

Magheramorne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104758

Details

Known as Magheramorne PC

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-08

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	£52,144	£45,510	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gary Bissett		
Harold Boyd		
Jennifer Paisley		
Lorna Swann		
Morris Gardner		
Nigel Graham		
R J Mcalister		
Wilbert Mcneilly		

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Accounts

**Magheramorne Congregation
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Financial Statements

**Year Ended
31 December 2024**

MAGHERAMORNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts & Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	34,871	8,099	42,970	49,914
Charitable activities	3	226	1,728	1,954	2,680
Other trading activities	4	5,500	1,705	7,205	8,020
Investment income	5				496
Other	6	15	-	15	14
Total Receipts		40,612	11,532	52,145	61,124
Expenditure On:					
Raising funds	7	516	-	516	504
Charitable activities	8	30,982	13,902	44,884	43,154
Other	9	110	-	110	200
Total Payments		31,608	13,902	45,510	43,858
Net income/(expenditure)		9,004	(2,370)	6,635	17,266
Transfers between funds		(3,191)	3,191	-	-
Net movement in funds		5,813	821	6,635	17,266
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		50,334	20,505	70,839	54,070
Total funds carried forward	10	56,147	21,327	77,474	71,335

MAGHERAMORNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2024

1. Fixed Assets

The Congregation owns the Church Premises situated at Ballylig Road, Magheramorne and the associated fixtures and fittings. These had an insurance value of £2,211,871 at the last renewal date. The Congregation also owns the Church Manse and the associated fixtures and fittings together with adjoining land. These had an insurance value of £603,237 at the last renewal date.

2. Investments

The Congregation has the following investments. Amounts shown at market valuation

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other investments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

3. Amounts Owed to the Congregation

At the end of the year the following amounts were owed to the Congregation

	2024	2023
	£	£
Loan	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4. Cash and bank balances

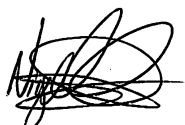
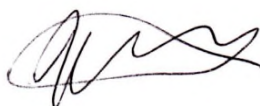
	2024	2023
	£	£
Current Account No.1	58,577	52,696
Deposit Account No.2	17,181	14,895
Cash	1,587	3,539
Savings Account (N1)	83,277	80,015
	<u>160,622</u>	<u>151,145</u>

N1: Increase in savings account is payment of interest from Danske Bank

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 21 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Name Mr J M Gardner (Clerk of Session)

Name Mr N Graham (Treasurer)



MAGHERAMORNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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 Report Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, to prepare the 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	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	28,229	-	28,229	32,049
Loose collections	-	586	586	821
Donations and gifts	1,285	7,513	8,798	7,134
Gift Aid	5,357	-	5,357	9,911
Legacies and bequests	-	-	-	-
	34,871	8,099	42,970	49,914

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	
Other Organisational Income	226	1,728	1,954	2,680
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Letting premises	5,500	-	5,500	6,800
Fundraising events	-	1,705	1,705	1,220
	<hr/> 5,500	<hr/> 1,705	<hr/> 7,205	<hr/> 8,020

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	-	-	-	496
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2024

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Wayleaves	15	-	15	14
	<u>15</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	516	-	516	504
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-
	<u>516</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>504</u>

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	3,145	-	3,145	2,753
Presbytery fees	362	-	362	352
Ministry and support staff costs	4,002	-	4,002	12,064
Congregational running costs	23,422	1,515	24,937	19,204
Donations to missions and charities	50	9,665	9,715	4,708
Organisational expenditure	-	2,723	2,723	4,073
	<u>30,982</u>	<u>13,902</u>	<u>44,884</u>	<u>43,154</u>

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Other	110	-	110	200
	<u>110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>200</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus/ (Deficit) £	Transfer in/(out) £	Balance at end £
(i) Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	50,334	40,354	31,608	5,555	(3,191)	55,889
	<u>50,334</u>	<u>40,354</u>	<u>31,608</u>	<u>5,555</u>	<u>(3,191)</u>	<u>55,889</u>
(ii) Restricted Funds						
United Appeal	-	1,285	4,406	-	3,121	-
Christian Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Development	115	395	-	395	-	510
Presbyterian Childrens Society	-	-	-	-	-	-
Larne Food Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moderators Appeal	(203)	203	-	-	-	-
Larne High School	-	-	-	-	-	-
Students' Bursary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Open Doors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Improvement Fund	15,280	3,110	1,209	1,901	70	17,251
Organ Account	175	-	175	(175)	-	-
Sunday School Account	424	100	112	(12)	-	413
Presbyterian Women	306	2,150	2,212	(62)	-	244
Flower Committee Account	580	126	131	(5)	-	575
Dance Class	2,762	1,498	3,212	(1,714)	-	1,048
Junior Christian Endeavour Account	846	2,226	1,854	372	-	1,218
Mums & Tots Account	220	697	592	106	-	326
	<u>20,505</u>	<u>11,791</u>	<u>13,902</u>	<u>807</u>	<u>3,191</u>	<u>21,585</u>
Total Funds	<u>70,839</u>	<u>52,145</u>	<u>45,510</u>	<u>6,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,474</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts & Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	40,310	9,604	49,914	47,294
Charitable activities	3	600	2,080	2,680	1,222
Other trading activities	4	6,800	1,220	8,020	8,039
Investment income	5	-	496	496	-
Other	6	14	-	14	8,181
Total Receipts		47,724	13,400	61,124	64,735
Expenditure On:					
Raising funds	7	504	-	504	534
Charitable activities	8	33,337	9,817	43,154	68,100
Other	9	200	-	200	-
Total Payments		34,041	9,817	43,858	68,634
Net income/(expenditure)		13,683	3,583	17,266	(3,899)
Transfers between funds		(2,956)	2,956	-	-
Net movement in funds		10,727	6,538	17,266	(3,899)
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		37,163	16,907	54,070	57,969
Total funds carried forward	10	47,890	23,445	71,335	54,070

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2. Investments

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	2023	2022
	£	£
Other investments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

3. Amounts Owed to the Congregation

At the end of the year the following amounts were owed to the Congregation

	2023	2022
	£	£
Loan	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4. Cash and bank balances

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current Account No.1	52,696	37,163
Current Account No.2	14,895	12,265
Cash	3,539	2,802
Savings Account (N2)	80,015	79,519
	<u>151,145</u>	<u>131,749</u>


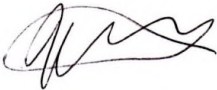
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 25/04/2024 and signed on their behalf by

Name Mr J M Gardner (Clerk of Session)

Name Mr N Graham (Treasurer)



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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	30,083	1,966	32,049	31,417
Loose collections	-	821	821	631
Donations and gifts	935	6,199	7,134	10,313
Gift Aid	9,292	619	9,911	4,933
Legacies and bequests	-	-	-	-
	40,310	9,604	49,914	47,294

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Other Organisational Income	600	2,080	2,680	1,222
	<hr/> 600	<hr/> 2,080	<hr/> 2,680	<hr/> 1,222

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Letting premises	6,800	-	6,800	6,800
Fundraising events	-	1,220	1,220	1,239
	<hr/> 6,800	<hr/> 1,220	<hr/> 8,020	<hr/> 8,039

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	-	496	496	-
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Wayleaves	14	-	14	12
VAT Reclaim	-	-	-	3,600
Dormant Account	-	-	-	4,568
	<u>14</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8,181</u>

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	504	-	504	405
Fundraising events	-	-	-	129
	<u>504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>534</u>

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	2,753	-	2,753	3,423
Presbytery fees	352	-	352	367
Ministry and support staff costs	12,064	-	12,064	2,606
Congregational running costs	17,627	1,578	19,204	48,476
Donations to missions and charities	-	4,708	4,708	9,910
Organisational expenditure	541	3,531	4,073	3,318
	<u>33,337</u>	<u>9,817</u>	<u>43,154</u>	<u>68,100</u>

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Other	200	-	200	-
	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

10. FUND BALANCES

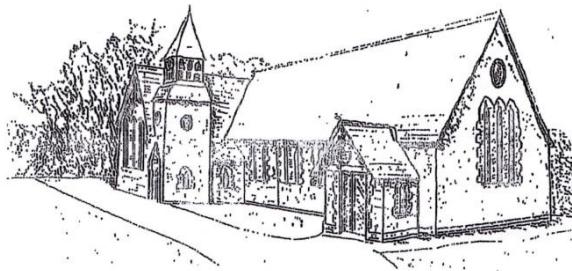
Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Transfer in/(out)	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
(i) Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	37,163	47,554	31,428	16,126	(2,956)	50,334
	<u>37,163</u>	<u>47,554</u>	<u>31,428</u>	<u>16,126</u>	<u>(2,956)</u>	<u>50,334</u>
(ii) Restricted Funds						
United Appeal	-	1,711	4,666	(2,956)	2,956	-
Christian Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Development	-	255	140	115	-	115
Presbyterian Childrens Society	-	50	50	-	-	-
Moderators Appeal	-	915	1,118	(203)	-	(203)
Students' Bursary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Improvement Fund	12,266	4,447	1,433	3,014	-	15,280
Organ Account	175	-	-	-	-	175
Sunday School Account	479	168	223	(55)	-	424
Presbyterian Women	265	1,631	1,590	41	-	306
Flower Committee Account	685	40	145	(105)	-	580
Dance Class	2,137	1,650	1,025	625	-	2,762
Junior Christian Endeavour Account	457	1,814	1,425	389	-	846
Mums & Tots Account	444	393	617	(224)	-	220
	<u>16,907</u>	<u>13,074</u>	<u>12,431</u>	<u>643</u>	<u>2,956</u>	<u>20,506</u>
Total Funds	<u>54,070</u>	<u>60,628</u>	<u>43,858</u>	<u>16,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,839</u>

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Annual report

MAGHERAMORNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND



Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Register Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104758)

MAGHERAMORNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Magheramorne congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
29 Ballylig Road, Magheramorne, BT40 3HZ

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104758)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Harold Boyd
Morris Gardner
Wilbert McNeilly

Robert John McAlister
Jennifer Paisley
John Thompson

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Convenors of Vacancy
Clerk of Session
Treasurer
Secretary

Rev David Cromie/Rev Dr Cecil Grant
Morris Gardner
Nigel Graham
Jemma Boyd

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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Ulster Bank Limited
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Carrickfergus
BT38 7AN

SOLICITORS

O'Rorke, McDonald & Tweed
29 The Roddens
Larne
BT40 1HX

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at 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 a minimum of two-thirds of those who vote are in their favour.

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. Magheramorne 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 each congregation in the Presbytery.

MAGHERAMORNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEE 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

Magheramorne 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 its members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is, by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ and to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people 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.

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meet for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed twice during the year, in May and November and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Table.

A wide range of organisations meet in the church premises and these include the following:

- Sunday School and Bible Class
- Junior Christian Endeavour
- Intermediate Christian Endeavour
- Youth Fellowship (jointly with Raloo)
- PW (Presbyterian Woman)
- Mothers and Toddlers
- Yarns
- Flower committee
- Sequence dancing class
- Local branch of the WI

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

Worship services took place each Sunday at 10.00am with the young people of the CE leading worship on the third Sunday in February. The Sunday school had their annual day in June and Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated on the third Sunday in October with two services. The Carol Service was held at 4.00pm on the second Sunday before Christmas.

We gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 67 communicant members and 116 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 53.

Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who were unable to attend church due to sickness or age were visited or contacted by the minister, elders or other members of the congregation and bereaved families were also visited, supported and comforted. Rev Chris Barron agreed to devote one day per week to pastoral visiting in the two congregations and this was much appreciated as Chris was well known in the area with his past connections to the two churches. Chris commenced his visiting at the beginning of October.

Minister

Rev David Cromie was our Vacancy Convenor at the beginning of the year and successfully guided us in our submission to the Linkage Commission, who we met in January and together with our sister church in Raloo were granted leave to call a minister. Rev Dr Cecil Grant replaced Rev Cromie as Convenor from the beginning of June.

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

Mission and Outreach

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

The congregation contributed to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal and Children's Society.

Also arranged:

- Christian Aid envelopes for contributions were distributed by volunteers and returned to collection points.
- Giving of toys for distribution in the local community by the Larne branch of the Salvation Army.
- Filled shoe boxes for Blythwood who deliver them to appreciative families in Eastern Europe.
- Provisions for Larne Food Bank – non perishable goods donated at Harvest, instead of fresh food and vegetables, went to the Food bank.
- Support for Christians Against Poverty.
- Sale of goods knitted by ladies in Malawi.
- Used stamps for Leprosy Missionaries.
- Postcards for Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Holiday Bible Club was held during the first week in July with over 30 young people attending. Soccer school took place in the grounds of Glynn Primary School at the end of July with an average of 55 young people participating each evening.

At the beginning of December a large crowd gathered for the switching on of the Christmas Lights around the church, providing a focal point for the community. Magheramorne Silver band regaled the gathering with carols throughout the evening and the children of the church and Dr Grant also took part in this the first of our Christmas celebrations. Refreshments were enjoyed by all attending.

Presbytery

Presbytery meetings were held on their designated monthly slots.

General assembly

The General Assembly convened in June in Belfast.

Property

The steelwork in the bell tower was repaired and repainted.

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

Organisations

Sunday School and Bible Class

The young people joined the main congregation at 10.00am and then left for their classes in the hall after the children's address. A rota of 9 teachers and helpers looked after an average of 9 children in 4 age groups which included a bible class.

Junior Christian Endeavour

Celebrated 30 years since its formation in Magheramorne and met each Friday, 6.45pm to 8.00pm, during term time when around 22 pre-school to P7 children enjoyed varied activities. Fund raising activities, mainly a sponsored walk allowed for a donation of £500 to be made to the designated CE mission, 'Open Schools Worldwide'. Malawi knitters were also supported at Christmas and Easter with the purchase of their seasonal goods.

Intermediate Christian Endeavour

Met every other Friday 8.00pm to 9.00pm, from September to December when an average of 10 secondary school age children attended. They joined with the Juniors in leading the worship at their annual service in February.

Presbyterian Women – PW

The PW organised another successful Christmas wreath making workshop to raise funds for their charities and also arranged an enjoyable Christmas lunch for members and friends. Church families continued their support with donations through the mission boxes.

Yarns

Met on the first and third Tuesday of each month commencing when around 14 ladies produced many needle crafted articles, supporting various charities, despite the 'yarning' and the many cuppas enjoyed.

Parents and Toddlers

Mary Davison with her helpers, Phyllis Boyd and Patricia McDowell retired at the end of the school year after many years of dedication to this valuable organisation and we record our gratitude to these three ladies. We thank Lynsey Montgomery for agreeing to take over the leadership and encouraging Nicola Paisley, Leigh Ramsay and Courtney Brown to assist.

The Toddlers met each Thursday, 9.30 to 11.30, during term time. A plethora of toys were available for the children while the adults enjoyed the fellowship, a cuppa with a scone while keeping a watchful eye on their charges.

Youth Fellowship

This is a joint venture between ourselves and Raloo with meetings alternating between the two congregations and an average of 10 young people attending.

The Flower Committee

Decorated the church each week, when services were held and the Harvest arrangements were a joy to behold with wonderful displays of the produce of God's wonderful world. Flowers and fruit from the Harvest were distributed to senior members of the congregation.

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

Sequence Dancing

Sequence dance classes continued on Monday evenings.

Woman's Institute

The local Women's Institute held monthly meetings in our hall.

Hansel and Gretel Pre School used our premises for some weeks pre Easter while Glynn Village hall, their usual home, was being refurbished.

Volunteers

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year were satisfactory. The Trustees do not anticipate any significant change in 2024.

Total income of the congregation during the year was £61,124 compared to £64,735 the previous year.

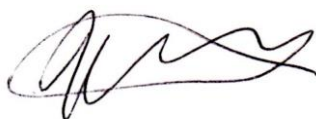
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

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



J Morris Gardner (Clerk of Session)



Nigel Graham (Treasurer)

Magheramorne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104758

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Magheramorne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

I report on the accounts of the Magheramorne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's report

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

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

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Judith S Connon
21 Landsdowne Crescent
Larne
BT40 1BW
28 October 2024

Magheramorne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104758

Accounts

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

Financial Statements

**Year Ended
31 December 2022**

MAGHERAMORNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts & Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	36,699	10,595	47,294	40,002
Charitable activities	3	135	1,087	1,222	300
Other trading activities	4	6,800	1,239	8,039	5,870
Investment income	5	-	-	-	-
Other	6	8,181	-	8,181	31
Total Receipts		51,814	12,921	64,735	46,203
Expenditure On:					
Raising funds	7	405	129	534	489
Charitable activities	8	27,644	40,456	68,100	24,574
Other	9	-	-	-	1,391
Total Payments		28,049	40,585	68,634	26,454
Net income/(expenditure)		23,765	(27,663)	(3,899)	19,749
Transfers between funds		(13,519)	13,519	-	-
Net movement in funds		10,246	(14,145)	(3,899)	19,749
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		35,884	22,084	57,969	38,119
Total funds carried forward	10	46,130	7,940	54,070	57,869

MAGHERAMORNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2022

1. Fixed Assets

The Congregation owns the Church Premises situated at Ballylig Road, Magheramorne and the associated fixtures and fittings. These had an insurance value of £1,959,576 at the last renewal date. The Congregation also owns the Church Manse and the associated fixtures and fittings together with adjoining land. These had an insurance value of £225,372 at the last renewal date.

2. Investments

The Congregation has the following investments. Amounts shown at market valuation

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other investments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

3. Amounts Owed to the Congregation

At the end of the year the following amounts were owed to the Congregation

	2022	2021
	£	£
Loan	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

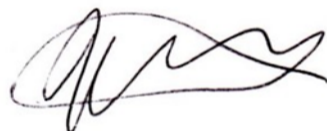
4. Cash and bank balances

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current Account No.1	37,163	37,740
Current Account No.2	12,265	17,665
Cash (N1)	2,802	
Savings Account (N2)	79,519	79,422
	<u>131,749</u>	<u>134,827</u>

N1: Now including cash held at organisation level

N2: Increase in savings account is payment of interest from Danske Bank.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 25 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Name Mr J M Gardner (Clerk of Session)



Name Mr N Graham (Treasurer)

MAGHERAMORNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
a 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 Report Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, to prepare the 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	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	31,417	-	31,417	29,937
Loose collections	426	205	631	1,100
Donations and gifts	507	9,806	10,313	8,966
Gift Aid	4,349	584	4,933	
Legacies and bequests	-	-	-	-
	36,699	10,595	47,294	40,002

MAGHERAMORNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2022

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	
Other Organisational Income	135	1,087	1,222	300
	<hr/> 135	<hr/> 1,087	<hr/> 1,222	<hr/> 300

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Letting premises	6,800	-	6,800	5,400
Fundraising events	-	1,239	1,239	470
	<hr/> 6,800	<hr/> 1,239	<hr/> 8,039	<hr/> 5,870

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	-	-	-	8
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MAGHERAMORNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2022

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Wayleaves	12	-	12	31
VAT Reclaim	3,600	-	3,600	
Dormant Account	4,568	-	4,568	
	<u>8,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,181</u>	<u>31</u>

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	405	-	405	416
Fundraising events	-	129	129	73
	<u>405</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>489</u>

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	3,423	-	3,423	3,048
Presbytery fees	367	-	367	367
Ministry and support staff costs	2,606	-	2,606	6,579
Congregational running costs	18,979	29,497	48,476	8,149
Donations to missions and charities	1,919	7,991	9,910	4,857
Organisational expenditure	350	2,968	3,318	1,575
	<u>27,644</u>	<u>40,456</u>	<u>68,100</u>	<u>24,574</u>

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Other	-	-	-	1,391
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,391</u>

MAGHERAMORNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2022

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus/ (Deficit) £	Transfer in/(out) £	Balance at end £
(i) Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	35,884	42,846	28,049	14,797	(13,519)	37,162
	35,884	42,846	28,049	14,797	(13,519)	37,162
(ii) Restricted Funds						
United Appeal	-	1,852	4,275	(2,423)	2,423	-
Christian Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Development	-	140	140	-	-	-
Presbyterian Childrens Society	-	110	300	(190)	190	-
Moderators Appeal	-	1,900	2,297	(398)	398	-
Improvement Fund	17,666	13,305	29,213	(15,908)	10,508	12,266
Organ Account	340	-	165	(165)	-	175
Sunday School Account	544	50	115	(65)	-	479
Presbyterian Women	232	2,046	2,014	32	-	265
Flower Committee Account	671	132	119	13	-	685
Dance Class	1,702	436	-	436	-	2,137
Junior Christian Endeavour Account	450	1,257	1,249	8	-	457
Mums & Tots Account	480	663	698	(35)	-	444
	22,084	21,889	40,585	(18,695)	13,519	16,907
Total Funds	57,969	64,735	68,634	(3,899)	-	54,069

Magheramorne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104758

Annual report

MAGHERAMORNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND



Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Register Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104758)

MAGHERAMORNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Magheramorne congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
29 Ballylig Road, Magheramorne, BT40 3HZ

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104758)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Harold Boyd
Morris Gardner
Wilbert McNeilly

Robert John McAlister
Jennifer Paisley
John Thompson

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Convenor of Vacancy
Temp. Stated Supply Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev David Cromie
Rev Dr Michael Barry
Morris Gardner
Wilbert McNeilly (Nigel Graham - incoming)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Judith S Conon
21 Landsdowne Crescent
Larne
BT40 1BW

BANKERS

Ulster Bank Limited
37 High Street
Carrickfergus
BT38 7AN

SOLICITORS

O'Rorke, McDonald & Tweed
29 The Roddens
Larne
BT40 1HX

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at 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 a minimum of two-thirds of those who vote are in their favour.

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. Magheramorne 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 each congregation in the Presbytery.

MAGHERAMORNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEE 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

Magheramorne 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 its members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is, by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ and to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people 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.

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meet for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed three times during the year, Good Friday evening, May and November and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Table.

A wide range of organisations meet in the church premises and these include the following:

- Sunday School and Bible Class
- Junior Christian Endeavour
- Intermediate Christian Endeavour
- Youth Fellowship (jointly with Raloo)
- PW (Presbyterian Woman)
- Mothers and Toddlers
- Yarns
- Flower committee
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We gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

The joint mid week with Raloo led by Dr Barry continued. Meetings, with bible study and prayer time, were held twice per month, with the venue alternating between Raloo and Magheramorne. Attendance at the meetings was usually in the teens.

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Minister

Rev David Cromie was our Vacancy Convenor and met frequently with Session to prepare our submission to the Linkage Commission which was scheduled to happen in January 2023. Rev Dr Michael Barry ensured all of the needs of the congregation were met as he continued to serve as our temporary stated supply until Christmas Day when he and his wife Esther received gifts from a grateful congregation.

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

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- Used stamps for Leprosy Missionaries.
- Postcards for Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Holiday Bible Club was held during the first week in July with over 30 young people attending. Soccer school took place in the grounds of Glynn Primary School at the end of July with an average of 55 young people participating each evening.

At the beginning of December a large crowd gathered for the switching on of the Christmas Lights around the church, providing a focal point for the community. Killyglen accordion band regaled the gathering with carols throughout the evening and the nativity was enacted by the children of the church. Refreshments were enjoyed by all attending.

Presbytery

Presbytery meetings returned to their designated monthly slots.

General assembly

The General Assembly convened in June in Belfast.

Property

In the main church building a 50mm layer of insulation was sandwiched between a new layer of plasterboard and the existing deteriorating plaster lath ceiling all screw fixed to the rafters. The new ceiling was painted along with the repainting of the internal walls. As the church is grade 2 listed the vat was reclaimable bringing the total cost to just under £24,000. Manse roof repairs cost just under £1,000. A defibrillator, for the benefit of the local community as well as those who use the church buildings, was purchased and sited adjacent to the church hall.

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Organisations

Sunday School and Bible Class

The young people joined the main congregation at 10.00am and then left for their classes in the hall after the children's address. A rota of 9 teachers and helpers looked after an average of 10 children in 4 age groups which included a bible class.

Junior Christian Endeavour

Met each Friday, 6.45pm to 8.00pm, from September to December when around 22 pre-school to P7 children enjoyed varied activities. Fund raising activities, mainly a sponsored walk allowed for a donation of £550 to be made to Open Schools Worldwide, the designated CE mission. Malawi knitters were also supported at Christmas and Easter with the purchase of their seasonal goods and a local Christmas community mission also benefited.

Intermediate Christian Endeavour

Met every other Friday 8.00pm to 9.00pm, from September to December when an average of 10 secondary school age children attended. They joined with the Juniors in leading the worship at their annual service in February.

Presbyterian Women – PW

The PW organised another successful Christmas wreath making workshop to raise funds for their charities and also arranged an enjoyable Christmas lunch for members and friends. Church families continued their support with donations through the mission boxes.

Yarns

Met on the first and third Tuesday of each month commencing when around 11 ladies produced many needle crafted articles, supporting various charities, despite the 'yarning' and the many cuppas enjoyed.

Mothers and Toddlers

Met each Thursday, 9.30 to 11.30, during term time. A plethora of toys were available for the children while the adults enjoyed the fellowship, a cuppa with a scone while keeping a watchful eye on their charges. This group was run by a leader and two helpers.

Youth Fellowship

This is a joint venture between ourselves and Raloo with meetings alternating between the two congregations and an average of 10 young people attending.

The Flower Committee

Decorated the church each week, when services were held and the Harvest arrangements were a joy to behold with wonderful displays of the produce of God's wonderful world. Flowers and fruit from the Harvest were distributed to senior members of the congregation.

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Sequence Dancing

Sequence dance classes recommenced on Monday evenings.

Woman's Institute

The local Women's Institute held monthly meetings in our hall.

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to express their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees, instigating and helping with organisations and other church activities. A special thanks is due to Wilbert McNeilly who retired from the post as honorary treasurer at the end of the year having served for 33 years.

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 the care of those in need (included 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 of 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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year were satisfactory. The Trustees do not anticipate any significant change in 2023.

Total income of the congregation during the year was £64,735 compared to £46,203 the previous year.

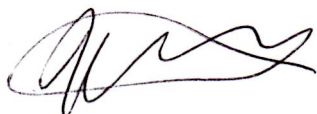
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 28 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by



J Morris Gardner (Clerk of Session)



Wilbert McNeilly (Treasurer retiring)



Nigel Graham (Treasurer incoming)

Magheramorne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104758

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Magheramorne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

I report on the accounts of the Magheramorne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's report

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

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

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Judith S Connon
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30 October 2023