

Newmills (Iveagh) Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104921

Details

Known as Newmills Presbyterian

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	£389,428	£307,311	£0	6

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Stephen William Sharpe		
Mr Albert Boyle		
Mr Albert George Wilson		
Mr Andrew Beattie		
Mr David Mccullough		
Mr Ezekiel Mccleary		
Mr Gordon Brown		
Mr Hugh Gordon Forsythe		
Mr Ian Mcconaghy		
Mr Jim Freeburn		
Mr John Turkington		
Mr Malcolm Samuel Joseph Mckeown		
Mr Neville Mervyn Doake		
Mr Peter Martin		
Mr Stephen Beattie		
Mr Stuart Campbell		
Mr Trevor James Campbell		
Mr William Henry Webb		
Mr Winston Frederick Guiney		

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Accounts

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

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**Independent examiner's report to the members of
Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)**

I report on the accounts of the for the for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the pages following this report.

Respective responsibilities of and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (NI) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- 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; and
- 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 includes 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 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

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.



Richard McClay FCA
For and on behalf of MTS Chartered Accountants

1 Lanyon Quay
Belfast
BT1 3LG

11 June 2025

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

**Statement of Financial Activities (Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Year Total	Year Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	255,618	98,061	-	353,679	349,564
Charitable activities	-	34,193	-	34,193	22,690
Investment income	573	5	277	855	1,039
Other income	600	101	-	701	2,959
Total income	<u>256,791</u>	<u>132,360</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>389,428</u>	<u>376,252</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	(187,262)	(119,323)	-	(306,585)	(274,204)
Costs of governance	(726)	-	-	(726)	(690)
Total expenditure	<u>(187,988)</u>	<u>(119,323)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(307,311)</u>	<u>(274,894)</u>
Net income before transfers	<u>68,803</u>	<u>13,037</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>82,117</u>	<u>101,358</u>
Transfer between funds	<u>(8,928)</u>	<u>8,928</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net incoming resources before gains on property valuation	<u>59,875</u>	<u>21,965</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>82,117</u>	<u>101,358</u>
Fund balances brought forward	260,518	110,513	9,200	380,231	278,873
Fund balances carried forward	<u>320,393</u>	<u>132,478</u>	<u>9,477</u>	<u>462,348</u>	<u>380,231</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on page 4 form an integral part of these financial statements.

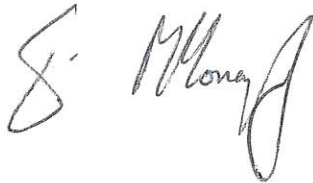
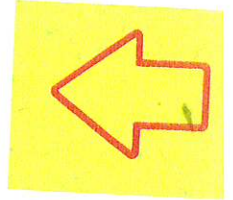
Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		462,348		380,231	
		<u>462,348</u>		<u>380,231</u>	
Net current assets			462,348		380,231
Net assets			<u>462,348</u>		<u>380,231</u>
Capital and reserves					
Total funds			<u>462,348</u>		<u>380,231</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11 June 2025 and signed and approved for issue on its behalf by

Trustee

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Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice:

Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal

1.3. Resources

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are included as income when they are received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

2. Church property

The church currently owns buildings valued for insurance purposes at £5,849,190.

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Richard McClay FCA
For and on behalf of MTS Chartered Accountants

1 Lanyon Quay
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24 May 2024

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

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for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2	284,490	65,074	-	349,564	232,929
Charitable activities		22,690	-	-	22,690	19,510
Investment income		775	-	264	1,039	692
Other income		2,860	99	-	2,959	6,793
Total income		<u>310,815</u>	<u>65,173</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>376,252</u>	<u>259,924</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3	(223,045)	(50,819)	(340)	(274,204)	(211,133)
Costs of governance		(690)	-	-	(690)	(690)
Total expenditure		<u>(223,735)</u>	<u>(50,819)</u>	<u>(340)</u>	<u>(274,894)</u>	<u>(211,823)</u>
Net income before transfers		<u>87,080</u>	<u>14,354</u>	<u>(76)</u>	<u>101,358</u>	<u>48,101</u>
Transfer between funds		(4,904)	4,904	-	-	-
Net incoming resources before gains on property valuation		82,176	19,258	(76)	101,358	48,101
Fund balances brought forward		3,526,952	74,946	9,276	3,611,174	3,563,073
Fund balances carried forward		<u>3,609,128</u>	<u>94,204</u>	<u>9,200</u>	<u>3,712,532</u>	<u>3,611,174</u>

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The notes on pages 4 to 5 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

**Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		3,332,301		3,332,301
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		380,231		278,873	
		<u>380,231</u>		<u>278,873</u>	
Net current assets			<u>380,231</u>		<u>278,873</u>
Net assets			<u>3,712,532</u>		<u>3,611,174</u>
Capital and reserves					
Total funds			<u>3,712,532</u>		<u>3,611,174</u>
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Trustee



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Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

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1.2. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold properties = Not depreciated

1.3. Fund Accounting

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Incoming resources

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for the year ended 31 December 2023

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2. Income from charitable activities	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and Legacies	270,155	194,923
Gift Aid 2022 Split	31,335	38,006
Gift Aid 2023 Split	48,074	-
	<u>349,564</u>	<u>232,929</u>
	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
3. Total resources expended		
Costs directly allocated to charitable activities		
Congregational Running Expenses	80,822	70,556
Donations to Missions and Charities	73,419	36,503
General Assembly Assessments	100,892	84,201
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	19,071	19,873
	<u>274,204</u>	<u>211,133</u>
4. Tangible fixed assets	Freehold property £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2023	3,332,301	3,332,301
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,332,301</u>	<u>3,332,301</u>
Net book values		
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,332,301</u>	<u>3,332,301</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,332,301</u>	<u>3,332,301</u>

Newmills (Iveagh) Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Annual report

**Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh): CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104921)

**Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)
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

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh) congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
70 Moss Bank Road, Portadown, CRAIGAVON, BT63 5NP
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104921)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr Andrew Philip Beattie
Mr Stephen Joseph Beattie
Rev Gordon Edwin Best
Mr Albert Boyle
Mr Gordon Brown
Mr Stuart James Campbell
Mr Trevor James Campbell
Mr Neville Mervyn Doake
Mr Winston Frederick Guiney
Mr Hugh Gordon Forsythe
Mr Jim Freeburn
Mr Peter William Martin
Mr Ezekiel McCleary
Mr Ian Irwin McConaghy
Mr William Francis David McCullough
Mr Malcolm Samuel Joseph McKeown
Mr Dale Nesbitt
Dr Stephen William Sharpe
Mr John Turkington
Mr William Henry Webb
Mr Albert George Wilson

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev. Gordon Edwin Best
Dr Stephen William Sharpe
Mr Ian McConaghy

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER MTS Chartered Accountants, 1 Lanyon Quay, Belfast BT1 3LG

BANKERS

Danske Bank, 45-48 High Street, Portadown, Craigavon BT62 1LB

SOLICITORS

Thompson Mitchell Solicitors, 12-14 Mandeville St, Portadown, Craigavon BT62 3NZ

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh) CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least four times in each year.

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 at least one-third 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. Newmills (Iveagh) congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Iveagh 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

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

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh) 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,

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.

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's purposes are five-fold:

- Enjoy worshipping God
- Encourage fellowship amongst its members
- Enable its members to be effective followers of Christ through Bible teaching and prayer
- Enhance member's gifts and skills in ministry
- Engage relevantly in mission locally and beyond.

The congregation aims to live out its vision and purposes 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 our bounds.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday during the year, and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on four 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 in accordance with the teachings and standards of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The congregation holds a regular Midweek Meeting for Bible study and prayer on Wednesday evenings and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School (Kids Zone)
- Creche
- Children's Church
- Youth Fellowship
- Youth Club (NYPD)
- Campaigners NI
- Friendship Hour (Senior Citizens)
- Connect (Ladies Ministry)
- Men's Fellowship
- Bowling Club
- Click n Mix (20's & 30's)

Under the supervision of Kirk Session, 3 Task Teams oversee important aspects of congregational life. They are:

- The Prayer Action Team
- The Church Family Team
- The Mission Team

A number of rota teams operate throughout the year, including:

- Car park security,
- Welcome and door duty,
- Musicians,
- Sound and screen operators,
- Creche Rota,
- Flower Rota

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am and 6.30pm. During the week, the Midweek Gathering provides an opportunity for members to meet together for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Informal prayer groups meet on an ad hoc basis at various times throughout each month. There is a prayer time before each Sunday service and prayer ministry is made available after each service to anyone who requests it.

As well as our regular services during the year we, in 2023 we have celebrated 6 Infant Baptisms and 2 Adult Baptisms. We conducted 1 marriage service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023, there were 228 communicant members, and 304 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 260.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited (or telephoned) on a regular basis by the minister, assistant minister, elders, and/or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. The Church Family Task Team fulfils a role in ensuring that all pastoral care needs are met.

Mission and outreach

Through the Mission Task Team, the congregation in 2023 supported 16 Mission agencies and personnel, with whom we have had a long-standing association, both prayerfully and financially. Some members participated in locally based outreach events. In addition, retiring or loose offerings were taken up for 11 mission appeals outside the Church, during the course of the year at special services.

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 one of the elders, Mr. Malcolm McKeown. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland met in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

Property

Renovation and upgrading projects were carried out during the year to lift repairs and to painting the Church Bungalow. Total expenditure amounted to £6935.00.

Organisations

The following table provides a brief summary of the organisations, their purpose, average attendances, and where appropriate, some additional information.

NAME OF ORGANISATION	MEETINGS	PURPOSE	ATTENDANCE (APPROX NOS.)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Sunday School (Kidzone) & Children's Church	Once a week (Sunday mornings)	To teach primary aged children the Scriptures at an age-appropriate level	45	
Creche	Once a week (Sunday mornings)	To supervise babies and toddlers during the morning service	8	
Youth Fellowship & Young People's Bible Study	Once a week (Sunday evenings)	To disciple young people of secondary school age	10	
Youth Club	Once a week (Friday evenings)	To provide an outreach to young people in the church and local community through recreational/sport activities and epilogue	120	Various outings are held during the year.
Campaigners	Each week (Tuesday evenings)	To cater for the physical, social, educational and spiritual development of children and young people in the church and wider community	35	This meets under the auspices of Campaigners NI, an independent youth organisation for ages 4-18. It is a uniformed organisation. Newmills is 1 of 21 Campaigner groups meeting across NI. There are 2

				<p>subgroups which meet each week: Eagles: 4-6 yrs Junos: 7-11 yrs</p> <p>Each subgroup plans various outings during the year</p>
Friendship Hour	Once a month (Tuesday afternoons)	To provide a forum of fellowship, friendship and encouragement for the elderly in the church and local community	26	An outing is planned for May of each year
Connect	Once a month (Wednesday evenings)	To facilitate women's fellowship, ministry and discipleship	60	An outing is planned each year and occasionally the ladies attend selected women's conferences
Men's Fellowship	Once a month (Wednesday evenings)	To facilitate men's fellowship, ministry and discipleship	40	The men usually attend the annual Irish Men's Convention
Bowling Club	Once a week (Thursday evenings)	To provide fellowship and recreation for those with an interest in the game of Bowls	28	Various away matches are played during the year and the club hosts visiting clubs by arrangement
Click 'n Mix	Once a month (Saturday evenings)	To provide fellowship and friendship for the 20's and 30's age group	15	A few outings/activities are arranged for each year

Volunteers

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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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.

**Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh) 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 216 contributors during the year (223 in 2022) donating totals as shown below to the main funds to which church members and attendees contribute:

Offering	2023 Amount (£)	2021 Amount (£)	2022 Amount (£)
Freewill Offerings	166,186.00	120,092.00	133,568.00
Loose Offerings	15,765.00	3,555.00	8,791.00
Renovation Fund	6,105.00	6,650.00	5,880.00
Missions Appeal	7,293.00	5,220.00	8,119.00
United Appeal	12,900.00	11,820.00	12,685.00
Harvest Appeal	13,175.00	9,557.00	8,810.00

Overall giving has increased significantly from the previous year. This has been facilitated through the particular generosity of the congregation in establishing regular payments by standing order or delivering payments directly.

Total expenditure increased from **£211,133** in 2022 to **£274,894** in 2023. Total net income increased to **£376,252** compared with **£259,924** in 2022.

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 funds transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the congregations 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.

GOING CONCERN

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.


RESERVES POLICY


The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least 3 month's normal expenditure. At the year end, unrestricted reserves in the General Account were £260,517.83.

RISK REVIEW

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

Approved by Kirk Session & Church Committee at a meeting on 20th February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Stephen Sharpe (Clerk of Session) 

Mr Ian McConaghy (Hon Treasurer) 

**QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS OR AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF Newmills
Presbyterian (Iveagh) CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

Newmills (Iveagh) Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104921

Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the members of
Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)**

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

Respective responsibilities of and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (NI) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
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- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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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
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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.



Richard McClay FCA
For and on behalf of MTS Chartered Accountants

1 Lanyon Quay
Belfast
BT1 3LG

24 May 2024

Newmills (Iveagh) Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)
Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022
Charity number NIC104921

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

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16 March 2023

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

**Statement of Financial Activities (Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Year Total	Year Total
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2	208,945	23,984	-	232,929	210,765
Charitable activities		19,510	-	-	19,510	4,296
Investment income		619	-	73	692	489
Other income		6,702	91	-	6,793	7,489
Total income		<u>235,776</u>	<u>24,075</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>259,924</u>	<u>223,039</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3	(190,111)	(21,022)	-	(211,133)	(170,841)
Costs of governance		(690)	-	-	(690)	(878)
Total expenditure		<u>(190,801)</u>	<u>(21,022)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(211,823)</u>	<u>(171,719)</u>
Net income before transfers		<u>44,975</u>	<u>3,053</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>48,101</u>	<u>51,320</u>
Transfer between funds		<u>(6,364)</u>	<u>6,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net incoming resources before gains on property valuation		<u>38,611</u>	<u>9,417</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>48,101</u>	<u>51,320</u>
Fund balances brought forward		3,488,341	65,529	9,203	3,563,073	3,511,753
Fund balances carried forward		<u>3,526,952</u>	<u>74,946</u>	<u>9,276</u>	<u>3,611,174</u>	<u>3,563,073</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 4 to 5 form an integral part of these financial statements.

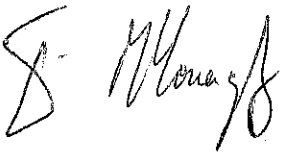
Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

**Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		3,332,301		3,332,301
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		278,873		230,772	
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Net current assets			<u>278,873</u>		<u>230,772</u>
Net assets			<u>3,611,174</u>		<u>3,563,073</u>
Capital and reserves					
Total funds			<u>3,611,174</u>		<u>3,563,073</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 16 March 2023 and signed and approved for issue on its behalf by

Trustee



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Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice:

Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold properties - Not depreciated

1.3. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal

1.4. Resources

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are included as income when they are received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh)

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

..... continued

2. Income from charitable activities	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and Legacies	194,923	178,737
Gift Aid	38,006	32,028
	<u>232,929</u>	<u>210,765</u>
	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3. Total resources expended		
Costs directly allocated to charitable activities		
Congregational Running Expenses	70,556	36,657
Donations to Missions and Charities	36,503	40,034
General Assembly Assessments	84,201	82,286
Ministry & Support Staff Costs	19,873	11,864
	<u>211,133</u>	<u>170,841</u>
4. Tangible fixed assets	Freehold property £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2022	3,332,301	3,332,301
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,332,301</u>	<u>3,332,301</u>
Net book values		
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,332,301</u>	<u>3,332,301</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,332,301</u>	<u>3,332,301</u>

Newmills (Iveagh) Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104921

Annual report



Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh): CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104921)

NEWMILLS PRESBYTERIAN (IVEAGH) - 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

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh) congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
70 Moss Bank Road, Portadown, CRAIGAVON, BT63 5NP
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104921)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev Gordon Edwin Best
Mr Albert Boyle
Mr Gordon Brown
Mr Trevor James Campbell
Mr Neville Mervyn Doake
Mr Winston Frederick Guiney
Mr Hugh Gordon Forsythe
Mr Ezekiel McCleary
Mr Ian McConaghy
Mr Ian McCormick
Mr Malcolm Samuel Joseph McKeown
Mr Dale Nesbitt
Dr Stephen William Sharpe
Mr John Turkington
Mr William Henry Webb
Mr Albert George Wilson



PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev. Gordon Edwin Best
Dr Stephen William Sharpe
Mr Ian McConaghy

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

McCreery Turkington Stockman Ltd (MTS) Accountants Belfast (Chartered Accountants), 33 Church Rd,
Holywood BT18 9BU

BANKERS

Danske Bank, 45-48 High Street, Portadown, Craigavon BT62 1LB

SOLICITORS

Thompson Mitchell Solicitors, 12-14 Mandeville St, Portadown, Craigavon BT62 3NZ

NEWMILLS PRESBYTERIAN (IVEAGH) - CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least four times in each year.

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 at least one-third 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. Newmills (Iveagh) congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Iveagh 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

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

Newmills Presbyterian (Iveagh) 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,

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.

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's purposes are five-fold:

- Enjoy worshipping God
- Encourage fellowship amongst its members
- Enable its members to be effective followers of Christ through Bible teaching and prayer
- Enhance member's gifts and skills in ministry
- Engage relevantly in mission locally and beyond.

The congregation aims to live out its vision and purposes 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 our bounds.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday during the year, and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on four 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 in accordance with the teachings and standards of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The congregation holds a regular Midweek Meeting for Bible study and prayer on Wednesday evenings and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School (Kids Zone)
- Creche
- Children's Church
- Youth Fellowship
- Youth Club (NYPD)
- Campaigners NI
- Friendship Hour (Senior Citizens)
- Connect (Ladies Ministry)
- Men's Fellowship
- Bowling Club
- Click n Mix (20's & 30's)

Under the supervision of Kirk Session, 3 Task Teams oversee important aspects of congregational life. They are:

- The Prayer Action Team
- The Church Family Team
- The Mission Team

A number of rota teams operate throughout the year, including:

- Car park security
- Welcome and door duty
- Sound and screen operators
- Supervising the Information and Mission areas

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am and 6.30pm. During the week, the Midweek Gathering provides an opportunity for members to meet together for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Informal prayer groups meet on an ad hoc basis at various times throughout each month. There is a prayer time before each Sunday service and prayer ministry is made available after each service to anyone who requests it.

As well as our regular services during the year we, in 2022 we have celebrated 4 Infant Baptisms and 3 Adult Baptisms. We conducted 4 marriage services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022, there were 223 communicant members, and 303 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 260.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited (or telephoned) on a regular basis by the minister, assistant minister, elders, and/or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. The Church Family Task Team fulfils a role in ensuring that all pastoral care needs are met.

Mission and outreach

Through the Mission Task Team, the congregation in 2022 supported 16 Mission agencies and personnel, with whom we have had a long-standing association, both prayerfully and financially. Some members participated in locally based outreach events. In addition, retiring or loose offerings were taken up for 6 mission appeals during the course of the year at special services.

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 one of the elders, Mr. A.G. Wilson. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland met in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

Property

Renovation and upgrading projects were carried out during the year to our Creche Room and to the Church Bungalow at a cost of £9,840. Ongoing planned and reactive maintenance were also completed throughout the year.

Organisations

The following table provides a brief summary of the organisations, their purpose, average attendances, and where appropriate, some additional information.

NAME OF ORGANISATION	MEETINGS	PURPOSE	ATTENDANCE (APPROX NOS.)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Sunday School (Kidzone) & Children's Church	Once a week (Sunday mornings)	To teach primary aged children the Scriptures at an age-appropriate level	45	
Creche	Once a week (Sunday mornings)	To supervise babies and toddlers during the morning service	8	
Youth Fellowship & Young People's Bible Study	Once a week (Sunday evenings)	To disciple young people of secondary school age	14	
Youth Club	Once a week (Friday evenings)	To provide an outreach to young people in the church and local community through recreational/sport activities and epilogue	80	Various outings are held during the year.
Campaigners	Each week (Tuesday evenings)	To cater for the physical, social, educational and spiritual development of children and young	37	This meets under the auspices of Campaigners NI, an independent youth organisation for ages 4-18. It is a

		people in the church and wider community		<p>uniformed organisation.</p> <p>Newmills is 1 of 21 Campaigner groups meeting across NI .</p> <p>There are 2 subgroups which meet each week:</p> <p>Eagles: 4-6 yrs</p> <p>Junos: 7-11 yrs</p> <p>Each subgroup plans various outings during the year</p>
Friendship Hour	Once a month (Tuesday afternoons)	To provide a forum of fellowship, friendship and encouragement for the elderly in the church and local community	30	An outing is planned for May of each year
Connect	Once a month (Wednesday evenings)	To facilitate women's fellowship, ministry and discipleship	60	An outing is planned each year and occasionally the ladies attend selected women's conferences
Men's Fellowship	Once a month (Wednesday evenings)	To facilitate men's fellowship, ministry and discipleship	35	The men usually attend the annual Irish Men's Convention
Bowling Club	Once a week (Thursday evenings)	To provide fellowship and recreation for those with an interest in the game of Bowls	24	Various away matches are played during the year and the club hosts visiting clubs by arrangement
Click 'n Mix	Once a month (Saturday evenings)	To provide fellowship and friendship for the 20's and 30's age group	20	A few outings/activities are arranged for each year

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Freewill Offerings	118,057.00	120,092.00	133,568.00
Loose Offerings	4,415.00	3,555.00	8,791.00
Renovation Fund	5,862.00	6,650.00	5,880.00
Missions Appeal	430.00	5,220.00	8,119.00
United Appeal	11,845.00	11,820.00	12,685.00
Harvest Appeal	9,840	9,557.00	8,910.00

Overall giving has increased significantly from the previous year. This has been facilitated through an increase in the number of contributors as well as by the particular generosity of the congregation in establishing regular payments by standing order or delivering payments directly.

The increase in funds has enabled the congregation to welcome a second Student/Licentiate Minister on to the Ministerial team. This should help us to maintain and grow a wide range of activities and achievements.

Total expenditure increased from **£170,841** in 2021 to **£211,133** in 2022. Total net income increased to **£259,924** compared with **£223,039** in 2021.

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 funds transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the congregations 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.

GOING CONCERN

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least 3 month's normal expenditure. At the year end unrestricted reserves in the General Account were £178,631.64 which represents a higher level of reserves. The Trustees however, consider it prudent to hold reserves at this level as the funding of its present activities is dependent of the ongoing financial support of members.

RISK REVIEW

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

Approved by Kirk Session at a meeting on 21st February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Stephen Sharpe (Clerk of Session)



26/03/2023

Mr Ian McConaghy (Hon Treasurer)



26/03/2023

**QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS OR AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF Newmills
Presbyterian (Iveagh) CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Independent examiner's report to the members of
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I report on the accounts of the for the for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the pages following this report.

Respective responsibilities of and examiner

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- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
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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 includes 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 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

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.



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