

# Ravenhill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104528

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-05

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

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## Activities

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

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£160,465	£140,929	£0	3

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Paul Kingsley		
Mr Andrew Eves		
Mr Clive Callender		
Mr Craig Hutchinson		
Mr Denis Marriott		
Mr Jim Ringland		
Mr Joshua Mccracken		
Mr Peter Scott		
Mr Scott Monteith		
Mr Stephen Gilliland		
Mrs Hazel Gilliland		
Rev James Cochrane		

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# Accounts

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## RAVENHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Note				
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Donations and Legacies	2	124,089	12,161	136,250	133,783
Charitable Activities	3	4,434	17,536	21,970	66,395
Investment Income	4	2,245	0	2,245	1,364
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>130,768</b>	<b>29,697</b>	<b>160,465</b>	<b>201,542</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Raising Funds	5	390	0	390	420
Charitable Activities	6	112,267	28,272	140,539	170,824
Governance Costs		0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>112,657</b>	<b>28,272</b>	<b>140,929</b>	<b>171,244</b>
Net Receipts / (payments)		18,111	1,425	19,536	30,298
Transfer between funds				0	0
Funds brought forward		152,031	22,540	174,571	144,273
Funds carried forward		170,142	23,965	194,107	174,571

# RAVENHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>FUNDS RECONCILIATION</b>				
Cash at bank 31/12/2023	152,031	22,540		174,571
Surplus/(Deficit) this year end	18,111	1,425		
Cash at bank 31/12/2024	170,142	23,965	<u>194,107</u>	
<b>BANK &amp; CASH BALANCES</b>				
Bank Current Accounts			155,749	137,513
Bank Deposit Accounts			38,358	37,058
Cash in Hand			0	0
TOTALS			<u>194,107</u>	<u>174,571</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>				
Fixed Assets 7				
Church Premises			6,710,000	6,355,000
Manse			532,600	500,000
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment			805,000	800,000
Vehicles (Minibus)			2,500	2,500
TOTALS			<u>8,050,100</u>	<u>7,657,500</u>
Investments 8			<u>26,053</u>	<u>23,456</u>

## LIABILITIES

None

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Denis Marriott

Clerk

24/06/2025

Clive Callender

Hon. Treasurer 24/06/2025

## RAVENHILL 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.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Recorded Giving	101,788	10,462	112,250	100,850
Loose Offerings	2,216	0	2,216	2,771
Donations	3,437	0	3,437	4,270
Gift Aid	16,648	1,699	18,347	15,000
Bequests	0	0	<u>0</u>	<u>10,892</u>
			136,250	133,783

#### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
For Missions/Charities	0	2,324	2,324	599
Other Church Activity	4,434	387	4,821	5,803
BB/GB/Shine/Tots & Co. Activity	0	9,304	9,304	4,443
PW / WM / Bowls Club Activity	0	2,937	2,937	2,675
Grants & Insurance Claim	0	2,584	<u>2,584</u>	<u>52,875</u>
			21,970	66,395

#### 4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Deposit Interest	1300	0	1300	611
Current Acct Interest	322	0	322	262
General Investment Fund	623	0	<u>623</u>	<u>491</u>
			2245	1364

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## 5. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
FWO Envelopes	390	0	390	420

## 6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
PCI Assessments	9,480	0	9,480	8,391
EB Presbytery Fees	729	0	729	695
Ministry & Staff Costs	35,752	0	35,752	39,334
Congregation Running Costs	62,789	7,948	70,737	91,419
Organisations Running Costs	0	10,943	10,943	10,704
Donations to Missions/Charity	3,517	9,381	<u>12,898</u>	<u>11,704</u>
			140,539	162,247

## 7. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 244 Ravenhill Road, Belfast and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. They also own the Church Manse situated at 15 Orby Grange, Belfast. They have a total insurance value of £ 8,050,100 (Current market value is not known)

The congregation own a 15 seater Ford Transit Minibus, with an estimated value of £2,500.

## 8. INVESTMENTS

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

PCI General Investment Fund    1888 Shares @ £13.7995 =    £ 26,053.45

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**9. FUND BALANCES**

	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Surplus (Deficit)	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General Church Acct</b>	155,638	140,154	122,390	17,764	173,402
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance Acct</b>	3,721	5,485	6,761	(1276)	2,445
<b>Outreach Acct</b>	435	0	435	(435)	0
<b>Church Organisations</b>	14,778	14,825	11,343	3482	<u>18,260</u>
				<b>Total</b>	<b>194,107</b>

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# Accounts

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## RAVENHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Note				
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Donations and Legacies	2	121,876	11,907	133,783	104,104
Charitable Activities	3	43,813	22,582	66,395	37,959
Investment Income	4	1,363	1	1,364	925
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>167,052</b>	<b>34,490</b>	<b>201,542</b>	<b>142,988</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Raising Funds	5	420	0	420	419
Charitable Activities	6	128,059	42,765	170,824	156,376
Governance Costs		0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>128,479</b>	<b>42,765</b>	<b>171,244</b>	<b>156,795</b>
Net Receipts / (payments)		38,573	(8275)	30,298	(13,807)
Transfer between funds				0	0
Funds brought forward		115,277	28,930	144,207	158,014
Funds carried forward		153,850	20,655	174,505	144,207

# RAVENHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>FUNDS RECONCILIATION</b>				
Cash at bank 31/12/2022	115,277	28,930		144,207
Surplus/(Deficit) this year end	38,573	(8,275)		
Cash at bank 31/12/2023	153,850	20,655	<u>174,505</u>	
<b>BANK &amp; CASH BALANCES</b>				
Bank Current Accounts			137,447	107,761
Bank Deposit Accounts			37,058	36,446
Cash in Hand			0	0
TOTALS			<u>174,505</u>	<u>144,207</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>				
Fixed Assets 7				
Church Premises			6,355,000	5,958,000
Manse			500,000	472,000
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment			800,000	700,000
Vehicles (Minibus)			2,500	2,500
TOTALS			<u>7,657,500</u>	<u>7,132,500</u>
Investments 8			<u>23,456</u>	<u>23,073</u>

### LIABILITIES

None

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Denis Marriott

Clerk

06/06/2024

John Patterson

Hon. Secretary 06/06/2024

## RAVENHILL 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.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Recorded Giving	91,559	9,291	100,850	82,970
Loose Offerings	2,771	0	2,771	2,750
Donations	4,270	0	4,270	3,013
Gift Aid	12,384	2,616	15,000	14,371
Bequests	10,892	0	<u>10,892</u>	<u>1000</u>
			133,783	104,104

#### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
For Missions/Charities	0	599	599	935
Other Church Activity	2,468	3,335	5,803	5,480
BB/GB/Shine/Tots & Co. Activity	0	4,443	4,443	4,061
PW / WM / Bowls Club Activity	0	2,675	2,675	4,319
Grants & Insurance Claim	41345	11,530	<u>52,875</u>	<u>23,164</u>
			66,395	37,959

#### 4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Deposit Interest	611	0	611	154
Current Acct Interest	261	1	262	261
General Investment Fund	491	0	<u>491</u>	<u>510</u>
			1364	925

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## 5. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
FWO Envelopes	420	0	420	419

## 6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
PCI Assessments	8,391	0	8,391	7,342
EB Presbytery Fees	695	0	695	587
Ministry & Staff Costs	39,334	0	39,334	78,487
Congregation Running Costs	76,343	23,653	99,996	49,350
Organisations Running Costs	0	10,704	10,704	12,015
Donations to Missions/Charity	3,296	8,408	<u>11,704</u>	<u>8,595</u>
			170,824	156,376

## 7. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 244 Ravenhill Road, Belfast and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. They also own the Church Manse situated at 15 Orby Grange, Belfast. They have a total insurance value of £ 7,655,000 (Current market value is not known)

The congregation own a 15 seater Ford Transit Minibus, with an estimated value of £2,500.

## 8. INVESTMENTS

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

PCI General Investment Fund    1888 Shares @ £12.4238 =    £ 23,456.13

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## 9. FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Surplus (Deficit)	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General Church Funds</b>					
Unrestricted	115,277	167,052	128,479	38,573	153,850
Other Restricted	6,155	17,842	22,209	(4367)	1,788
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	6,939	4,870	8,088	(3218)	3,721
<b>Outreach Fund</b>	923	1	489	(488)	435
<b>Church Organisations</b>	14,913	11,777	11,979	(202)	<u>14,711</u>
				Total	174,505

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# Annual report

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# Ravenhill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church In Ireland



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

**Registered with the Charities Commission for  
Northern Ireland**

**NIC1045281**

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Ravenhill Presbyterian Congregation,

Ravenhill Presbyterian Church,

244 Ravenhill Road,

Belfast,

BT6 8EF

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland : NIC104528

## CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year and were listed as trustees in 2023 were :-

Rev Martin Gray	Mr Stephen Gilliland	Mr Scott Monteith
Mr Denis Marriott	Mr Craig Hutchinson	Mr Denis Moore
Mr Clive Callender	Dr Paul Kingsley	Mr John Murray
Mr Andrew Eves	Mr Josh McCracken	Mr John Patterson
Mrs Hazel Gilliland	Mr Brian McKee	Mr James Ringland
		Mr Peter Scott

## PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

**Minister** Rev Martin Gray

**Clerk of Session** Mr Denis Marriott

**Secretary** Mr John Patterson

**Treasurer** Mr Clive Callender

## BANKERS

Danske Bank

Donegal Square West

Belfast BT1 6JS

The Rev. Marty Gray resigned as Minister of Ravenhill Presbyterian and left the church on the 1st June 2023.

The church remained 'Vacant' for the remainder of the year 2023, but had been given unrestricted leave to call a new minister in 2024.

## 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 also 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, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote. To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are usually held on a monthly basis.

### 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. Ravenhill 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 each congregation.

### The General Assembly

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

### DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

Ravenhill Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ, is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world. The Congregations Mission Purpose is to bring the people of our district together so that they may worship God, make a commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, share in fellowship, and to equip and them for effective Christian witness in the local community and beyond.

The congregation aims to live out this mission by

- Conducting weekly times of public worship & prayer
- Connecting with our community through outreach activities
- Providing opportunities where everyone can learn about Jesus from the Bible
- Providing opportunities for fellowship and friendship

## ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday morning and evening. Visitors are always 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 prayer and bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including :

- Shine Sunday Morning Kids' Club
- Mixed Indoor Bowls
- Presbyterian Women
- Girls' Brigade
- Tots & Co. (parents and toddlers group)
- Ravenhill Men's Group
- Ladies Friendship Hour
- Boys' Brigade
- Discipleship Groups
- Free Food Friday
- Young Life Club
- Young Adults Group

Several 'outside' groups' have made use of our halls on an ad-hoc basis.

These include :

- Radius Housing
- Belfast Neighbourhood Network
- Geda Construction Co. Ltd

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11 am and 7.00pm.

During the week discipleship groups meet in homes to study the bible and pray together.

The Prayer Meetings on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings provide an opportunity for members to meet together and pray for the church, community and wider world.

At 31 December 2023 there were 140 communicant members. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 114 and evening worship was 53.

### Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who are sick, housebound or in hospital are visited by the minister or elders.

### Mission and Outreach

At a local level the congregation runs several organisations which are available to residents of the local area around Ravenhill Presbyterian Church. Details of the activities of the organisations can be found below.

Tots & Co

Ravenhill Men's Group

BB

GB

Young Life

Free Food Friday

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 carry out 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.

### Presbytery

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

### General Assembly

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

### Property

The congregation owns the church building and a suite of halls which are used extensively during the week by church organisations. The church building and halls are in a good state or repair. The congregation also owns a manse which is in a good state of repair.

## Organisations

### **Shine : Sunday Morning Kids Club**

Shine runs through during the morning service for children in preschool - P6. In Shine, children sing songs, play games, make crafts and learn about Jesus from the Bible.

### **Mixed Bowls**

A mixed bowling club met every Monday during school term time. Due to small numbers the club has not functioned since October 2023

### **Presbyterian Women**

PW encourages women of all ages to come along to the meetings, where they are made very welcome. The PW meets twice a month and usually invites guest speakers to address those attending, refreshments are served at the end of the PW meetings which give those attending an opportunity for friendship and fellowship. The PW also fundraise for various projects throughout the year, including a central project set up by The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (our governing body)

### **Girls Brigade**

The Girl's Brigade meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:45pm - 8:30pm. Currently GB caters for girls 3-14. Explorers (age 3 up to P4), Juniors (p5 to p7), Seniors (Year 8 - Year 10). Our GB members are mainly unchurch children from the local community and the GB encourages them to seek, serve and follow Jesus.

### **Tots & Co (parent and toddler group)**

This provides an environment for babies, preschoolers and those who care for them to meet, for children to develop their social skills, and for carers to share their experiences and support each other. We include members of all faiths and none, and foster the acceptance of everyone in our community. Children have the use of age appropriate toys and parents get to enjoy tea and coffee. Tots & Co has been a very good organisation for making connections with people living in our local area.

### **Ravenhill Men's Group**

This group exists to improve men's social, mental and spiritual wellbeing. The group meets once per month for a mens night out. This could be a purely social event or an event with a spiritual focus. The group aims to provide men in our local community with the opportunity to have fun, make friends and explore faith.

### **Women's Friendship Hour**

The Women's Meeting meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons. Women of all ages are welcome to come along to the meetings, where they are made very welcome. A guest speaker usually addresses those who attend and there is some singing during the meeting. The Women's Meeting gives those attending an opportunity for friendship and fellowship.

### **Young Life Club**

Young Life club is for secondary school aged young people. It meets on Friday nights from 8.15 - 9.45pm. Young Life provides a safe environment for young people to socialise, have fun and explore faith.

### **Free Food Friday**

In partnership with Tesco and FareShare we provide free food every Friday outside our church building on Ravenhill Road. Students from Derryvolgie Halls

also partner with us to serve hot drinks to those coming for food. Church volunteers collect the food from Tesco on a Thursday evening and then open up the church building on a Friday morning. The team are also there to listen to those who come for help. Members of the congregation also supply food items to supplement the donations received from Tesco Ltd.

### **Boys' Brigade**

The Boy's Brigade meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm - 10pm. Currently BB caters for boys 4-18.

Anchor Section P1 - P4 Junior Section P5 - P7 Company Section Y8 - Y14

Our BB members are mainly unchurch children from the local community and the BB encourages the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys.

### **Volunteers**

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

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion. The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

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

Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisements, 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 around 102 contributors during the year donating a total of £91,559, excluding Gift Aid.

Total income of the congregation during the year was £182,373 though this did include an insurance payment of £31,344.

Expenditure for the year was £153,909, and this included the £31,000 spend on repairs to the church manse due to water damage and also the rent of temporary accommodation for the manse family while repairs were completed.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 4th June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Denis Marriott (Clerk of Session)

and

Clive Callender (Treasurer)

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104528

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# Annual return

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## **RAVENHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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

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

Name: Mr Robin Morrow

Signed : *R. Morrow*

Address: c/o 244 Ravenhill Road, Belfast BT6 8EF

Date: 31/10/2024

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104528

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# Accounts

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## RAVENHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Note				
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Donations and Legacies	2	92,311	11,793	104,104	97,931
Charitable Activities	3	1,390	36,569	37,959	25,780
Investment Income	4	924	1	925	968
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>94,625</b>	<b>48,363</b>	<b>142,988</b>	<b>124,679</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Raising Funds	5	419	0	419	537
Charitable Activities	6	121,554	34,822	156,376	121,178
Governance Costs		0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>121,973</b>	<b>34,822</b>	<b>156,795</b>	<b>121,715</b>
Net Receipts / (payments)		(27,348)	13,541	(13,807)	2,964
Transfer between funds	9	10,000	(10,000)	0	0
Funds brought forward		132,625	25,389	158,014	155,050
Funds carried forward		115,277	28,930	144,207	158,014

# RAVENHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>FUNDS RECONCILIATION</b>				
Cash at bank 31/12/2021	132,625	25,389		158,014
Surplus/(Deficit) this year end	(17,348)	3,541		
Cash at bank 31/12/2022 (Note 10)	115,277	28,930	<u>144,207</u>	
<b>BANK &amp; CASH BALANCES</b>				
Bank Current Accounts			107,761	121,720
Bank Deposit Accounts			36,446	36,294
Cash in Hand			0	0
TOTALS			<u>144,207</u>	<u>158,014</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>				
Fixed Assets 7				
Church Premises			5,958,000	5,542,000
Manse			472,000	438,000
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment			700,000	650,000
Vehicles (Minibus)			2,500	2,500
TOTALS			<u>7,132,500</u>	<u>6,632,500</u>
Investments 8			<u>23,073</u>	<u>23,976</u>

### LIABILITIES

None

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Denis Marriott

Clerk

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

John Patterson

Hon. Secretary 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## RAVENHILL 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.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Recorded Giving	74,066	8,904	82,970	82,518
Loose Offerings	2,750	0	2,750	1,857
Donations	3,013	0	3,013	1,020
Gift Aid	11,482	2,889	14,371	12,536
Bequests	1,000	0	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
			104,104	97,931

#### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
For Missions/Charities	0	935	935	996
Other Church Activity	1,390	4,090	5,480	8,697
BB/GB/Shine/Tots & Co. Activity	0	4,061	4,061	967
PW / WM / Bowls Club Activity	0	4,319	4,319	2,003
Grants	0	23,164	<u>23,164</u>	<u>13,117</u>
			37,959	25,780

#### 4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Deposit Interest	154	0	154	201
Current Acct Interest	260	1	261	276
General Investment Fund	510	0	<u>510</u>	<u>491</u>
			925	968

NOTES CONTINUED....

## 5. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
FWO Envelopes	419	0	419	537

## 6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
PCI Assessments	7,342	0	7,342	6,624
EB Presbytery Fees	587	0	587	613
Ministry & Staff Costs	78,487	0	78,487	70,099
Congregation Running Costs	33,466	15,884	49,350	27,640
Organisations Running Costs	0	12,015	12,015	6,261
Donations to Missions/Charity	1,672	6,923	<u>8,595</u>	<u>9,941</u>
			156,376	121,178

## 7. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 244 Ravenhill Road, Belfast and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. They also own the Church Manse situated at 15 Orby Grange, Belfast. They have a total insurance value of £ 7,130,000 (Current market value is not known)

The congregation own a 15 seater Ford Transit Minibus, with an estimated value of £2,500.

## 8. INVESTMENTS

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

PCI General Investment Fund    1888 Shares @ £12.2209 = £ 23,073.06

NOTES CONTINUED....

## 9. FUND TRANSFER

In 2020 Ravenhill made an upfront payment from Unrestricted Funds to Young Life International to secure the placement of a worker in the congregation for a period of 5 years. During 2022 a grant of £10,000 was received from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's Council for Mission in Ireland towards that upfront payment to Young Life International. As the grant is for a restricted purpose it has been included under Restricted Funds however as the expenditure to which it relates was incurred in 2020 the £10,000 is then transferred from Restricted Funds to Unrestricted Funds.

## 10. FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Surplus (Deficit)	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>General Church Funds</b>					
Unrestricted	132,625	104,625	121,973	(17,348)	115,277
Other Restricted	4,400	18,610	16,855	1755	6,155
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	7,202	5,133	5,396	(263)	6,939
<b>Outreach Fund</b>	978	1	56	(55)	923
<b>Church Organisations</b>	12,809	14,619	12,515	2,104	<u>14,913</u>
				Total	144,207

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104528

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# Annual report

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# Ravenhill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church In Ireland



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

**Registered with the Charities Commission for  
Northern Ireland**

**NIC1045281**

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Ravenhill Presbyterian Congregation,

Ravenhill Presbyterian Church,

244 Ravenhill Road,

Belfast,

BT6 8EF

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland : NIC104528

## CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were made Trustees during 2022 were:-

Rev Martin Gray	Mr Craig Hutchinson	Mr John Murray
Mr Denis Marriott	Dr Paul Kingsley	Mr John Patterson
Mr Clive Callender	Mr Brian McKee	Mr James Ringland
Mr Andrew Eves	Mr Henry McKinney	Mr Leslie Scott
Mrs Hazel Gilliland	Mr Denis Moore	Mr Peter Scott
Mr Stephen Gilliland	Mr Joshua McCracken	Mr Kirker Walker
Mr Scott Monteith		

## PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

**Minister** Rev Martin Gray

**Clerk of Session** Mr Denis Marriott

**Secretary** Mr John Patterson

**Treasurer** Mr Clive Callender

## BANKERS

Danske Bank

Donegal Square West Belfast

BT1 6JS

## 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 also 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, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote. To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are usually held on a monthly basis.

### 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. Ravenhill 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 each congregation.

### The General Assembly

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

## **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

Ravenhill Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ, is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world. The Congregations Mission Purpose is to bring the people of our district together so that they may worship God, make a commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, share in fellowship, and to equip and them for effective Christian witness in the local community and beyond.

The congregation aims to live out this mission by

- Conducting weekly times of public worship & prayer
- Connecting with our community through outreach activities
- Providing opportunities where everyone can learn about Jesus from the Bible -
- Providing opportunities for fellowship and friendship

## ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday morning and evening. Visitors are always 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 prayer and bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including :

- Shine Sunday Morning Kids' Club
- Mixed Indoor Bowls
- Presbyterian Women
- Girls' Brigade
- Tots & Co. (parents and toddlers group)
- Ravenhill Men's Group
- Ladies Friendship Hour
- Boys' Brigade
- Discipleship Groups
- Free Food Friday
- Young Life Club
- Young Adults Group

Several local charities also make use of our halls on an ad-hoc basis. These include :

- Radius Housing
- Lagan Village Community Group

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11 am and 7.00pm.

During the week discipleship groups meet in homes to study the bible and pray together.

The Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evenings provides an opportunity for members to meet together and pray for the church, community and wider world.

At 31 December 2022 there were 141 communicant members. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 110 and evening worship was 52.

### Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who are sick, housebound or in hospital are visited by the minister or elders.

### Mission and Outreach

At a local level the congregation runs several organisations which are available to residents of the local area around Ravenhill Presbyterian Church. Details of the activities of the organisations can be found below.

Tots & Co

Ravenhill Men's Group

BB

GB

Young Life

Free Food Friday

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 carry out 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.

### Presbytery

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

### General Assembly

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

### Property

The congregation owns the church building and a suite of halls which are used extensively during the week by church organisations. The church building and halls are in a good state of repair. The congregation also owns a manse which is in a good state of repair.

## Organisations

### **Shine : Sunday Morning Kids Club**

Shine runs through during the morning service for children in preschool - P6. In Shine, children sing songs, play games, make crafts and learn about Jesus from the Bible.

### **Mixed Bowls**

A mixed bowling club meets every Monday evening during school term time. The club is open to everyone regardless of age, ability or gender. The club attracts a mixture of church attenders and non-church attenders. There is normally a short bible devotional lead by a church member, and an opportunity for tea and scones.

### **Presbyterian Women**

PW encourages women of all ages to come along to the meetings, where they are made very welcome. The PW meets twice a month and usually invites guest speakers to address those attending, refreshments are served at the end of the PW meetings which give those attending an opportunity for friendship and fellowship. The PW also fundraise for various projects throughout the year, including a central project set up by The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (our governing body)

### **Girls Brigade**

The Girl's Brigade meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:45pm - 8:30pm. Currently GB caters for girls 3-14. Explorers (age 3 up to P4), Juniors (p5 to p7), Seniors (Year 8 - Year 10). Our GB members are mainly non-church children from the local community and the GB encourages them to seek, serve and follow Jesus.

### **Tots & Co (parent and toddler group)**

This provides an environment for babies, preschoolers and those who care for them to meet, for children to develop their social skills, and for carers to share their experiences and support each other. We include members of all faiths and none, and foster the acceptance of everyone in our community. Children have the use of age appropriate toys and parents get to enjoy tea and coffee. Tots & Co has been a very good organisation for making connections with people living in our local area.

### **Ravenhill Men's Group**

This group exists to improve men's social, mental and spiritual wellbeing. The group meets once per month for a mens night out. This could be a purely social event or an event with a spiritual focus. The group aims to provide men in our local community with the opportunity to have fun, make friends and explore faith.

### **Women's Friendship Hour**

The Women's Meeting meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons. Women of all ages are welcome to come along to the meetings, where they are made very welcome. A guest speaker usually addresses those who attend and chorus' are sung. The Women's Meeting gives those attending an opportunity for friendship and fellowship.

### **Young Life Club**

Young Life club is for secondary school aged young people. It meets on Friday nights from 8.15 - 9.45pm. Young Life provides a safe environment for young people to socialise, have fun and explore faith.

### **Free Food Friday**

In partnership with Tesco and FareShare we provide free food every Friday outside our church building on Ravenhill Road. Students from Derryvolgie Halls

also partner with us to serve hot drinks to those coming for food. Our minister opens up the church building and listens to those who come for help.

### **Boys' Brigade**

The Boy's Brigade meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm - 10pm.

Currently BB caters for boys 4-18.

Anchor Section P1 - P4 Junior Section P5 - P7 Company Section Y8 - Y14

Our BB members are mainly non-church children from the local community and the BB encourages the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys.

### **Volunteers**

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

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion. The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

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

Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisements, 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 100 contributors during the year donating a total of £74,066 excluding Gift Aid.

Total income of the congregation during the year was £142,988.

Total expenditure for the year was £156,795.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time it's 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 17th January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Denis Marriott (Clerk of Session)

and

Clive Callender (Treasurer)

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Name: Jonathan Kelly

Signed : *J Kelly*

Address: 26 Neills Hill Park, Belfast

Date: 17 May 2024