

# Craigy Hill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104931

## Details

**Known as** Craigy Hill Presbyterian

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-16

**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	£171,407	£149,555	£0	1

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Doole		
Brian Lewis		
David Fulton		
David Gillespie		
David McGregor		
Graham Warnock		
John Dundee		
Nigel Hull		
Rev Ben Preston		
Simon Mcfaul		
Stephen Wharry		

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# Accounts

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**CRAIGY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT**  
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts:</b>							
Donations and Legacies	2	113,228	-	43,387	1,300	157,915	154,535
Charitable Activities	3	1,619	-	9,818	-	11,437	13,011
Other Trading Activities	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	570	-	611	393	1,574	549
Other	6	481	-	-	-	481	2,540
<b>Total</b>		<b>115,898</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,816</b>	<b>1,693</b>	<b>171,407</b>	<b>170,635</b>
<b>Payments:</b>							
Raising Funds	7	-728	-	-	-	-728	-758
Charitable Activities	8	-123,622	-792	-23,814	-	-148,228	-151,016
Other Expenditure	9	-249	-	-51	-	-300	-342
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>-124,599</b>	<b>-792</b>	<b>-23,865</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-149,256</b>	<b>-152,116</b>
<b>Asset &amp; Investment Purchases</b>							
Purchase of Fixed Assets		-	-	-110	-189	-299	-
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>-124,599</b>	<b>-792</b>	<b>-23,975</b>	<b>-189</b>	<b>-149,555</b>	<b>-152,116</b>
<b>Net Receipts/ (Payments)</b>		<b>-8,701</b>	<b>-792</b>	<b>29,841</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>21,852</b>	<b>18,519</b>
Transfers between Funds		620	-89	-531	-	-	-
Funds Brought Forward		54,675	1,128	46,206	23,795	125,804	107,285
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	10	<b>46,594</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>75,516</b>	<b>25,299</b>	<b>147,656</b>	<b>125,804</b>

**CRAIGY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>							
Bank Current Accounts		46,594	247	73,925	25,299	146,065	124,879
Cash in Hand		-	-	1,591	-	1,591	925
		<u>46,594</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>75,516</u>	<u>25,299</u>	<u>147,656</u>	<u>125,804</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>							
Fixed Assets	11					4,692,129	4,468,694
Investments							
Gift Aid receivable on donations						5,285	5,034
						<u>4,473,728</u>	<u>4,473,728</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Utilities						958	2,685
Obligations to Charitable Donations						3,061	2,208
Independent Examiner Fees						828	780
						<u>4,847</u>	<u>5,673</u>

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Mr. David Fulton  
Clerk of Session  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:						
Loose collections	1,095	-	1,474	-	2,569	1,978
Envelopes, standing orders, special collections etc	98,688	-	36,375	-	135,063	133,461
Gift Aid	13,445	-	5,538	-	18,983	19,096
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	1,300	1,300	-
	<u>113,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,387</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>157,915</u>	<u>154,535</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organisations	644	-	9,818	-	10,462	11,041
Fees from Weddings & Funerals	975	-	-	-	975	1,970
	<u>1,619</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,437</u>	<u>13,011</u>

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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of Premises	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trade Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest received	570	-	611	393	1,574	549
	<u>570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>611</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>1,574</u>	<u>549</u>
	<u><u>570</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>611</u></u>	<u><u>393</u></u>	<u><u>1,574</u></u>	<u><u>549</u></u>

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**6. OTHER INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry	481	-	-	-	481	2,540
	<u>481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>481</u>	<u>2,540</u>

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FWO Envelopes	-728	-	-	-	-728	-758
	<u>-728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-728</u>	<u>-758</u>

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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry, Pulpit supply & Staff costs	-74,567	-	-	-	-74,567	-70,984
Donations to Missions & Charities	-750	-792	-13,090	-	-14,632	-16,361
General Assembly Assessments	-20,998	-	-	-	-20,998	-20,482
Presbytery Fees	-834	-	-	-	-834	-802
Building Repairs & Maintenance	-6,214	-	-764	-	-6,978	-9,308
Utilities & Insurance costs	-15,968	-	-	-	-15,968	-16,166
Administration costs	-2,097	-	-	-	-2,097	-2,224
Outreach	-865	-	-2,626	-	-3,491	-831
Organisations' Expenses	-	-	-7,334	-	-7,334	-12,781
Sundry Expenses	-1,329	-	-	-	-1,329	-1,077
	<u>-123,622</u>	<u>-792</u>	<u>-23,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-148,228</u>	<u>-151,016</u>

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Fees & Loan Interest	-249	-	-51	-	-300	-342
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-51</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-300</u>	<u>-342</u>

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**10. FUND BALANCES AND RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>at start</u> £	<u>Receipts</u> £	<u>Payments</u> £	<u>Net</u> <u>Transfers</u> £	<u>Balance</u> <u>At end</u> £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	54,675	115,898	-124,599	620	46,594
Designated Mission Support Fund	1,128	-	-792	-89	247
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<u>55,803</u>	<u>115,898</u>	<u>-125,391</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>46,841</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Building & Improvements	32,054	30,097	-874	-	61,277
United Appeal & other Missions	2,208	12,033	-10,180	-1,000	3,061
PCI Students Bursary	-	-	-	-	-
PCI Youth Projects	-	305	-305	-	-
Other Missions	-	911	-1,000	89	-
Presbyterian Children's Society	-	-	-1,000	1,000	-
Christian Service Fund	563	-	-	-	563
PCI Overseas	-	-	-	-	-
BB	7,073	3,294	-2,730	-243	7,394
GB	1,357	5,213	-4,133	88	2,525
Bowling Club	402	110	-30	-100	382
Women's Zone	21	411	-175	-255	2
Mums & Tots	83	738	-445	-150	226
Youth Work	2,144	595	-2,763	24	-
Sunday School	159	-	-175	16	-
Ladies Fellowship	142	109	-165	-	86
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<u>46,206</u>	<u>53,816</u>	<u>-23,975</u>	<u>-531</u>	<u>75,516</u>
<b>Endowments</b>					
Bequests & Endowments	23,795	1,693	-189	-	25,299
	<u>23,795</u>	<u>1,693</u>	<u>-189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,299</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>125,804</u>	<u>171,407</u>	<u>-149,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,656</u>

The movement of £531 from the Restricted Fund to the Unrestricted Fund reflects transfers between church organisations and the general fund, largely contributions towards heat & light costs of the hall.

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**11. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the church premises situated at Churchill Road, Larne. At the last renewal date the church and contents had an insurance value of £2,272,274 and the church hall and contents had an insurance value of £1,866,481. The congregation also owns the manse situated at 22 Brustin Brae Road, Larne and this property had an insurance value of £553,374 at the last renewal date.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Disclosed below are the payments made to related parties during the year ended 31 December 2024:

Name of Related Party	Reason	£
David Fulton	Gross Salary	2,880

David Fulton received remuneration for his role as Praise Coordinator and not in his capacity as a trustee. The congregation paid £39,591 in respect of annual stipend, £7,036 in respect of ministerial expenses and £9,502 in respect of pension contributions for Rev. Ben. Preston.

The congregation paid Presbytery fees of £834.43 to the Presbytery of Carrickfergus during the year.

The congregation also made the following contributions to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland during the year:

	£
United Appeal	8,972
PCI Overseas	305
Presbyterian Children's Society	1,000

**13. VOLUNTEERS**

The work and support of members of the congregation as volunteers is vital to the operation, mission and outreach of the congregation. Volunteers undertake many role including encouraging prayer, serving within their local communities, administration tasks and serving in organisations under the control of Kirk Session.

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT**  
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts:</b>							
Donations and Legacies	2	114,244	-	40,291	-	154,535	190,024
Charitable Activities	3	1,970	-	11,041	-	13,011	11,790
Other Trading Activities	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	360	-	102	87	549	290
Other	6	2,540	-	-	-	2,540	212
<b>Total</b>		<b>119,114</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,434</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>170,635</b>	<b>202,316</b>
<b>Payments:</b>							
Raising Funds	7	-758	-	-	-	-758	-920
Charitable Activities	8	-121,852	-283	-27,004	-1,877	-151,016	-176,103
Other Expenditure	9	-282	-	-60	-	-342	-1,670
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>-122,892</b>	<b>-283</b>	<b>-27,064</b>	<b>-1,877</b>	<b>-152,116</b>	<b>-178,693</b>
<b>Asset &amp; Investment Purchases</b>							
Purchase of Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-	-7,705
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>-122,892</b>	<b>-283</b>	<b>-27,064</b>	<b>-1,877</b>	<b>-152,116</b>	<b>-186,398</b>
<b>Net Receipts/ (Payments)</b>		<b>-3,778</b>	<b>-283</b>	<b>24,370</b>	<b>-1,790</b>	<b>18,519</b>	<b>15,918</b>
Transfers between Funds		1,472	-	-1,472	-	-	-
Funds Brought Forward		56,981	1,411	23,308	25,585	107,285	91,367
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	10	<b>54,675</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>46,206</b>	<b>23,795</b>	<b>125,804</b>	<b>107,285</b>

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
As at 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>							
Bank Current Accounts		54,675	1,128	45,281	23,795	124,879	105,001
Cash in Hand		-	-	925	-	925	2,284
		<u>54,675</u>	<u>1,128</u>	<u>46,206</u>	<u>23,795</u>	<u>125,804</u>	<u>107,285</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>							
Fixed Assets	11					4,468,694	4,156,925
Investments	12						
Gift Aid receivable on donations						5,034	5,140
						<u>4,473,728</u>	<u>4,162,065</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Utilities						2,685	934
Obligations to Charitable Donations						2,208	3,117
Independent Examiner Fees						780	600
						<u>5,673</u>	<u>4,652</u>

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Mr. John Dundee  
Clerk of Session  
Date: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:						
Loose collections	1,681	-	297	-	1,978	1,264
Envelopes, standing orders, special collections etc	98,980	-	34,481	-	133,461	156,409
Gift Aid	13,583	-	5,513	-	19,096	22,646
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-	9,705
	<u>114,244</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,535</u>	<u>190,024</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organisations	-	-	11,041	-	11,041	11,240
Fees from Weddings & Funerals	1,970	-	-	-	1,970	550
	<u>1,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,011</u>	<u>11,790</u>

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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of Premises	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trade Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest received	360	-	102	87	549	290
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**6. OTHER INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry	2,540	-	-	-	2,540	212
	<u>2,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,540</u>	<u>212</u>

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FWO Envelopes	-758	-	-	-	-758	-920
	<u>-758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-758</u>	<u>-920</u>

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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry, Pulpit supply & Staff costs	-70,984	-	-	-	-70,984	-59,662
Donations to Missions & Charities	-1,000	-283	-14,078	-1,000	-16,361	-35,538
General Assembly Assessments	-20,482	-	-	-	-20,482	-20,728
Presbytery Fees	-802	-	-	-	-802	-771
Building Repairs & Maintenance	-9,027	-	-	-281	-9,308	-31,271
Utilities & Insurance costs	-16,166	-	-	-	-16,166	-13,554
Administration costs	-2,224	-	-	-	-2,224	-3,007
Outreach	-90	-	-145	-596	-831	-714
Organisations' Expenses	-	-	-12,781	-	-12,781	-8,267
Sundry Expenses	-1,077	-	-	-	-1,077	-2,591
	<u>-121,852</u>	<u>-283</u>	<u>-27,004</u>	<u>-1,877</u>	<u>-151,016</u>	<u>-176,103</u>

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Fees & Loan Interest	-282	-	-60	-	-342	-1,460
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-210
	<u>-282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-342</u>	<u>-2,786</u>

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**10. FUND BALANCES AND RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>at start</u> £	<u>Receipts</u> £	<u>Payments</u> £	<u>Net</u> <u>Transfers</u> £	<u>Balance</u> <u>At end</u> £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	56,981	119,114	-122,892	1,472	54,675
Designated Mission Support Fund	1,411	-	-283	-	1,128
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<u>58,392</u>	<u>119,114</u>	<u>-123,175</u>	<u>1,472</u>	<u>55,803</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Building & Improvements	4,341	27,713	-	-	32,054
United Appeal & other Missions	3,117	11,783	-11,692	-1,000	2,208
PCI Students Bursary	-	529	-529	-	-
PCI Youth Projects	-	257	-	-257	-
Other Missions	-	100	-100	-	-
Presbyterian Children's Society	-	-	-1000	1000	-
Christian Service Fund	563	-	-	-	563
PCI Overseas	-	-	-257	257	-
BB	10,544	3,205	-6,222	-454	7,073
GB	1,796	5,412	-5,933	82	1,357
Bowling Club	433	100	-31	-100	402
Women's Zone	412	459	-350	-500	21
Mums & Tots	379	664	-460	-500	83
Youth Work	1,254	1,110	-220	-	2,144
Sunday School	344	-	-185	-	159
Ladies Fellowship	125	102	-85	-	142
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<u>23,308</u>	<u>51,434</u>	<u>-27,064</u>	<u>-1,472</u>	<u>46,206</u>
<b>Endowments</b>					
Bequests & Endowments	25,585	87	-1,877	-	23,795
	<u>25,585</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>-1,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,795</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>107,285</u>	<u>170,635</u>	<u>-152,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,804</u>

The movement of £1,472 from the Restricted Fund to the Unrestricted Fund reflects transfers between church organisations and the general fund, largely contributions towards heat & light costs of the hall.

**CRAIGY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
A Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2023

**11. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the church premises situated at Churchill Road, Larne. At the last renewal date the church and contents had an insurance value of £2,164,071 and the church hall and contents had an insurance value of £1,777,600. The congregation also owns the manse situated at 22 Brustin Brae Road, Larne and this property had an insurance value of £527,023 at the last renewal date.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Disclosed below are the payments made to related parties during the year ended 31 December 2023:

Name of Related Party	Reason	£
David Fulton	Gross Salary	3,402

David Fulton received remuneration for his role as Praise Coordinator and not in his capacity as a trustee. The congregation paid £38,206 in respect of annual stipend, £6,701 in respect of ministerial expenses and £9,049 in respect of pension contributions for Rev. Ben. Preston.

The congregation paid Presbytery fees of £801.84 to the Presbytery of Carrickfergus during the year.

The congregation also made the following contributions to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland during the year:

	£
United Appeal	9,575
PCI Student Bursary	529
PCI Overseas	257
Presbyterian Children's Society	1,000

**13. VOLUNTEERS**

The work and support of members of the congregation as volunteers is vital to the operation, mission and outreach of the congregation. Volunteers undertake many role including encouraging prayer, serving within their local communities, administration tasks and serving in organisations under the control of Kirk Session.

**Craigy Hill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104931

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# Annual report

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**Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne**  
**(Craigy Hill Congregation of The**  
**Presbyterian Church in Ireland)**

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

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Number NIC104931

# Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne

## Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present the annual report and financial statements for Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Craigy Hill Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (otherwise referred to as "Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne")

Charity Registration Number: NIC104931

Contact Address: 76 Churchill Road  
LARNE  
BT40 2EN

Correspondence Address: c/o 4 The Roddens  
LARNE  
BT40 1QT

### Charity Trustees

Rev. Ben Preston  
Brian Clenaghan  
Alan Doole  
John Dundee  
David Fulton  
David Gillespie  
Nigel Hull  
Brian Lewis (Appointed 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023)  
Elvin Martin  
Simon McFaul (Appointed 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023)  
David McGregor  
Graham Warnock (Appointed 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023)  
Stephen Wharry

**Principal Office-bearers** Minister: Rev. Ben Preston  
Clerk of Session: John Dundee  
Treasurer: Alan Doole

**Independent Examiner** Simon Hopper FCA,  
MBSCA, 3 High Street, Larne, Co. Antrim. BT40 1JN

**Bankers** Danske Bank, P.O. Box 183, Donegall Square West, Belfast. BT1 6JS

# **Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne**

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

## ***Structure, Governance and Management***

### **The Kirk Session**

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least eight 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 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.

Trustees do not receive remuneration, reward, or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

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

# Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne

## Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

### 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 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.

Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne 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 glorify God and enjoy him forever 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 statement reads:

*'Under the Sovereignty of God, Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church is committed to following Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and to sharing His gospel by word and action in the local community and the wider world, in the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God'*

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christians 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; and
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

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

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

# **Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne**

**Trustees' Annual Report  
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## ***Objectives & Activities***

The congregation meets every Sunday for morning worship and again for evening worship and everyone is welcome, whether members of the congregation or not. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed regularly during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have a credible profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular midweek bible studies and has a wide range of organisations which are referenced below.

## ***Achievements & Performance***

### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00am and 6.30pm. During the week the Wednesday midweek provides an opportunity for members to meet for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

Joint evening services were held with 1<sup>st</sup> Larne and Gardenmore congregations during July and August, with three in each church, with the church building in Craigy Hill utilised.

We held the Sacrament of Communion on eight occasions in 2023, five in the morning and three in the evening.

During 2023 there were no Baptisms conducted and no marriages. We sought to comfort those who had been bereaved which was especially poignant in 2023 with the deaths of 10 communicant members.

On 31 December 2023 there were 141 communicant members, with three new members joining in March following communicant classes. As already mentioned, ten communicant members died during the year and a further four were removed from the list as they no longer attend Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church. There were 210 families connected with the congregation with new names on the list replacing some of those removed. The congregation had an average weekly physical attendance of around 80 at morning worship and 25 at evening worship, with approximately 40 more in the morning and 15 in the evening joining virtually.

Our online capacity on YouTube and Facebook continued in 2023, with livestream each Sunday at 11am and 6:30pm along with the telephone service for members who did not have access to the internet, enabling them to listen live on Sunday morning or hear a recording during the week. This was facilitated each Sunday by a core team at the audio visual desk, with additional members joining the team to spread the workload and provide cover for illness. This team deserve special thanks from our congregation and Trustees for their faithfulness and commitment each Sunday. In addition, all sermons are available on the church website.

# **Craigie Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne**

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

### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and the elders. Elders also regularly contacted members by telephone, especially those who were alone and/or shielding, which is a practice which particularly increased during the COVID-19 pandemic and has been retained.

### **Mission and outreach**

The organisations of the church (listed below) seek to meet its objectives and activities through their varied programmes, covering all age ranges from babies and toddlers right through to the oldest members in our community. None of these organisations could function without the committed service of all those in leadership and we thank everyone who gives up their time and uses their God-given gifts to serve God in this way.

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.

One of our members, Naomi Laramore, works under the auspices of the PCI Council for Global Mission and receives support centrally from the United Appeal.

The congregation donated £16,361 to missionary societies and charities, all but £2,079 of which was destined for international mission support although channelled through UK based charity offices. Included in this is the congregation's contribution to the denomination's Children's Society, Sunday School projects and any other special appeals as the need arises. The congregation also donated £1,000 directly to Christ the Saviour Church in Krakow in support of the publication of Christian literature.

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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

# **Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne**

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

### **Property**

The congregation continues to maintain its buildings and facilities. This year saw the completion of the repairs to the bell tower with some minor associated landscaping and handrail works to be completed as part of the routine maintenance.

Special thanks go to the Property Convenor, the members of the property sub-committee, our caretakers and all those who volunteered to clean the church and halls and carry out property maintenance tasks throughout the year and to those who provide their time on a regular basis to set out and clear the halls for worship services as well as creche and junior church.

A special mention also goes to all those who have facilitated worship, including the stewarding of the congregation, facilitating safe access and egress, delivering information and providing refreshments and fellowship after the services.

# **Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne**

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

### **Organisations**

The congregation has a wide range of organisations that meet during the week. These include:-

- Sunday School for primary school aged children.
- Crèche for children under 3 who meet during morning service each Sunday.
- Children's church for children between 3 and 7 who meet during part of the morning service each Sunday.
- Boys' Brigade.
- Girls' Brigade.
- Parents and Toddlers.
- Ladies Fellowship.
- Women's Zone.
- Open Door.
- Bowling club - open to all ages, meets on a Monday evening.
- Youth Fellowship.
- Welcome Hub.

We have been encouraged during the year by an increase in numbers attending our Youth Fellowship activities, but have noticed a decrease in numbers in the Company Section (secondary age) of our Boys' Brigade which is largely due to older members naturally leaving due to their age and a gap in the school years 10 – 12 which is a legacy of the COVID years when boys didn't move from Junior to Company Section.

In addition to the weekly activities, there are some other events which take place each year:

- Bible Club in June in the early evenings for primary school age children. In 2023 this took place for five nights from 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June with a special service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June.
- Motor's Night took place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June and is open to the community, with a supper and epilogue afterwards.
- Fellowship evenings.

# Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne

## Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

### Staff

The congregation has three paid members of staff:

- Minister                      Rev. Ben Preston (also a Trustee)
- Assistant Minister        Mr. Martin Delaney (licensed)
- Praise Coordinator        Mr. David Fulton (also a Trustee)

During 2023 the Rev. Preston continued to act as Vacancy Convenor for our neighbouring congregation, Gardenmore and this will continue briefly in 2024 with a new minister anticipated to be installed in February.

### Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by praying, serving on committees, leading in organisations, encouraging others, and helping with the wide range of church activities, making it the lively and vibrant community that it is. Their help is at the heart of God's work and witness in Craigy Hill and we are very grateful for their commitment and contribution.

We thank those who have come forward to help establish the Welcome Hub, in particular Mr. David Marshall who leads the catering.

During 2023 the Kirk Session added to the current membership with three new members being elected and undergoing training prior to being ordained in June 2023, with these new members of Kirk Session also becoming Trustees. The three are Brian Lewis, Simon McFaul and Graham Warnock.

# **Craig Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne**

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

## ***Public Benefit Statement***

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

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

Generally, the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members 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, 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.

# Craigie Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne

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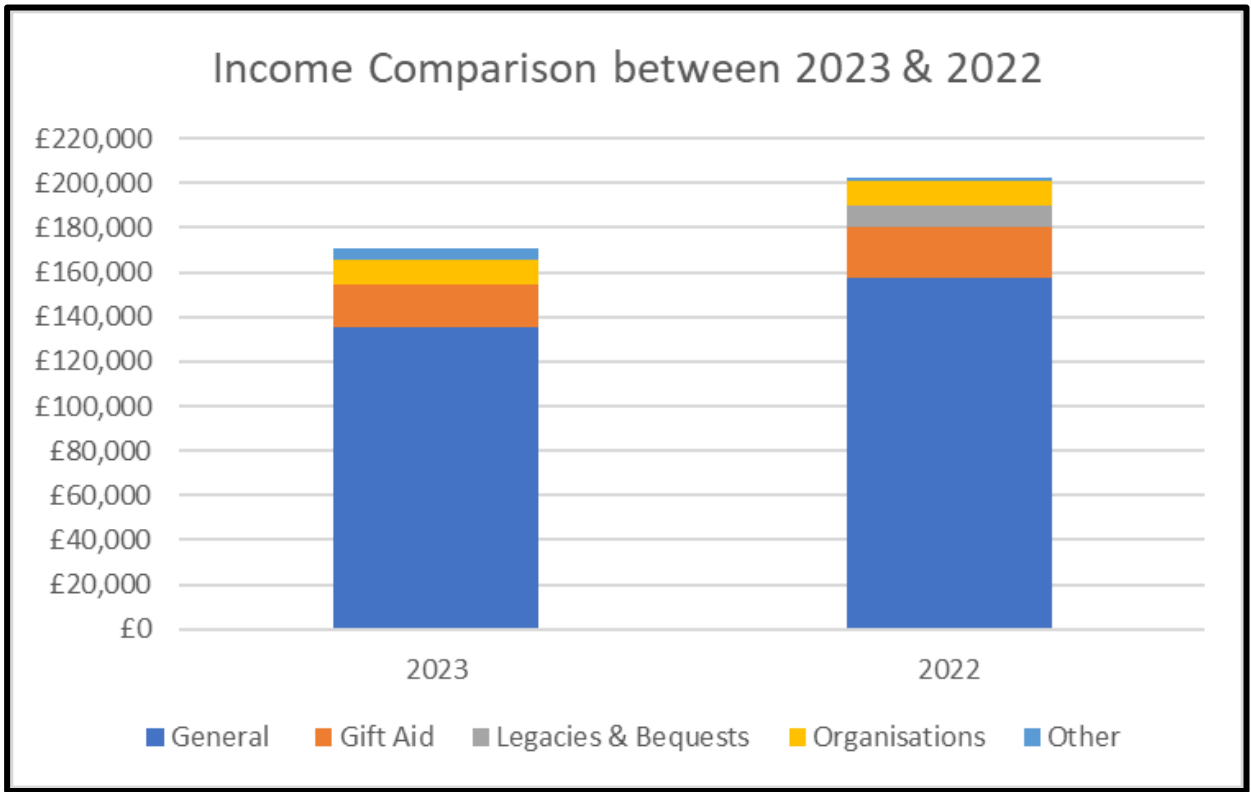
## Financial Review

The congregation's principal source of income is members' contributions through Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 167 contributors during the year (2022 - 160) donating just under £99,000 to general funds (2022 - £97,665).

Total receipts from all sources for the year amounted to £170,635, compared to £202,316 in 2022. The decrease is largely accounted for by the absence of legacies and the reduction in Restricted Funds receipts. It must be remembered that 2022 receipts in this category included the Ukraine Appeal and gifts to clear the congregational loan for vestibule extension, so this is not a reflection on any decrease in generosity of our members.

The total income is summarised in the following table and chart.

Total Income Comparison Between 2023 & 2022			
Income	2023	2022	Difference
General	£135,439	£157,674	−£22,235
Gift Aid	£19,096	£22,646	−£3,550
Legacies & Bequests	£0	£9,705	−£9,705
Organisations	£11,041	£11,240	−£199
Other	£5,058	£1,051	£4,007
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£170,635</b>	<b>£202,316</b>	<b>−£31,682</b>



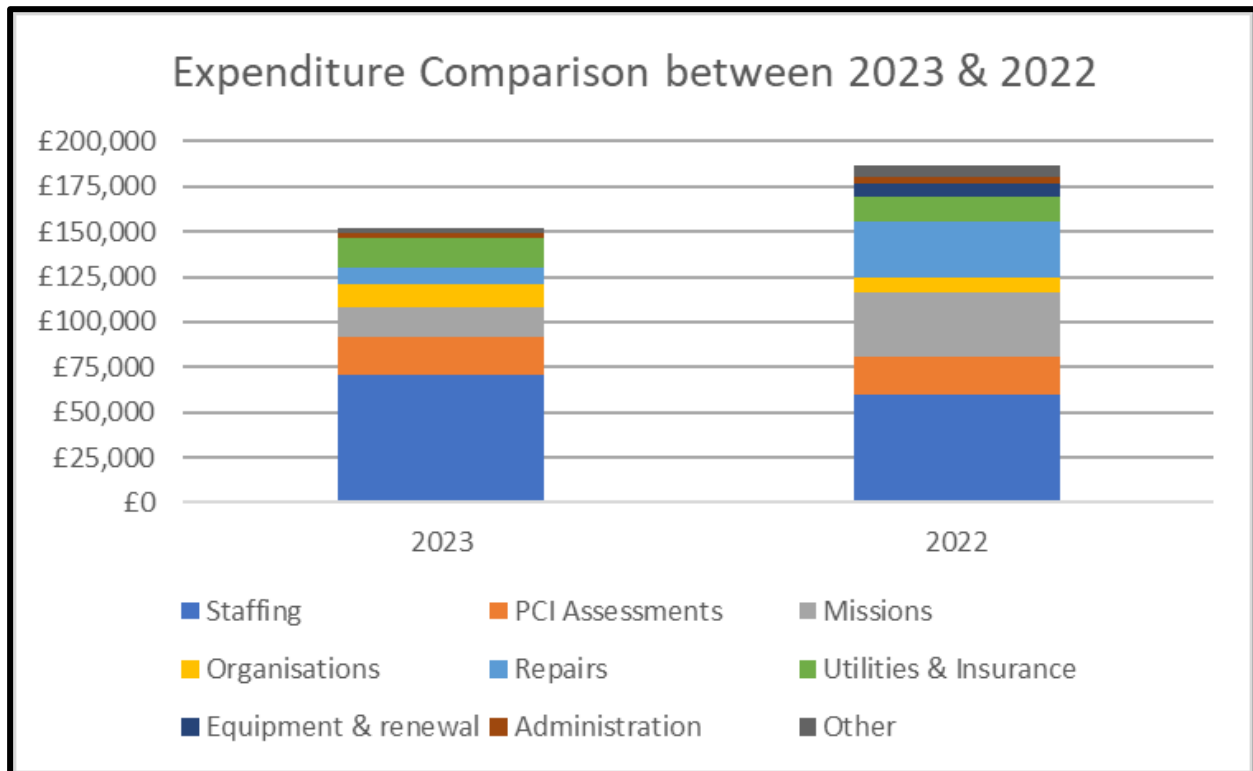
# Craigie Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne

## Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Total payments decreased from £186,398 in 2022 to £152,116 in 2023. The increase in staff costs was the due to 2023 having a full year of licenced assistant compared to 8 months in 2022. Although costs increased in general, this was offset by the reduction in payments for the tower repair, retention payment for the vestibule extension and Mission payments for the Ukraine Appeal in 2022.

The total expenditure is summarised in the following table and chart.

Total Expenditure Comparison Between 2023 & 2022			
Expense	2023	2022	Difference
Staffing	£70,984	£59,662	£11,322
PCI Assessments	£20,482	£20,728	£-246
Missions	£16,361	£35,538	£-19,177
Organisations	£12,781	£8,267	£4,514
Repairs	£9,307	£31,271	£-21,963
Utilities & Insurance	£16,166	£13,554	£2,613
Equipment & renewal	£0	£7,705	£-7705
Administration	£2,983	£3,927	£-944
Other	£3,051	£5,746	£-2,696
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£152,116</b>	<b>£186,398</b>	<b>£-34,282</b>



Kirk Session wishes to thank the members of congregational committee, finance sub-committee and counting teams for their diligence in dealing with the financial affairs of the congregation.

# **Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne**

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

## ***Reserves Policy***

The Trustees' policy is to retain a level of free/general reserves which will match its ongoing financial commitments. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves not invested in fixed assets and available for general use.

The main reason for holding reserves is to ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund its programmes and pay all debts as they fall due. The Trustees believe that holding unrestricted funds that will cover three to six months expenditure is prudent and sufficient.

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 the charity held Unrestricted Funds of £55,803. The trustees regard this balance as satisfactory. Note that at their regular meetings, Trustees are provided with an update of the current financial position and regularly monitor the movement in reserves.

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, the charity also held £46,206 of Restricted Funds, and £23,795 of Endowment Funds provided for the purposes as explained in note 10 of the accounts.

Overall, in 2023 our total reserves increased from £107,285 to £125,804.

## ***Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.***

There are no funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

## ***Plans for future periods***

The Trustees, in conjunction with the Committee, do not currently have any plans for major building projects. Other regular ongoing repairs and maintenance are anticipated.

# Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne

Trustees' Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2023

## ***Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities***

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

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

The Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 requires charity trustees to ensure that accounting records are kept which are sufficient to show and explain all the charity's transactions, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to prepare statement of accounts which complies with regulation under the Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and signed on its behalf by



John Dundee – Clerk of Session

8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Craigy Hill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104931

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CRAIGY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**A Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

We report on the accounts of Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are set out on pages 16 to 23.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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

It is our responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under Section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act
3. State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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.

Our 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.

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed: 

Name: MBS Chartered Accountants

Relevant Professional body: Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland

Address: 3 High Street  
LARNE  
BT40 1JN

Date: 9-4-2024

**Craigy Hill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104931

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# Accounts

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**CRAIGY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**A Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts:</b>							
Donations and Legacies	2	112,774	-	67,545	9,705	190,024	170,922
Charitable Activities	3	550	-	11,240	-	11,790	13,379
Other Trading Activities	4	-	-	-	-	-	150
Investment Income	5	280	-	10	-	290	296
Other	6	212	-	-	-	212	1,065
<b>Total</b>		<b>113,816</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,795</b>	<b>9,705</b>	<b>202,316</b>	<b>185,812</b>
<b>Payments:</b>							
Raising Funds	7	-920	-	-	-	-920	-841
Charitable Activities	8	-131,289	-679	-42,856	-1,279	-176,103	-122,367
Other Expenditure	9	-535	-	-1,135	-	-1,670	-2,786
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>-132,744</b>	<b>-679</b>	<b>-43,991</b>	<b>-1,279</b>	<b>-178,693</b>	<b>-125,994</b>
<b>Asset &amp; Investment Purchases</b>							
Purchase of Fixed Assets		-	-	-7,705	-	-7,705	-1,015
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>-132,744</b>	<b>-679</b>	<b>-51,696</b>	<b>-1,279</b>	<b>-186,398</b>	<b>-127,009</b>
<b>Net Receipts/ (Payments)</b>							
Transfers between Funds		-18,928	-679	27,099	8,426	15,918	58,803
Funds Brought Forward		-14,220	1,760	12,460	-	-	-
		90,129	330	-16,251	17,159	91,367	32,564
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	10	<b>56,981</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>23,308</b>	<b>25,585</b>	<b>107,285</b>	<b>91,367</b>

**CRAIGY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
A Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
As at 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>							
Bank Current Accounts		56,981	1,411	21,024	25,585	105,001	90,731
Cash in Hand		-	-	2,284	-	2,284	636
		<u>56,981</u>	<u>1,411</u>	<u>23,308</u>	<u>25,585</u>	<u>107,285</u>	<u>91,367</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>							
Fixed Assets	11					4,156,925	3,866,907
Investments	12					5,140	6,054
Gift Aid receivable on donations						5,140	6,054
						<u>4,162,065</u>	<u>3,872,961</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Utilities						934	1,956
Obligations to Charitable Donations						3,117	3,921
Vestibule Project retention owing to builder						-	7,706
Independent Examiner Fees						600	1,555
						<u>4,652</u>	<u>15,138</u>

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Mr. John Dundee  
Clerk of Session  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:						
Loose collections	1,089	-	175	-	1,264	845
Envelopes, standing orders, special collections etc	97,665	-	58,744	-	156,409	148,145
Gift Aid	14,020	-	8,626	-	22,646	21,692
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	9,705	9,705	240
	<u>112,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,545</u>	<u>9,705</u>	<u>190,024</u>	<u>170,922</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Organisations	-	-	11,240	-	11,240	13,359
Fees from Weddings & Funerals	550	-	-	-	550	20
	<u>550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,790</u>	<u>13,379</u>

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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of Premises	-	-	-	-	-	150
Trade Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest received	280	-	10	-	290	296
	<u>280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>296</u>
	<u>280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>296</u>

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**6. OTHER INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	-	113
Sundry	212	-	-	-	212	952
	<u>212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>1,065</u>

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FWO Envelopes	-920	-	-	-	-920	-841
	<u>-920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-920</u>	<u>-841</u>

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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry, Pulpit supply & Staff costs	-59,662	-	-	-	-59,662	-53,221
Donations to Missions & Charities	-500	-679	-34,359	-	-35,538	-16,563
General Assembly Assessments	-20,728	-	-	-	-20,728	-21,856
Presbytery Fees	-771	-	-	-	-771	-745
Building Repairs & Maintenance	-29,992	-	-	-1,279	-31,271	-9,089
Utilities & Insurance costs	-13,554	-	-	-	-13,554	-7,634
Administration costs	-3,007	-	-	-	-3,007	-2,513
Outreach	-484	-	-230	-	-714	-80
Organisations' Expenses	-	-	-8,267	-	-8,267	-8,098
Sundry Expenses	-2,591	-	-	-	-2,591	-2,608
	<u>-131,289</u>	<u>-679</u>	<u>-42,856</u>	<u>-1,279</u>	<u>-176,103</u>	<u>-122,367</u>

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Fees & Loan Interest	-325	-	-1,135	-	-1,460	-2,786
Other	-210	-	-	-	-210	-
	<u>-535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-1,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-1,670</u>	<u>-2,786</u>

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**10. FUND BALANCES AND RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>at start</u> £	<u>Receipts</u> £	<u>Payments</u> £	<u>Net</u> <u>Transfers</u> £	<u>Balance</u> <u>At end</u> £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	90,129	113,816	-132,744	-14,220	56,981
Designated Mission Support Fund	330	-	-679	1,760	1,411
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<u>90,459</u>	<u>113,816</u>	<u>-133,423</u>	<u>-12,460</u>	<u>58,392</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Building & Improvements	-34,878	34,480	-8,761	13,500	4,341
United Appeal & other Missions	3,921	12,571	-12,375	-1,000	3,117
Ukraine Appeal	-	20,228	-20,468	240	-
Tearfund	-	-	-	-	-
PCI Youth Projects	-	266	-266	-	-
Presbyterian Children's Society	-	-	-1,000	1,000	-
Christian Service Fund	563	-	-	-	563
PCI Overseas	-	-	-	-	-
BB	10,934	3,174	-2,914	-650	10,544
GB	256	6,910	-5,170	-200	1,796
Bowling Club	523	111	-101	-100	433
Women's Zone	190	411	-109	-80	412
Mums & Tots	323	492	-186	-250	379
Youth Work	1,484	-	-230	-	1,254
Sunday School	359	-	-15	-	344
Ladies Fellowship	74	152	-101	-	125
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<u>-16,251</u>	<u>78,795</u>	<u>-51,696</u>	<u>12,460</u>	<u>23,308</u>
<b>Endowments</b>					
Bequests & Endowments	17,159	9,705	-1,279	-	25,585
	<u>17,159</u>	<u>9,705</u>	<u>-1,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,585</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>91,367</u>	<u>202,316</u>	<u>-186,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,285</u>

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**11. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the church premises situated at Churchill Road, Larne. At the last renewal date the church and contents had an insurance value of £2,013,089.04 and the church hall and contents had an insurance value of £1,653,581.89. The congregation also owns the manse situated at 22 Brustin Brae Road, Larne and this property had an insurance value of £490,254.07 at the last renewal date.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Disclosed below are the payments made to related parties during the year ended 31 December 2022:

Name of Related Party	Reason	£
David Fulton	Salary	3,240
Keith Preston (father of trustee)	Pulpit supply fees	335
Brian Clenaghan	Pulpit supply fees	170

David Fulton received remuneration for his role as Praise Coordinator and not in his capacity as a trustee. The congregation paid £35,910 in respect of annual stipend, £6,382 in respect of ministerial expenses and £8,618 in respect of pension contributions for Rev. Ben. Preston.

The congregation paid Presbytery fees of £770.79 to the Presbytery of Carrickfergus during the year.

The congregation also made the following contributions to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland during the year:

	£
United Appeal	9,454
World Development Appeal	
Presbyterian Children's Society	1,000
Youth Projects	266

**13. EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS**

Ex-gratia payments/gifts of £500 were made to long-standing members of the congregation, in recognition of their caretaking services provided to the church during the year.

**14. VOLUNTEERS**

The work and support of members of the congregation as volunteers is vital to the operation, mission and outreach of the congregation. Volunteers undertake many role including encouraging prayer, serving within their local communities, administration tasks and serving in organisations under the control of Kirk Session.

**Craigy Hill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104931

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# Annual report

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**Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne**  
**(Craigy Hill Congregation of The**  
**Presbyterian Church in Ireland)**

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

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Number NIC104931

# Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne

## Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present the annual report and financial statements for Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Craigy Hill Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (otherwise referred to as "Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne")

Charity Registration Number: NIC104931

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LARNE  
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LARNE  
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### Charity Trustees

Rev. Ben Preston  
Brian Clenaghan  
Alan Doole  
John Dundee  
David Fulton  
David Gillespie  
Nigel Hull  
Elvin Martin  
David McGregor  
Robin Ritchie (retired 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022)  
Stephen Wharry

**Principal Office-bearers** Minister: Rev. Ben Preston  
Clerk of Session: John Dundee  
Treasurer: Alan Doole

**Independent Examiner** Simon Hopper FCA,  
MBSCA, 3 High Street, Larne, Co. Antrim. BT40 1JN

**Bankers** Danske Bank, P.O. Box 183, Donegall Square West, Belfast. BT1 6JS

# **Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne**

**Trustees' Annual Report  
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## ***Structure, Governance and Management***

### **The Kirk Session**

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least eight 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 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.

Trustees do not receive remuneration, reward, or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

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

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## 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 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.

Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne 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 glorify God and enjoy him forever 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 statement reads:

*'Under the Sovereignty of God, Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church is committed to following Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and to sharing His gospel by word and action in the local community and the wider world, in the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God'*

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christians 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; and
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

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

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

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## ***Objectives & Activities***

The congregation meets every Sunday for morning worship and again for evening worship and everyone is welcome, whether members of the congregation or not. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed regularly during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have a credible profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular midweek bible studies and has a wide range of organisations which are referenced below.

## ***COVID-19***

During 2022, the charity's activities continued to be disrupted by the restrictions implemented in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The restrictions imposed meant that although all of our meetings were permitted, social distancing and face covering requirements remained in place until 26<sup>th</sup> January when PCI advised that face coverings could be removed when seated, but were still to be worn during singing and when moving around, including entry and exit.

From 1<sup>st</sup> March, social distancing was no longer required but 1 m spacing was still encouraged where possible; in addition, catering was once again permitted.

From 4<sup>th</sup> April, wearing face coverings became voluntary. Prior to this final lifting of restrictions, an announcement was made to the congregation by the Clerk, inviting people to speak to him if they had concerns about this relaxation. Due to the concerns of a few people, an area was allocated at the rear of the church seating only for those who wished to retain masks at all times and be socially distanced. At the end of June, this provision was removed with the people who had used this area advised by the Clerk in advance.

We resumed tea and coffee following the evening service after Easter and in the mornings in September when most people were more comfortable to mix following a general societal return to *normal*. Our flower donation for morning services also resumed in September, along with the associated distribution to recently bereaved families, the sick and to families on bereavement anniversaries. This ministry is greatly appreciated and we acknowledge the work undertaken by volunteers who regularly arrange the flowers as well as delivering them, often with some time spent ministering to those in receipt.

Boys' and Girls' Brigade enrolments resumed in 2022 following absences in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID.

Most organisations met as per their normal programme during 2022, complying with the guidelines in place at the time.

The Sunday School, Youth Fellowship and Bowling Club did not meet again until September, with all organisations back to their pre-COVID arrangements from then.

Meetings of Trustees continued at the regular one per month frequency, excluding July and August, with additional meetings held to discuss extraordinary matters. In accordance with the Guidance at the time, these meetings were held in person with distancing and wearing of face coverings. In total 14 meetings were held in 2022, all of which were in person. One of these meetings was outside our premises and occurred over a longer than normal period on a Saturday. This was to provide additional time to consider key issues in more detail.

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## ***Achievements & Performance***

### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00am and 6.30pm. During the week the Wednesday midweek provides an opportunity for members to meet for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

Joint evening services were held with 1<sup>st</sup> Larne and Gardenmore congregations during July and August, with three in each church, with the church building in Craigy Hill utilised; this was a return to our pre-COVID programme.

We held the Sacrament of Communion on five occasions in the first half of 2022, three in the morning and two in the evening utilising the pre-packed elements, set out individually for members to collect on their way in to worship to avoid contact due to COVID-19 concerns. A further two morning and one evening communion were held in the remainder of 2022 with a return to our pre-COVID routine.

During 2022 there were two Baptisms conducted and no marriages. We sought to comfort those who had been bereaved which was especially challenging in the ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

On 31 December 2022 there were 153 communicant members, with four new members joining in March following communicant classes. Three communicant members died during the year and Martin Delaney, assistant minister joined. There were 215 families connected with the congregation with some new names on the list replacing those removed. The congregation had an average weekly physical attendance of around 80 at morning worship and 30 at evening worship, with approximately 40 more in the morning and 15 in the evening joining virtually.

Our online capacity on YouTube and Facebook continued in 2022, with livestream each Sunday at 11am and 6:30pm along with the telephone service for members who did not have access to the internet, enabling them to listen live on Sunday morning or hear a recording during the week. This was facilitated each Sunday by a core team in the hall, in compliance with Regulations and Guidance applicable at the time. This team deserve special thanks from our congregation and Trustees for their faithfulness and commitment each Sunday, with some new team members becoming involved in 2022 providing additional cover. In addition, all sermons are available on the church website.

### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and the elders. During the COVID-19 pandemic, elders also regularly contacted members by telephone, especially those who were alone and/or shielding.

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### Mission and outreach

The organisations of the church (listed below) seek to meet its objectives and activities through their varied programmes, covering all age ranges from babies and toddlers right through to the oldest members in our community. None of these organisations could function without the committed service of all those in leadership and we thank everyone who gives up their time and uses their God-given gifts to serve God in this way.

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.

One of our members, Naomi Leramore, works under the auspices of the PCI Council for Global Mission and receives support centrally from the United Appeal.

The congregation donated £35,538 to missionary societies and charities, all but £1,050 of which was destined for international aid support. Included in this is the congregation's contribution to the denomination's annual Children's Society, Sunday School projects and any other special appeals as the need arises.

The congregation donated £8,068 to work in Ukraine with an additional £10,000 received from a local business. This money was gifted through European Christian Mission (ECM) with our supported ECM worker Sashko Nezamutdinov assisting Ukrainian Refugees in Krakow, and through Tear Fund.

At our February meeting one of our Trustees brought to our attention a book for children about the life and Christian faith of Queen Elizabeth II in celebration of her upcoming Platinum Jubilee in June. The Trustees decided that we would gift a copy of this book to all in our local Linn Primary School where we have members on the Board of Governors. This was accepted by the school and the books containing an insert stating that they were from Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church, were distributed to the pupils in May. A number of comments of appreciation were received from members of the community for these.

At the May meeting, ongoing struggles of some on our community were brought to the Trustees' attention. After consideration by the Committee finance group at the direction of the Trustees, the Trustees agreed the establishment of a Hardship Fund which was implemented through the Committee. This fund is available for gifts to those in need at the discretion of the Minister and another Trustee due to matters of confidence.

On 9<sup>th</sup> July, it was with deep regret that we learnt of the death of a local man who died while helping with the construction of the Antiville bonfire which was located on the green adjacent to the church premises. The Rev. Preston attended the scene on the tragic evening and was able to minister to the family and the community at that time and in the days following.

# **Craig Hill Presbyterian Church, Larne**

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### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

The congregation continues to maintain its buildings and facilities. This year saw the completion of the repairs to the bell tower with some minor associated landscaping and handrail works to be completed as part of the routine maintenance.

Special thanks go to the Property Convenor, the members of the property sub-committee, our caretakers and all those who volunteered to clean the church and halls and carry out property maintenance tasks throughout the year and to those who provide their time on a regular basis to set out and clear the halls for worship services as well as creche and junior church.

A special mention also goes to all those who have facilitated our in-person worship during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that we comply with the Regulations and Guidance, including the provision of adequate hand sanitiser, maintaining social distancing, stewarding of the congregation, and facilitating safe access and egress.

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### Organisations

The congregation has a wide range of organisations that meet during the week. These include:-

- Sunday School for primary school aged children (resumed September 2022).
- Crèche for children under 3 who meet during morning service each Sunday.
- Children' church for children between 3 and 7 who meet during part of the morning service each Sunday.
- Bible Class (suspended in March 2019).
- Boys' Brigade.
- Girls' Brigade.
- Mums and Tots.
- ROCK for primary school aged children who meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (suspended in September 2019).
- Ladies Fellowship.
- Women's Zone.
- Open Door.
- Bowling club - open to all ages, meets on a Monday evening (resumed September 2022).
- Youth Fellowship (resumed September 2022).
- Weekly homework club in Linn Primary School (suspended due to COVID).
- Welcome Hub (commenced Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022).

As stated earlier, most organisations met during the year and complied with COVID restrictions as applicable.

During Autumn 2022 it was clear that many in our society struggled with the cost of living, particularly in light of increases in energy costs. The Trustees decided to commence the Welcome Hub on Tuesdays. This follows on from the Women's Zone and Open Door, starting at 12pm and for the trial period ending at 2pm. A lunch is provided as part of this, with it open to church members and the community. This new venture is encouraging and is to continue in 2023.

In addition to the weekly activities, there are some other events which take place each year:

- Bible Club in June in the early evenings for primary school age children. In 2022 this was back in person for three nights from 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Motor's Night in the summer open to the community, with a supper and epilogue afterwards, which returned in 2022.
- Fellowship evenings.

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#### **Staff**

The congregation has three paid members of staff:

Minister	Rev. Ben Preston (also a Trustee)
Assistant Minister	Mr. Martin Delaney (licensed from 17 <sup>th</sup> October)
Praise Coordinator	Mr. David Fulton (also a Trustee)

From 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 the Rev. Preston also acted as Vacancy Convenor for our neighbouring congregation, Gardenmore. This will continue for a number of months in 2023.

#### **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by praying, serving on committees, leading in organisations, encouraging others, and helping with the wide range of church activities, making it the lively and vibrant community that it is. Their help is at the heart of God's work and witness in Craigy Hill and we are very grateful for their commitment and contribution.

We thank those who have come forward to help establish the Welcome Hub, in particular Mr. David Marshall who leads the catering.

We also note that two of our Boys' Brigade leaders are stepping down at the end of the 2022/23 Session; we thank them for their service and having confirmed that we wish this work to continue, we are actively seeking to replace them.

Further we take this opportunity to thank Robin Ritchie who has stepped down as a Trustee in 2022. We thank the LORD for his years of service, his contribution to Craigy Hill and the ongoing support that he continues to provide.

Finally, we highlight that during 2022 the Kirk Session decided to add to the current Session due to retirements and a bereavement over recent years and accordingly instigated a process in accordance with the Code of the church to select up to four new members. It is expected that this process will conclude during 2023, with new members of Kirk Session also becoming Trustees.

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### ***Public Benefit Statement***

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

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

Generally, the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities, and individual members of the public.

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

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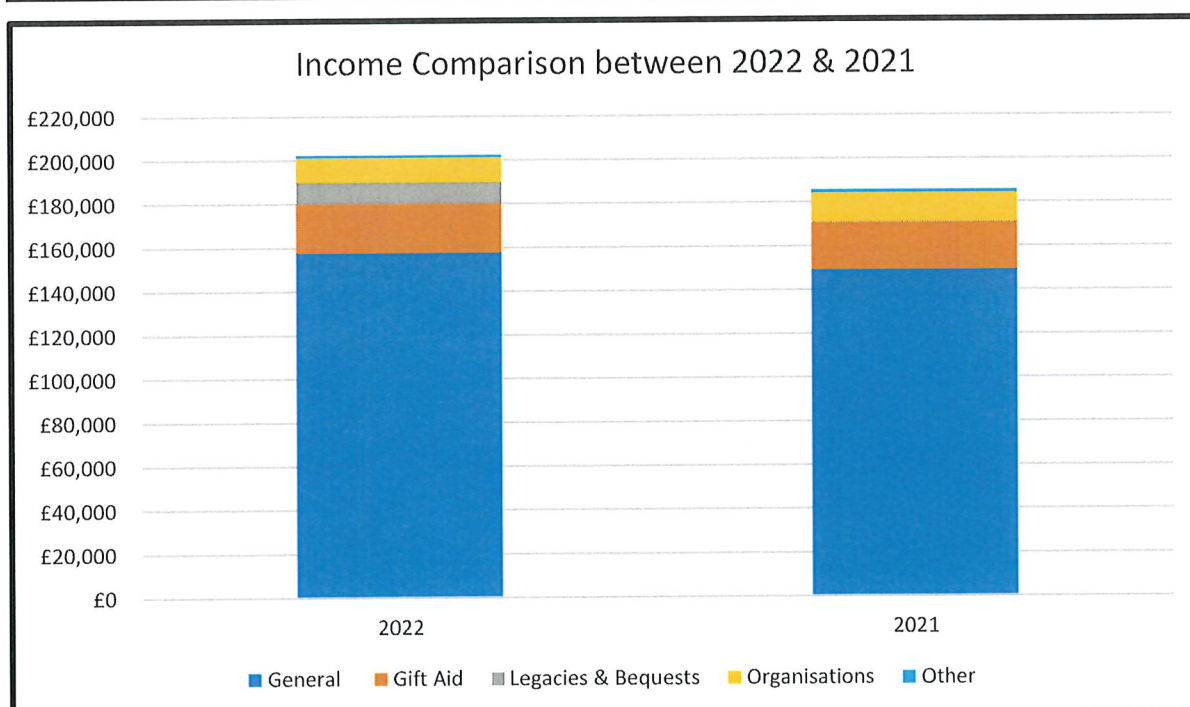
## Financial Review

The congregation's principal source of income is members' contributions through Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 160 contributors during the year (2021 - 169) donating just under £98,000 to general funds (2021 - £99,457).

Total receipts from all sources for the year amounted to over £202,000, compared to £185,000 in 2021. The increase is largely accounted for by a donation from Wilson Resource Group to forward for Ukraine refugee relief, and a legacy from a trustee's estate. It is worth noting that members generosity continued this year, evidenced by the overall increase of funds from £91,000 to £107,000 in spite of the cost of the bell tower repairs and support for Ukraine refugees. The generosity also resulted in the opportunity to settle the loan outstanding to Community Finance Ireland, and we enter the year 2023 free of congregational debt.

The total income is summarised in the following table and chart.

Total Income Comparison Between 2022 & 2021			
Income	2022	2021	Difference
General	£157,674	£148,990	£8,684
Gift Aid	£22,646	£21,692	£954
Legacies & Bequests	£9,705	£240	£9,465
Organisations	£11,240	£13,359	£-2,119
Other	£1,051	£1,531	£-480
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£202,316</b>	<b>£185,812</b>	<b>£16,504</b>



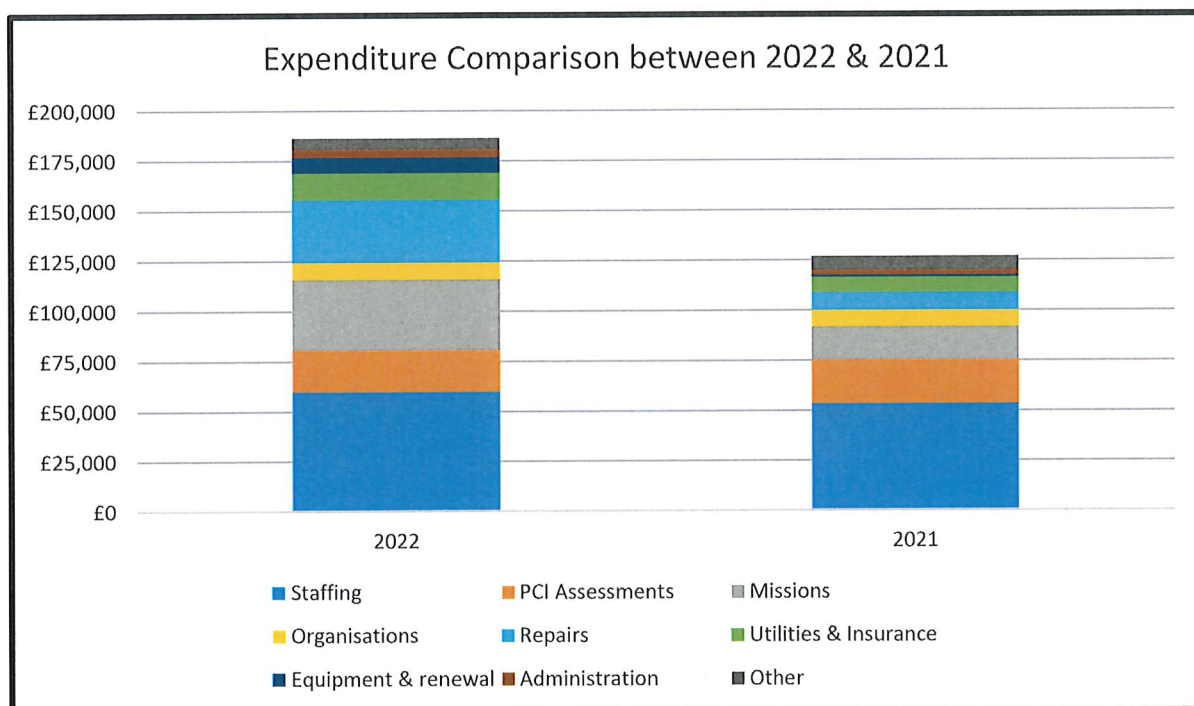
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Total payments increased from £127,009 in 2021 to £186,397 in 2022. Although costs increased in general, this can largely be accounted for by the cost of the tower repair and contributions to Ukraine refugee appeal. Salary costs have increased following the licensing of our assistant minister. Equipment & renewal reflects the retention payment to the builder for the Vestibule project completion.

The total expenditure is summarised in the following table and chart.

Total Expenditure Comparison Between 2022 & 2021			
Expense	2022	2021	Difference
Staffing	£59,662	£53,221	£6,441
PCI Assessments	£20,728	£21,856	-£1,128
Missions	£35,538	£16,563	£18,975
Organisations	£8,267	£8,058	£209
Repairs	£31,271	£9,089	£22,182
Utilities & Insurance	£13,554	£7,634	£5,920
Equipment & renewal	£7,705	£1,015	£6,690
Administration	£3,927	£2,513	£1,414
Other	£5,746	£7,060	-£1,314
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£186,397</b>	<b>£127,009</b>	<b>£59,388</b>



Kirk Session wishes to thank the members of congregational committee, finance sub-committee and counting teams for their diligence in dealing with the financial affairs of the congregation.

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**Trustees' Annual Report  
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### ***Reserves Policy***

The Trustees' policy is to retain a level of free/general reserves which will match its ongoing financial commitments. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves not invested in fixed assets and available for general use.

The main reason for holding reserves is to ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund its programmes and pay all debts as they fall due. The Trustees believe that holding unrestricted funds that will cover three to six months expenditure is prudent and sufficient.

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 the charity held Unrestricted Funds of £58,390. The trustees regard this balance as satisfactory. Note that at their regular meetings, Trustees are provided with an update of the current financial position and regularly monitor the movement in reserves.

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, the charity also held £23,310 of Restricted Funds, and £25,585 of Endowment Funds provided for the purposes as explained in note 10 of the accounts.

Overall, in 2022 our total reserves increased from £91,367 to £107,286.

### ***Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.***

There are no funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

### ***Plans for future periods***

The Trustees, in conjunction with the Committee, do not currently have any plans for major building projects. Other regular ongoing repairs and maintenance are anticipated.

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### *Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities*

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

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

The Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 requires charity trustees to ensure that accounting records are kept which are sufficient to show and explain all the charity's transactions, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to prepare statement of accounts which complies with regulation under the Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 3 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by



John Dundee – Clerk of Session

3 May 2023

**Craigy Hill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104931

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CRAIGY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
A Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

We report on the accounts of Craigy Hill Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on pages 17 to 25.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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

It is our responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under Section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act
3. State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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.


Our 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.

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed:   
Name: MBS Chartered Accountants  
Relevant Professional body: Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland  
Address: 3 High Street  
LARNE  
BT40 1JN  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023