

Newington Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104581

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-04

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

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£50,851	£44,614	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ivan Neish		
Mr John Lynass		
Mr William Mcdowell		
Mr. Tommy Mcwatters		

Newington Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts

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

**Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2024**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104581)

Newington Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account)
Year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	£26,142	£5,099	£0	£31,241	£34,544
Charitable activities	3	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,200
Other trading activities	4	£11,322	£0	£0	£11,322	£11,952
Investment Income	5	£2,132	£0	£0	£2,132	£235
Other	6	£0	£5,876	£0	£5,876	£11,790
Organisations		£0	£280	£0	£280	£268
Sale of Investments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sale of fixed assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Loans Received		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Receipts		£39,596	£11,255	£0	£50,851	£59,989
Payments						
Raising funds	7	£147	£0	£0	£147	£0
Charitable activities	8	£24,922	£18,640	£0	£43,562	£34,366
Investment costs		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other	9	£325	£0	£0	£325	£165
Organisations		£0	£580	£0	£580	£394
Purchase of Investments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Purchase of fixed assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Loan Repayments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Payments		£25,394	£19,220	£0	£44,614	£34,925
Net receipts / (payments)		£14,202	-£7,965	£0	£6,237	£25,064
Transfers between funds		-£858	£858	£0	£0	£0
Net movement in funds		£13,344	-£7,107	£0	£6,237	£25,064
Funds brought forward		£98,253	£13,361	£0	£111,614	£86,550
Funds carried forward	12	£111,597	£6,254	£0	£117,851	£111,614

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	£98,253	£13,361	£0	£111,614	£86,550
Net movement in funds	£13,344	-£7,107	£0	£6,237	£25,064
Bank and Cash at end of year	£111,597	£6,254	£0	£117,851	£111,614

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account Year 2024	£65,649	£61,073
Progressive Account	£52,052	£50,091
Cash in Hand	NIL	NIL
Bank Current A/Cs - Organisation	£148	£435
Cash in Hand - Organisation	£2	£15
Sub total	£117,851	£111,614
Endowment Funds	£0	£0
Total	£117,851	£111,614

Other Assets

Fixed Assets - Note 10

Church Premises

Fixtures and Fittings

Vehicles

Investments - GIF - Note 11

Gift Aid receivable on donations

Other assets

£5,138 £5,302

Liabilities

Loans

Other liabilities

0 0

0 0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 11th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Name: John Lynass

Name: William McDowell

Date: 11/03/2025

Date: 11/03/2025

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Year ended 31 December 2024

Accounting Policies

Basis of Financial Statements

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

Fund Accounting

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Recorded Gvs./Bld.Fd/U.A.	£21,340	£3,476	£0	£24,816	£27,203
Loose collections.	£122	£0	£0	£122	£333
Donations and Gifts	£50	£1,115	£0	£1,165	£1,706
Gift Aid	£4,630	£508	£0	£5,138	£5,302
Legacies and bequests	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£26,142	£5,099	£0	£31,241	£34,544

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Year ended 31 December 2024

3. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income: Presbyterian Herald	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Fees from weddings and funerals	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Fundraising events	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Membership fees	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Energy Support Scheme	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,200
for the year ended 31st D	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,200

4. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	£11,322	£0	£0	£11,322	£11,952
Trading Income	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£11,322	£0	£0	£11,322	£11,952

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Progressive Fund Interest	£1,962	£0	£0	£1,962	£80
Bank Interest	£170	£0	£0	£170	£155
Rents investment properties	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other investment income	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£2,132	£0	£0	£2,132	£235

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6. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	£0	£5,876	£0	£5,876	£11,540
Other income: IN Memory	£0	£0	£0	£0	£250
	£0	£5,876	£0	£5,876	£11,790

7. Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	£147	£0	£0	£147	£0
Fundraising Events	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£147	£0	£0	£147	£0

8. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	£2,647	£0	£0	£2,647	£3,037
Presbytery fees	£721	£0	£0	£721	£577
Ministry and support staff costs	£10,994	£0	£0	£10,994	£11,236
Congregational running expenses	£10,170	£0	£0	£10,170	£11,851
Donations to Missions and Charities	£0	£4,266	£0	£4,266	£3,830
Property Fund	£0	£14,374	£0	£14,374	£3,401
Benevolent Fund	£0	£0	£0	£0	£54
Governance Costs	£390	£0	£0	£390	£380
	£24,922	£18,640	£0	£43,562	£34,366

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9. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricter Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift/Selection Boxes	£325	£0	£0	£0	£165
	£325	£0	£0	£0	£165

10. Fixed Assets

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 144 Limestone Road. Belfast. BT15 3AL
and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.
The congregation also own the Church manse situated at 1 Glencroft Rd. Newtownabbey BT35 5GD.
These have an insurance value of : **£4,507,883**

11. Investments

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Investment Fund at market valuation	£0	£0
Property	£0	£0
Other investments	£0	£0
	£0	£0

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12. Fund Balances

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfers £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	£48,163	£37,634	£25,394	£12,240	-£858	£59,545
Progressive Building Society	£50,090	£1,962	£0	£1,962	£0	£52,052
	£98,253	£39,596	£25,394	£14,202	-£858	£111,597
Restricted Funds						
Property/Building	£12,911	£7,530	£14,374	-£6,844	£0	£6,067
Mission/Charity	£0	£3,445	£4,266	-£821	£858	£37
Holiday Bible Club	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Benevolent	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Organisations	£450	£280	£580	-£300	£0	£150
	£13,361	£11,255	£19,220	-£7,965	£858	£6,254
Endowment Fund						
(Name of Fund)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total Funds	£111,614	£50,851	£44,614	£6,237	£0	£117,851

	Start	Increase	at End
General Investment Fund	0	0	0

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Year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	£29,831	£4,713	£0	£34,544	£39,537
Charitable activities	3	£1,200	£0	£0	£1,200	£0
Other trading activities	4	£11,952	£0	£0	£11,952	£4,849
Investment Income	5	£235	£0	£0	£235	£248
Other	6	£250	£11,540	£0	£11,790	£0
Organisations		£0	£268	£0	£268	£186
Sale of Investments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sale of fixed assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Loans Received		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Receipts		£43,468	£16,521	£0	£59,989	£44,820
Payments						
Raising funds	7	£0	£0	£0	£0	£207
Charitable activities	8	£27,081	£7,285	£0	£34,366	£38,174
Investment costs		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other	9	£165	£0	£0	£165	£0
Organisations		£0	£394	£0	£394	£336
Purchase of Investments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Purchase of fixed assets		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Loan Repayments		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Payments		£27,246	£7,679	£0	£34,925	£38,717
Net receipts / (payments)		£16,222	£8,842	£0	£25,064	£6,103
Transfers between funds		-£972	£972	£0	£0	£0
Net movement in funds		£15,250	£9,814	£0	£25,064	£6,103
Funds brought forward		£83,003	£3,547	£0	£86,550	£80,447
Funds carried forward	12	£98,253	£13,361	£0	£111,614	£86,550

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Bank and Cash at start of year	£83,003	£3,547	£0	£86,550	£80,447
Net movement in funds	£15,250	£9,814	£0	£25,064	£6,103
Bank and Cash at end of year	£98,253	£13,361	0	£111,614	£86,550

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Curre for the year ended 31st December 2023	£61,073	£65,913
Progressive Account	£50,091	£20,010
Cash in Hand	NIL	NIL
Bank Current A/Cs - Organisations	£435	£433
Cash in Hand - Organisations	£15	£194
Sub total	£111,614	£86,550
Endowment Funds	£0	£0
Total	£111,614	£86,550

Other Assets

Fixed Assets - Note 10

Church Premises

Fixtures and Fittings

Vehicles

Investments - GIF - Note 11

Gift Aid receivable on donations

Other assets

£5,302 £6,405

Liabilities

Loans 0 0

Other liabilities 0 0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 25 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Name: John Lynass

Name: Tommy McWatters

Date 25 January 2024

Date: 25 January 2024

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Recorded Gvs./Bld.Fd/U.A.	£24,781	£2,422	£0	£27,203	£26,548
Loose collections.	£333	£0	£0	£333	£677
Donations and Gifts	£0	£1,706	£0	£1,706	£7,084
Gift Aid	£4,717	£585	£0	£5,302	£5,228
Legacies and bequests	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£29,831	£4,713	£0	£34,544	£39,537

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3. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income: Presbyterian Herald	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Fees from weddings and funerals	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Fundraising events	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Membership fees	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Energy Support Scheme	£1,200	£0	£0	£1,200	£0
for the year ended 31st D	£1,200	£0	£0	£1,200	£0

4. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	£11,952	£0	£0	£11,952	£4,849
Trading Income	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£11,952	£0	£0	£11,952	£4,849

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Progressive Fund Interest	£80	£0	£0	£80	£86
Bank Interest	£155	£0	£0	£155	£162
Rents investment properties	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Other investment income	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£235	£0	£0	£235	£248

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6. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	£0	£11,540	£0	£11,540	£0
Other income: IN Memory	£250	£0	£0	£250	£0
	£250	£11,540	£0	£11,790	£0

7. Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	£0	£0	£0	£0	£207
Fundraising Events	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£0	£0	£0	£0	£207

8. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	£3,037	£0	£0	£3,037	£3,036
Presbytery fees	£577	£0	£0	£577	£678
Ministry and support staff costs	£11,236	£0	£0	£11,236	£10,649
Congregational running expenses	£11,851	£0	£0	£11,851	£10,898
Donations to Missions and Charities	£0	£3,830	£0	£3,830	£9,647
Property Fund	£0	£3,401	£0	£3,401	£2,856
Benevolent Fund	£0	£54	£0	£54	£70
Governance Costs	£380	£0	£0	£380	£340
	£27,081	£7,285	£0	£34,366	£38,174

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9. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Currie P.S. Selection Boxes	£165	£0	£0	£165	£0
	£165	£0	£0	£165	£0

10. Fixed Assets

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and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.
The congregation also own the Church manse situated at 1 Glencroft Rd. Newtownabbey BT35 5GD.
These have an insurance value of : £4,507,883

11. Investments

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Investment Fund at market valuation	£0	£0
Property	£0	£0
Other investments	£0	£0
	£0	£0

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12. Fund Balances

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfers £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	£62,993	£43,388	£27,246	£16,142	-£30,972	£48,163
Progressive Building Society	£20,010	£80	£0	£80	£30,000	£50,090
	£83,003	£43,468	£27,246	£16,222	-£972	£98,253
Restricted Funds						
Property/Building	£2,907	£13,405	£3,401	£10,004	£0	£12,911
Mission/Charity	£0	£2,848	£3,830	-£982	£982	£0
Holiday Bible Club	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Benevolent	£14	£0	£54	-£54	£40	£0
Organisations (2)	£626	£268	£394	-£126	-£50	£450
	£3,547	£16,521	£7,679	£8,842	£972	£13,361
Endowment Fund						
(Name of Fund)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total Funds	£86,550	£59,989	£34,925	£25,064	£0	£111,614

	Valuation at Start	Revaluation Increase	Revaluation at End
General Investment Fund	0	0	0

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 104581

Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report
(Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104581)

**NEWINGTON 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

NEWINGTON congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
136 LIMESTONE ROAD, BELFAST, BT15 3AL
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104581)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

JOHN LYNASS
THOMAS McWATTERS
WILLIAM McDOWELL

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister (convener)	Rev Dr IVAN NEISH
Clerk of Session	MR JOHN LYNASS
Treasurer	MISS MOLLY VANNAN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

MR ROY EAKIN
18 FARM LODGE ROAD, GREENISLAND, BT38 8XH

BANKERS

DANSKE BANK
DONEGALL SQUARE WEST, BELFAST, BT1 6JS

SOLICITORS

REAVEY & CO
22 THE DIAMOND, RATHCOOLE ,NEWTOWNABBEY, BT37 9BJ

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held when required, at least twice a year.

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

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. NEWINGTON 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.

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

The General Assembly

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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Total Income of the congregation during the year 2023 was £59,989 compared to £44,820 in the previous Year 2022. This increase was due to the rental of the church manse for a full year, and also an insurance claim.

Total expenditure decreased from £38,717 in 2022 to £34,366 in 2023.

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 28/07/24 and signed on its behalf by

[Name]	John Lynass	[Name]	Thomas McWatters
[Date]	28/07/24	[Date]	28/07/24

Newington Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104581

Annual return

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

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

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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 account to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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

Name: ... Roy Eakin
Occupation ... Retired Bank Official
Address: ... 18 Farm Lodge Road, Greenisland
... Carrickfergus, Co Antrim BT38 8XH
Date: ... 10/01/2024

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Accounts

*NEWINGTON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN IRELAND*

*Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2022*

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104581)

Newington Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account)
Year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	29001	10536	0	39537	35005
Charitable activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	4	4849	0	0	4849	9731
Investment Income	5	248	0	0	248	315
Other	6	0	0	0	0	1424
Organisations		0	186	0	186	60
Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		34098	10722	0	44820	46535
Payments						
Raising funds	7	207	0	0	207	168
Charitable activities	8	25385	12789	0	38174	30169
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
Organisations		0	336	0	336	152
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		25592	13125	0	38717	30489
Net receipts / (payments)		8506	-2403	0	6103	16046
Transfers between funds		187	-187	0	0	
Net movement in funds		8693	-2590	0	6103	16046
Funds brought forward		74310	6137	0	80447	64401
Funds carried forward	12	83003	3547	0	86550	80447

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Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	74,310	6,137	0	80447	64401
Net movement in funds	£8,693	-£2,590	0	6103	16046
Bank and Cash at end of year	£83,003	£3,547	0	86550	80447

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account - General	65913	58620
Progressive Account	20010	19924
Cash in Hand	NIL	NIL
Bank Current A/Cs - Organisations	433	1508
Cash in Hand - Organisations	194	395
Sub total	86550	80447
Endowment Funds	0	0
Total	86550	80447

Other Assets

Fixed Assets - Note 10

Church Premises

Fixtures and Fittings

Vehicles

Investments - GIF - Note 11

Gift Aid receivable on donations

Other assets

6405 **4731**

Liabilities

Loans

Other liabilities

0 0

0 0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 19 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Name: John Lynass

Name: Tommy McWatters

Date: 29 January 2023

Date: 14 May 2023

Newington Prersbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account)
Year ended 31 December 2022

Accounting Policies

Basis of Financial Statements

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

Fund Accounting

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Recorded givings/Bld.Fd.	23925	1446	0	25371	28337
Recorded Givings U.A.	0	1177	0	1177	0
Loose collections/U.A.	436	241	0	677	261
Donations/Gifts Bld Fd	0	0	0	0	1100
Gift Aid - Bld Fd	0	311	0	311	210
Donations/Gifts Miss	0	7084	0	7084	576
Gift Aid - Gen A/c/Mission	4640	277	0	4917	4521
Legacies and bequests	0	0	0	0	0
	29001	10536	0	39537	35005

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3. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income: Presbyterian Herald	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
Membership fees	0	0	0	0	0
Grants - Urban Mission Trust	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	£0	£0

4. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	4849	0	0	4849	9731
Trading Income	0	0	0	0	0
	4849	0	0	4849	£9,731

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Progressive Fund Interest	86	0	0	86	184
Bank Interest	162	0	0	162	131
Rents investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
	248	0	0	248	315

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6. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	1424
Other income	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	1424

7. Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes/Reports	207	0	0	207	168
Fundraising Events	0	0	0	0	0
	207	0	0	207	168

8. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	3036	0	0	3036	3483
Presbytery fees	678	0	0	678	678
Ministry and support staff costs	10649	0	0	10649	9920
Congregational running expenses	10682	216	0	10898	10380
Donations to Missions and Charities	0	9647	0	9647	3256
Property Fund	0	2856	0	2856	2054
Benevolent Fund	0	70	0	70	128
Governance Costs	340	0	0	340	270
	25385	12789	0	38174	30169

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9. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance Repairs	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	£0

10. Fixed Assets

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 144 Limestone Road. Belfast. BT15 3AL
and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.
The congregation also own the Church manse situated at 1 Glencroft Rd. Newtownabbey BT35 5GD.
These have an insurance value of : £4,507,883

11. Investments

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
General Investment Fund at market valuation	0	0
Property	0	0
Other investments	0	0
	0	0

Newington Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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12. Fund Balances

	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfers	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	54386	34012	25592	8420	187	62993
Progressive Building Society	19924	86	0	86	0	20010
	74310	34098	25592	8506	187	83003
Restricted Funds						
Property/Building	4006	1757	2856	-1099	0	2907
Mission/Charity	0	8779	9647	-868	868	0
Holiday Bible Club	144	0	216	-216	72	0
Benevolent	84	0	70	-70	0	14
Organisations (2)	1903	186	336	-150	-1127	626
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Endowment Fund						
(Name of Fund)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total Funds	80447	44820	38717	6103	0	86550

	Valuation at Start	Revaluation Increase	Revaluation at End
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Annual report

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**Trustees Annual Report
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JOHN LYNASS
DAVID WILSON Deceased December 2022
THOMAS McWATTERS

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Minister (convener)	Rev Dr IVAN NEISH
Clerk of Session	MR JOHN LYNASS
Treasurer	MISS MOLLY VANNAN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

MR ROY EAKIN
18 FARM LODGE ROAD, GREENISLAND, BT38 8XH

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DANSKE BANK
DONEGALL SQUARE WEST, BELFAST, BT1 6JS

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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.

**NEWINGTON 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 40 contributors during the year, (46 in previous year, 2021) donating a total of £23,925 (£25,274 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year 2022 was £44,820, compared to £46,535 in the previous Year 2021. There was a period of vacancy at the manse resulting in reduced rental income.

Total expenditure increased from £30,489 in 2021 to £38,717 in 2022. Which was mainly due to rising energy costs.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 11/06/23 and signed on its behalf by

[Name]	John Lynass	[Name]	Thomas McWatters
[Date]	11/06/23	[Date]	11/06/23

Newington Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104581

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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 account to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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