 79 contributors during the year [89 in previous year, 2023] donating a total of £43,947 [£46,85 in previous year, 2023].

Total income of the congregation during the year was £57,177, compared to £170,800 in the previous year. The main reason for the change was the effect of a one-off sale of investments in 2023 that was not repeated in 2024. A mix of other factors including demography of our membership, reduced attendance and corresponding patterns of giving and differences in legacy income, grants and HMRC gift aid refunds between years were also involved.

Total expenditure was £75,494 [from £130,303 in 2023]. The reduction was largely as a result of decreased personnel costs.

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) 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 20 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Ian Campbell

Paul Beggs

Date 20/03/25

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WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104498

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

We report on the financial statements of Woodvale Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner:

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 62(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general direction given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- to state whether particulars matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention;

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to kept accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act .
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008.

have not been met or

- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached

Ian Murray

For and on behalf of
Ian Murray & Co. Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants
27 Joymount, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DN

Dated: 19th March 2025

WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104498

Accounts

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

**Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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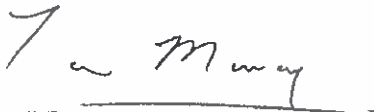
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Ian Murray & Co. Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants
27 Joymount, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DN

Dated: 11th March 2024

WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	63,291	7,544	0	70,835	62,213
Charitable activities	3	1,962	0	0	1,962	0
Other trading activities	4	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	5	1,756	0	0	1,756	1,824
Other	6	1,230	0	0	1,230	0
Organisations		0	9,000	0	9,000	5,446
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Sale of Investments		86,017	0	0	86,017	0
Sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
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Total Receipts		154,256	16,544	0	170,800	69,393
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	247	0	0	247	390
Charitable activities	8	106,247	18,301	0	124,548	114,350
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
Organisations		0	5,508	0	5,508	4,451
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		106,494	23,809	0	130,303	119,191
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
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Total Payments		106,494	23,809	0	130,303	119,191
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Net receipts / (payments)		47,762	(7,265)	0	40,497	(49,798)
Transfers between funds		(4,687)	4,687	0	0	0
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Net movement in funds		43,075	(2,578)	0	40,497	(49,798)
Funds brought forward		74,922	32,976	0	107,898	157,496
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Funds carried forward	12	117,997	30,398	0	148,395	107,698
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**WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	74,922	32,976	0	107,898	157,696
Net movement in funds	43,075	(2,578)	0	40,497	(49,798)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	117,997	30,398	0	148,395	107,898
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				0	0
Bank Current Accounts				133,889	96,856
Cash in Hand				77	105
Bank Current A/Cs – Organisations				14,429	10,937
Cash in Hand – Organisations				0	0
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				148,395	107,898
				=====	=====
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises				6,386,887	5,924,596
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				0	0
- Vehicles				0	0
Investments – Note 11				0	82,552
Gift Aid receivable on donations				0	0
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				6,386,887	6,007,898
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Liabilities					
Loans				0	0
Other				0	0
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				0	0
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 11 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by



11 March 2024



11 March 2024

**WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2023

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 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	46,805	6,487	0	53,292	51,846
Loose collections	821	0	0	821	1,027
Donations and gifts	3,496	0	0	3,496	7,250
Gift Aid	12,169	1,057	0	13,226	0
Legacies and bequest	0	0	0	0	2,000
	----- 63,291	----- 7,544	----- 0	----- 70,835	----- 62,123

WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising events	1,962	0	0	1,962	0
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	1,962	0	0	1,962	0
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	0	0	0	0	0
Trading income	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	0	0	0	0	0
General Investment Fund	1,756	0	0	1,756	1,824
Rents investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
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	1,756	0	0	1,756	1,824
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WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	1,230	0	0	1,230	0
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	1,230	0	0	1,230	0
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	247	0	0	247	390
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
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	247	0	0	247	0
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	15,630	0	0	15,630	13,206
Presbytery fees	654	0	0	654	768
Ministry and support staff costs	65,772	0	0	65,772	67,822
Congregational running expenses	23,541	10,151	0	33,692	22,685
Donations to missions & charities	0	8,150	0	8,150	9,239
Governance costs	650	0	0	650	630
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	106,247	18,301	0	124,548	114,350
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WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 64A Woodvale Road, Belfast BT13 3BT.
 The congregation owns the manse situated at 76 Woodvale Road BT13 3BU
 These have an insurance value (including fixtures and fittings) of £6,386,887 at the last renewal date.

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Investment Fund	0	82,552
Property	0	0
Other investments	0	0
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	0	82,552
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WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104498

Annual report

**WOODVALE 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 (NIC104498)

WOODVALE 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

Woodvale Presbyterian Church congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
64a Woodvale Road
BELFAST BT13 3BU

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104498)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Reverend Keith Duddy	Mr Paul Beggs
Mr Ian Campbell	Mr Desmond Wonnacott
Mr Albert Galway (Deceased January 2023)	Mrs Carol Dalzell
Mrs Marion Lamont	Mrs Margaret Wilson

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Reverend Keith Duddy
Clerk of Session	Mr P Beggs
Treasurer	Mr I Campbell

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held once a month or as appropriate.

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 the votes cast.

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. Woodvale congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the North 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 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.

Woodvale 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.

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.

The congregation's mission purposes are stated in its Congregational Plan drawn up by Session in June 2019. This plan seeks to be faithful to God's own plan – a "master-plan of redemption centred on putting forward Christ at a particular time and in a particular way". Thus, our congregation is built on "a strong desire to glorify God, to imitate Him, and to obey His Word by putting Christ forward".

Accordingly, our work in Woodvale congregation is based on six projects:

- (1) **Evangelism** - that people may know Christ.
- (2) **Discipleship** - that people may grow in Christ and in His service.
- (3) **World** - that we might carry these aims into all the world.
- (4) **Family** - that families may know of Christ's love and our practical concern for them.

- (5) **Sunday** - that we might improve our use of the Lord's Day to worship God, to grow in the knowledge of His Word and in fellowship with one another, and to reach out to the community.
- (6) **Compassion** - that we might use all means available care for the hurting, support the needy, and demonstrate to everyone God's great kindness.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join us. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is normally observed on six 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. Normally, the congregation holds regular Bible studies and prayer meetings. Other activities include:

- Twiglets (Parents and Toddlers)
- Girls Brigade
- BnB (Believe in Boys; Believin' Boys)
- Women's Fellowship
- Men's Fellowship

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00 am and 6.00 pm. On some Wednesday evenings we have a midweek time of worship.

At 31 December 2023 there were 52 communicant members and 129 families connected with the congregation. During normal circumstances the average weekly attendance at morning worship is 40.

Pastoral care

As well as our regular Services during the year we have sought to befriend the lonely, assure the anxious, guide the doubting, and comfort the bereaved.

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are normally visited on a regular basis by the minister and ruling elders.

Mission and Outreach

We share information and pray for missionaries overseas working with PCI and other missionary organisations.

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 denomination's annual World Development Appeal and any other special appeals.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

The General Assembly took place in Assembly Buildings from Wednesday 21 June to Saturday 24 June 2023.

Property

In line with Government guidelines our church building has been adapted for social distancing, ensuring the safety of our congregation.

Organisations

Please see below a brief summary of the organisations in Woodvale Presbyterian Church:

70th Woodvale Girls Brigade

January seen the girls return after our Christmas break, to prepare for the PE marking.

In February the girls collected £1550 for GB week. £1048 was paid to GBHQ for administration fees. We appreciate all the donations especially during the continued cost of living crisis.

Our scripture course was "My Great Big God" with stories and quizzes showing God is loving, merciful, just, gracious, truthful, wise & patient. We are ever grateful to GBHQ for producing such interesting and fun activity books which hold the girls attention.

In April we held our first display since April 2019. It was amazing to hear the noise, buzz and excitement of the girls, some of whom were only having their very first display.

We welcomed the girls back in September. This session we have 10 Tiny Tots, 22 Explorers, 18 Juniors, 4 Seniors, 3 Brigaders, 3 associates 1 helper and 6 Officers. Two of our girls are at university, one at Edinburgh and one at Queens. Unfortunately we lost a few of our older girls to the "R City" group. They still call to see us and we have maintained contact, R City is a fantastic opportunity for them as they do their exams and begin to look at further education.

In October we had St John Ambulance come to show the girls the inside of the ambulance and demonstrate some first aid. The older girls did some CPR. The Seniors and Brigaders did some fundraiser for St John Ambulance they did "Grow a Fiver" which involved them purchasing some sweets, crisps & juice and having a tuck shop for the younger girls. They also made hot chocolate for the parents and girls at Christmas.

In November we had a busy few weeks preparing for the enrolment. Thank you to Rev Duddy for a lovely service and to the congregation and families for their support on the day. The girls were as always, lovely in their uniforms.

The Junior section girls were all given £5 which they brought to Tesco to buy items for the food bank on World Kindness Day. The girls enjoyed doing something helpful to help the less fortunate in the community.

The Church Christmas tree was put up in December by the Senior and Brigaders girls and their Officers. The tree is magical especially to the younger girls, we love the time spent singing Christmas songs and getting photographs taken. We were able to have the Christmas PJ party on the last night before the Christmas break which is always great fun, especially the annual "snowball fight".

Thank you to all the helpers and Officers for their support and dedication to myself and the company. I thank God for the amazing people that support the Girls Brigade faithfully in prayer and deeds.

BnB (Believing Boys; Believe in Boys)

The congregation's outreach to boys is carried on under the name "BnB" - Believe in Boys; Believin' Boys.

In 2023 we met on Wednesday evenings from January to March and again from September to December with around a dozen boys attending. We are blessed with seven adult helpers on most occasions.

A typical evening consists of Bible time, a short lesson in deaf sign language (BSL), physical exercise, snack, and craft.

Our ethos is Christ-centred and our message to the boys is summed up in the words of the Bible, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16.)

It is a joy and a privilege to get to know the boys and share with them the Saviour's love.

Twiglets (Parents and Toddlers)

Our congregation's parents and baby/toddler work is carried out through Twiglets.

Galatians 6:10 - "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." With these words planted very firmly in our minds and hearts we began our New Year 2023 in Twiglets. As with other years, our main aim was to reveal our Lord Jesus, demonstrate His love, be faithful and promote Christian values in an increasingly secular society.

Our numbers have been good, and remained fairly consistent, with an average of ten children most Wednesday mornings.

Sunday attendance was an area of disappointment as we had hoped to build on past success. However, despite a number of initiatives, parents didn't respond significantly.

Some parents did attend our congregation's Mix at Six programme - and we praise God for that. Our prayer is that the seeds which have been planted will produce a harvest. We praise God we are still in the day of opportunity, and will continue to witness to these young mums on a Wednesday morning.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the 5 or 6 helpers involved in this ministry - and we all thank those who pray with us for wisdom, boldness and grace as we witness.

We keep our eyes firmly fixed on the prize, knowing He is in control, and He will do it! Jesus said, "With God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

Women's' Fellowship

The congregation's ministry to women for the glory of God goes under the name of "The Women's Fellowship" and includes a PW ("Presbyterian Women") focus.

Due to various circumstances, we had just a few get-togethers in 2023 to which all women, young and older, were invited. We had monthly updates from three Presbyterian Global Mission workers serving in Romania, Brazil and Portugal. We prayed for them and their monthly prayer letters were displayed. Emails were sent to let the mission personnel know we were thinking of them and praying for them. At the end of the year we sent £500 to PW headquarters to aid them with their work at home and abroad.

Other activities included a "Talent Night" and several evenings of "Keeping in Line" - exercise to music. About a dozen women attended.

Our constant prayer is that women today will follow and serve Christ like their New Testament counterparts (Mark 15:40-42).

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who have given freely of their time in the performance of various tasks, 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 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.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 89 contributors during the year [108 in previous year, 2022] donating a total of £46,805 [£48,278 in previous year, 2022].

Total income of the congregation during the year was £170,800, compared to £69,393 in the previous year. The main reasons for the change are a mix of factors including demography of our membership, reduced attendance and corresponding patterns of giving and differences in legacy income, grants and HMRC gift aid refunds between years. Against these, the congregation sold its remaining investments accounting for a one-off net increase in income overall.

Total expenditure increased to £130,303 [from £119,191 in 2022] largely as a result of increased costs pressures, for example, in energy.

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) 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 11 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Ian Campbell

Paul Beggs

Date

Date

WOODVALE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104498

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

We report on the financial statements of Woodvale Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner:

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 62(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general direction given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- to state whether particulars matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

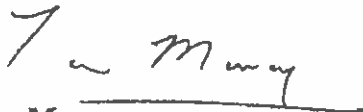
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention;

1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to kept accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act .
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008.

have not been met or

2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached



Ian Murray

For and on behalf of
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27 Joymount, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DN

Dated: 11th March 2024