

Ballylinney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104716

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£216,284	£217,610	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Michael Mcbrien		
Dr Sam Kennedy		
Fred Teeney		
Miss Margaret Mcneill		
Mr Ashley Wasson		
Mr John Sweeney Mann		
Mr Martin Wilson		
Mr Norman Smyth		
Mr Tony Hacking		
Mr Walter Lambe		
Mrs Dorothy Magee		
Ms Amanda Mcghee		
Ms Libby Weatherup		
Rev Dr Andrew Mullan		

Accounts

BALLYLINNEY 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 (NIC104716)

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

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

Ballylinney congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Ballylinney Road
Ballyclare
Co. Antrim BT39 9PB

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104716)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev Dr Andrew Mullan
Dr Michael McBrien
Mr Walter Lambe M.B.E.
Mr Fred Teeney
Miss Margaret McNeill
Miss Amanda McGhee
Miss Libby Weatherup
Mrs Dorothy Magee

Dr Sam Kennedy
Mr Wilson Dunlop
Mr John Mann
Mr Norman Smyth
Mr Tony Hacking
Mr Ashley Wasson
Mr Martin Wilson

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev Dr Andrew Mullan
Dr Michael McBrien
Mr Tony Hacking

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
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BALLYLINNEY 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 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 bimonthly.

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. Ballylinney congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Carrickfergus 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.

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

The General Assembly

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ballylinney 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:

We are a people aiming to be a dynamic church dedicated to building up disciples and presenting the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the wider world.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- 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;
- 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.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

- Glow (Sunday School)
- Christian Endeavour
- Crèche
- Ignite (Youth Sunday School)
- Catalyst (Youth Club)
- Fusion (Youth Fellowship)
- Women Together
- Friendship Group
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- Small Groups
- Men's Football
- Badminton Club
- Coffee and chat
- Ministry Group
- Missionary Group
- Munchkins (Baby and Toddler Group)
- Catering Group

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11am. The Midweek Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7.30pm provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 2 administrations of Sacrament of Baptism; in addition, we conducted 1 marriage service and gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2024 there was 1 person admitted to the Lord's Table for the first time bringing the total of communicant members to 181, with 269 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 120. The average number of views online of our church services is between 600 - 900, with often more than one person watching each viewing.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

The Church is located in a largely rural setting; it has an excellent suite of buildings to facilitate outreach initiatives and a core of dedicated people seeking to serve Christ. It is comprised of families with a lifelong connection with the church and new families that have joined over the years. There is a strong sense of community within the congregation. We enjoy a connection with the local Primary Schools.

We have an increasing presence in the Mill Road, Templepatrick Road and Hillhead Road (New Developments) regularly distributing invites to the various activities offered by the Church. We have developed a close relationship with the Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ – partnering them with volunteers and financial support reaching out to young people in Ballyclare town who have no church connection. Three members volunteer with the Ballyclare Branch of the Newtownabbey Foodbank and three members volunteer with Newtownabbey Street Pastors.

During 2024 the following local, national and international missionary projects have been supported

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ	£4,880
Agape Europe	£2,500
Latin Link	£3,020
Mugari Family – Serving in Zimbabwe	£3,000
Eastern Europe For Christ	£2,020
Release International	£2,500
Reach Beyond	£3,650
UCCF	£120
Compassion UK	£559
Tear Fund	£500
Hope 365	£1,500
Street Pastors	£250

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

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

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

The Congregation continues to maintain the Church Sanctuary, Halls and Car Parks to a high standard. All statutory Health and Safety requirements are met including those necessary for the Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council to issue an occasional Entertainment Licence for the Church Halls. The latter facilitates BB and GB Displays and other outreach events.

Organisations

The following activities and organisations meet during the year as follows:

Crèche

During morning services, we offer friendly and pleasant crèche facilities for children from birth to pre-school in the church halls. This allows the children a safe environment to play together while parents or carers are in church.

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

Glow

Glow is our Sunday School. Glow takes place every Sunday in the year unless an all ages service is held in the church. Our kids are present in church for the first part of the Sunday morning service and then leave for separate programmes for P1-P3 and P4-P7, with songs, stories, craft and discussion times.

Two adult teachers are with each group at all times. Our teachers aim to make the Bible relevant and applicable to the lives and issues faced by our children.

Christian Endeavour

Christian Endeavour is an organisation which trains and equips young people to be tomorrow's church leaders. It takes place on 2 Sundays per month for children in P5-P7. CE encourages commitment to Christ and the local church, the reading of the Bible and prayer, active involvement of children in the planning of and participation in meetings, and the development of gifts and talents for use in Christian service in the church and the world.

Boys' Brigade

We have a well developed BB and are continuing to grow every year. We run a fun and well rounded programme for all sections, covering all ages from 4 to 19. We meet on a Thursday evening in our Church halls throughout term time.

Ballylinney BB is also pleased to offer opportunities for Company Section boys to complete the Queen's Award qualifications.

Girls' Brigade

Our Girls' Brigade Company meets every Monday night in Ballylinney from September to March. We are a strong and growing Company with over 40 years of experience.

GB is a fun and interactive environment where the girls can learn about Christianity through a programme of scripture, craft, PE, dance, choir, baking, games and much more.

Ballylinney GB is also pleased to offer opportunities for Company Section girls to complete both the Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze, Silver & Gold) and Queen's Award qualifications.

Ignite

Ignite is our Sunday morning Youth Programme, designed to challenge the thinking of our youth in Years 8 to 10 and enable them to explore the Bible with friends. We meet in the Youth Room during the second half of the church service for late breakfast, chat and bible study.

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Fusion (Youth Fellowship)

Catalyst meets on alternate Sunday evenings at 7pm at Ballylinney and our programme is different each week as we look at the bible and many different topics.

Our focus is to learn more about Jesus, how He impacted many lives and how we, through Him, can have our lives changed and also impact the lives of others.

Catalyst (Youth Club)

Fusion meets on alternate Friday evenings. We provide a relaxed and informal setting for secondary school aged members to bring their friends for an evening of games, conversation and relaxation together.

Women Together

Meets on the second Wednesday night of each month from Sept to April at 8pm to enjoy community, conversation and commission.

Attendees include women from all walks of life and ages enjoying our varied programme of speakers and demonstrations.

Small Groups

Small groups commence each September and meet on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. Our 6 groups consist of church members meeting for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Groups offer service to others either within our church or in our community.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is a gathering of all interested within the church family and others. It is open to all, not just the over 60's or those attached to the church.

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm from October to June in the church halls, finishing around 4pm.

The programme is varied; we have Christian guest speakers from all walks of life, craft afternoons, games and other activities, followed by a cup of tea and eats. We finish the year's programme with a coach outing in the spring.

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

Ministry Group

The Ministry Group in Ballylinney has a number of roles including:

- To arrange meetings for the Friendship Club.
- To keep in touch with our senior members including sending birthday and anniversary cards.

Missionary Group

We meet regularly to assign financial support to the various missionary projects our church supports and to plan events and services to raise awareness of mission in the congregation.

Munchkins

Munchkins meets on Fridays from 10am – 11.15am when we run a baby and toddler group for local parents/grandparents/ childminders. This has proved very popular with the majority of those who attend having no other connection with the congregation.

Catering Group

The Catering Group's role in the church is primarily to cater for any functions held. Additionally, the group caters for outside gatherings, e.g. funerals etc. the remuneration for which is used in charitable donations and to contribute to the fabric of the church.

Coffee and Chat

Meets on the second Monday of each month at 8pm in the church halls for a time of fellowship for the younger women in our congregation.

Men's football

Meets on Tuesday evenings at 9pm in the Soccer Shed in Ballyclare.

Badminton Club

Meets on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the church halls.

Volunteers

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

BALLYLINNEY 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.

**BALLYLINNEY 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 176 contributors during the year (198 in previous year, 2023) donating a total of £120,166 (£115,037 in previous year, 2023)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £216,284 compared to £212,538 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £190,144 in 2023 to £217,610 due in the main to a major refurbishment project in the Church halls along with the addition of a fire escape in the church to comply with fire regulations.

RESERVES POLICY

The policy of the trustees is not to accumulate reserves but to use reserves in the promotion of the Charity's objects, and maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months' unrestricted payments, approx. £67k to cover unforeseen situations that may arise from time to time. In light of the main risks facing the Charity the trustees consider the current level of reserves £122,208 and their use (as required) is sufficiently above this target. The trustees continue to monitor their reserves levels on a periodic basis.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

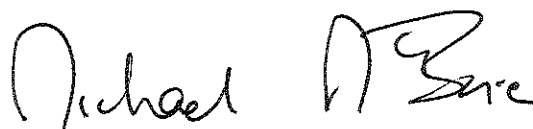
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 12 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Moderator



Clerk



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

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	146,564	49,876	-	196,440	189,342
Charitable activities	3	-	10,609	-	10,609	10,907
Other trading activities	4	1,880	2,878	-	4,758	4,222
Investment Income	5	461	11	3,829	4,301	7,138
Other	6	176	-	-	176	1,229
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Total Receipts		149,081	63,374	3,829	216,284	212,538
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	-	1,463	-	1,463	5,847
Charitable activities	8	146,787	69,360	-	216,147	184,297
Investment Costs		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Payments		146,787	70,823	-	217,610	190,144
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Net receipts / (payments)		2,294	(7,449)	3,829	(1,326)	22,394
Transfers between funds		(2,566)	2,566	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		(272)	(4,883)	3,829	(1,326)	22,394
Funds brought forward		125,046	49,279	80,974	255,299	232,905
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Funds carried forward	10	124,774	44,396	84,803	253,973	255,299
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**BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2024

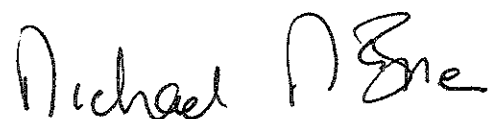
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Balance at start of year	125,046	49,279	80,974	255,299	232,905
Net movement in funds	(272)	(4,883)	3,829	(1,326)	22,394
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Balance at end of year	122,774	46,396	84,803	253,973	255,299
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				10	10
Bank Current Accounts				168,205	173,477
Cash in Hand				955	385
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				169,170	173,872
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 9					
General Investment Fund – Note 10				84,803	80,974
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				84,803	80,974
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Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 12 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Moderator



Clerk



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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:					
Loose collections	120,166	34,202	-	154,368	147,540
Donations and gifts	2,800	7,938	-	10,738	10,888
Gift Aid	23,598	7,736	-	31,334	30,914
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
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	146,564	49,876	-	196,440	189,342
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BALLYLINNEY 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					
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	1,075	-	1,075	1,205
Fundraising events	-	5,164	-	5,164	6,502
Grants	-	4,370	-	4,370	3,200
	-	10,609	-	10,609	10,907

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	1,300	-	-	1,300	600
Trading income	580	2,878	-	3,458	3,622
	1,880	2,878	-	4,758	4,222

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	461	11	-	472	418
Realised gains / (losses) on investments	-	-	3,829	3,829	6,720
	461	11	3,829	4,301	7,138

BALLYLINNEY 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	176	-	-	176	1,229
Refunds					
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	176	-	-	176	1,229
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	1,463	-	1,463	5,847
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	-	1,463	-	1,463	5,847
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	14,227	-	-	14,227	14,662
Presbytery fees	849	-	-	849	816
Ministry and support staff costs	10,969	-	-	10,969	18,667
Congregational running expenses	118,878	22,516	-	141,394	113,445
Donations to Missions and charities	1,511	46,844	-	48,355	35,577
Governance costs	353	-	-	353	1,130
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	146,787	69,360	-	216,147	184,297
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**BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation occupies the Church premises situated at Ballylinney Road, Ballyclare. The Buildings, fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery have a combined insurance value of £4,801,800 as at 31st October 2024.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	125,046	149,081	(146,787)	2,293	(2,566)	122,734
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	125,046	149,081	(146,787)	2,294	(2,566)	124,774
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Restricted Funds						
Property/Building Fund	16,989	6,786	(3,995)	2,791	-	19,780
United Appeal	4,877	14,167	(12,000)	2,167	(2,000)	5,044
General Missions Fund	11,508	23,218	(29,389)	(6,171)	-	5,337
World Development Appeal	-	924	(924)	-	-	-
Student Bursary Appeal	-	2,141	(2,141)	-	-	-
Presbyterian Children Society	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering Fund	1,454	1,075	(1,840)	(765)	700	1,389
Sunday School/KFC	541	239	(881)	(642)	1,000	899
Religious Ed & Training	867	557	(2,720)	(2,163)	2,000	704
Presbyterian Women	1,278	1,024	(1,231)	(207)	-	1,071
Boys Brigade	6,514	4,734	(5,268)	(534)	-	5,980
Girls Brigade	2,501	5,958	(6,604)	(646)	-	1,855
Bowling Club	81	-	-	-	-	81
Friendship Club	279	479	(522)	(43)	-	236
Youth Club	1,761	-	(1,547)	(1,547)	-	214
Youth Fellowship	561	520	(217)	303	50	914
Junior CE	-	800	(531)	269	216	485
Munchkins	69	752	(1,013)	(261)	600	408
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	49,279	63,374	(70,823)	(7,449)	2,566	44,396
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Endowment Funds						
General Investment	80,974	3,829	-	3,829	-	84,803
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	80,974	3,829	-	3,829	-	84,803
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Total						
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	255,299	216,284	(217,610)	1,326	-	253,973
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BALLYLINNEY 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 (NIC104716)

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

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

Ballylinney congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Ballylinney Road
Ballyclare
Co. Antrim BT39 9PB

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104716)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev Emerson McDowell	Mrs Dorothy Magee
Dr Michael McBrien	Dr Sam Kennedy
Mr David Williamson	Mr Wilson Dunlop
Mr Walter Lambe M.B.E.	Mr John Mann
Mr Fred Teeney	Mr Norman Smyth
Miss Margaret McNeill	Mr Tony Hacking
Miss Amanda McGhee	Mr Ashley Wasson
Miss Libby Weatherup	Mr Martin Wilson

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Vacant
Vacancy Convenor	Rev Mark Russell
Clerk of Session	Dr Michael McBrien
Treasurer	Mr Tony Hacking

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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BALLYLINNEY 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 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 bimonthly.

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. Ballylinney congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Carrickfergus 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.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

The General Assembly

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ballylinney 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:

We are a people aiming to be a dynamic church dedicated to building up disciples and presenting the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the wider world.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- 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;
- 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.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

- Glow (Sunday School)
- Christian Endeavour
- Crèche
- Ignite (Youth Sunday School)
- Catalyst (Youth Club)
- Fusion (Youth Fellowship)
- Women Together
- Friendship Group
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- Small Groups
- Men's Football
- Badminton Club
- Coffee and chat
- Ministry Group
- Missionary Group
- Munchkins (Baby and Toddler Group)
- Catering Group

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11am. During the week the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7.30pm provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 5 administrations of Sacrament of Baptism; in addition, we conducted 2 marriage services and gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 3 people admitted to the Lord's Table for the first time bringing the total of communicant members to 181, with 269 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 120. The average number of views online of our church services is between 300-350, with often more than one person watching each viewing.

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

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

The Church is located in a largely rural setting; it has an excellent suite of buildings to facilitate outreach initiatives and a core of dedicated people seeking to serve Christ. It is comprised of families with a lifelong connection with the church and new families that have joined over the years. There is a strong sense of community within the congregation. We enjoy a close connection with the local Primary School – Thompson Primary in Ballyrobert (includes monthly participation in Assemblies and representation on the Board of Governors).

We have an increasing presence in the Mill Road, Templepatrick Road and Hillhead Road (New Developments) regularly distributing invites to the various activities offered by the Church. The employment of a full-time youth worker allows us to continue to take Scripture Union sessions in local primary schools and local secondary level schools. We have developed a close relationship with the Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ – partnering them with volunteers and financial support reaching out to young people in Ballyclare town who have no church connection. Three members volunteer with the Ballyclare Branch of the Newtownabbey Foodbank and four members volunteer with Newtownabbey Street Pastors.

During 2023 the following local, national and international missionary projects have been supported

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ	£3,200
Agape Europe	£2,000
Latin Link	£2,400
Mugari Family – Serving in Zimbabwe	£2,000
Eastern Europe For Christ	£2,020
Release International	£2,000
Reach Beyond	£1,700
UCCF	£480
Compassion UK	£427
Mercy Ships	£500
Ambassadors	£200

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

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

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

The Congregation continues to maintain the Church Sanctuary, Halls and Car Parks to a high standard. All statutory Health and Safety requirements are met including those necessary for the Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council to issue an occasional Entertainment Licence for the Church Halls. The latter facilitates Women Together Outreach events, BB & GB Displays.

Organisations

The following activities and organisations meet during the year as follows:

Crèche

During morning services, we offer friendly and pleasant crèche facilities for children from birth to pre-school in the church halls. This allows the children a safe environment to play together while parents or carers are in church.

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

Glow

Glow is our Sunday School. Glow takes place every Sunday in the year except for our Children's Day in June and Back to School Sunday in September. Our kids are present in church for the first part of the Sunday morning service, and then leave for separate programmes for P1-P3 and P4-P7, with songs, stories, craft and discussion times.

Two adult teachers are with each group at all times. Our teachers aim to make the Bible relevant and applicable to the lives and issues faced by our children.

Christian Endeavour

Christian Endeavour is an organisation which trains and equips young people to be tomorrow's church leaders. It takes place on 2 Sundays per month for children in P5-P7. CE encourages commitment to Christ and the local church, the reading of the Bible and prayer, active involvement of children in the planning of and participation in meetings, and the development of gifts and talents for use in Christian service in the church and the world.

Boys' Brigade

We have a well developed BB and are continuing to grow every year. We run a fun and well rounded programme for all sections, covering all ages from 4 to 19. We meet on a Thursday evening in our Church halls throughout term time.

Ballylinney BB is also pleased to offer opportunities for Company Section boys to complete the Queen's Award qualifications.

Girls' Brigade

Our Girls' Brigade Company meets every Monday night in Ballylinney from September to March. We are a strong and growing Company with over 40 years of experience.

GB is a fun and interactive environment where the girls can learn about Christianity through a programme of scripture, craft, PE, dance, choir, baking, games and much more.

Ballylinney GB is also pleased to offer opportunities for Company Section girls to complete both the Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze, Silver & Gold) and Queen's Award qualifications.

Ignite

Ignite is our Sunday morning Youth Programme, designed to challenge the thinking of our youth in Years 8 to 10 and enable them to explore the Bible with friends. We meet in the Youth Room during the second half of the church service for late breakfast, chat and bible study.

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

Fusion (Youth Fellowship)

Catalyst meets on alternate Sunday evenings at 7pm at Ballylinney and our programme is different each week as we look at the bible and many different topics.

Our focus is to learn more about Jesus, how He impacted many lives and how we, through Him, can have our lives changed and also impact the lives of others.

Catalyst (Youth Club)

Fusion meets on alternate Friday evenings. We provide a relaxed and informal setting for secondary school aged members to bring their friends for an evening of games, conversation and relaxation together.

Women Together

Meets on the second Wednesday night of each month from Sept to April at 8pm to enjoy community, conversation and commission.

Attendees include women from all walks of life and ages enjoying our varied programme of speakers and demonstrations.

Small Groups

Small groups commence each September and meet on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. Our 5 groups consist of church members meeting for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Groups offer service to others either within our church or in our community.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is a gathering of all interested within the church family and others. It is open to all, not just the over 60's or those attached to the church.

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm from October to June in the church halls, finishing around 4pm.

The programme is varied; we have Christian guest speakers from all walks of life, craft afternoons, games and other activities, followed by a cup of tea and eats. We finish the year's programme with a coach outing in the spring.

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

Ministry Group

The Ministry Group in Ballylinney has a number of roles:

- To arrange meetings for the Friendship Club.
- To keep in touch with our senior members including sending birthday and anniversary cards.
- The distribution of harvest flowers and vegetables.
- Organisation of the Ministry Group Annual Sunday Service.

Missionary Group

We meet regularly to assign financial support to the various missionary projects our church supports and to plan events and services to raise awareness of mission in the congregation.

Munchkins

Each Friday 10am – 11.15am we run a baby and toddler group for local parents/grandparents/childminders. This has proved very popular with the majority of those who attend having no other connection with the congregation.

Catering Group

The Catering Group's role in the church is primarily to cater for any functions held. Additionally, the group caters for outside gatherings, e.g. funerals etc. the remuneration for which is used in charitable donations and to contribute to the fabric of the church.

Coffee and Chat

Meets on the second Monday of each month at 8pm in the church halls for a time of fellowship for the younger women in our congregation.

Men's football

Meets on Tuesday evenings at 9pm in the Soccer Shed in Ballyclare.

Badminton Club

Meets on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the church halls.

Volunteers

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

BALLYLINNEY 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.

BALLYLINNEY 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 198 contributors during the year (198 in previous year, 2022) donating a total of £115,037 (£119,099 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £212,538 compared to £218,743 in the previous year.

Total expenditure decreased from £199,271 in 2022 to £190,144.

RESERVES POLICY

The policy of the trustees is not to accumulate reserves but to use reserves in the promotion of the Charity's objects, and maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months' unrestricted payments, approx. £60k to cover unforeseen situations that may arise from time to time. In light of the main risks facing the Charity the trustees consider the current level of reserves £125,046 and their use (as required) is sufficiently above this target. The trustees continue to monitor their reserves levels on a periodic basis.

FUTURE PLANS

Since March 2020 the church has maintained a watchful eye on the impact of the COVID-19 virus, continuing the online presence with live streamed church services and maintaining contact with its vulnerable members via "Zoom" etc. If it becomes necessary in the future, the church will take measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the congregation and its free reserves.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

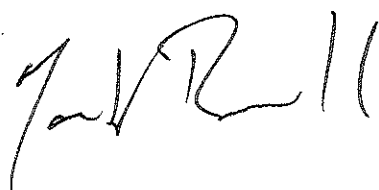
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

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

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

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 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Moderator



Clerk

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

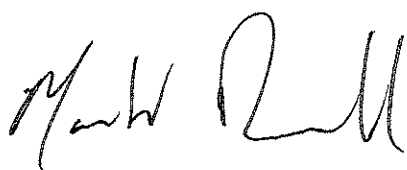
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	140,508	48,834	-	189,342	201,098
Charitable activities	3	-	10,907	-	10,907	13,494
Other trading activities	4	849	3,373	-	4,222	3,769
Investment Income	5	409	9	6,720	7,138	382
Other	6	1,229	-	-	1,229	-
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Total Receipts		142,995	62,823	6,720	212,538	218,743
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	-	5,847	-	5,847	7,078
Charitable activities	8	135,686	48,611	-	184,297	192,194
Investment Costs		-	-	-	-	6,651
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Total Payments		135,686	54,458	-	190,144	205,923
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Net receipts / (payments)		7,309	8,365	6,720	22,394	12,820
Transfers between funds		(2,000)	2,000	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		5,309	10,365	6,720	22,394	12,820
Funds brought forward		119,737	38,914	74,254	232,905	220,084
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Funds carried forward	10	125,046	49,279	80,974	255,299	232,904
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BALLYLINNEY 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					
Balance at start of year	119,737	38,914	74,254	232,905	220,084
Net movement in funds	5,309	10,365	6,720	22,394	12,820
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Balance at end of year	125,046	49,279	80,974	255,299	232,904
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				10	10
Bank Current Accounts				173,477	158,637
Cash in Hand				385	304
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				173,872	158,951
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 9					
General Investment Fund – Note 10				80,974	74,254
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				80,974	74,254
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Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 11 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Moderator



Clerk

BALLYLINNEY 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:					
Loose collections	115,037	32,503	-	147,540	154,365
Donations and gifts	4,311	6,577	-	10,888	18,672
Gift Aid	21,160	9,754	-	30,914	28,061
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
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	140,508	48,834	-	189,342	201,098
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BALLYLINNEY 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					
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	1,205	-	1,205	3,305
Fundraising events	-	6,502	-	6,502	4,489
Grants	-	3,200	-	3,200	5,700
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	-	10,907	-	10,907	13,494
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	600	-	-	600	-
Trading income	249	3,373	-	3,622	3,769
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	849	3,373	-	4,222	3,769
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	409	9	-	418	382
Realised gains / (losses) on investments	-	-	6,720	6,720	(6,651)
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	409	9	6,720	7,138	(6,269)
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BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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31 December 2023

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	1,229	-	-	1,229	-
Refunds					
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	1,229	-	-	1,229	-
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	5,847	-	5,847	7,078
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	-	5,847	-	5,847	7,078
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	14,662	-	-	14,662	19,601
Presbytery fees	816	-	-	816	769
Ministry and support staff costs	18,667	-	-	18,667	49,090
Congregational running expenses	98,862	14,583	-	113,445	74,910
Donations to Missions and charities	1,549	34,028	-	35,577	47,254
Governance costs	1,130	-	-	1,130	570
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	135,686	48,611	-	184,297	192,194
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**BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2023

9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation occupies the Church premises situated at Ballylinney Road, Ballyclare. The Buildings, fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery have a combined insurance value of £4,254,086.13 as at 31st October 2023.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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31 December 2023

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	119,737	142,995	(135,686)	5,309	(2,000)	125,046
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	119,737	142,995	(135,686)	5,309	(2,000)	125,046
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Restricted Funds						
Property/Building Fund	14,679	6,858	(4,548)	2,310	-	16,989
United Appeal	3,498	13,379	(12,000)	1,379	-	4,877
General Missions Fund	7,267	23,018	(18,777)	4,241	-	11,508
World Development Appeal	-	1,153	(1,153)	-	-	-
Moderators Appeal	-	1,206	(1,206)	-	-	-
Presbyterian Children Society	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering Fund	1,632	1,205	(883)	(178)	(500)	1,454
Sunday School/KFC	507	109	(75)	34	-	541
Religious Ed & Training	877	210	(2,720)	(10)	2,500	867
Presbyterian Women	220	2,301	(1,243)	1,058	-	1,278
Boys Brigade	5,869	4,260	(3,615)	645	-	6,514
Girls Brigade	2,136	6,364	(5,999)	365	-	2,501
Bowling Club	81	-	-	-	-	81
Friendship Club	109	875	(705)	170	-	279
Youth Club	1,761	-	-	-	-	1,761
Youth Fellowship	196	690	(325)	365	-	561
Junior CE	-	467	(467)	-	-	-
Munchkins	83	728	(742)	(14)	-	69
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	38,914	62,823	(54,458)	10,365	2,000	49,279
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Endowment Funds						
General Investment	74,254	6,720	-	6,720	-	80,974
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	74,254	6,720	-	6,720	-	80,974
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Total						
	232,905	212,538	(190,144)	22,394	-	255,299
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Ballylinney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104716

Annual report

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
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STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the 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 bimonthly.

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. Ballylinney congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Carrickfergus 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.

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

The General Assembly

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ballylinney 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:

We are a people aiming to be a dynamic church dedicated to building up disciples and presenting the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the wider world.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- 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;
- 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.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

- Glow (Sunday School)
- Christian Endeavour
- Crèche
- Ignite (Youth Sunday School)
- Catalyst (Youth Club)
- Fusion (Youth Fellowship)
- Women Together
- Friendship Group
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- Small Groups
- Men's Football
- Badminton Club
- Coffee and chat
- Ministry Group
- Missionary Group
- Munchkins (Baby and Toddler Group)
- Catering Group

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11am. During the week the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7.30pm provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 5 administrations of Sacrament of Baptism; in addition, we conducted 2 marriage services and gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 3 people admitted to the Lord's Table for the first time bringing the total of communicant members to 181, with 269 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 120. The average number of views online of our church services is between 300-350, with often more than one person watching each viewing.

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

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

The Church is located in a largely rural setting; it has an excellent suite of buildings to facilitate outreach initiatives and a core of dedicated people seeking to serve Christ. It is comprised of families with a lifelong connection with the church and new families that have joined over the years. There is a strong sense of community within the congregation. We enjoy a close connection with the local Primary School – Thompson Primary in Ballyrobert (includes monthly participation in Assemblies and representation on the Board of Governors).

We have an increasing presence in the Mill Road, Templepatrick Road and Hillhead Road (New Developments) regularly distributing invites to the various activities offered by the Church. The employment of a full-time youth worker allows us to continue to take Scripture Union sessions in local primary schools and local secondary level schools. We have developed a close relationship with the Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ – partnering them with volunteers and financial support reaching out to young people in Ballyclare town who have no church connection. Three members volunteer with the Ballyclare Branch of the Newtownabbey Foodbank and four members volunteer with Newtownabbey Street Pastors.

During 2023 the following local, national and international missionary projects have been supported

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ	£3,200
Agape Europe	£2,000
Latin Link	£2,400
Mugari Family – Serving in Zimbabwe	£2,000
Eastern Europe For Christ	£2,020
Release International	£2,000
Reach Beyond	£1,700
UCCF	£480
Compassion UK	£427
Mercy Ships	£500
Ambassadors	£200

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

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

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

The Congregation continues to maintain the Church Sanctuary, Halls and Car Parks to a high standard. All statutory Health and Safety requirements are met including those necessary for the Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council to issue an occasional Entertainment Licence for the Church Halls. The latter facilitates Women Together Outreach events, BB & GB Displays.

Organisations

The following activities and organisations meet during the year as follows:

Crèche

During morning services, we offer friendly and pleasant crèche facilities for children from birth to pre-school in the church halls. This allows the children a safe environment to play together while parents or carers are in church.

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

Glow

Glow is our Sunday School. Glow takes place every Sunday in the year except for our Children's Day in June and Back to School Sunday in September. Our kids are present in church for the first part of the Sunday morning service, and then leave for separate programmes for P1-P3 and P4-P7, with songs, stories, craft and discussion times.

Two adult teachers are with each group at all times. Our teachers aim to make the Bible relevant and applicable to the lives and issues faced by our children.

Christian Endeavour

Christian Endeavour is an organisation which trains and equips young people to be tomorrow's church leaders. It takes place on 2 Sundays per month for children in P5-P7. CE encourages commitment to Christ and the local church, the reading of the Bible and prayer, active involvement of children in the planning of and participation in meetings, and the development of gifts and talents for use in Christian service in the church and the world.

Boys' Brigade

We have a well developed BB and are continuing to grow every year. We run a fun and well rounded programme for all sections, covering all ages from 4 to 19. We meet on a Thursday evening in our Church halls throughout term time.

Ballylinney BB is also pleased to offer opportunities for Company Section boys to complete the Queen's Award qualifications.

Girls' Brigade

Our Girls' Brigade Company meets every Monday night in Ballylinney from September to March. We are a strong and growing Company with over 40 years of experience.

GB is a fun and interactive environment where the girls can learn about Christianity through a programme of scripture, craft, PE, dance, choir, baking, games and much more.

Ballylinney GB is also pleased to offer opportunities for Company Section girls to complete both the Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze, Silver & Gold) and Queen's Award qualifications.

Ignite

Ignite is our Sunday morning Youth Programme, designed to challenge the thinking of our youth in Years 8 to 10 and enable them to explore the Bible with friends. We meet in the Youth Room during the second half of the church service for late breakfast, chat and bible study.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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Fusion (Youth Fellowship)

Catalyst meets on alternate Sunday evenings at 7pm at Ballylinney and our programme is different each week as we look at the bible and many different topics.

Our focus is to learn more about Jesus, how He impacted many lives and how we, through Him, can have our lives changed and also impact the lives of others.

Catalyst (Youth Club)

Fusion meets on alternate Friday evenings. We provide a relaxed and informal setting for secondary school aged members to bring their friends for an evening of games, conversation and relaxation together.

Women Together

Meets on the second Wednesday night of each month from Sept to April at 8pm to enjoy community, conversation and commission.

Attendees include women from all walks of life and ages enjoying our varied programme of speakers and demonstrations.

Small Groups

Small groups commence each September and meet on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. Our 5 groups consist of church members meeting for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Groups offer service to others either within our church or in our community.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is a gathering of all interested within the church family and others. It is open to all, not just the over 60's or those attached to the church.

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm from October to June in the church halls, finishing around 4pm.

The programme is varied; we have Christian guest speakers from all walks of life, craft afternoons, games and other activities, followed by a cup of tea and eats. We finish the year's programme with a coach outing in the spring.

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

Ministry Group

The Ministry Group in Ballylinney has a number of roles:

- To arrange meetings for the Friendship Club.
- To keep in touch with our senior members including sending birthday and anniversary cards.
- The distribution of harvest flowers and vegetables.
- Organisation of the Ministry Group Annual Sunday Service.

Missionary Group

We meet regularly to assign financial support to the various missionary projects our church supports and to plan events and services to raise awareness of mission in the congregation.

Munchkins

Each Friday 10am – 11.15am we run a baby and toddler group for local parents/grandparents/childminders. This has proved very popular with the majority of those who attend having no other connection with the congregation.

Catering Group

The Catering Group's role in the church is primarily to cater for any functions held. Additionally, the group caters for outside gatherings, e.g. funerals etc. the remuneration for which is used in charitable donations and to contribute to the fabric of the church.

Coffee and Chat

Meets on the second Monday of each month at 8pm in the church halls for a time of fellowship for the younger women in our congregation.

Men's football

Meets on Tuesday evenings at 9pm in the Soccer Shed in Ballyclare.

Badminton Club

Meets on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the church halls.

Volunteers

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

BALLYLINNEY 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.

BALLYLINNEY 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 198 contributors during the year (198 in previous year, 2022) donating a total of £115,037 (£119,099 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £212,538 compared to £218,743 in the previous year.

Total expenditure decreased from £199,271 in 2022 to £190,144.

RESERVES POLICY

The policy of the trustees is not to accumulate reserves but to use reserves in the promotion of the Charity's objects, and maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months' unrestricted payments, approx. £60k to cover unforeseen situations that may arise from time to time. In light of the main risks facing the Charity the trustees consider the current level of reserves £125,046 and their use (as required) is sufficiently above this target. The trustees continue to monitor their reserves levels on a periodic basis.

FUTURE PLANS

Since March 2020 the church has maintained a watchful eye on the impact of the COVID-19 virus, continuing the online presence with live streamed church services and maintaining contact with its vulnerable members via "Zoom" etc. If it becomes necessary in the future, the church will take measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the congregation and its free reserves.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

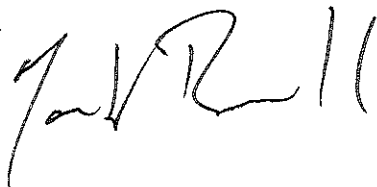
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

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

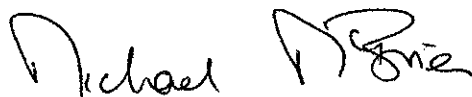
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

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 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Moderator

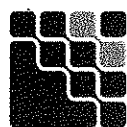


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BALLYLINNEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Ballylinney Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

Ballylinney Presbyterian Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Ballylinney Presbyterian Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 65(2) (audit) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 for the year and that an independent examination under section 64(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with Section 63 of the charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records in accordance with Section 64 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 have not been met; or

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

S Hopper FCA
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17 June 2024

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BALLYLINNEY 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 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 bimonthly.

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. Ballylinney congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Carrickfergus 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.

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

The General Assembly

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ballylinney 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:

We are a people aiming to be a dynamic church dedicated to building up disciples and presenting the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the wider world.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- 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;
- 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.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

- Glow (Sunday School)
- Christian Endeavour
- Crèche
- Ignite (Youth Sunday School)
- Youth Fellowship
- Women Together
- Friendship Group
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- Small Groups
- Men's Football
- Coffee and chat
- Ministry Group
- Missionary Group
- Munchkins
- Catering Group

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11am. During the week the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7.30pm provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 2 administrations of Sacrament of Baptism; in addition, we conducted 4 marriage services and gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 18 people admitted to the Lord's Table for the first time bringing the total of communicant members to 202, with 275 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 120. The average number of views online of our church services is between 300-400, with often more than one person watching each viewing.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

The Church is located in a largely rural setting; it has an excellent suite of buildings to facilitate outreach initiatives and a core of dedicated people seeking to serve Christ. It is comprised of families with a lifelong connection with the church and new families that have joined over the years. There is a strong sense of community within the congregation. We enjoy a close connection with the local Primary School – Thompson Primary in Ballyrobert (includes monthly participation in Assemblies and representation on the Board of Governors).

We have an increasing presence in the Mill Road, Templepatrick Road and Hillhead Road (New Developments) regularly distributing invites to the various activities offered by the Church. The employment of a full-time youth worker allows us to continue to take Scripture Union sessions in local primary schools and local secondary level schools. We have developed a close relationship with the Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ – partnering them with volunteers and financial support reaching out to young people in Ballyclare town who have no church connection. Three members volunteer with the Ballyclare Branch of the Newtownabbey Foodbank and four members volunteer with Newtownabbey Street Pastors.

During 2022 the following local, national and international missionary projects have been supported

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ	£4,000
Scripture Union E3 Project	£2,800
Agape Europe	£1,300
Latin Link	£3,800
Mugari Family – Serving in Zimbabwe	£2,500
Eastern Europe For Christ	£1,320
Interserve	£1,300
Release International	£2,300
UCCF	£480
Compassion UK	£411
Tear Fund	£300
Mercy Ships	£500
Christians in Sport	£300
Hope 365	£400
UCA	£1,500

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

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

The Congregation continues to maintain the Church Sanctuary, Halls and Car Parks to a high standard. All statutory Health and Safety requirements are met including those necessary for the Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council to issue an occasional Entertainment Licence for the Church Halls. The latter facilitates Women Together Outreach events, BB & GB Displays.

Organisations

The following activities and organisations meet during the year as follows:

Crèche

During morning services, we offer friendly and pleasant crèche facilities for children from birth to pre-school in the church halls. This allows the children a safe environment to play together while parents or carers are in church.

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

Glow

Glow is our Sunday School. Glow takes place every Sunday in the year except for our Children's Day in June and Back to School Sunday in September. Our kids are present in church for the first part of the Sunday morning service, and then leave for separate programmes for P1-P3 and P4-P7, with songs, stories, craft and discussion times.

Two adult teachers are with each group at all times. Our teachers aim to make the Bible relevant and applicable to the lives and issues faced by our children.

Christian Endeavour

Christian Endeavour is an organisation which trains and equips young people to be tomorrow's church leaders. It takes place on 2 Sundays per month for children in P5-P7. CE encourages commitment to Christ and the local church, the reading of the Bible and prayer, active involvement of children in the planning of and participation in meetings, and the development of gifts and talents for use in Christian service in the church and the world.

Boys' Brigade

We have a well developed BB and are continuing to grow every year. We run a fun and well rounded programme for all sections, covering all ages from 4 to 19. We meet on a Thursday evening in our Church halls throughout term time.

Ballylinney BB is also pleased to offer opportunities for Company Section boys to complete the Queen's Award qualifications.

Girls' Brigade

Our Girls' Brigade Company meets every Monday night in Ballylinney from September to March. We are a strong and growing Company with over 40 years of experience.

GB is a fun and interactive environment where the girls can learn about Christianity through a programme of scripture, craft, PE, dance, choir, baking, games and much more.

Ballylinney GB is also pleased to offer opportunities for Company Section girls to complete both the Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze, Silver & Gold) and Queen's Award qualifications.

Ignite

Ignite is our Sunday morning Youth Programme, designed to challenge the thinking of our youth in Years 8 to 10 and enable them to explore the Bible with friends. We meet in the Youth Room during the second half of the church service for late breakfast, chat and bible study.

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

Youth Fellowship

Youth Fellowship meets weekly on Sunday evenings at 7pm at Ballylinney and our programme is different each week as we look at the bible and many different topics.

Our focus is to learn more about Jesus, how He impacted many lives and how we, through Him, can have our lives changed and also impact the lives of others.

Women Together

Meets on the second Wednesday night of each month from Sept to April at 8pm to enjoy community, conversation and commission.

Attendees include women from all walks of life and ages enjoying our varied programme of speakers and demonstrations.

Small Groups

Small groups commence each September and meet on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. Our 5 groups consist of church members meeting for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Groups offer service to others either within our church or in our community.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is a gathering of all interested within the church family and others. It is open to all, not just the over 60's or those attached to the church.

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm from October to June in the church halls, finishing around 4pm.

The programme is varied; we have Christian guest speakers from all walks of life, craft afternoons, games and other activities, followed by a cup of tea and eats. We finish the year's programme with a coach outing in the spring.

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

Ministry Group

The Ministry Group in Ballylinney has a number of roles:

- To arrange meetings for the Friendship Club.
- To keep in touch with our senior members including sending birthday and anniversary cards.
- The distribution of harvest flowers and vegetables.
- Organisation of the Ministry Group Annual Sunday Service.

Missionary Group

We meet regularly to assign financial support to the various missionary projects our church supports and to plan events and services to raise awareness of mission in the congregation.

Munchkins

Each Friday 10am – 11.15am we run a baby and toddler group for local parents/grandparents/childminders. This has proved very popular with the majority of those who attend having no other connection with the congregation.

Catering Group

The Catering Group's role in the church is primarily to cater for any functions held. Additionally, the group caters for outside gatherings, e.g. funerals etc. the remuneration for which is used in charitable donations and to contribute to the fabric of the church.

Coffee and Chat

Meets on the second Monday of each month at 8pm in the church halls for a time of fellowship for the younger women in our congregation.

Volunteers

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

BALLYLINNEY 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.

BALLYLINNEY 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 198 contributors during the year (193 in previous year, 2021) donating a total of £119,098 (£109,603 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £218,743, compared to £185,865 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £166,328 to £199,271.

RESERVES POLICY

The policy of the trustees is not to accumulate reserves but to use reserves in the promotion of the Charity's objects, and maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months' unrestricted payments, approx £70k to cover unforeseen situations that may arise from time to time. In light of the main risks facing the Charity the trustees consider the current level of reserves £119,737 and their use (as required) is sufficiently above this target. The trustees continue to monitor their reserves levels on a periodic basis.

FUTURE PLANS

In March 2020 the church took steps (in line with government advice) to help contain the outbreak of COVID-19. This included the temporary suspension of all physical gatherings and the church has had to curtail, or change, how it operates; the church has been able to continue some of its activities using online media. The trustees are monitoring income and expenditure and, if it becomes necessary, will take measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the church's free reserves.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

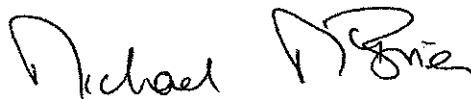
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 8 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Moderator

12/6/2023



Clerk

12/6/2023

BALLYLINNEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Ballylinney Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

Ballylinney Presbyterian Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Ballylinney Presbyterian Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 65(2) (audit) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 for the year and that an independent examination under section 64(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 is required.
It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

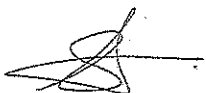
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with Section 63 of the charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records in accordance with Section 64 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 have not been met; or

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



S Hopper FCA
Partner
Hopper & Co

DATE; 13/06/2023

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

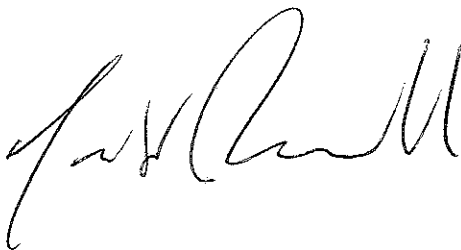
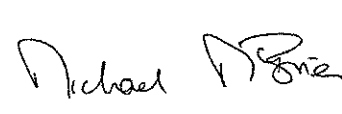
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	144,305	56,793	-	201,098	176,311
Charitable activities	3	-	13,494	-	13,494	2,601
Other trading activities	4	371	3,398	-	3,769	3,204
Investment Income	5	373	9	-	382	8,411
Other	6	-	-	-	-	3,416
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Total Receipts		145,049	73,694	-	218,743	193,942
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	-	7,078	-	7,078	1,319
Charitable activities	8	132,691	59,503	-	192,194	165,009
Investment Costs		-	-	6,651	6,651	-
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Total Payments		132,691	66,581	6,651	205,923	166,328
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Net receipts / (payments)		12,358	7,113	(6,651)	12,820	28,255
Transfers between funds		450	(450)	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		12,808	6,663	(6,651)	12,820	27,613
Funds brought forward		106,929	32,250	80,905	220,084	192,471
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Funds carried forward	10	119,737	38,913	74,254	232,904	220,084
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BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Balance at start of year	106,929	32,250	80,905	220,084	192,471
Net movement in funds	12,808	6,663	(6,651)	12,820	27,613
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Balance at end of year	119,737	38,913	74,254	232,904	220,084
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				10	10
Bank Current Accounts				158,637	138,847
Cash in Hand				304	322
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				158,951	139,179
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 9					
General Investment Fund – Note 10				74,254	80,905
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				74,254	80,905
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Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 12 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Moderator

Clerk

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:					
Loose collections	119,098	35,266	-	154,365	140,105
Donations and gifts	4,325	14,348	-	18,672	8,879
Gift Aid	20,882	7,179	-	28,061	27,326
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
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	144,305	56,793	-	201,098	176,311
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BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2022

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	3,305	-	3,305	500
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	4,489	-	4,489	1,445
Fundraising events	-	5,700	-	5,700	656
Grants	-	13,494	-	13,494	2,601
	-	13,494	-	13,494	2,601

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading income	371	3,398	-	3,769	3,204
	371	3,398	-	3,769	3,204

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	373	9	-	382	335
Realised gains / (losses) on investments	-	-	(6,651)	(6,651)	8,076
	373	9	(6,651)	(6,269)	8,411

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2022

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-	3,416
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	-	-	-	-	3,416
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	7,078	-	7,078	1,319
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	-	7,078	-	7,078	1,319
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	19,601	-	-	19,601	21,025
Presbytery fees	769	-	-	769	755
Ministry and support staff costs	49,090	-	-	49,090	47,737
Congregational running expenses	61,055	13,855	-	74,910	57,883
Donations to Missions and charities	1,606	45,648	-	47,254	37,069
Governance costs	570	-	-	570	540
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	132,691	59,503	-	192,194	165,009
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BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2022

9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation occupies the Church premises situated at Ballylinney Road, Ballyclare. The Buildings, fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery have a combined insurance value of £3,528,363 as at 31st October 2022.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2022

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	106,929	145,049	(132,691)	12,358	450	119,737
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	106,929	145,049	(132,691)	12,358	450	119,737
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Restricted Funds						
Property/Building Fund	12,834	7,479	(5,634)	1,845	-	14,679
United Appeal	1,694	12,804	(11,000)	1,804	-	3,498
General Missions Fund	4,916	25,562	(23,212)	2,351	-	7,266
World Development Appeal	-	2,223	(2,223)	-	-	-
Moderators Appeal	-	5,875	(5,875)	-	-	-
Presbyterian Children Society	-	165	(165)	-	-	-
Catering Fund	1,392	3,305	(1,565)	1,740	(1,500)	1,632
Sunday School/KFC	286	114	(893)	(779)	1,000	507
Religious Ed & Training	1,035	217	(375)	(158)	-	877
Presbyterian Women	290	1,793	(1,863)	(70)	-	220
Boys Brigade	4,239	6,194	(4,564)	1,630	-	5,869
Girls Brigade	2,330	5,979	(6,173)	(194)	-	2,136
Bowling Club	981	-	(900)	(900)	-	81
Friendship Club	-	577	(468)	109	-	109
Youth Club	1,761	-	-	-	-	1,761
Youth Fellowship	146	-	-	-	50	196
Junior CE	-	545	(545)	-	-	-
Munchkins	347	862	(1,126)	(264)	-	83
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	32,250	73,694	(66,581)	7,114	(450)	38,913
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Endowment Funds						
General Investment	80,905	-	(6,651)	(6,651)	-	74,254
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	80,905	-	(6,651)	(6,651)	-	74,254
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Total						
	220,084	218,743	(205,923)	12,821	-	232,904
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Ballylinney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104716

Annual report

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104716)

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

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Ballylinney congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Ballylinney Road
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CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev Emerson McDowell
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Mr David Williamson
Mr Walter Lambe M.B.E.
Mr Fred Teeney
Miss Margaret McNeill
Miss Amanda McGhee
Miss Libby Weatherup

Mrs Dorothy Magee
Dr Sam Kennedy
Mr Wilson Dunlop
Mr John Mann
Mr Norman Smyth
Mr Tony Hacking
Mr Ashley Wasson
Mr Martin Wilson

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev Emerson McDowell
Dr Michael McBrien
Mr Tony Hacking

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

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BALLYLINNEY 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 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 bimonthly.

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. Ballylinney congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Carrickfergus 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.

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

The General Assembly

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ballylinney 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:

We are a people aiming to be a dynamic church dedicated to building up disciples and presenting the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the wider world.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- 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;
- 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.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

- Glow (Sunday School)
- Christian Endeavour
- Crèche
- Ignite (Youth Sunday School)
- Youth Fellowship
- Women Together
- Friendship Group
- Boys' Brigade
- Girls' Brigade
- Small Groups
- Men's Football
- Coffee and chat
- Ministry Group
- Missionary Group
- Munchkins
- Catering Group

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11am. During the week the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7.30pm provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 2 administrations of Sacrament of Baptism; in addition, we conducted 4 marriage services and gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 18 people admitted to the Lord's Table for the first time bringing the total of communicant members to 202, with 275 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 120. The average number of views online of our church services is between 300-400, with often more than one person watching each viewing.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

The Church is located in a largely rural setting; it has an excellent suite of buildings to facilitate outreach initiatives and a core of dedicated people seeking to serve Christ. It is comprised of families with a lifelong connection with the church and new families that have joined over the years. There is a strong sense of community within the congregation. We enjoy a close connection with the local Primary School – Thompson Primary in Ballyrobert (includes monthly participation in Assemblies and representation on the Board of Governors).

We have an increasing presence in the Mill Road, Templepatrick Road and Hillhead Road (New Developments) regularly distributing invites to the various activities offered by the Church. The employment of a full-time youth worker allows us to continue to take Scripture Union sessions in local primary schools and local secondary level schools. We have developed a close relationship with the Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ – partnering them with volunteers and financial support reaching out to young people in Ballyclare town who have no church connection. Three members volunteer with the Ballyclare Branch of the Newtownabbey Foodbank and four members volunteer with Newtownabbey Street Pastors.

During 2022 the following local, national and international missionary projects have been supported

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ	£4,000
Scripture Union E3 Project	£2,800
Agape Europe	£1,300
Latin Link	£3,800
Mugari Family – Serving in Zimbabwe	£2,500
Eastern Europe For Christ	£1,320
Interserve	£1,300
Release International	£2,300
UCCF	£480
Compassion UK	£411
Tear Fund	£300
Mercy Ships	£500
Christians in Sport	£300
Hope 365	£400
UCA	£1,500

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

The Congregation continues to maintain the Church Sanctuary, Halls and Car Parks to a high standard. All statutory Health and Safety requirements are met including those necessary for the Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council to issue an occasional Entertainment Licence for the Church Halls. The latter facilitates Women Together Outreach events, BB & GB Displays.

Organisations

The following activities and organisations meet during the year as follows:

Crèche

During morning services, we offer friendly and pleasant crèche facilities for children from birth to pre-school in the church halls. This allows the children a safe environment to play together while parents or carers are in church.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Glow

Glow is our Sunday School. Glow takes place every Sunday in the year except for our Children's Day in June and Back to School Sunday in September. Our kids are present in church for the first part of the Sunday morning service, and then leave for separate programmes for P1-P3 and P4-P7, with songs, stories, craft and discussion times.

Two adult teachers are with each group at all times. Our teachers aim to make the Bible relevant and applicable to the lives and issues faced by our children.

Christian Endeavour

Christian Endeavour is an organisation which trains and equips young people to be tomorrow's church leaders. It takes place on 2 Sundays per month for children in P5-P7. CE encourages commitment to Christ and the local church, the reading of the Bible and prayer, active involvement of children in the planning of and participation in meetings, and the development of gifts and talents for use in Christian service in the church and the world.

Boys' Brigade

We have a well developed BB and are continuing to grow every year. We run a fun and well rounded programme for all sections, covering all ages from 4 to 19. We meet on a Thursday evening in our Church halls throughout term time.

Ballylinney BB is also pleased to offer opportunities for Company Section boys to complete the Queen's Award qualifications.

Girls' Brigade

Our Girls' Brigade Company meets every Monday night in Ballylinney from September to March. We are a strong and growing Company with over 40 years of experience.

GB is a fun and interactive environment where the girls can learn about Christianity through a programme of scripture, craft, PE, dance, choir, baking, games and much more.

Ballylinney GB is also pleased to offer opportunities for Company Section girls to complete both the Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze, Silver & Gold) and Queen's Award qualifications.

Ignite

Ignite is our Sunday morning Youth Programme, designed to challenge the thinking of our youth in Years 8 to 10 and enable them to explore the Bible with friends. We meet in the Youth Room during the second half of the church service for late breakfast, chat and bible study.

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Youth Fellowship

Youth Fellowship meets weekly on Sunday evenings at 7pm at Ballylinney and our programme is different each week as we look at the bible and many different topics.

Our focus is to learn more about Jesus, how He impacted many lives and how we, through Him, can have our lives changed and also impact the lives of others.

Women Together

Meets on the second Wednesday night of each month from Sept to April at 8pm to enjoy community, conversation and commission.

Attendees include women from all walks of life and ages enjoying our varied programme of speakers and demonstrations.

Small Groups

Small groups commence each September and meet on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. Our 5 groups consist of church members meeting for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Groups offer service to others either within our church or in our community.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is a gathering of all interested within the church family and others. It is open to all, not just the over 60's or those attached to the church.

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm from October to June in the church halls, finishing around 4pm.

The programme is varied; we have Christian guest speakers from all walks of life, craft afternoons, games and other activities, followed by a cup of tea and eats. We finish the year's programme with a coach outing in the spring.

BALLYLINNEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Ministry Group

The Ministry Group in Ballylinney has a number of roles:

- To arrange meetings for the Friendship Club.
- To keep in touch with our senior members including sending birthday and anniversary cards.
- The distribution of harvest flowers and vegetables.
- Organisation of the Ministry Group Annual Sunday Service.

Missionary Group

We meet regularly to assign financial support to the various missionary projects our church supports and to plan events and services to raise awareness of mission in the congregation.

Munchkins

Each Friday 10am – 11.15am we run a baby and toddler group for local parents/grandparents/childminders. This has proved very popular with the majority of those who attend having no other connection with the congregation.

Catering Group

The Catering Group's role in the church is primarily to cater for any functions held. Additionally, the group caters for outside gatherings, e.g. funerals etc. the remuneration for which is used in charitable donations and to contribute to the fabric of the church.

Coffee and Chat

Meets on the second Monday of each month at 8pm in the church halls for a time of fellowship for the younger women in our congregation.

Volunteers

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

BALLYLINNEY 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.

BALLYLINNEY 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 198 contributors during the year (193 in previous year, 2021) donating a total of £119,098 (£109,603 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £218,743, compared to £185,865 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £166,328 to £199,271.

RESERVES POLICY

The policy of the trustees is not to accumulate reserves but to use reserves in the promotion of the Charity's objects, and maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months' unrestricted payments, approx £70k to cover unforeseen situations that may arise from time to time. In light of the main risks facing the Charity the trustees consider the current level of reserves £119,737 and their use (as required) is sufficiently above this target. The trustees continue to monitor their reserves levels on a periodic basis.

FUTURE PLANS

In March 2020 the church took steps (in line with government advice) to help contain the outbreak of COVID-19. This included the temporary suspension of all physical gatherings and the church has had to curtail, or change, how it operates; the church has been able to continue some of its activities using online media. The trustees are monitoring income and expenditure and, if it becomes necessary, will take measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the church's free reserves.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

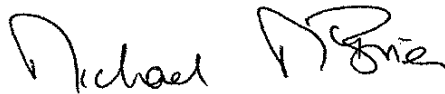
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 8 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Moderator

12/6/2023



Clerk

12/6/2023

Ballylinney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104716

Annual return

BALLYLINNEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Ballylinney Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

Ballylinney Presbyterian Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Ballylinney Presbyterian Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 65(2) (audit) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 for the year and that an independent examination under section 64(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with Section 63 of the charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records in accordance with Section 64 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 have not been met; or

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



S Hopper FCA
Partner
Hopper & Co

DATE; 13/06/2023