

Westbourne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104908

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£58,218	£58,216	£0	0
2018-12-31	£47,917	£60,282	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Barbara Wilson		
Mr James Connor		
Mr John Cupples		
Mr John Dempster		
Mr Kirk Mcdowell		
Mr Michael Briggs		
Mr Samuel Douglas Mbe		
Mrs Margaret Lewis		
Mrs Marlene Dempster		
Mrs Marlene Porter		
Mrs Rosie Cupples		
Rev Mervyn Gibson Bd		

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Accounts

WESTBOURNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

B/F	£58,218	B/F	£58,216
		Income over Expenditure	£2
	£58,218		£58,218

SUMMARY

Balance at Bank 1st January 2024	£3,376		
	£2		
	£3,378	Balance at Bank at 31st December 2024	£3,378

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Westbourne Presbyterian Church NIC 104908
Statement of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2018

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	2018	2017
Regular Direct Giving	31224		31224	31658
Income for General Funds	3294		3294	3211
HMRC Gift Aid	5658		5658	6021
Donations	1700		1700	
Investment Income	37		37	124
Property		291	291	136937
Missions & Appeals		3837	3837	3503
Other Income	196	1680	1876	1934
Total Receipts	42109	5808	47917	183388
Payments			2017	2016
Central Church Assessments	9805		9805	9881
Ministry & Support Staff	22742		22742	22315
Running Costs	3967	1530	5497	7432
Property & Equipment				
Utilities	2966		2966	1511
Roof Repairs		12760	12760	188,284
Insurance	2498		2498	2635
Missions & Appeals				
United Appeal		2165	2165	2005
Other PCI Schemes		1288	1288	1025
Other Missions		561	561	821
Total Payments	41978	18304	60282	235909
Excess of Receipts over Payments	131	-12496	-12365	-55521
1 Direct Giving			2018	2017
Freewill Offering	31224		31224	31658
Gift Aid	4984		4984	5094
Loose Collections	1369		1369	1331
Gift Aid (GASDS)	295		295	461
Gift Day	1925		1925	1880
Gift Aid	379		379	466
	40176		40176	40890

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Statement of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2018	2017
2 Donations				
	1700		1700	0
	1700		<u>1700</u>	0
3 Investment Income			2018	2017
Bank Interest	9		9	96
General Investment Inc	28		28	28
	37		37	124
4 Property			2018	2017
Renovations & Repairs		291	291	152
5 Missions & Appeals			2018	2017
United Appeal		1942	1942	1670
Gift Aid		223	223	335
World Development Fund		786	786	875
Gift Aid		157	157	150
Pres Orphan & Children's Society		75	75	235
Gift Aid		59	59	29
SASRA		-	-	209
Remembered		250	250	-
Moderator's Appeal (Indonesia)		345	345	-
		3837	3837	3503
6 Other Income			2018	2017
Brown Money	154		154	177
Miscellaneous	42		42	30
Flower Fund		1370	1370	1400
Gift Aid		170	170	178
Receipts for Magazines		140	140	149
	196	1680	1876	1934
Total Income	42109	5808	47917	183388

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Statement of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2018	2017
7 Central Church Assessments				
Central Ministry Fund	2009		2009	2355
Retired Minister's Func	474		474	523
Widows Of Minister's F	446		446	556
PCI Pension Scheme	3801		3801	3726
Incidental Fund	837		837	877
Prolonged Disability Fu	84		84	33
Min Development Func	140		140	131
Assenbly Bldgs Externa	586		586	615
Sick Supply	11		11	20
Students Bursary	279		279	497
Special Assembly	-		-	33
Apprentice Levy	78		78	57
ER NIC on Minister's Al	621		621	-
Presbytery Fees	439		439	458
	9805		9805	9881
8 Ministry & Support Staff				
Minister's Stipend	15835		15835	15525
Minister's f Expenses	5875		5875	5500
National Insurance	1032		1032	1018
Pulpit Supply	-		-	272
	22742		22742	22315
9 Running Costs				
Bank Fees	125		125	158
Postage	84		84	62
Advertising/Printing	878		878	519
Payments for Magazines		140	140	149
Copyright Licence				128
Room Hire	2880		2880	4344
Organ Supply				250
Flower Fund		1390	1390	1550
Gifts				245
Miscellaneous				27
	3967	1530	5497	7432

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Statement of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Unrestricted	Restricted		
10 Property & Equipment			2018	2017
Heat Light & Power	2307		2307	903
Telephone	659		659	608
Roof Repairs				157301
Prof fees Re Roof Repair Grant		12580	12580	30983
Refurbishment/Maintenance		180	180	-
Insurance	2498		2498	2635
	5464	12760	18224	192430
 11 Missions & Appeals			 2018	 2017
United Appeal		2165	2165	2005
World Development		943	943	1025
Pres Orphan & Children's Society		134	134	264
Moderator's Appeal (Indonesia)		345	345	-
Charlene's Project		177	177	319
Remembered		250	250	-
SASRA		-	-	209
UCB		-	-	29
		4014	4014	3851
Total Expenditure	41978	18304	60282	235909
 Bank Accounts 31 December 2018			 2018	
Current Account			1501	
Business Term Deposit IMF			423	
 Balance at Bank 31 December 2018			 1924	

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Statement of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2018

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2018

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2018 Totals	2017 Totals
Current Assets				
Bank Balances	-198	2122	1924	14288
Net Current Assets	-198	2122	1924	14288

Fixed Assets

The Congregation owns the Church premises situated at Newtownards Road, Belfast and the associated furniture, fixtures and fittings - these have an Insurance value of £3.7million.

Current Liabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
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Statement of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

Receipts	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
Regular Direct Giving	1	32563		32563	30802
Income for General Funds	1	3196		3196	1534
HMRC Gift Aid	1	6185		6185	5573
Donations	2	5050		5050	
Investment Income	3	40		40	34
Renovations & Repairs	4		301	301	346
Missions & Appeals	5		2639	2639	1330
Other Income	6	987		987	420
Total Receipts		48021	2940	50961	40039
Payments				2023	2022
Central Church Assessments	7	8971		8971	7981
Ministry & Support Staff	8	25609		25609	24364
Running Costs	9	5640	560	6200	4839
Property & Equipment					
Utilities	10	3202		3202	2524
Insurance	11	2638		2638	2,573
Missions & Appeals					
United Appeal	12		1578	1578	400
Other PCI Schemes	13		650	650	390
Other Missions	14		675	675	945
Total Payments		46060	3463	49523	44016
Excess of Receipts over Payments		1763	-325	1438	-3977
1 Direct Giving				2023	2022
Freewill Offering		32563		32563	30802
Gift Aid		5400		5400	5444
Loose Collections		1428		1428	1534
Gift Aid (GASDS)		384		384	129
Gift Day		1768		1768	
Gift Aid		401		401	
		41944		41944	37909

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Statement of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
2 Donations				
	5050		5050	
	5050		5050	
3 Investment Income			2023	2022
Bank Interest	13		13	6
General Investment Income	27		27	28
	40		40	34
4 Property			2023	2022
Renovations & Repairs		301	301	346
		301	301	346
5 Missions & Appeals			2023	2022
United Appeal		1578	1578	400
World Development Fund		595	595	300
Gift Aid		55	55	90
Pres Children's Society		100	100	80
Gift Aid		18	18	45
Royal British Legion		293	293	
Moderator's Appeal - Ukraine				500
BLESMA				320
		2639	2639	1735
6 Other Income			2023	2022
Brown Money	189		189	70
Receipts for Magazines	198		198	195
Energy Support Scheme	600		600	
Miscellaneous				155
	987		987	420
Total Income	48021	3138	50961	40444

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Statement of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
7 Central Church Assessments				
Central Ministry Fund	909		909	954
Widows Of Minister's Fund	186		186	199
PCI Pension Scheme	4246		4246	4042
Incidental Fund	744		744	736
Prolonged Disability Fund	186		186	159
Min Development Fund	83		83	91
Assenbly Bldgs External Work	413		413	398
Sick Supply	8		8	12
Students Bursary	331		331	378
ER NI on Min Allowance	925		925	928
Apprentice Levy	88		88	84
Cost of Living Allowance	252		252	
Covid Repayment	600		600	
	8971		8971	7981
8 Ministry & Support Staff			2023	2022
Minister's Stipend	17688		17688	16846
Minister's I Expenses	6701		6701	6382
National Insurance	1220		1220	1136
	25609		25609	24364
9 Running Costs			2023	2022
Bank Fees	153		153	143
Advertising/Printing	229		229	229
Payments for Magazines		198	198	195
Room Hire	5208		5208	3696
Presbytery Fees	362		362	352
Gifts				205
Miscellaneous	50		50	19
	6002	198	6200	4839

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Statement of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted		
10 Property & Equipment			2023	2023
Heat Light & Power	2655		2655	2109
Telephone	547		547	415
Insurance	2638		2638	2573
	5840		5840	5097
11 Missions & Appeals			2023	2022
United Appeal		1578	1578	400
World Development		650	650	390
Pres Children's Society		118	118	125
Charlene's Project		157	157	
Scripture Union		100	100	
Royal British Legion		300	300	
Moderator's Appeal - Ukraine				500
BLESMA				320
		2903	2903	1735
Total Expenditure	46422	3101	49523	44016
Balance at Bank 1 January 2023			1938	
Income over Expenditure			1438	
Balance at Bank 31 December 2023			3376	
Bank Accounts at 31 December 2023				
Current Account			2946	
Business Term Deposit 1MF			430	
Balance at Bank 31 December			3376	

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
Current Assets				
Bank Balances	-474	3850	3376	1937
Net Current Assets	-474	3850	3376	1937
Current Liabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Fixed Assets

The Congregation owns the Church premises situated at Newtownards Road, Belfast and the associated furniture, fixtures and fittings - these have an Insurance value of £5 Million.

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Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104908)

**WESTBOURNE 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

Westbourne congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
149a Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 1AB

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104908)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mervyn Gibson	John Dempster
Robert Tinney (Died 2.2.23)	Barbara Wilson
Sammy Douglas	Ken Stephens
James Connor	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Mervyn Gibson
Clerk of Session	John Dempster
Treasurer	Barbara Wilson

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Gareth Kirk, 4 Langtry Lodge, Parkgate. BT39 0LL

BANKERS

Danske Bank, Knock Branch, 520 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast. BT4 3HD

SOLICITORS

Hewitt & Gilpin, 73 Holywood Road, Belfast. BT4 3BA

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

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The

membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Westbourne congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

Men's Group
Presbyterian Women

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am and for a time of Bible Study at 10 am on first Sunday each month.

As well as our regular services during the year we hold Thanksgiving services, Baptism's, Weddings; Funerals and other special services as appropriate.

At 31 December 2023 there were 35 communicant members and 320 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 45

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited by the minister or elder.

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 congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, and other special appeals.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

The Church building remains closed and we are presently meeting at East Belfast Network Centre, 55 Templemore Avenue, Belfast.

Organisations

The Presbyterian Women meet 8 times a year and arrange various outings.

The Men's Group meet 8 times a year and arrange various outings.

Volunteers

The Trustees acknowledge their 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.

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 65 contributors during the year (66 in previous year, 2022) donating a total of £32,563 (£30,802 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £50,961 compared to £40,444 in 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 and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Annual return

**WESTBOURNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

B/F	£50,961	B/F	£49,523
		Income over Expenditure	£1,438
	£50,961		£50,961

SUMMARY

Balance at Bank 1st January 2023	£1,938		
	£1,438		
	£3,376	Balance at Bank at 31st December 2023	£3,376

Compared with the financial records of the Church and certified to be in accordance therewith.

Signed:..... G. Kirk

Date:..... 29th October 2024

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Accounts

Westbourne Presbyterian Church NIC 104908
Statement of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2017

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2017

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
Current Assets		
Bank Balances	10927	3361
Net Current Assets	10927	3361
Current Liabilities	Nil	Nil
Total Fund Balances	10927	3361

Fixed Assets

The Congregation owns the Church premises situated at Newtownards Road, Belfast and the associated furniture, fixtures and fittings - these have an Insurance value of £3.7million.

2017 Totals	2016 Totals
14288	66809
14288	66809
Nil	Nil
14288	66809

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Statement of Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2017

Receipts	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2017	2016
Regular Direct Giving	1	31658		31658	33030
Income for General Funds	1	3211		3211	3955
HMRC Gift Aid	1	6021		6021	5963
Donations	2				1135
Investment Income	3	124		124	124
Property	4		136937	136937	33227
Missions & Appeals	5		3503	3503	3695
Other Income	6	207	1727	1934	2050
Total Receipts		41014	136937	183388	83179
Payments				2017	2016
Central Church Assessments	7	9881		9881	9066
Ministry & Support Staff	8	22315		22315	21631
Running Costs	9	5733	1699	7432	10161
Property & Equipment					
Utilities	10	1511		1511	2298
Roof Repairs	11		188284	188284	11,100
Insurance	12	2635		2635	2768
Missions & Appeals					
United Appeal	13		2005	2005	2263
Other PCI Schemes	14		1025	1025	963
Other Missions	15		821	821	829
Total Payments		42075	193834	235909	61079
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-854	-51667	-52521	22100
1 Direct Giving				2017	2016
Freewill Offering		31658		31658	33030
Gift Aid		5094		5094	5319
Loose Collections		1331		1331	1706
Gift Aid (GASDS)		461		461	292
Gift Day		1880		1880	2249
Gift Aid		466		466	352
		40890		40890	42948
2 Donations				2017	2016
				-	1135
				=	1135
3 Investment Income				2017	2016
Bank Interest		96		96	97
General Investment Income		28		28	27

		124	124	124
4 Property			2017	2016
	Renovations & Repairs	152	152	277
	Roof Repair Grant	49040	49040	32950
	Sale of Church Hall	87745	87745	
		136937	136937	33227
5 Missions & Appeals			2017	2016
	United Appeal	1670	1670	1923
	Gift Aid	335	335	340
	World Development Fund	875	875	838
	Gift Aid	150	150	125
	Pres Orphan & Children's Society	235	235	125
	Gift Aid	29	29	81
	SASRA	209	209	263
		3503	3503	3695
6 Other Income			2017	2016
	Brown Money	177	177	319
	Miscellaneous	30	30	34
	Flower Fund	1400	1400	1270
	Gift Aid	178	178	169
	Receipts for Magazines	149	149	258
		207	1727	1934
7 Central Church Assessments			2017	2016
	Central Ministry Fund	2355	2355	1942
	Retired Minister's Fund	523	523	856
	Widows Of Minister's Fund	556	556	343
	PCI Pension Scheme	3726	3726	3671
	Incidental Fund	877	877	799
	Prolonged Disability Fund	33	33	29
	Min Development Fund	131	131	114
	Assenbly Bldgs External Work	615	615	423
	Sick Supply	20	20	17
	Students Bursary	497	497	457
	Special Assembly	33	33	29
	Apprentice Levy	57	57	
	Presbytery Fees	458	458	386
		9881	9881	9066
8 Ministry & Support Staff			2017	2016
	Minister's Stipend	15525	15525	15295
	Minister's Expenses	5500	5500	5500
	National Insurance	1018	1018	836
	Pulpit Supply	272	272	
		22315	22315	21631
9 Running Costs			2017	2016
	Bank Fees	158	158	85

Postage	62		62	
Advertising/Printing	519		519	2965
Payments for Magazines		149	149	258
Copyright Licence	128		128	126
Room Hire	4344		4344	4392
Organ Supply	250		250	250
Flower Fund		1550	1550	1270
Gifts	245		245	
Catering				565
Miscellaneous	27		27	250
	5733	1699	7432	10161
10 Property & Equipment			2017	2016
Heat Light & Power	903		903	1949
Telephone	608		608	349
Roof Repairs		157301	157301	
Prof fees Re Roof Repair Grant		30983	30983	11100
Insuranced	2635		2635	2768
	4146	188284	192430	16166
11 Missions & Appeals			2017	2016
United Appeal		2005	2005	2263
World Development		1025	1025	963
Orphan & Children's Society		264	264	206
Charlene's Project		319	319	360
SASRA		209	209	263
UCB		29	29	
		3851	3851	4055
Balance at Bank 1 January 2017		66809		
Expenditure Over Income		52521		
		14288		14288
Bank Accounts 31 December 2017				
Current Account	8630			
Business Term Deposit 1MF	423			
Business Term Deposit 3MF	5235			
Balance at Bank 31 December 2017	14288			

Westbourne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104908

Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2017**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104908)

**WESTBOURNE 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 2017 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Westbourne congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
149a Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 1AB

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104908)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mervyn Gibson	John Dempster
Robert Tinney	Barbara Wilson
Minnie Tinney	Maureen French
James Connor	Sammy Douglas
Ken Stephens	David Chapman (Deceased 21.10.16)

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Mervyn Gibson
Clerk of Session	John Dempster
Treasurer	Barbara Wilson

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Gareth Kirk, 4 Langtry Lodge, Parkgate. BT39 0LL

BANKERS

Danske Bank, Knock Branch, 520 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast. BT4 3HD

SOLICITORS

Hewitt & Gilpin, 73 Holywood Road, Belfast. BT4 3BA

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

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first

week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Westbourne congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

Men's Group
Presbyterian Women

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am and for a time of prayer at 10 am.

As well as our regular services during the year we hold Thanksgiving services, Baptism's, Weddings; Funerals and other special services as appropriate.

At 31 December 2017 there were 56 communicant members and 280 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 58

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited by the minister or elder.

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 congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, and other special appeals.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

The Church is undergoing some major repairs to the roof and addressing the issue of dry rot. The Church building remains closed and we are presently meeting at East Belfast Network Centre, 55 Templemore Avenue, Belfast.

Organisations

The Presbyterian Women meet 8 times a year and also arrange various outing.

The Men's Group meet 8 times a year and also arranges various outings.

The Round Tower Community Project is involved in working with several other local groups, including Row on Row, formed to commemorate the centenaries of WW1.

Volunteers

The Trustees acknowledge their 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.

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 95 contributors during the year (100 in previous year, 2016) donating a total of £31,658 (£33,030 in previous year, 2016)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £183,388 compared to £83,179 in the previous year. The main reason for the increase was a grant £136,937 towards Roof Repairs.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Westbourne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104908

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Westbourne Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of Westbourne Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2017

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act

follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9) (b) of the Charities Act

state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Signature



Name:

Gareth Kirk. BSc (Econ) MSc F.C.A .

Date:

10th October 2018