

Woodlands Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104919

Details

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

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£290,301	£242,443	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Mccorkell		
Brian Allen		
Brian Ingram		
Desy Hawthorne		
Dr Ian Drysdale		
Graham Hawthorne		
John Morgan		
Mr Jonathan Addis		
Mr Jonathan Parkes		
Nathan Mcconnell		
Peter Drysdale		
Richard Gibson		
Robert Morgan		
Robin Scott		
William Holmes		

Woodlands Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts

Balance Sheet as at 31
Dec 2024
Woodlands Presbyterian
Church

	2024	2023
No Fixed Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	177346	129488
No Creditors		
Net Current Assets	177346	129488
Total Net assets	<u>177346</u>	<u>129488</u>
Charity Funds		
Restricted Funds	57397	84034
Unrestricted funds	119948	45454
Total Funds	<u>177346</u>	<u>129488</u>

**Statement of financial
activities for the year ended
31 Dec 2024**

**Woodlands Presbyterian
Church**

Income From	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	2	203406	86894	290301	285193
Charitable Activities	3	0	0	0	0
Investments	4	0	0	0	0
Other Income	5	0	0	0	0
Total Income		<u>203406</u>	<u>86894</u>	<u>290301</u>	<u>285193</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	6	128912	113531	242443	285640
Total Expenditure		<u>128912</u>	<u>113531</u>	<u>242443</u>	<u>285640</u>
Net Income (expenditure)					
Before net (losses) Gains on investments		74494	-26637	47858	-447
Gains on investments		0	0	0	0
Net movement in Funds		<u>74494</u>	<u>-26637</u>	<u>47858</u>	<u>-447</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward		45454	84034	129488	129935
Net movement in funds		74494	-26637	47858	-447
Total Funds Carried forward		<u>119948</u>	<u>57397</u>	<u>177346</u>	<u>129488</u>

The statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year

The notes fo the following pages form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Ballyclare Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity, can be reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2 Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Donations				
Freewill Offering	137171	0	137171	139910
Property Account	0	14477	14477	17126
Missionary Account	0	27231	27231	30371
Special Collections	13096	0	13096	10342
Loose Collections	11849	0	11849.09	10402
Gift Aid	30783	7637	38420.16	43861
Misc. Donations	10507	0	10507	812
Organisations Income	0	37549	37549	32369
Legacies				
Bequests	0	0	0	
Legacies	0	0	0	
Subtotal Detailed Disclosure	<u>203406</u>	<u>86894</u>	<u>290301</u>	<u>285193</u>
Total 2024	<u>203406</u>	<u>86894</u>	<u>290301</u>	
Total 2023	<u>196784</u>	<u>88409</u>	<u>285193</u>	

3 Income From Charitable Activities

No Income from Charitable Activities

4 Investment Income

No Investment Income

5 Other Incoming Resources

No Other Income

6 Analysis of expenditure on Charitable Actives

Summary by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Minister	0	0	0	40000
Assessment	17629	0	17629	22697
Congregational running Expenses	111283	85522	196805	190073
Donations to missions and charities	0	28009	28009	32870
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
Investment Expenses	0	0	0	0
Audit Fees	0	0	0	0
	<u>128912</u>	<u>113531</u>	<u>242443</u>	<u>285640</u>
Total 2023	<u>214228</u>	<u>71412</u>	<u>285640</u>	

7 Auditors Remuneration

There is no Auditors fee

8 Staff Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	31022	43449
Social Security Costs	3522	8193
	<u>34543</u>	<u>51642</u>

The average number of employees employed by the charity during the year was as follows

2024	2023
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

9 Fixed Asset investments

No Investments held

10 Debtors

No Debtors

11 Creditors

No Creditors

12 Summary of Funds

Summary of Funds Current Year	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£
General Funds	45454	203406	128912	119948
Restricted Funds	<u>84034</u>	<u>86894.4</u>	<u>113531</u>	<u>57397.4</u>
Total	<u>129488</u>	<u>290301</u>	<u>242443</u>	<u>177346</u>

Summary of Funds Previous Year	Balance at 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 Dec 2023
General Funds	62898	196784	214228	45454
Restricted Funds	<u>67037</u>	<u>88409</u>	<u>71412</u>	<u>84034</u>
Total	<u>129935</u>	<u>285193</u>	<u>285640</u>	<u>129488</u>

13 Reconciliation of Net Movement in Funds to net cashflow from operating activities

Net income/Expenditure for the year as per statement of financial activities	2024	2023
	£	£
	47858	-447

14 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

2024	2023
£	£
177346	129488

15 Analysis of changes in net debt

At 1 Jan 2024	Cash flows	At 31 Dec 2024
£	£	£
129488	47858	177346

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year to 31 Dec 2024

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Accounts

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

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland 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. The 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice CCNI ARR07 – supporting document 7 August 2016 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Irish Institute of Chartered Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

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

Name: Anna Baxter

Address: 3 Whitethorn, Greenisland, BT38 8FH

Date: 9/5/24

Balance Sheet as at 31
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Woodlands Presbyterian
Church

	2023	2022
No Fixed Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	129488	129935
No Creditors		
Net Current Assets	129488	129935
Total Net assets	<u>129488</u>	<u>129935</u>
Charity Funds		
Restricted Funds	84034	67037
Unrestricted funds	45454	62898
Total Funds	<u>129488</u>	<u>129935</u>

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activities for the year ended
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**Woodlands Presbyterian
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Income From	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	2	196784	88409	285193	260618
Charitable Activities	3	0	0	0	0
Investments	4	0	0	0	0
Other Income	5	0	0	0	0
Total Income		<u>196784</u>	<u>88409</u>	<u>285193</u>	<u>260618</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	6	214228	71412	285640	239463
Total Expenditure		<u>214228</u>	<u>71412</u>	<u>285640</u>	<u>239463</u>
Net Income (expenditure)					
Before net (losses) Gains on investments		-17444	16997	-447	21155
Gains on investments		0	0	0	0
Net movement in Funds		<u>-17444</u>	<u>16997</u>	<u>-447</u>	<u>21155</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward		62898	67037	129935	108780
Net movement in funds		-17444	16997	-447	21155
Total Funds Carried forward		<u>45454</u>	<u>84034</u>	<u>129488</u>	<u>129935</u>

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Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2 Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Donations				
Freewill Offering	139910	0	139910	132445
Property Account	0	17126	17126	15477
Missionary Account	0	30371	30371	27806
Special Collections	10342	0	10342	9310
Loose Collections	10402	0	10402	5594
Gift Aid	35318	8543	43861	34052
Misc. Donations	812	0	812	1791
Organisations Income	0	32369	32369	34143
Legacies				
Bequests	0	0	0	
Legacies	0	0	0	
Subtotal Detailed Disclosure	<u>196784</u>	<u>88409</u>	<u>285193</u>	<u>260618</u>
Total 2023	<u>196784</u>	<u>88409</u>	<u>285193</u>	
Total 2022	<u>183192</u>	<u>77426</u>	<u>260618</u>	

3 Income From Charitable Activities

No Income from Charitable Activities

4 Investment Income

No Investment Income

5 Other Incoming Resources

No Other Income

6 Analysis of expenditure on Charitable Activities

Summary by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Minister	40000	0	40000	49480
Assessment	22697	0	22697	24160
Congregational running Expenses	151531	38542	190073	131143
Donations to missions and charities	0	32870	32870	34680
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
Investment Expenses	0	0	0	0
Audit Fees	0	0	0	0
	<u>214228</u>	<u>71412</u>	<u>285640</u>	<u>239463</u>
Total 2022	<u>163919</u>	<u>75544</u>	<u>239463</u>	

7 Auditors Remuneration

There is no Auditors fee

8 Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	43449	28370
Social Security Costs	8193	2296
	<u>51642</u>	<u>30666</u>

The average number of employees employed by the charity during the year was as follows

2023	2022
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

9 Fixed Asset Investments

No Investments held

10 Debtors

No Debtors

11 Creditors

No Creditors

12 Summary of Funds

Summary of Funds Current Year	Balance at 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£
General Funds	62898	196784	214228	45454
Restricted Funds	67037	88409	71412	84034
Total	<u>129935</u>	<u>285193</u>	<u>285640</u>	<u>129488</u>

Summary of Funds Previous Year	Balance at 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 Dec 2022
General Funds	50914	175903	163919	62898
Restricted Funds	57866	84715	75544	67037
Total	<u>108780</u>	<u>260618</u>	<u>239463</u>	<u>129935</u>

13 Reconciliation of Net Movement in Funds to net cashflow from operating activities

Net income/Expenditure for the year as per statement of financial activities	2023	2022
	£	£
	-447	21155

14 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

2023	2022
£	£
129488	129935

15 Analysis of changes in net debt

At 1 Jan 2023	Cash flows	At 31 Dec 2023
£	£	£
129935	-447	129488

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year to 31 Dec 2023

Woodlands Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104919

Annual report

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Balance Sheet as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Woodlands Presbyterian Church of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland 48 Burleigh Drive Carrickfergus BT38 8HW Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104919)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev Leslie Addis

Jonathan Addis

Brian Allen

Dr Ian Drysdale

Peter Drysdale

Richard Gibson

Desy Hawthorne

Graham Hawthorne

Martin Holmes

Brian Ingram

Nathan McConnell

Andrew McCorkell

Stuart McCullough

John Morgan

Robert Morgan

Jonathan Parkes

Robin Scott

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister Rev L Addis (Retired October 2023)

Vacancy Convenor: Rev Jonny Moxen Ballyclare Presbyterian Church

Clerk of Session Dr I Drysdale

Church Treasurer B Allen, **Church Secretary** G Hawthorne

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: A Baxter 3 Whitethorn Greenisland Carrickfergus BT388FH

BANKERS: Danske Bank High Street Carrickfergus

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote. Ten meetings of Kirk Session were held during the year. To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if 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. Woodlands Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Carrickfergus Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty, and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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

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

Worship: To achieve vital and meaningful worship of God.

Discipleship: To grow together in our knowledge of God.

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Grapevine (English class Wednesday) 7.30-9.00 15

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Boys' Brigade Thursday at 6.15 pm 88

Youth Fellowship Friday 7.00 pm 36

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Men's Breakfast Saturday (Monthly) at 9.00 am 40

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

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Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited by the minister, elders and members of a dedicated team from the congregation.

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Our minister, Rev Leslie Addis, retired in October of this year and will be missed with all associated with Woodlands and in the wider community.

The Kirk Session, under the guidance of God has embarked on the process of recruiting a new minister in the coming months.

In the meantime the Presbyterian Church in Ireland has appointed the Rev J Moxen from Ballyclare PC as convenor of the vacancy and we have been blessed by his leadership in the interim period.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

The Vacancy Convenor and the Clerk were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

Property

All necessary improvements were carried out to prepare the manse for the new minister.

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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.

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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 to the General Fund (through the Weekly Freewill Offering), and the Building Fund. 120 families contributed to Weekly Freewill Offering in 2023 (122 in 2022). There were 49 contributors to the Property Fund (53 in 2022). There were 60 Contributors to our Missionary Fund (58 in 2022).

In 2023, total income across all three funds was £248,657 (£226,474 in 2022). Total income of the congregation during the year was £285,193 compared to £260,618 in the previous year.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees:



Clerk of Session 30-9-24

Woodlands Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104919

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland 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. The 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice CCNI ARR07 – supporting document 7 August 2016 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Irish Institute of Chartered Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

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

Name: Anna Baxter

Address: 3 Whitethorn, Greenisland, BT38 8FH

Date: 9/5/24

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Accounts

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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- 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

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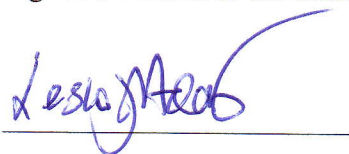
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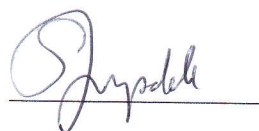
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Signed on behalf of the trustees:





Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Main Account	183,192	-	-	183,192	176,434
Missionary Account	-	27,806	-	27,806	27,005
Property Account	-	15,477	-	15,477	14,354
YF	-	7,537	-	7,537	4,329
GB	-	9,939	-	9,939	6,364
Seniors	-	1,653	-	1,653	-
P&T & Olive Tree	-	3,884	-	3,884	1,586
BB& Food Bank	-	11,130	-	11,130	1,570
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	183,192	77,426	-	260,618	231,642
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	183,192	77,426	-	260,618	231,642
A3 Payments					
Main Account	163,919	-	-	163,919	138,483
Missionary Account	-	34,680	-	34,680	30,617
Property Account	-	12,127	-	12,127	29,092
YF	-	6,522	-	6,522	4,502
GB	-	8,597	-	8,597	2,867
Seniors	-	980	-	980	-
P&T & Olive Tree	-	2,797	-	2,797	1,191
BB& food table	-	7,748	-	7,748	1,923
A3 Sub total	163,919	73,451	-	237,370	208,675
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	163,919	73,451	-	237,370	208,675
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,273	3,975	-	23,248	22,967
A5 Transfers between funds	- 7,289	7,289	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	50,914	55,773	-	106,687	83,720
Cash funds this year end	62,898	67,037	-	129,935	106,687

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Main Account	62,898	-	-	62,898	50,914
	Property Account	-	49,882	-	49,882	44,156
	Mis,YF,GB,SEN,P&T,BB@ Olive Tree	-	17,155	-	17,155	11,617
	Total cash funds	62,898	67,037	-	129,935	106,687
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
		Total		-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name

Date of approval

Woodlands Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Annual report

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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

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

Worship: To achieve vital and meaningful worship of God.

Discipleship: To grow together in our knowledge of God.

Fellowship: To provide supportive and pastoral caring ministry to one another.

Outreach: To reach out actively and seek to bring others into the community of faith.

Ministry: To proclaim God's love by work and action, here and throughout the world.

Resources: To develop ourselves and use our property to be welcoming to all.

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 at 11.00 am and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is normally observed six times per 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:

The organisations and ministries commenced in September.
 The Ark (Crèche during Sunday morning service) 15
 King's Kids (Sunday School) Sunday from 11.20 am 50
 Girls' Brigade Monday at 6.00 – 9.00 pm 111
 Tree Tots Group Tuesday at 10.00 am 42
 Ladies Bible Study Tuesday 10.00 – 11.30 am fortnightly – 12
 Seniors (for retirees) Tuesday at 12.30 pm (monthly) – 40
 Olive Tree Wednesday at 9.30 – 11.00am 20
 Grapevine (English class Wednesday) 7.30-9.00 20
 Potter's House and Food Table Thursday at 10.00am – 12.30 pm 30
 Boys' Brigade Thursday at 6.15 pm 75
 Youth Fellowship Friday 7.00 pm 35
 Women of Woodlands meets periodically– 40
 Men's Breakfast Saturday (Monthly) at 9.00 am – 50

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00am. Bible study groups meet fortnightly during the year c. 120 members. The groups provide an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for prayer. In the year 6 baptisms were performed. We conducted 1 marriage service and sought to provide comfort to 4 families who had been bereaved during the year. On 31 December 2022 there were 216 communicant members and approximately 220 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 200.

Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited by the minister, pastoral assistant, elders and Congregational Committee members.

Mission and outreach

At a local level, the congregation endeavours to encourage and welcome members of the community to join us at special services, at social events and engage through personal approaches and involvement. Occasional door to door contact is made to non-members inviting them to attend on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter etc. although with the pandemic many person to person forms of outreach have had to be curtailed. With the full support of Kirk Session members have started a language group called Grapevine for those new to Northern Ireland, primarily asylum seekers. We were also pleased to be able to run a course called Al Masara for those people from a non-western background allowing them to explore Christianity. The congregation has a strong record of supporting overseas mission. The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally

based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College (the Church's training college for ministry students), and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

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 congregation 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 2022.

Property

We carried out necessary maintenance to preserve the fabric of our buildings and upgraded our lighting allowing for a more eco friendly system.

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, such as Woodlands, 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 to the General Fund (through the Weekly Freewill Offering), and the Building Fund. 122 families contributed to Weekly Freewill Offering in 2021 (108 in 2021). There were 53 contributors to the Property Fund (37 in 2021). There were 58 Contributors to our Missionary Fund (51 in 2021).

In 2022, total income across all three funds was £226,474 (£217,793 in 2021). Total income of the congregation during the year was £260,618 compared to £231,642 in the previous year.

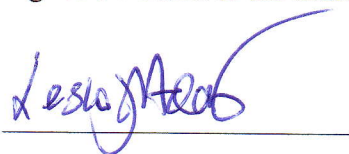
RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

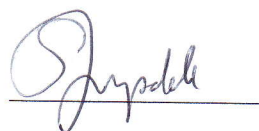
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the congregations and the financial activities for that year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Funds will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the fund transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the congregation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (1 January 2015)". 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.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:





Woodlands Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104919

Annual return

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.

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.

DF 17M 25/4/23