

Ballysillan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104546

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-17

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

Contact

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£131,522	£119,391	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Anthony Fleming		
Mr Billy Officer		
Mr Gervais Henderson		
Mr Harry Orr		
Mr James Acheson		
Mr Jeff Whitcroft		
Mr Joe Anderson		
Mr Keith Johston		
Mrs Joanne Caswell		
Mrs Lorraine Anderson		
Rev David Currie		

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Accounts

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

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104546)

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

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	96,697	23,655	-	120,352	113,988
Charitable activities	3	-	750	-	750	1,250
Other trading activities	4	60	-	-	60	390
Investment Income	5	369	270	-	639	665
Other	6	1,305	2,630	-	3,935	8,979
Organisations		-	5,786	-	5,786	7,450
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		98,431	33,091		131,522	132,722
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts		98,431	33,091		131,522	132,722
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	525	-	-	525	491
Charitable activities	8	92,380	20,969	-	113,349	131,658
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
Organisations		-	5,517	-	5,517	7,130
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		92,905	26,486		119,391	139,279
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Payments		92,905	26,486		119,391	139,279
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Net receipts / (payments)		5,526	6,605	-	12,131	(6,557)
Transfers between funds		150	(150)	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		5,676	6,455	-	12,131	(6,557)
Funds brought forward		106,981	54,686	-	161,667	168,224
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Funds carried forward	12	112,657	61,141	-	173,798	161,667
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**BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	106,981	54,686	-	161,667	168,224
Net movement in funds	5,676	6,455	-	12,131	(6,557)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	112,657	61,141	-	173,798	161,667
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				161,738	147,145
Cash in Hand				-	-
Bank Current A/Cs – Organisations				11,008	13,696
Cash in Hand – Organisations				1,052	826
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				173,798	161,667
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises					
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment					
- Vehicles					
Investments – Note 11				32,074	31,857
Gift Aid receivable on donations				15,975	14,597
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				48,049	46,454
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Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 11th February 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Joanne Caswell

Billy Officer




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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	79,810	18,214	-	98,024	95,027
Loose collections	2,217	-	-	2,217	1,366
Donations and gifts	-	1,064	-	1,064	909
Gift Aid	14,670	4,377	-	19,047	16,686
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
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	96,697	23,655	-	120,352	113,988
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**BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2025

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	1,250
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	750	-	750	-
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	-	750	-	750	1,250
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	60	-	-	60	390
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
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	60	-	-	60	390
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	369	40	-	409	444
General Investment Fund	-	91	-	91	88
Rents investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	139	-	139	133
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	369	270	-	639	665
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**BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2025

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	1,180	-	1,180	-
Other income	1,305	1,450	-	2,755	8,979
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	1,305	2,630	-	3,935	8,979
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	525	-	-	525	491
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	525	-	-	525	491
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	13,631	-	-	13,631	18,668
Presbytery fees	688	-	-	688	714
Ministry and support staff costs	49,332	-	-	49,332	46,756
Congregational running expenses	28,729	11,173	-	41,352	56,627
Donations to Missions and charities	-	9,796	-	8,346	8,893
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
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	92,380	20,969	-	113,349	131,658
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BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2025

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

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

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 773 Crumlin Road, Belfast, BT14 8AA and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £6,692,519.

The congregation owns the Church manse situated at 564 Crumlin Road, Belfast, BT14 7GL which has an insurance value of £608,411.

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
General Investment Fund	3,566	3,726
Property	-	-
Other investments	28,508	28,131
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	32,074	31,857
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**BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2025

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	87,588	98,431	89,635	8,796	150	96,534
M Gregg	19,393	-	3,270	(3,270)	-	16,123
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	106,981	98,431	92,905	5,526	150	112,657
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Restricted Funds						
Repair and Renovation	4,761	16,645	9,654	6,991	-	11,752
E Hewitt bequest for grounds	21,565	-	-	-	-	21,565
United Appeal	-	6,890	6,890	-	-	-
Mission Fund	7,336	880	1,438	(558)	-	6,778
Moderator's Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Presbyterian Childrens Society	-	58	58	-	-	-
World Development Appeal	196	900	1096	(196)	-	-
Students Bursary Fund	-	212	212	-	-	-
Bequest Funds	2,807	270	116	154	-	2,961
Events Fund	-	1,450	1,450	-	-	-
Social/Help Fund	1,230	-	55	(55)	-	1,175
3 Church Event	471	-	-	-	-	471
Youth Work	1,798	-	-	-	2,581	4,379
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	40,164	27,305	20,969	6,336	2,581	49,081
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Organisations						
BB	2,986	2,911	2,385	526	-	3,512
BB Minibus	1,604	-	200	(200)	-	1,404
BB Reserve	5,208	74	-	74	-	5,282
Youth Club	3,085	-	60	(60)	(3,025)	-
Banner Makers	149	144	114	30	(50)	129
Evergreens	1,048	787	850	(63)	-	985
Ozone	204	1,119	1,158	(39)	(50)	115
Girlzone	238	751	750	1	394	633
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	14,522	5,786	5,517	269	(2,731)	12,060
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Endowment Funds						

	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	161,667	131,522	119,391	12,131	-	173,798
	Valuation at Start			Revaluation change		Valuation at end
General Investment Fund	3,726			(160)		3,566

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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	89,888	24,100	-	113,988	114,751
Charitable activities	3	1,250	-	-	1,250	100
Other trading activities	4	390	-	-	390	301
Investment Income	5	399	266	-	665	624
Other	6	8,979	-	-	8,979	377
Organisations		-	7,450	-	7,450	8,470
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		100,906	31,816		132,722	124,623
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts		100,906	31,816		132,722	124,623
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	491	-	-	491	460
Charitable activities	8	92,545	39,113	-	131,658	110,219
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
Organisations		-	7,130	-	7,130	8,127
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		93,036	46,243		139,279	118,806
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Payments		93,036	46,243		139,279	118,806
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Net receipts / (payments)		7,870	(14,427)	-	(6,557)	5,817
Transfers between funds		489	(489)	-	0	0
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Net movement in funds		8,359	(14,916)	-	(6,557)	5,817
Funds brought forward		98,622	69,602	-	168,224	162,407
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Funds carried forward	12	106,981	54,686	-	161,667	168,224
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**BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
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As at 31 December 2024

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Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	98,622	69,602	-	168,224	162,407
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Bank and Cash at end of year	106,981	54,686	-	161,667	168,224
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				147,145	153,767
Cash in Hand				-	-
Bank Current A/Cs – Organisations				13,696	13,628
Cash in Hand – Organisations				826	829
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				161,667	168,224
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises					
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment					
- Vehicles					
Investments – Note 11				31,857	31,634
Gift Aid receivable on donations				14,597	16,389
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				46,454	48,023
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Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 10th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

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Billy Officer




BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2024

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	75,973	19,054	-	95,027	90,996
Loose collections	1,351	15	-	1,366	1,639
Donations and gifts	-	909	-	909	3,406
Gift Aid	12,564	4,122	-	16,686	18,710
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
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	89,888	24,100	-	113,988	114,751
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**BALLYSILLAN 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	1,250	-	-	1,250	100
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	1,250	-	-	1,250	100
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	390	-	-	390	301
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
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	390	-	-	390	301
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	399	45	-	444	459
General Investment Fund	-	88	-	88	69
Rents investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	133	-	133	96
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	399	266	-	665	624
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**BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	8,979	-	-	8,979	377
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	8,979	-	-	8,979	377
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	491	-	-	491	460
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	491	-	-	491	460
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	18,668	-	-	18,668	15,180
Presbytery fees	714	-	-	714	634
Ministry and support staff costs	46,756	-	-	46,756	42,690
Congregational running expenses	26,407	30,220	-	56,627	39,162
Donations to Missions and charities	-	8,893	-	8,893	12,553
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
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	92,545	39,113	-	131,658	110,219
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**BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

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

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11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Investment Fund	3,726	3,558
Property	-	-
Other investments	28,131	28,076
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	31,857	31,634
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**BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	79,229	100,906	93,036	7,870	489	87,588
M Gregg	19,393	-	-	-	-	19,393
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	98,622	100,906	93,036	7,870	489	106,981
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Restricted Funds						
Repair and Renovation	18,428	15,130	28,797	(13,667)	-	4,761
E Hewitt bequest for grounds	21,565	-	-	-	-	21,565
United Appeal	5	7,857	7,862	(5)	-	-
Mission Fund	8,524	-	1,188	(1,188)	-	7,336
Moderator's Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Presbyterian Childrens Society	-	308	308	-	-	-
World Development Appeal	-	805	609	196	-	196
Students Bursary Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bequest Funds	2,725	266	184	82	-	2,807
Events Fund	173	-	89	(89)	(84)	-
Social/Help Fund	1,306	-	76	(76)	-	1,230
3 Church Event	471	-	-	-	-	471
Youth Work	1,948	-	-	-	(150)	1,798
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	55,145	24,366	39,113	(14,747)	(234)	40,164
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Organisations						
BB	3,654	3,597	4,265	(668)	-	2,986
BB Minibus	1,604	-	-	-	-	1,604
BB Reserve	5,124	84	-	84	-	5,208
Youth Club	1,929	2,171	1,015	1,156	-	3,085
Banner Makers	228	222	126	96	(175)	149
Evergreens	1,394	620	816	(196)	(150)	1,048
Ozone	245	310	311	(1)	(40)	204
Girlzone	279	446	597	(151)	110	238
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	14,457	7,450	7,130	320	(255)	14,522
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Endowment Funds						

	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	168,224	132,722	139,279	(6,557)	-	161,667
	Valuation at Start			Revaluation Increase		Valuation at end
General Investment Fund	3,558			168		3,726

Ballysillan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104546

Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104546)

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

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Ballysillan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
773-774 Crumlin Road
Belfast
BT14 8AA

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104546)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who were trustees at the date of this report were:

Joe Anderson	Anita Henderson	Joanne Caswell
Anthony Fleming	Lorraine Anderson	Gervais Henderson
Billy Officer	Jeff Whitcroft	Harry Orr
Dave Currie		

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Dave Currie
Clerk of Session	Gervais Henderson
Treasurer Team	Lorraine Anderson, Rosemary Henderson, Hylda Lewis

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

David Hooks
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BT19 6NH

BANKERS

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18 - 20 May Street
Belfast
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BALLYSILLAN 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 Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are normally held on the second Monday of each month during September to June with occasional additional meetings for specified ministry discussions.

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. An election of Elders is in progress, and the process used on this occasion is based on votes from the congregation.

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

The General Assembly

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

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ballysillan 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 purpose is "to seek to continue as a vibrant, obedient, worshipping community of Jesus in North Belfast". We believe in the witness of the local church and as such we are not called to mark time. We are not called to maintain what we currently are. We desire to grow and believe that God has given us the capacity to engage with the challenges in front of us with both realism and creativity. Our church

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

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another.
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation normally meets for worship and teaching each Sunday at 11.30am.

The worship will be led by one of our worship leaders. They will have selected the worship material to fit in with the theme being preached on that day. Children and young people will begin the day with us but will usually leave after about 10-15 minutes to be taught in Sunday Club in an adjoining hall. We believe the sacrament of communion is an integral aspect of our church life and a witness to others of living faith.

Our aim every week is that everyone who comes to church will have had the opportunity to worship God, been prepared for works of service and have experienced the presence of God and the love of his family.

The following organisations and groups meet in our church halls:

- Sunday Club (primary school children)
- Youth Club (currently not operating)
- Evergreens (for those over 50)
- Boys' Brigade
- Ozone (for women aged 18+)
- Banners Makers
- Girlzone
- Community Drop-In

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Minister

Dave Currie has continued as our minister through 2024.

Worship and prayer

This year we took the opportunity to observe communion on six occasions. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 95 and the number of families who have some level of connection with our congregation is 190. The number of communicant members attending communion at least once during the year is 75. During the year 11 people joined the congregation as communicant members.

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

Pastoral care

Pastoral visits are carried out by the minister and several elders with special attention given to the elderly who are unable to attend church. This may involve visits to private homes, hospital and Residential Care Homes.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation is committed to having a witness outside of the church building and has a number of regular activities that try to project the Gospel message.

The provision of hampers for distribution by Social Services was continued, with 41 hampers prepared from donations by members of the congregation.

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland was held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June 2024 and was attended by a representative elder and our minister.

Property

During the year work was carried to repair the damp in the front wall of the Gailey Hall, and the halls were re-painted.

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

Organisations

The following is a brief summary of the activities carried out during the year in some of our organisations.

- **Sunday Club:** Around 15 children of primary school age meet on a Sunday morning during the regular church service. The Sunday Club would usually stay in church for the initial worship before departing to their hall. An alternating group of leaders would deliver a programme focused on Bible themes and characters alongside crafts and games.
- **Youth Club:** The Youth Club met on Saturday evenings until June 2024 using the Gailey Hall, McCullough Hall and lounge for a variety of indoor games and activities. With decreased numbers attending and a lack of resources for leadership, the Youth Club is currently not operating.
- **Boys' Brigade:** This Christian organisation meets each Tuesday evening in several sections; Anchor Section (aged 6-8), Junior Section (aged 8-11) and the Company Section (aged 11-18). They carry out a varied programme as devised by the central BB organisation and their season culminates in an Annual Parents evening display. The boys are drawn from the local area and families of the congregation.
- **Evergreens:** a group tailored for those aged over 65 meet on a Monday for various social activities.
- **Ozone:** Ozone is for women of all ages to meet up in a relaxed atmosphere. They meet monthly in and out of the church for a variety of activities such as movie nights, coffee shops and trips out and about.
- **Banner Makers:** The Banner Making group make banners to display in the church and church halls to demonstrate God's love and goodness. They meet twice monthly to plan, design and make banners from a wide range of materials.
- **Girlzone:** this is an organisation for primary school girls which meets on a Monday evening.
- **Drop-In:** This meets on a Tuesday morning and is open to all, though the majority of those who attend are over 60. Those attending take part in crafts, board games, pool, table-tennis and an opportunity for a good chat.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation and gratitude of the invaluable service of those who lead with dedication the range of activities throughout the church. We are aware that some of our members give their time over several aspects of the congregations work and life.

Thanks and appreciation must also go to our Congregational Committee as they administer our funds and care for our property to keep it fit for purpose.

**BALLYSILLAN 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.

**BALLYSILLAN 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 101 contributors during the year, (2023 - 103) donating a total of £75,793 (£70,392 in previous year, 2023).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £132,722, compared to £124,623 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £118,806 to £139,279, primarily due to the planned spending on repairs and renovations particularly to the Gailey Hall.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 10th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Joanne Caswell (Charity Trustee)

10th March 2025



Billy Officer (Charity Trustee)

10th March 2025

Ballysillan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104546

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of Ballysillan congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out in the Financial Statement 2024.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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

David J Hooks

David Hooks
250 Donaghadee Road
Bangor
BT19 6NH

10 March 2025

Ballysillan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104546

Accounts

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

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104546)

BALLYSILLAN 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	85,151	29,600	-	114,751	113,053
Charitable activities	3	100	-	-	100	650
Other trading activities	4	301	-	-	301	302
Investment Income	5	397	227	-	624	629
Other	6	377	-	-	377	215
Organisations		-	8,470	-	8,470	9,831
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		86,326	38,297		124,623	124,680
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts		86,326	38,297		124,623	124,680
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	460	-	-	460	427
Charitable activities	8	83,920	26,299	-	110,219	115,816
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
Organisations		-	8,127	-	8,127	10,777
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		84,380	34,426		118,806	127,020
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Payments		84,380	34,426		118,806	127,020
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Net receipts / (payments)		1,946	3,871	-	5,817	(2,340)
Transfers between funds		(1,120)	1,120	-	0	0
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Net movement in funds		826	4,991	-	5,817	(2,340)
Funds brought forward		97,796	64,611	-	162,407	164,747
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Funds carried forward	12	98,622	69,602	-	168,224	162,407
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**BALLYSILLAN 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	97,796	64,611	-	162,407	164,747
Net movement in funds	826	4,991	-	5,817	(2,340)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	98,622	69,602	-	168,224	162,407
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				153,767	148,163
Cash in Hand				-	-
Bank Current A/Cs – Organisations				13,628	13,558
Cash in Hand – Organisations				829	686
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				168,224	162,407
				=====	=====
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises					
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment					
- Vehicles					
Investments – Note 11				31,634	31,390
Gift Aid receivable on donations				16,389	14,363
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				48,023	45,753
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Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 12th February 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Joanne Caswell

Billy Officer




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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	70,392	20,604	-	90,996	94,628
Loose collections	1,639	-	-	1,639	931
Donations and gifts	-	3,406	-	3,406	1,707
Gift Aid	13,120	5,590	-	18,710	15,787
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
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	85,151	29,600	-	114,751	113,053
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**BALLYSILLAN 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	100	-	-	100	650
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	100	-	-	100	650
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	301	-	-	301	302
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
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	301	-	-	301	302
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	397	62	-	459	434
General Investment Fund	-	69	-	69	72
Rents investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	96	-	96	123
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	397	227	-	624	629
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**BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2023

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	377	-	-	377	215
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	377	-	-	377	215
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	460	-	-	460	427
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	460	-	-	460	427
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	15,180	-	-	15,180	15,179
Presbytery fees	634	-	-	634	745
Ministry and support staff costs	42,690	-	-	42,690	39,373
Congregational running expenses	25,416	13,746	-	39,162	49,683
Donations to Missions and charities	-	12,553	-	12,553	10,836
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
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	83,920	26,299	-	110,219	115,816
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**BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2023

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

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

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 773 Crumlin Road, Belfast, BT14 8AA and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £6,320,704.

The congregation owns the Church manse situated at 564 Crumlin Road, Belfast, BT14 7GL which has an insurance value of £574,610.

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Investment Fund	3,558	3,263
Property	-	-
Other investments	28,076	28,127
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	31,634	31,390
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BALLYSILLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	78,403	86,326	84,380	1,946	(1120)	79,229
M Gregg	19,393	-	-	-	-	19,393
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	97,796	86,326	84,380	1,946	(1120)	98,622
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Restricted Funds						
Repair and Renovation	14,338	16,713	12,623	4,090	-	18,428
E Hewitt bequest for grounds	21,565	-	-	-	-	21,565
United Appeal	-	8,915	8,910	5	-	5
Mission Fund	8,298	358	132	226	-	8,524
Moderator's Appeal	-	1,251	1,251	-	-	-
PW Mission Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Presbyterian Childrens Society	-	336	336	-	-	-
World Development Appeal	-	1,987	1,987	-	-	-
Students Bursary Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bequest Funds	2,567	227	69	158	-	2,725
Events Fund	744	-	571	(571)	-	173
Social/Help Fund	186	40	420	(380)	1,500	1,306
3 Church Event	471	-	-	-	-	471
Youth Work	2,198	-	-	-	(250)	1,948
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	50,367	29,827	26,299	3,528	1,250	55,145
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Organisations						
BB	4,318	2,205	2,869	(664)	-	3,654
BB Minibus	1,604	-	-	-	-	1,604
BB Reserve	5,067	57	-	57	-	5,124
Youth Club	2,212	4,040	4023	17	(300)	1,929
Banner Makers	66	218	56	162	-	228
Evergreens	616	1,167	389	778	-	1,394
Ozone	280	130	125	5	(40)	245
Girlzone	81	653	665	(12)	210	279
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	14,244	8,470	8,127	343	(130)	14,457
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Endowment Funds

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TOTAL FUNDS	162,407	124,623	118,806	5,817	-	168,224
	Valuation at Start			Revaluation Increase		Valuation at end
General Investment Fund	3,263			295		3,558

Ballysillan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104546

Annual report

**BALLYSILLAN 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 (NIC104546)

**BALLYSILLAN 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

Ballysillan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
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Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104546)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who were trustees at the date of this report were:

Joe Anderson	Anita Henderson	Joanne Caswell
Anthony Fleming	Lorraine Anderson	Gervais Henderson
Billy Officer	Jeff Whitcroft	Harry Orr
Dave Currie		

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Dave Currie
Clerk of Session	Gervais Henderson
Treasurer Team	Lorraine Anderson, Rosemary Henderson, Hylda Lewis

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BALLYSILLAN 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 Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are normally held on the second Monday of each month during September to June with occasional additional meetings for specified ministry discussions.

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. Current practice has been that Kirk Session has requested nominations from the voting members of the congregation and then Kirk Session deliberates and votes on these candidates.

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

The General Assembly

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

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ballysillan 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 purpose is "to seek to continue as a vibrant, obedient, worshipping community of Jesus in North Belfast". We believe in the witness of the local church and as such we are not called to mark time. We are not called to maintain what we currently are. We desire to grow and believe that God has given us the capacity to engage with the challenges in front of us with both realism and creativity. Our church

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

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another.
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation normally meets for worship and teaching each Sunday at 11.30am.

The worship will be led by one of our worship leaders. They will have selected the worship material to fit in with the theme being preached on that day. Children and young people will begin the day with us but will usually leave after about 10-15 minutes to be taught in Sunday Club in an adjoining hall. We believe the sacrament of communion is an integral aspect of our church life and a witness to others of living faith.

Our aim every week is that everyone who comes to church will have had the opportunity to worship God, been prepared for works of service and have experienced the presence of God and the love of his family.

The following organisations and groups meet in our church halls:

- Sunday Club (primary school children)
- Youth Club
- Evergreens (for those over 50)
- Boys' Brigade
- Ozone (for women aged 18+)
- Banners Makers
- Girlzone
- Community Drop-In

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Minister

Dave Currie has continued as our minister through 2023.

Worship and prayer

This year we took the opportunity to observe communion on six occasions. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 90 and the number of families who have some level of connection with our congregation is 210. The number of communicant members attending communion at least once during the year is 67.

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

Pastoral care

Pastoral visits are carried out by the minister and several elders with special attention given to the elderly who are unable to attend church. This may involve visits to private homes, hospital and Residential Care Homes.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation is committed to having a witness outside of the church building and has a number of regular activities that try to project the Gospel message.

The provision of hampers for distribution by Social Services was continued, with 41 hampers prepared from donations by members of the congregation.

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland was held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June 2023 and was attended by a representative elder and our minister.

Property

During the year work was carried to repair damp in the front staircase of the Church building. Plans are in place for the Gailey Hall but have been delayed by the resourcing of the contractor.

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

Organisations

The following is a brief summary of the activities carried out during the year in some of our organisations.

- **Sunday Club:** Around 15 children of primary school age meet on a Sunday morning during the regular church service. The Sunday Club would usually stay in church for the initial worship before departing to their hall. An alternating group of leaders would deliver a programme focused on Bible themes and characters alongside crafts and games.
- **Youth Club:** The Youth Club meets on Saturday evenings from September to June using the Gailey Hall, McCullough Hall and lounge for a variety of indoor games and activities. Numbers in this organisation have dropped since restarting in September.
- **Boys' Brigade:** This Christian organisation meets each Tuesday evening in several sections; Anchor Section (aged 6-8), Junior Section (aged 8-11) and the Company Section (aged 11-18). They carry out a varied programme as devised by the central BB organisation and their season culminates in an Annual Parents evening display. The boys are drawn from the local area and families of the congregation.
- **Evergreens:** a group tailored for those aged over 50 meet on a Monday afternoon to play bowls, board games, chat and have a cup of tea.
- **Ozone:** Ozone is for women of all ages to meet up in a relaxed atmosphere. They meet monthly in and out of the church for a variety of activities such as movie nights, coffee shops and trips out and about.
- **Banner Makers:** The Banner Making group make banners to display in the church and church halls to demonstrate God's love and goodness. They meet monthly to plan, design and make banners from a wide range of materials.
- **Girlzone:** this is a new organisation for primary school girls, taking over from the previous work carried out under the Girl Guide association.
- **Drop-In:** This is a new venture on Tuesday mornings and is open to all. Those attending take part in crafts, board games, pool, table-tennis and an opportunity for a good chat.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation and gratitude of the invaluable service of those who lead with dedication the range of activities throughout the church. We are aware that some of our members give their time over several aspects of the congregations work and life.

Thanks and appreciation must also go to our Congregational Committee as they administer our funds and care for our property to keep it fit for purpose.

**BALLYSILLAN 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.

**BALLYSILLAN 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 103 contributors during the year, (2022 - 101) donating a total of £70,392 (£71,868 in previous year, 2022).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £124,623, compared to £124,680 in the previous year.

Total expenditure decreased from £127,020 to £118,806, primarily due to reduced spending on repairs and renovations.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 12th February 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Joanne Caswell (Charity Trustee)

12th February 2024



Billy Officer (Charity Trustee)

12th February 2024

Ballysillan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104546

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of Ballysillan congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

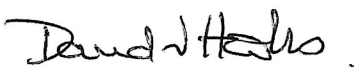
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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



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10th March 2024