

Woodburn Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104870

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£79,113	£74,494	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Taylor		
Alastair McCullen		
David Weatherup		
Jim Stewart		
Leslie Stewart		
Mr Robert Logan		
Roy Kennedy		
Roy McClean		

Accounts

WOODBURN PREBYTERIAN 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 (NIC 104870)

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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	Endowme nt Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	57,151	14,576	-	71,727	73,471
Charitable activities	3	-	1,829	-	1,829	1,062
Other trading activities	4	4,876	-	-	4,876	5,502
Investment Income	5	209	-	-	209	201
Other	6	472	-	-	472	1,034
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Total Receipts		62,708	16,405	-	79,113	81,270
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	-	2,255	-	2,255	1,236
Charitable activities	8	58,139	11,100	-	69,239	77,775
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
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Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets	9	-	-	-	-	329
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Total Payments		58,139	13,355	-	71,494	79,340
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Net receipts / (payments)		4,569	3,050	-	7,619	1,930
Transfers between funds		3,545	(3,545)	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		8,114	(495)	-	7,619	1,930
Funds brought forward		64,643	1,382	-	66,025	64,094
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Funds carried forward	10	72,757	887	-	73,644	66,025
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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					
Bank and Cash at start of year	64,643	1,382	-	66,025	64,094
Net movement in funds	8,114	(495)	-	7,619	1,930
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Bank and Cash at end of year	72,757	887	-	73,644	66,025
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts					
Bank Current Accounts				73,644	66,025
Cash in Hand					
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				73,644	66,025
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 9					
				2,032,000	2,032,000
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				2,032,000	2,032,000
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 06/05/2025 and signed on its behalf by

[Rev. David Kelly]
[06-05-2025]



[Mr. Jim Stewart]
[06-05-2025]



WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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	47,905	12,160	-	60,065	59,842
Donations and gifts	3,124	1,110	-	4,234	2,583
Gift Aid	6,122	1,306	-	7,428	11,045
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	57,151	14,576	-	71,727	73,470
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	-	1,829	-	1,829	1,062
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	-	1,829	-	1,829	1,062
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	4,141	-	-	4,141	4,067
Trading income	735	-	-	735	1,435
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	4,876	-	-	4,876	5,502
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	209	-	-	209	201
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	209	-	-	209	201
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	472	-	-	472	1,034
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	472	-	-	472	1,034
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	2,255	-	2,255	1,236
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	-	2,255	-	2,255	1,236
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	10,208	-	-	10,208	9,441
Presbytery fees	497	-	-	497	480
Ministry and support staff costs	28,724	-	-	28,724	28,282
Congregational running expenses	18,170	4,911	-	23,081	33,804
Donations to Missions and charities	-	6,189	-	6,189	5,288
Governance costs	540	-	-	540	480
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	58,139	11,100	-	69,239	77,775
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 192 Woodburn Road, Carrickfergus and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of circa £2,032,000.

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	64,643	62,708	(58,139)	4,569	3,545	72,757
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	64,643	62,708	(58,139)	4,569	3,545	72,757
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Restricted Funds						
Property Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Renovation Fund	-	7,584	(3,948)	3,636	(3,636)	-
United Appeal	83	4,608	(4,534)	74	-	157
General Mission Appeals	-	1,564	(1,655)	(91)	91	-
Presbyterian Childrens Soc.						
Presbyterian Women	341	2,253	(2,302)	(49)	-	292
Choir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mission Auxiliary	538	140	(240)	(100)	-	438
Junior Youth Club	420	256	(676)	(420)	-	-
Senior Youth Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	1,382	16,405	(13,355)	3,050	(3,545)	887
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Total	66,025	79,113	(74,494)	7,619	-	73,644
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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	Endowme nt Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	60,135	13,336	-	73,471	70,593
Charitable activities	3	-	1,062	-	1,062	1,795
Other trading activities	4	5,502	-	-	5,502	4,001
Investment Income	5	201	-	-	201	345
Other	6	1,034	-	-	1,034	995
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Total Receipts		66,872	14,398	-	81,270	77,729
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	-	1,236	-	1,236	2,123
Charitable activities	8	67,565	10,210	-	77,775	67,489
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
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Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets	9	329	-	-	329	17,242
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Total Payments		67,894	11,445	-	79,340	86,854
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Net receipts / (payments)		(1,022)	2,953	-	1,930	(9,125)
Transfers between funds		2,451	(2,451)	-	-	300
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Net movement in funds		1,429	502	-	1,930	(8,825)
Funds brought forward		63,214	880	-	64,094	72,919
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Funds carried forward	10	64,643	1,381	-	66,025	64,094
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	63,214	880	-	64,094	72,919
Net movement in funds	1,429	502	-	1,930	(8,825)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	64,643	1,381	-	66,025	64,094
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts					
Bank Current Accounts				66,025	64,094
Cash in Hand					
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				66,025	64,094
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 9					
				2,032,000	2,032,000
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 08/06/2024 and signed on its behalf by

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[09-06-2024]



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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:					
Loose collections	48,528	11,314	-	59,842	55,802
Donations and gifts	1,697	886	-	2,583	8,216
Gift Aid	9,909	1,136	-	11,045	6,575
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	60,135	13,336	-	73,470	70,593
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	-	1,062	-	1,062	1,795
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	-	1,062	-	1,062	1,795
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	4,067	-	-	4,067	4,001
Trading income	1,435	-	-	1,435	-
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	5,502	-	-	5,502	4,001
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	201	-	-	201	345
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	201	-	-	201	345
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	1,034	-	-	1,034	995
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	1,034	-	-	1,034	995
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	1,236	-	1,236	-
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	-	1,236	-	1,236	-
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	9,441	-	-	9,441	8,616
Presbytery fees	480	-	-	480	450
Ministry and support staff costs	28,282	-	-	28,282	25,400
Congregational running expenses	28,882	4,922	-	33,804	21,420
Donations to Missions and charities	-	5,288	-	5,288	11,153
Governance costs	480	-	-	480	450
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	67,565	10,210	-	77,775	67,489
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 192 Woodburn Road, Carrickfergus and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of circa £2,032,000.

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	63,214	66,872	(67,894)	1,429	2,451	64,643
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	63,214	66,872	(67,894)	1,429	2,451	64,643
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Restricted Funds						
Property Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Renovation Fund	-	7,209	(4,341)	-	(2,868)	-
United Appeal	-	4,735	(4,652)	83	-	83
General Mission Appeals	-	566	(566)	-	-	-
Presbyterian Childrens Soc.						
Presbyterian Women	461	1,168	(1,288)	(120)	-	341
Choir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mission Auxiliary	364	400	226	174	-	538
Junior Youth Club	55	320	(372)	365	417	420
Senior Youth Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	880	14,398	(11,445)	502	(2,451)	1,382
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Total	64,094	81,270	(79,339)	1,931	-	66,025
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Woodburn Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104870

Annual report

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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

Woodburn Presbyterian congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
192 Woodburn Road, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim BT38 9AB

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 104870)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr Robert Logan
Rev. David Kelly
Mr Jim Stewart

Mr Roy Kennedy
Mr Leslie Stewart
Mr David Weatherup

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev David Kelly
Mr Jim Stewart
Mr Alan Taylor

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Simon Hopper FCA
6 Doagh Road
Ballyclare
BT39 9BG

BANKERS

Danske Bank – Donegall Square West, Belfast BT1 6JS

SOLICITORS

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

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held [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 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. Woodburn Presbyterian 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.

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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.

Woodburn Presbyterian 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.

Woodburn Church has a core membership of committed Christians who under the direction of the established Church leadership share in an ongoing program of outreach. The Mission Plan has allowed us to examine the effectiveness of our existing programmes against the particular needs of the Church and community. We trust under the direction of the Holy Spirit and, where necessary, we will adjust to ensure our impact for Him is as effective as possible.

In response to our Lord's command "to go" we understand the need to be proactive, using the believing people in the congregation in a structured and planned way to achieve goals which are part of a God inspired vision, showing His light in this corner of His vine-yard.

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.

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

- 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.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords 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:

- Presbyterian Women
- Sunday School and Bible Class
- Youth Fellowship
- Youth Club
- Missionary Auxiliary
- Bowling Club
- Men's Fellowship

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12:00 noon with an evening service one Sunday per month at 7:00pm. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were [85] communicant members and [98] families connected with the congregations. The average week attendance at morning worship is [140].

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.

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

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation supports the families and children in the local community through youth club, which is run twice per month except for July and August, and a Summer bible club lasting a week during the school Summer holiday period.

Monies raised by the church congregation and visitors were used during the year to donate to other Christian based organizations providing service at home and abroad. The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal and other special appeals. The congregation gives regularly to Carrickfergus food bank through items donated weekly.

The Presbyterian Women support many good causes through collections and with donations to MS Research, Shelter NI, Cancer Research, Mission to Seafarers, Barnardos (PHAROS), and NI Blood Transfusion service.

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

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or 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 attended meetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

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

Property

Routine repairs and maintenance were carried out to the church building, hall, and manse during the year. A new sound and vision system was commissioned for the church to replace an obsolete system. No major work was undertaken.

Organisations

The Presbyterian Women group and the Ladies Friendship is very active and between them organized a regular and varied schedule of events throughout 2023, including talks by visitors and congregation on a variety of topics, outings, etc. Through these activities the ladies also raised significant funds for many very worthy causes.

The Mission Auxiliary was more active in 2023 following the impact from Covid restrictions. The group continued to support Adopt-A-Child.

Junior youth club recommenced a full programme of activities following the relaxing of Covid restrictions in 2022. Those attending enjoyed meeting twice monthly with regular games and activities as well as enjoying guest speakers and entertainers.

Sunday school and bible class provides spiritual guidance for children and teenagers. The average attendance was 19 during 2023, and it is supported each Sunday by a band of faithful and diligent teachers from the church congregation. Learning and art materials are provided by the church, with occasional use of audio/visual equipment for video and songs, to deliver a Christian message in a way that engages young minds.

During the summer the Church runs a holiday bible week following a Christian theme and with a family party on the Friday evening. Children have an opportunity to showcase some of the songs they've learned during the week for the congregation during the regular Sunday service. This recommenced in 2022 post-Covid and was very well supported again in 2023.

This is not an exhaustive list of the many good works and deeds by all organizations within the church.

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

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.

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.

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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 71 contributors during the year (81, 2022) donating a total of £47,351 (£44,761 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £81,270 (£77,729 in the previous year, 2022).

Total expenditure was £79,339, compared to £86,854 in the previous year.

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 £33,947 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 £64,643 and their use (as required) is sufficiently above this target. The trustees continue to monitor their reserves levels on a periodic basis.

FUTURE PLANS

The church has come out of COVID-19 in a strong position spiritually as well in good financial shape. Some good practices that came from COVID measures have continued, such as: posting video recordings of services online for those unable to attend due to sickness and infirmity; and encouraging giving by direct bank transfer rather than cash donations. There is continued enthusiastic support for youth and community outreach.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial

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

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 08/06/2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Rev David Kelly]
[09-06-2024]



[Mr. Jim Stewart]
[09-06-2024]



Woodburn Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104870

Annual return

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

Woodburn 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.

Woodburn 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
12th June 2024

Woodburn Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104870

Accounts

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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	53,666	16,927	-	70,593	61,139
Charitable activities	3	-	1,795	-	1,795	1,084
Other trading activities	4	4,001	-	-	4,001	3,992
Investment Income	5	345	-	-	345	163
Other	6	995	-	-	995	-
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Total Receipts		59,007	18,722	-	77,729	66,378
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	-	2,123	-	2,123	1,658
Charitable activities	8	49,082	18,407	-	67,489	60,301
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
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Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets	9	17,242	-	-	17,242	-
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Total Payments		66,324	20,530	-	86,854	61,959
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Net receipts / (payments)		(7,317)	(1,808)	-	(9,125)	4,419
Transfers between funds		(1,664)	1,964	-	300	-
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Net movement in funds		(8,981)	156	-	(8,825)	4,419
Funds brought forward		72,195	724	-	72,919	68,499
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Funds carried forward	12	63,214	880	-	64,094	72,918
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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					
Bank and Cash at start of year	72,195	724	-	72,919	68,499
Net movement in funds	(8,981)	156	-	(8,825)	4,418
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Bank and Cash at end of year	63,214	880	-	64,094	72,917
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts					-
Bank Current Accounts				64,094	72,917
Cash in Hand					-
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				64,094	72,917
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 9				2,032,000	1,280,000
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				2,032,000	1,280,000
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 29/10/2023 and signed on its behalf by

Rev. David Kelly

29th October 2023



Mr. Jim Stewart

29th October 2023



WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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	46,372	9,430	-	55,802	51,685
Donations and gifts	1,775	6,441	-	8,216	3,829
Gift Aid	5,519	1,056	-	6,575	5,625
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	53,666	16,927	-	70,593	61,139
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	-	1,795	-	1,795	-
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	-	1,795	-	1,795	-
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	4,001	-	-	4,001	3,992
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
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	4,001	-	-	4,001	3,992
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	345	-	-	345	148
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	345	-	-	345	148
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	995	-	-	995	334
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	995	-	-	995	334
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	494
Fundraising events	-	2,123	-	2,123	1,164
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	-	2,123	-	2,123	1,658
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	8,616	-	-	8,616	8,301
Presbytery fees	450	-	-	450	437
Ministry and support staff costs	25,400	-	-	25,400	23,470
Congregational running expenses	14,166	7,254	-	21,420	21,356
Donations to Missions and charities	-	11,153	-	11,153	6,317
Governance costs	450	-	-	450	420
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	49,082	18,407	-	67,489	60,301
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WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2022

9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 192 Woodburn Road, Carrickfergus and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of circa £2,032,000.

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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	72,195	59,007	(66,324)	(8,981)	(1,664)	63,214
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	72,195	59,007	(66,324)	(8,981)	(1,664)	63,214
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Restricted Funds						
Property Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Renovation Fund	-	5,308	(6,350)	-	1,042	-
United Appeal	-	3,916	(4,148)	-	232	-
General Mission Appeals	-	6,525	(6,915)	-	390	-
Presbyterian Childrens Soc.						
Presbyterian Women	260	2,362	(2,161)	201	-	461
Choir	52	-	(52)	(52)	-	-
Mission Auxiliary	35	341	(12)	329	-	364
Junior Youth Club	310	270	(825)	(255)	300	55
Senior Youth Club	67	-	(67)	(67)	-	-
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	724	18,722	(20,530)	156	1,964	880
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Total	72,919	77,729	(86,854)	(8,825)	300	64,094
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Woodburn Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104870

Annual report

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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

Woodburn Presbyterian congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
192 Woodburn Road, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim BT38 9AB

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 104870)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr Robert Logan	Mr Leslie Stewart
Rev. David Kelly	Mr David Weatherup
Mr Roy Kennedy	Mr Thomas Weatherup
Mr Jim Stewart	

Mr. Thomas Weatherup served faithfully as an elder and trustee of the church for very many years until sadly passing away in 2023. Thomas is badly missed by the kirk session and congregation.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev David Kelly
Clerk of Session	Mr Jim Stewart
Treasurer	Mr Alan Taylor

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Simon Hopper FCA
6 Doagh Road
Ballyclare
BT39 9BG

BANKERS

Danske Bank – Donegall Square West, Belfast BT1 6JS

SOLICITORS

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

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held [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 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. Woodburn Presbyterian 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.

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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.

Woodburn Presbyterian 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.

Woodburn Church has a core membership of committed Christians who under the direction of the established Church leadership share in an ongoing program of outreach. The Mission Plan has allowed us to examine the effectiveness of our existing programmes against the particular needs of the Church and community. We trust under the direction of the Holy Spirit and, where necessary, we will adjust to ensure our impact for Him is as effective as possible.

In response to our Lord's command "to go" we understand the need to be proactive, using the believing people in the congregation in a structured and planned way to achieve goals which are part of a God inspired vision, showing His light in this corner of His vine-yard.

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.

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

- 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.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords 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:

- Presbyterian Women
- Sunday School and Bible Class
- Youth Club
- Missionary Auxiliary
- Bowling Club
- Men's Fellowship

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12:00 noon with an evening service one Sunday per month at 7:00pm. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were [88] communicant members and [96] families connected with the congregations. The average week attendance at morning worship is [95].

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.

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

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation supports the families and children in the local community through youth club, which is run twice per month except for July and August, and a Summer bible club lasting a week during the school Summer holiday period.

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Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Property

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The Mission Auxiliary activities were limited in 2022 due to the ongoing and follow-on impact from Covid restrictions.

Junior youth club activities recommenced in September following the easing of Covid restrictions in first half of 2022. Those attending enjoyed an outing to an outdoor activity centre, several guest speakers including a visit and entertaining talk by police community liaison officers, and end of year Christmas party.

Sunday school and bible class provides spiritual guidance for children and teenagers. The average attendance was 19 during 2021, and it is supported each Sunday by a band of faithful and diligent teachers from the church congregation. Learning and art materials are provided by the church, with occasional use of audio/visual equipment for video and songs, to deliver a Christian message in a way that engages young minds.

During the summer the Church runs a holiday bible week following a Christian theme and with a family party on the Friday evening. Children have an opportunity to showcase some of the songs they've learned during the week for the congregation during the regular Sunday service. This recommenced in 2022 post-Covid and was very well supported.

This is not an exhaustive list of the many good works and deeds by all organizations within the church.

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.

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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.

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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 81 contributors during the year (96, 2021) donating a total of £44,761 (£42,481 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £77,729, (£66,378 in the previous year, 2021).

Total expenditure was £86,854, compared to £61,959 in the previous year.

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 £33,162 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 £63,214 and their use (as required) is sufficiently above this target. The trustees continue to monitor their reserves levels on a periodic basis.

FUTURE PLANS

The church has come out of COVID-19 restriction in a strong position spiritually as well in good financial shape. Some good practices that came from COVID measures have continued, such as: posting video recordings of services online for those unable to attend due to sickness and infirmity; and encouraging giving by direct bank transfer rather than cash donations.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

**WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN 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 29th October 2023 and signed on its behalf by

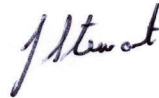
Rev. David Kelly

29th October 2023



Mr. Jim Stewart

29th October 2023



Woodburn Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104870

Annual return

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

Woodburn 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.

Woodburn 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
31 October 2023