

Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104501

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	£146,517	£203,896	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Kevin Mark Cooper		
Miss Heather Coard		
Miss Pamela Jill Lemon		
Miss Wilma Margaret Gilfillan		
Mr David Munster		
Mrs Annie Mccarron Osborne		
Mrs Priscilla Cummings		
Rev Richard Samuel James Mcilhatton		

Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104501

Accounts

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD 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	85,751	35,569	-	121,320	164,351
Charitable activities	3	896	10,761	-	11,657	19,049
Investment Income	4	-	6,179	-	6,179	1,668
Other	5	-	7,361	-	7,361	4,172
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Total Receipts		86,647	59,870	-	146,517	189,240
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Payments						
Raising funds	6	497	545	-	1,042	1,129
Charitable activities	7	92,709	110,145	-	202,854	125,099
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Total Payments		93,206	110,690	-	203,896	126,228
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Net receipts / (payments)		(6,559)	(50,820)	-	(57,379)	63,012
Transfers between funds		940	(940)	-	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		(5,619)	(51,760)	-	(57,379)	63,012
Funds brought forward		63,201	235,802	-	299,003	235,991
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Funds carried forward	10	57,582	184,042	-	241,624	299,003
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**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD 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	63,201	235,802	-	299,003	235,991
Net movement in funds	(5,619)	(51,760)	-	(57,379)	63,012
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Bank and Cash at end of year	57,582	184,042	-	241,264	299,003
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				211,982	265,871
Bank Current Accounts				27,435	27,477
Cash in Hand				2,207	5,655
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				241,624	299,003
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 8					
- Church Premises				3,043,968	2,899,017
- Gift Aid receivable on donations				13,805	14,508
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				3,057,773	2,913,525
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Liabilities					
Other				-	-
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22 Jun 2025

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



R McIlhatton (Minister)

**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2024

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 giving:	66,544	22,616	-	89,160	94,153
Loose collections	2,767	107	-	2,874	2,564
Donations and gifts	2,999	8,702	-	11,701	48,209
Gift Aid	13,241	4,144	-	17,385	19,425
Legacies and bequest	200	-	-	200	-
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	85,571	35,569	-	121,320	164,351
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CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD 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	692	-	-	692	654
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	204	2,582	-	2,786	2,112
Membership fees	-	2,377	-	2,377	1,984
Grants	-	5,802	-	5,802	14,299
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	896	10,761	-	11,657	19,049
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	-	6,179	-	6,179	1,668
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	-	6,179	-	6,179	1,668
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5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	-	7,361	-	7,361	4,172
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	-	7,361	-	7,361	4,172
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**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	497	-	-	497	483
Fundraising events	-	545	-	545	646
	----- 497	----- 545	----- -	----- 1,042	----- 1,129
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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	8,933	-	-	8,933	8,792
Presbytery fees	792	-	-	792	754
Ministry and support staff costs	61,439	9,373	-	70,812	64,190
Congregational running expenses	20,333	85,633	-	105,966	28,072
Donations to Missions and charities	-	15,139	-	15,139	23,291
Governance costs	1,212	-	-	1,212	-
	----- 92,709	----- 110,145	----- -	----- 202,854	----- 125,099
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8. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Millars Lane, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16 2DA and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery and also the Manse, 296 Comber Road, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16 1UR. These have a combined insurance value of £3,043,968.

9. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has no investments.

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2024

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	-	86,647	(93,206)	(6,559)	6,559	-
Reserve Fund	63,201	-	-	-	(5,619)	57,582
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	63,201	86,647	(93,206)	(6,559)	940	57,582
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Restricted Funds						
Renovation Fund	117,457	6,960	(74,056)	(67,096)	700	51,061
Property/Building Fund	96,896	13,442	(1,718)	11,724	-	108,620
United Appeal Fund	-	6,207	(6,966)	(759)	759	-
General Missions Fund	915	6,118	(5,480)	638	(759)	794
World Development Fund	822	1,713	(1,259)	454	-	1,276
Benevolent Fund	1,755	403	(868)	(465)	-	1,290
Shared Ministry Fund	2,543	7,361	(9,373)	(2,012)	6,400	6,931
Project Mission	2,400	4,000	-	4,000	(6,400)	-
Girls Brigade Account	1,955	3,352	(4,017)	(665)	948	2,238
Boys Brigade Account	1,909	1,154	(1,302)	(148)	578	2,339
Lighthouse (Sunday School) Acct	268	707	(1,167)	(460)	320	128
Youth Council Account	4,960	5,040	(1,727)	3,313	(3,026)	5,247
Bright Hour Account	1,563	829	(1,692)	(863)	(700)	-
Presbyterian Women Account	1,795	2,084	(648)	1,436	340	3,571
Tots & Co Account	550	296	(343)	(47)	-	503
Flower Arranging Account	14	204	(74)	130	(100)	44
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	235,802	59,870	(110,690)	(50,820)	(940)	184,042
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Total	299,003	146,517	(203,896)	(57,379)	-	241,624
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Northern Ireland - Charity number 104501

Accounts

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD 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	88,164	76,187	-	164,351	143,774
Charitable activities	3	838	18,211	-	19,049	12,395
Investment Income	4	-	1,668	-	1,668	15
Other	5	-	4,172	-	4,172	-
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Total Receipts		89,002	100,238	-	189,240	156,184
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Payments						
Raising funds	6	483	646	-	1,129	470
Charitable activities	7	75,808	49,291	-	125,099	118,874
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Total Payments		76,291	49,937	-	126,228	119,344
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Net receipts / (payments)		12,711	50,301	-	63,012	36,840
Transfers between funds		(2,421)	2,421	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		10,290	52,722	-	63,012	36,840
Funds brought forward		52,911	183,080	-	235,991	199,151
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Funds carried forward	10	63,201	235,802	-	299,003	235,991
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**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD 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	52,911	183,080	-	235,991	199,151
Net movement in funds	10,290	52,722	-	63,012	36,840
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Bank and Cash at end of year	63,201	235,802	-	299,003	235,991
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				265,871	-
Bank Current Accounts				27,477	234,899
Cash in Hand				5,655	1,092
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				299,003	235,991
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 9					
- Church Premises				2,899,017	2,696,760
Gift Aid receivable on donations				14,508	15,743
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				2,913,525	2,712,503
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Liabilities					
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 21 Oct 2024

and signed on its behalf by



R McIlhatton (Minister)

**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
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31 December 2023

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	69,929	24,224	-	94,153	99,220
Loose collections	2,464	100	-	2,564	5,735
Donations and gifts	1,870	46,339	-	48,209	11,630
Gift Aid	13,901	5,524	-	19,425	16,189
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	11,000
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	88,164	76,187	-	164,351	143,774
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**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD 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	606	48	-	654	1,088
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	232	1,880	-	2,112	149
Membership fees	-	1,984	-	1,984	2,337
Grants	-	14,299	-	14,299	8,821
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	838	18,211	-	19,049	12,395
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	-	1,668	-	1,668	15
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	-	1,668	-	1,668	15
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5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	-	4,172	-	4,172	-
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	-	4,172	-	4,172	-
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**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2023

6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	483	-	-	483	470
Fundraising events	-	646	-	646	-
	----- 483 -----	----- 646 -----	----- - -----	----- 1,129 -----	----- 470 -----

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	8,792	-	-	8,792	9,074
Presbytery fees	754	-	-	754	714
Ministry and support staff costs	59,161	5,029	-	64,190	55,937
Congregational running expenses	7,101	20,971	-	28,072	34,165
Donations to Missions and charities	-	23,291	-	23,291	18,984
	----- 75,808 -----	----- 49,291 -----	----- - -----	----- 125,099 -----	----- 118,874 -----

8. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Millars Lane, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16 2DA and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery and also the Manse, 296 Comber Road, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16 1UR. These have a combined insurance value of £2,899,017.

9. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has no investments.

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	-	89,002	76,291	12,711	(12,711)	-
Reserve Fund	52,911	-	-	-	10,290	63,201
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	52,911	89,002	76,291	12,711	(2,421)	63,201
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Restricted Funds						
Renovation Fund	73,372	44,085	-	44,085	-	117,457
Property/Building Fund	76,839	24,023	3,966	20,057	-	96,896
United Appeal Fund	-	6,508	7,782	(1,274)	1,274	-
General Missions Fund	1,280	6,511	5,122	1,389	(1,754)	915
World Development Fund	560	1,878	1,616	262	-	822
Benevolent Fund	1,400	1,780	1,425	355	-	1,755
Shared Ministry Fund	-	4,172	5,029	(857)	3,400	2,543
Project Mission	12,400	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	2,400
Girls Brigade Account	1,710	2,003	2,276	(273)	518	1,955
Boys Brigade Account	2,113	637	1,603	(966)	762	1,909
Lighthouse (Sunday School) Acct	264	722	1,083	(361)	365	268
Youth Council Account	5,421	3,354	1,665	1,689	(2,150)	4,960
Bright Hour Account	1,007	1,132	576	556	-	1,563
Presbyterian Women Account	6,153	2,762	7,476	(4,714)	356	1,795
Tots & Co Account	473	354	202	152	(75)	550
Flower Arranging Account	88	317	116	201	(275)	14
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	183,080	100,238	49,937	50,301	2,421	235,802
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Total	235,991	189,240	126,228	63,012	-	299,003
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Annual report

**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD 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 (NIC104501)

**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD 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

Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Millars Lane
Dundonald
Belfast
BT16 2DA

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104501)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Priscilla Cummings	Kevin Cooper
Ann Osborne	Wilma Gilfillan
Rev Richard McIlhatton	Jill Lemon
David Munster (appointed 19/03/2023)	Heather Coard (appointed 19/03/2023)

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev Richard McIlhatton
Clerk of Session	Wilma Gilfillan
Treasurer	Kenneth Allen

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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Chartered Accountants
Linenhall Exchange
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Belfast
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BANKERS

Ulster Bank
Arches Retail Park
Connswater
Belfast
BT5 4AF

SOLICITORS

King & Gowdy
298 Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 3EJ

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the East Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

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

The congregation's mission statement is

Christ Church Presbyterian Church exists to enable its people, in ever increasing measure, to:

- (i) Love Christ*
- (ii) Care for one another; and*
- (iii) Share that love and care with others.*

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

- Sunday School (known as Lighthouse)
- Girls' Brigade
- Boys' Brigade
- Tots & Co
- Young Life
- Presbyterian Women
- Men's Group
- Bright Hour Seniors Citizens Group
- Flower Arranging

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

Services of Worship are usually held each Sunday at 11am and occasionally at 7pm.

During the week the small groups and prayer meetings provide opportunities for members to meet for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

We gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year. At 31 December 2023 there were 143 communicant members and 188 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 90.

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. Our morning services are available on YouTube and recorded onto DVD and supplied weekly to a number of members who cannot attend.

Organisations

Around 115 children and young people from throughout the local community attend our organisations each week. In addition to this, around 65 adults attend the range of activities listed above. These numbers are in addition to attendance at Sunday services.

Volunteers

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

Property

Small works of maintenance were completed as required. We are continuing to investigate options for redevelopment of our halls.

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation is involved in the wider community in many ways. Members of our staff team assist in local schools and we are represented on the Boards of Governors of two schools. We again hosted the ROC Ballybeen School Uniform Project in the summer, in partnership with local schools and churches. Around 200 children were helped by this project.

We are a member of Dundonald Foodbank and regularly provide donations of food and money. We are a member of Ballybeen Improvement Group, where our Minister serves as the treasurer.

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, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of 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.

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 120 contributors during the year [125 in 2022] donating a total of £94,153 (£99,220 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £189,240 compared to £156,184 in the previous year. This increase was down to a larger than normal amount of one off donations to restricted funds, some contributions in relation to our shared ministry project which was then offset by the slight drop in regular giving above.

Total expenditure rose slightly from £119,344 to £126,228. This was a mixture of increased spend in our youth offering paid out in 2023 to cover the 2023/24 year, our share of contributions to the incremental cost of our shared ministry project and the timing of payments to mission partners offset by a rebate from our electricity provider as we aligned our meter reading position.

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 congregation's 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 21 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by

R McIlhatton

Minister

Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104501

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church Dundonald for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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

RBCA Ltd

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Brian Stewart
RBCA Limited
Linenhall Exchange
26 Linenhall Street
Belfast
BT2 8BG

25 Oct 2024

Date:.....

Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104501

Accounts

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	89,972	53,802	-	143,774	117,583
Charitable activities	3	643	11,752	-	12,395	13,685
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-	50
Investment Income	5	-	15	-	15	8
Other	6	-	-	-	-	200
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Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts		90,615	65,569	-	156,184	131,526
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	470	-	-	470	460
Charitable activities	8	82,999	35,875	-	118,874	117,962
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
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Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Payments		83,469	35,875	-	119,344	118,422
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Net receipts / (payments)		7,146	29,694	-	36,840	13,104
Transfers between funds		(564)	564	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		6,582	30,258	-	36,840	13,104
Funds brought forward		46,329	152,822	-	199,151	186,047
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Funds carried forward	12	52,911	183,080	-	235,991	199,151
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**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	46,329	152,822	-	199,151	186,047
Net movement in funds	6,582	30,258	-	36,840	13,104
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Bank and Cash at end of year	52,911	183,080	-	235,991	199,151
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				234,899	198,082
Cash in Hand				1,092	1,069
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				235,991	199,151
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises				2,696,760	2,520,560
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				-	-
- Vehicles				-	-
Investments – Note 11				-	-
Gift Aid receivable on donations				15,743	13,514
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				2,712,503	2,534,074
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Liabilities					
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 22 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by



R McIlhatton

Minister

**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2022

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 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	70,773	28,447	-	99,220	88,697
Loose collections	5,579	156	-	5,735	1,398
Donations and gifts	690	10,940	-	11,630	9,562
Gift Aid	11,930	4,259	-	16,189	17,926
Legacies and bequest	1,000	10,000	-	11,000	-
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	89,972	53,802	-	143,774	117,583
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**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2022

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	494	594	-	1,088	230
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	149	-	-	149	-
Membership fees	-	2,337	-	2,337	468
Grants	-	8,821	-	8,821	12,987
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	643	11,752	-	12,395	13,685
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	50
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	50
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	-	15	-	15	8
General Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Rents investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	15	-	15	8
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**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2022

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	200	-	200	200
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	-	200	-	200	200
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	470	-	-	470	460
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	460	-	-	460	460
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	9,074	-	-	9,074	9,893
Presbytery fees	714	-	-	714	745
Ministry and support staff costs	55,937	-	-	55,937	56,556
Congregational running expenses	17,274	16,891	-	34,165	31,826
Donations to Missions and charities	-	18,984	-	18,984	18,942
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
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	82,999	35,875	-	118,874	117,962
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**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2022

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-	-
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Millars Lane, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16 2DA and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery and also the Manse, 296 Comber Road, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16 1UR. These have a combined insurance value of £2,696,760.

11. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has no investments.

	2022	2021
	£	£
General Investment Fund	-	-
Property	-	-
Other investments	-	-
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CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2022

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	-	90,615	83,469	7,146	(7,146)	-
Reserve Fund	46,329	-	-	-	6,582	52,911
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	46,329	90,615	83,469	7,146	(564)	52,911
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Restricted Funds						
Renovation Fund	66,059	7,313	-	7,313	-	73,372
Property/Building Fund	70,013	12,446	5,620	6,826	-	76,839
United Appeal Fund	-	4,945	7,501	(2,556)	2,556	-
General Missions Fund	1,235	12,256	9,655	2,601	(2,556)	1,280
World Development Fund	1,200	1,056	1,696	(640)	-	560
Benevolent Fund	1,640	645	885	(240)	-	1,400
Project Mission	-	12,400	-	12,400	-	12,400
Girls Brigade Account	2,635	615	2,302	(1,687)	762	1,710
Boys Brigade Account	2,362	614	1,288	(674)	425	2,113
Lighthouse (Sunday School) Acct	336	256	628	(372)	300	264
Youth Council Account	3,387	7,515	3,544	3,971	(1,937)	5,421
Bright Hour Account	514	1,495	1,517	(22)	515	1,007
Presbyterian Women Account	3,057	3,207	810	2,397	699	6,153
Tots & Co Account	376	254	157	97	-	473
Flower Arranging Account	8	352	72	280	(200)	88
Joy of Painting Account	-	200	200	-	-	-
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	152,822	65,569	35,875	29,694	564	183,080
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Total	199,151	156,184	119,344	36,840	-	235,991
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Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104501

Annual report

**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104501)

**CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Millars Lane
Dundonald
Belfast
BT16 2DA

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104501)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Kevin Cooper	Priscilla Cummings
Wilma Gilfillan	Jill Lemon
Ann Osborne	Samuel Wylie (retired on 05/03/2022)
Derick Hunter (retired on 31/03/2022)	Heather Coard (appointed 19/03/2023)
David Munster (appointed 19/03/2023)	Rev Richard McIlhatton

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev Richard McIlhatton
Clerk of Session	Wilma Gilfillan
Treasurer	Kenneth Allen

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

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CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are usually held monthly with the exception of July & August.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the East Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

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

The congregation's mission statement is:

Christ Church Presbyterian Church exists to enable its people, in ever increasing measure, to:

- (i) Love Christ*
- (ii) Care for one another; and*
- (iii) Share that love and care with others.*

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

- Sunday School (known as Lighthouse)
- Girls' Brigade
- Boys' Brigade
- Tots & Co
- Connect Youth Fellowship
- Presbyterian Women
- Men's Group
- Bright Hour Seniors Citizens Group
- Painting Class
- Flower Arranging

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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We are a member of Dundonald Foodbank and regularly provide donations of food and money. We are a member of Ballybeen Improvement Group, where our Minister serves as the treasurer.

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, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of 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.

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 125 contributors during the year [121 in 2021] donating a total of £99,220 (£88,697 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £156,184 compared to £131,256 in the previous year.

Total expenditure rose slightly from £118,422 to £119,344.

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 congregation's 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 22 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by



R McIlhatton

Minister

Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104501

Annual return

CHRIST CHURCH DUNDONALD CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church In Ireland

Year ended 31 December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Christ Church Dundonald Congregation of the Presbyterian Church In Ireland ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the charity are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under section 65(2) of the 2008 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 63 the 2008 Act or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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