

# Second Donegore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104996

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-08
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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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:** Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Older people, Parents, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£92,263	£88,516	£0	1

# Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Robert John Duff		
Mr Samuel Gawn		
Thomas J Gawn		

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# Accounts

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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

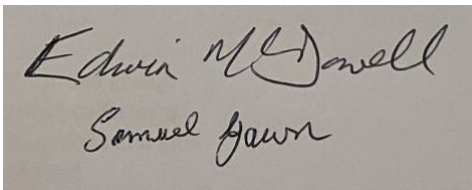
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	62,854	16,201	-	79,055
Charitable activities	3	6,347	2,851	-	9,198
Other trading activities	4	264	-	-	264
Investment Income	5	14,734	724	-	15,458
Other	6	887	-	-	887
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		85,086	19,776		104,862
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		85,086	19,776		92,263
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<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	8	(55,175)	(37,088)	-	(88,516)
Investment costs		-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-
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		(55,175)	(37,088)	-	(88,516)
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Payments</b>		(55,175)	(37,088)	-	(88,516)
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Net receipts / (payments)		29,911	(17,312)		12,599
Transfers between funds		(9,770)	9,770	-	-
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Net movement in funds		20,141	(7,542)	-	12,599
Funds brought forward		62,239	96,601	-	158,840
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Funds carried forward	12	82,380	89,059	-	171,439
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	62,239	96,601	-	158,840	160,554
Net movement in funds	20,141	(7,542)	-	12,599	(1,714)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	82,380	89,059	-	171,439	158,840
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Accounts				48,447	85,240
Bank Deposit Accounts				122,515	73,600
Cash in Hand				477	
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				171,439	158,840
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<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				2,606,231	2,606,231
Investments – Note 11				591,973	639,482
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				3,198,104	3,245,713
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<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 23rd September 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Edwin McDowell  
Samuel Gawn

**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:					
Loose collections	48,783	5,962	-	54,745	67,592
Donations and gifts	1,037	7,635	-	8,672	7,018
Gift Aid	8,115	2,044	-	10,159	9,319
Legacies and bequest	4,919	560	-	5,479	2,081
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	62,854	16,201	-	79,055	86,010
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2024**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities					
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	700	-	700	-
Fundraising events	6,347	2,151	-	8,498	3,953
Grants	-	-	-	-	500
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	6,347	2,851	-	9,198	4,453
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Membership Fees	-	-	-	-	285
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading income	264	-	-	264	1,103
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	264	-	-	264	1,388
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	3,327	724	-	4,051	410
Rents investment properties	11,407	-	-	11,407	12,038
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	630
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	14,734	724	-	15,458	13,078
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**31 December 2024**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	887	-	-	887	-
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	887	-	-	887	-
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	8,313	-	-	8,313	18,863
Presbytery fees	-	-	-	-	662
Ministry and support staff costs	11,521	-	-	11,521	27,682
Congregational running expenses	31,645	27,208	-	58,853	45,500
Donations to Missions and charities	-	9,880	-	9,880	10,025
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	3,696	-	-	3,696	3,471
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	55,175	37,088	-	92,263	106,203
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**31 December 2024**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-	-
P.M.S investment written off	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 88 Connor Road, Parkgate, BT39 0DU and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,606,231.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2024 £	2023 £
General Investment Fund	61,418	53,232
Property	400,000	400,000
Other investments	130,555	186,250
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	591,973	639,482
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	62,176	85,086	(55,175)	(29,911)	(9,707)	82,380
Temporary	63	-	-	-	(63)	-
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	62,239	85,086	(55,175)	(29,911)	(9,770)	82,380
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Renovation	3,777	5,917	(16,035)	(10,118)	12,000	5,659
Building	79,056	722	(2,761)	(2,039)	(15,000)	70,017
United Appeal	1	4,011	(5,880)	(1,869)	1,870	2
Mission	1,305	2,533	(4,034)	(1,501)	400	204
Tear Fund	-	485	(485)	-	-	-
Presbyterian Children's Society	-	444	(444)	-	-	-
Christian Aid	-	345	(345)	-	-	-
World Development	79	-	-	-	-	79
Earthquake Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scripture Union Schools	-	-	(1,000)	(1,000)	1,000	-
Belfast City Mission	-	-	(1,000)	(1,000)	1,000	-
European Mission	-	370	(370)	-	-	-
Moderator Ukraine App	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holiday Bible Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dunamuggy Friendship Hour	10,270	3,992	(3,523)	469	500	11,239
Escape	897	-	-	-	-	897
Junior Christian Endeavour	229	115	(209)	(94)	-	135
Presbyterian Women	587	842	(992)	(150)	-	437
Bowling Club	400	-	(10)	(10)	-	390
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	96,601	19,776	(37,088)	(17,312)	9,770	89,059
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Total</b>	<b>158,840</b>	<b>104,862</b>	<b>(92,263)</b>	<b>(47,223)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171,439</b>

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# Accounts

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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	68,927	17,083	-	86,010
Charitable activities	3	700	3,753	-	4,453
Other trading activities	4	950	438	-	1,388
Investment Income	5	12,448	630	-	13,076
Other	6	-	-	-	-
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		83,025	21,904		104,929
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		83,025	21,904	-	104,929
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<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	8	(72,473)	(33,730)	-	(106,203)
Investment costs		-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-
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		(72,473)	(33,730)		(106,203)
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Payments</b>		(72,473)	(33,730)	-	(106,203)
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Net receipts / (payments)		10,552	(11,826)		(1,274)
Transfers between funds		(21,398)	21,398	-	-
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Net movement in funds		(10,846)	9,572		(1,274)
Funds brought forward		73,085	87,469	-	160,554
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Funds carried forward	12	62,239	97,039	-	159,278
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	73,085	87,469	-	160,554	165,495
Net movement in funds	(10,846)	9,572	-	(1,274)	(4,941)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	62,239	97,039	-	159,278	160,554
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Accounts				85,678	86,595
Bank Deposit Accounts				73,600	73,600
Cash in Hand					359
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				159,278	160,554
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<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				2,606,231	2,606,231
Investments – Note 11				639,482	639,482
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				3,245,713	3,245,713
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<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Edwin McDowell*

[Name] *Samuel Gawn*

[Date] *17<sup>th</sup> October 2024*

[Date] *17<sup>th</sup> October 2024*

**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:					
Loose collections	58,320	9,272	-	67,592	62,322
Donations and gifts	600	6,418	-	7,018	10,516
Gift Aid	8,096	1,223	-	9,319	9,237
Legacies and bequest	1,911	170	-	2,081	1,843
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	68,927	17,083	-	86,010	83,918
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2023**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities					
Fees from weddings and funerals		-	-	-	300
Fundraising events	700	3,253	-	3,953	1,647
Grants	-	500	-	500	500
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	700	3,753	-	4,453	2,357
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Membership Fees	-	285	-	285	605
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading income	950	153	-	1,103	53
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	950	438	-	1,388	658
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	410	-	-	410	503
Rents investment properties	12,038	-	-	12,038	10,941
Other investment income	-	630	-	630	24
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	12,448	630	-	13,078	11,468
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	287
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	-	-	-	-	287
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	18,863	-	-	18,863	10,988
Presbytery fees	662	-	-	662	146
Ministry and support staff costs	27,682	-	-	27,682	36,770
Congregational running expenses	24,866	20,634	-	45,500	35,649
Donations to Missions and charities	400	9,625	-	10,025	19,592
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	-	3,471	-	3,471	-
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	72,473	33,730	-	106,203	103,145
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-	-
P.M.S investment written off	-	-	-	-	-
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 88 Connor Road, Parkgate, BT39 0DU and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,606,231.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2023 £	2022 £
General Investment Fund	53,232	53,232
Property	400,000	400,000
Other investments	186,250	186,250
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	639,482	639,482
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	73,088	82,273	(72,439)	(11,150)	(20,984)	61,938
Temporary	(3)	752	(34)	304	(414)	301
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	73,085	83,025	(72,473)	(10,846)	(21,398)	62,239
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Renovation	5,205	5,916	(12,438)	(1,429)	5,093	3,776
Building	68,903	376	-	4,000	3,624	72,903
Manse	8,678	-	(3,100)	(2,724)	376	5,954
United Appeal	-	3,230	(5,534)	1	2,305	1
Mission	2,099	5,919	(6,465)	(546)	-	1,553
Tear Fund	-	200	(200)	-	-	-
Presbyterian Children's Society	-	600	(600)	-	-	-
Christian Aid	-	240	(240)	-	-	-
World Development	79	-	-	-	-	79
Earthquake Appeal	-	390	-	390	-	390
Scripture Union Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belfast City Mission	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rev Torrens Ukraine App.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moderator Ukraine App	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holiday Bible Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dunamuggy Friendship Hour	580	3,578	(3,888)	9,690	10,000	10,270
Escape	897	-	-	-	-	897
Junior Christian Endeavour	15	390	(176)	214	-	229
Presbyterian Women	660	863	(936)	(73)	-	587
Bowling Club	353	200	(153)	47	-	400
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	87,469	21,902	(33,730)	9,570	21,398	97,039
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Total</b>	<b>160,554</b>	<b>104,927</b>	<b>(106,203)</b>	<b>(1,276)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>159,278</b>
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**Second Donegore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104996

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# Annual report

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**SECOND DONEGORE 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 (NIC104996)**

**SECOND DONEGORE 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**

2nd Donegore congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
88 Connor Rd, Parkgate, Ballyclare, County Antrim, BT39 0DU  
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 104996)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Rev Ben Johnston  
Robert Duff  
Samuel Gawn  
Thomas J Gawn

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Ben Johnston
Clerk of Session	Samuel Gawn
Treasurer	Thomas J Gawn

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Hopper & Co  
6 Doagh Road,  
Ballyclare  
BT399BG

**BANKERS**

Danske Bank, 18 The Square, Ballyclare BT39 9BB

**SOLICITORS**

Macaulay & Ritchie, Cathedral Chambers, 11 Talbot Street, Belfast. BT12LD

## **SECOND DONEGORE 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 normally held each month [September to June].

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant of its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be nominated either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

#### **Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. 2<sup>nd</sup> Donegore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Templepatrick Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of its congregations, ministers who retired from active duty, and an elder have appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

## SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

### The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

### DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

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

The congregation's mission purpose is to be:

- a congregation proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ pointing people to him as their personal Saviour.
- a fellowship building up God's people in their faith and equipping them for Christian life and service.
- a body of caring people seeking to show Christ's love to each other, the parish and beyond.

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

- *increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;*
  - *committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;*
  - *relevant to people of this time and place.*
- We aim to grow and develop under God and in the power of the Holy Spirit, seeking to be open and obedient to God's calling, led by the Holy Spirit in accordance with his Word.
- *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.*

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

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

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

- Sunday School
- Bible Class
- Junior Christian Endeavour
- Presbyterian Women
- Bowling Club
- Holiday Bible Club
- Friendship Hour
- Catechism Club

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am and at 6:30pm on the first and third Sunday of each month as well as occasionally on other special occasions such as Harvest and Communion. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. We gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 101 communicant members and 140 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 65.

#### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders, or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

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

**Mission and outreach**

In July we had our Holiday Bible club outreach with around 95 young people from 4 – 15 yrs.

The congregation supported the following mission agencies

Donations from the General Account: -

- Belfast City Mission                      £1,000
- Scripture Union Schools Worker      £1,000

Donations from Mission Support:-

- Rev Alister Torrens                      £2,000
- Middle East Reformed Fellowship    £2,000

During the year collections were made for the following charitable appeals:-

- Turkey/Syria Appeal                      £390.00
- Christian Aid                                £240.00
- Tear Fund                                    £200.00
- Pres. Children's Society                £600.00

Members of the congregation also supported Belfast City Mission through Christmas gifts as well as the Samaritans purse shoebox appeal.

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 supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The collection in aid of Tear Fund was chosen instead of the Presbyterian Church's World Development as the Spar Food Chain were donating a similar amount to that given by our church. Monies given to World Development are distributed by Christian Aid and Tear Fund.

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

**Presbytery**

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

**General Assembly**

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

**Property**

There was no major work carried out during the year.

## SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

### Organisations

#### Session Report

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your path. Proverbs ch. 3 v 5-6

Each week Rev. Ben Johnston conducted our worship and preached faithfully from God's word. We were glad to have Claire and family at church with us each week and give thanks to Claire for her involvement and hosting regular events at the manse.

Our mid week meeting for prayer and bible study was led by the minister and elders with missionary speakers whom we support invited from time to time.

- Rev Alister Torrens shared about his work in Ukraine, training pastors for their own war torn country.
- Rev Ian McClean shared with us about the work carried out by The Middle East Reformed Fellowship.
- Mr. Phil Dunn shared about the work of European Missionary Fellowship.
- Rebekah Armstrong from Scripture Union shared with us about her work in the local schools.

We enjoyed a walk in the castle grounds at the end of the mid week season.

During the year Rev. Johnston had extra duties as vacancy convener of Crumlin church. He preached there one Sunday each month and he always supplied us with able speakers in his absence. There are 101 people on the communion roll with 66 attending at least one communion. The session encourages all communicants to attend the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and we pray that the Holy Spirit will draw us to this special celebration.

Our sympathy goes out to all who have lost loved ones and we remember those who are sick and those who care for them.

A catechism club for the children continued on the second Sunday afternoon each month at the manse. This was a time of fun and learning from God's word through the catechism.

Special services and events included

- Newcomer's lunch.
- Easter dawn service at 6.30 am on Easter Sunday followed by a light breakfast.
- Sunday school and Bible class receiving their prizes
- Special breakfast prior to morning service
- Holiday Bible Club took place from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July when 95 young people attended.
- Harvest supper when the Sunday school children and Bible class took part and the Lowe brothers from Carryduff sang and brought the evening to a close with a short epilogue.

- Harvest services with Rev. Ben Johnston in the morning and with a visiting speaker Mr. Glen McBride in the evening.
- Joint evening service with Connor Presbyterian church when the speaker was Rev. Dr Tim Ward.
- Christmas concert with Benjamin Amos.
- Christmas Eve service at 11.30pm with refreshments at 11.15pm.
- Meeting with delegates from the mission strategy panel to discuss various statistics of our church.

We were glad to be able to circulate another Dunamuggy News bringing us up to date. Thanks to Moira and all those who contributed or helped in any way,

A special word of thanks and encouragement to our minister, the session, committee, all leaders, teachers, those involved in sound and power point, care and share , distribution of magazines, flower rota, cleaning duties and to Evena and Stacey who lead our praise each week. We also remember all who use their talents in many different ways where they see a need and most important to those who support the work of our church in prayer.

At the end of the year we were disappointed to learn that our minister Rev. Ben Johnston had received and accepted a call from Gardenmore in Larne. We thank him for his work with us for almost three years and wish him God's blessing in his new charge and pray that Claire and the family settle in quickly.

Sam Gawn

(Session Clerk)

## Church Committee Report

A special thanks to all the sub-committees for all their work during 2023.

Committee met bi-monthly during 2023. All meetings were well attended. A few items that committee progressed during the year were: -

- Electrical upgrades completed in 58 Hollybank Road
- Consumer unit in kitchen replaced. Heating controls in hall replaced.
- 10 new childrens chairs & 2 high chairs were purchased.
- Storm glazing completed in 2 church windows.
- New shelves installed in cloakroom.
- Attic cleared out.
- Cleaning Rota was set up.
- Entertainments Licence was renewed.
- Stay and Play commenced use of the hall in November.

The following donations were given from the General Account: -

- Belfast City Mission                      £1,000
- Scripture Union Schools Worker      £1,000

The Mission Support Group donated the following:-

- Rev Alister Torrens                      £2,000
- Middle East Reformed Fellowship    £2,000

During the year collections were made for the following charitable appeals:-

- Turkey & Syria Earthquake            £390
- Christian Aid                              £240
- Tearfund                                  £200
- Presbyterian Children's Society      £600

The committee thanks the congregation for all the support that has been provided and welcome any suggestions from any member for discussion by Committee.

Sharon McIlveen

(Congregational Secretary)

## **Treasurer's Report**

Donations to the Freewill Offering (FWO) rose from £51,670.30 in 2022 to £58,319.50 for 2023. This is a substantial increase and reflects an optimism to have our church self-supporting. The closing balance for the current General Account (No 1) was £43,574.08 and £30,000.00 was also invested in a one-year fixed term deposit account.

The Renovation Account (No 2) began the year with a balance of £5205.67. Direct givings to this account (Harvest Appeal) amounted to £5120.00. There were several large items of expenditure this year and so it was decided to transfer £5,000.00 from the General Account to this account in order to keep it in credit. Details of the items of expenditure can be seen in the financial statement for No 2 account. The closing balance was £3776.81.

The United Appeal target for 2023 was £5,534.00 and this was paid in full. Direct Givings to the United Appeal amounted to £3230.00. Gift Aid and interest from bequests came to £680.30 leaving a deficit of £1625.00 which was transferred from the General Account to make up the target amount.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the various funds of the church enabling Christian teaching and aid to be given both locally and abroad. The No. 1,2&3 accounts along with The Manse and Building Funds were checked by Hopper & Co, Ballyclare, and they also prepared the accounts for the Charity Commission.

Thomas J. Gawn

(Treasurer)

## **Sunday School and Bible Class Report**

Sunday School and Bible Class started 2023 with 10 children in Sunday School and 4 in Bible Class. Lessons on Abraham, Moses and the life of Jesus were taught throughout the year. Bible Class also finished lessons on the Christian Armour. In Bible Class we spend five or ten minutes at the end watching a DVD about the life of a well known Christian. At the beginning of the year we finished the DVD about Robert Sheffey, an American evangelist who lived in the 19th century. We then went on to hear the story of Fred Orr who had been a missionary with the Acre and after the summer break we watched the DVD of The Cross and the Switchblade.

As the Easter Break from school coincided with the Friendship Hour dinner this year, the Sunday School were able to perform a drama about the Resurrection and at the Harvest Dinner they were again able to sing a couple of items.

Our trip to Portrush in June was a bit of a wash out in the real sense of the word. Most of us travelled up by train and we managed to have our BBQ at the Antrim Gardens but when it came time for the games on the beach the rain started and we just had to abandon that idea.

Sunday School held their Christmas Party in the hall this year where eats were had and games were played. Parents and younger children were also made welcome. Bible Class went out for their Christmas event.

We went to the Sportsbowl in Glengormley for some ten pin bowling and afterwards went for a McDonalds.

I would like to thank our faithful team of Sunday School teachers who thoroughly prepare and teach the lessons week by week and also those who accompany me at Bible Class each week under the Taking Care Regulations.

Pam Kirkpatrick  
(Sunday school superintendent)

### **FRIENDSHIP HOUR REPORT**

Dunamuggy Friendship Hour continued to meet on a monthly basis throughout 2023 with up to 50 folk enjoying home-made broth and yummy desserts. As tea is being served, a quiz is distributed to awaken the brain cells. There is often some musical entertainment/Gospel message afterwards – guests in 2023 included John Porter and Ballygelly Accordion Band. We continue to enjoy fellowship with some of the residents of Rylands Nursing Home who join us most months.

Our annual outing was held in June – we enjoyed a carvery lunch at Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena and took the opportunity to congratulate Sam and Sarah Gawn on their Golden wedding anniversary. For many years, Sam and Sarah have played a major role in ensuring the smooth running of the Friendship Hour, for which we give thanks.

In December, we welcomed many members and friends for our Christmas dinner, once again provided and served by Iris' Farmhouse Cuisine. It was a most enjoyable occasion and everyone left with a small gift.

We plan to continue to meet monthly in 2024 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 12.00 in the church hall. Everyone will be made very welcome.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures for ever. Psalm 118 v1

Moira Hamilton  
(Secretary)

### **Junior CE Report**

CE recommenced in the New Year with showings of "The Miracle Maker" Dvd. Over the following weeks we saw episodes from the life of Jesus taking us up to Easter and the Crucifixion story. After the summer break we learned about the Apostle Paul and his adventures. Each week the quiz on the Bible story causes a lot of excitement as well as reinforcing the teaching. We also learned Bible Verses throughout the year.

One of the aims of Christian Endeavour is to train our Juniors for service for Christ and His church by encouraging them to take part in the meetings. Unfortunately we were unable to do this when we

recommenced after Covid lockdown as there would have been too much close interaction and when restrictions eased somewhat our children were of quite a young age. This year we were able to again have our Juniors lead the meeting and do the Bible Reading and we hope to increase their participation as the weeks go on.

In our craft time we made Tea Light Houses and Tea Light Nature Scenes, decorated egg cups for Easter Eggs and made Snow Globes at Christmas. When we weren't doing craft work at the end of the meeting we played some games.

During the year we also filled Christmas Shoe Boxes, made pancakes close to Shrove Tuesday and had our Christmas Party.

We ended the session at Easter with a trip to McDonalds which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the Christmas session finished with our CE Party.

Thank you to Sarah and Stacey for their help each week and to the parents for bringing along the children.

Pam Kirkpatrick

### **Tardree Sunday School Report**

The Sunday School opened on the 14<sup>th</sup> May and twelve pupils were enrolled. We were pleased to have Joshua Kennedy joining our SundaySchool. The first special event was the Sports Evening which was held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. As there was heavy showers during the afternoon most of the activities took place inside. The evening began with eatables which were enjoyed by all. The children then took part in the games which included throwing the bean bag, the balloon race, potato and spoon and dribbling the ball. The races ended with the sprint for the different age groups and it was held outside. By this time the children were ready for refreshments and the coins they had received for their games were soon all spent.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The special speaker was the Rev. Ben Johnston and it was well supported. The praise was led by Evena and the Dunamuggy Choir. The pupils took part also and sang the following pieces: Refuge and Strength, Trust in the Lord, Tis so sweet and Greatest Commandment. At the close of the service their prizes were distributed by the Rev. Ben Johnston. In 2023 we sponsored two new pupils from Tanzania. Their names are Frank Senyegalo who is eight years old and VeisMchande who is nine. Once again there has been a generous donation totalling £120.00 which will be much appreciated.

In closing I would like to thank parents, teachers and children for their dedication and faithfulness. As we look forward to the coming season we ask for God's guidance and blessing in all we do.

Thomas J. Gawn

(Superintendent)

## **Volunteers**

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

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 208 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Edwin McDowell*

[Name] *Samuel Gawn*

[Date] *17<sup>th</sup> October 2024*

[Date] *17<sup>th</sup> October 2024*

**Second Donegore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104996

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# Annual return

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the financial statements of SecondDonegore Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are contained within the 2023 Annual Report.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner**

SecondDonegore Presbyterian Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Second Donegore Presbyterian Church 's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 65(2) (audit) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 for the year and that an independent examination under section 64(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with Section 63 of the charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records in accordance with Section 64 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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S Hopper FCA  
Partner  
Hopper & Co

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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# Accounts

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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	* Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	61,728	22,190	-	83,918	70,185
Charitable activities	3	1,352	1,005	-	2,357	500
Other trading activities	4	53	605	-	658	51
Investment Income	5	11,438	30	-	11,468	12,198
Other	6	-	-	-	-	500
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		74,571	23,920		98,491	83,434
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		74,571	23,920	-	98,491	83,434
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<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	-	(287)	-	(287)	-
Charitable activities	8	(68,318)	(34,827)	-	(103,145)	(90,244)
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	(32,191)
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		(68,318)	(35,114)		(103,433)	(122,435)
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Payments</b>		(68,318)	(35,114)	-	(103,433)	(122,435)
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Net receipts / (payments)		6,253	(11,194)		(4,941)	(39,001)
Transfers between funds		(2,501)	2,501	-	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		3,752	(8,693)		(4,941)	(39,001)
Funds brought forward		69,333	96,162	-	165,495	204,496
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Funds carried forward	12	73,085	87,469	-	160,554	165,495
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	69,333	96,162	-	165,495	204,496
Net movement in funds	3,752	(8,693)	-	(4,941)	(39,001)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	73,085	87,469	-	160,554	165,495
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Accounts				86,595	91,674
Bank Deposit Accounts				73,600	73,600
Cash in Hand				359	221
				-----	-----
				160,554	165,495
				=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				2,606,231	2,606,231
Investments – Note 11				639,482	639,482
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				3,245,713	3,245,713
				=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				-	-
Other				-	-
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				-	-
				=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 23rd May 2023 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Ben Johnston*  
BEN JOHNSTON MINISTER

[Date] 23/5/23

[Name] *Thomas J. Gawn*

[Date] 23<sup>rd</sup> May 23

**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:					
Loose collections	51,670	10,652	-	62,322	48,954
Donations and gifts	833	9,683	-	10,516	1,964
Gift Aid	7,639	1,598	-	9,237	9,227
Legacies and bequest	1,586	257	-	1,843	2,464
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	61,728	22,190	-	83,918	62,609
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2021**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities					
Fees from weddings and funerals	300	-	-	300	-
Fundraising events	1,052	595	-	1,647	-
Grants	-	500	-	500	500
	----- 1,352	----- 1,005	----- -	----- 2,357	----- 500

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Membership Fees	-	605	-	605	-
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading income	53	-	-	53	51
	----- 53	----- 605	----- -	----- 658	----- 51

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	497	6	-	503	141
Rents investment properties	10,941	-	-	10,941	11,282
Other investment income	-	24	-	24	775
	----- 11,438	----- 30	----- -	----- 11,468	----- 12,198

**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**31 December 2022**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	500
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	-	-	-	-	500
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	287	-	287	-
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	-	287	-	287	-
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	10,988	-	-	10,988	10,600
Presbytery fees	146	-	-	146	468
Ministry and support staff costs	36,770	-	-	36,770	28,810
Congregational running expenses	20,414	15,235	-	35,649	35,608
Donations to Missions and charities	-	19,592	-	19,592	14,338
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	420
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
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	68,318	34,827	-	103,145	90,244
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2022**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-	-
P.M.S investment written off	-	-	-	-	32,191
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	-	-	-	-	32,191
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 88 Connor Road, Parkgate, BT39 0DU and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,606,231.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2022	2021
	£	£
General Investment Fund	53,232	53,232
Property	400,000	400,000
Other investments	186,250	186,250
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	639,482	639,482
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**SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2022

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	69,333	74,571	(68,285)	6,286	(2,501)	73,082
Temporary	30		(33)	(33)	-	(3)
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	69,363	74,571	(68,318)	6,253	(2,501)	73,085
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Renovation	8,301	6,063	(9,159)	(3,096)	-	8,301
Building	68,891	12	-	12	-	68,891
Manse	11,046	12	(2,380)	(2,368)	-	11,046
United Appeal	-	3,510	(5,315)	(1,805)	1,805	-
Mission	4,079	2,815	(4,795)	(1,980)	-	2,099
Tear Fund	-	800	(800)	-	-	-
Presbyterian Childrens Society	-	575	(575)	-	-	-
Christian Aid	-	355	(355)	-	-	-
World Development	79	-	-	-	-	79
Scripture Union Schools	-	-	(1,000)	(1,000)	1000	-
Belfast City Mission	-	-	(1,000)	(1,000)	1000	-
Rev Torrens Ukraine App.	-	3,950	(3,950)	-	-	-
Moderator Ukraine App	-	1,180	(1,180)	-	-	-
Holiday Bible Club	678	594	(218)	376	(1,054)	-
Dunamuggy Friendship Hour	1,002	2,084	(2,506)	(422)	-	580
Escape	901	-	(4)	(4)	-	897
Junior Christian Endeavour	179	20	(184)	(164)	-	15
Presbyterian Women	702	1,405	(1,447)	(42)	-	660
Bowling Club	304	545	(246)	299	(250)	353
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	96,162	23,920	(35,114)	(11,194)	2,501	87,469
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Total</b>	<b>165,495</b>	<b>98,491</b>	<b>(103,433)</b>	<b>(4,941)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>160,554</b>
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**Second Donegore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104996

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# Annual report

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**SECOND DONEGORE 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 (NIC104996)**

**SECOND DONEGORE 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**

2nd Donegore congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
88 Connor Rd, Parkgate, Ballyclare, County Antrim, BT39 0DU  
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 104996)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Rev Ben Johnston  
Robert Duff  
Samuel Gawn  
Thomas J Gawn

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Ben Johnston
Clerk of Session	Samuel Gawn
Treasurer	Thomas J Gawn

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Hopper & Co  
6 Doagh Road,  
Ballyclare  
BT399BG

**BANKERS**

Danske Bank, 18 The Square, Ballyclare BT39 9BB

**SOLICITORS**

Macaulay & Ritchie, Cathedral Chambers, 11 Talbot Street, Belfast. BT12LD

**SECOND DONEGORE 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 normally held each month [September to June].

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant of its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

## **Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. 2<sup>nd</sup> Donegore congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Templepatrick Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of its congregations, 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.

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

The congregation's mission purpose is to be:

- a congregation proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ pointing people to him as their personal Saviour.
- a fellowship building up God's people in their faith and equipping them for Christian life and service.
- a body of caring people seeking to show Christ's love to each other, the parish and beyond.

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

- *increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;*
  - *committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;*
  - *relevant to people of this time and place.*
- We aim to grow and develop under God and in the power of the Holy Spirit, seeking to be open and obedient to God's calling, led by the Holy Spirit in accordance with his Word.
- *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.*

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

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

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

- Sunday School
- Bible Class
- Junior Christian Endeavour
- Presbyterian Women
- Bowling Club
- Holiday Bible Club
- Friendship Hour
- Catechism Club

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am and at 6:30pm on the first and third Sunday of each month as well as occasionally on other special occasions such as Harvest and Communion. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at (6) Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted [1] marriage services and gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 109 communicant members and 145 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 65.

### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders, or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

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

### **Mission and outreach**

In July we had our Holiday Bible club outreach with around 90 young people from 4 – 15 yrs. The congregation supported the following mission agencies

Donations from the General Account: -

- Belfast City Mission                      £1,000
- Scripture Union Schools Worker        £1,000

Donations from Mission Support:-

- Rev Alister Torrens                        £2,000
- Middle East Reformed Fellowship      £2,000

During the year collections were made for the following charitable appeals:-

- Moderators Appeal -Ukraine            £1180.00
- Rev. Torrens Appeal –Ukraine          £3950.00
- Christian Aid                                £355.00
- Tear Fund                                    £800.00
- Pres. Children’s Society                 £575.00

Members of the congregation also supported Belfast City Mission through Christmas gifts as well as the Samaritans purse shoebox appeal.

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 supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The collection in aid of Tear Fund was chosen this year instead of the Presbyterian Church’s World Development as the Spar Food Chain were donating a similar amount to that given by our church. Monies given to World Development are distributed by Christian Aid and Tear Fund.

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

There was no major work carried out during the year.

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

### **Organisations**

#### **Session Report**

Each week Rev. Ben Johnston leads our worship and preaches from Gods word and leads our mid week meeting for prayer and bible study. Missionary speakers are invited from time to time .We enjoyed a walk in the castle grounds at the end of the season. We are glad to have Claire and family at church with us each week and give thanks to Claire for hosting regular events at the manse.

During the year we were very pleased to have six infant and one adult baptisms and five persons joining on profession of faith. There are 109 people on the communion roll with 66 attending at least one communion. The session encourages all communicants to attend the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and we pray that the Holy Spirit will draw us to this special celebration.

Rev Alastair Torrens spoke at our services and told us about his work in Ukraine, training pastors for their own war torn country.

Rev Ian McClean at a mid week shared with us about the important work carried out by The Middle East Reformed Fellowship. This included the countries involved in the recent earthquake.

In March the covid regulations were relaxed and many things such as seating arrangements were back to normal.

A catechism club for the children has commenced on the second Sunday afternoon each month at the manse. This is a time of fun and learning from Gods word through the catechism.

Holiday Bible Club took place from 5th to 8th July when about 90 young people attended. On 31st July after the morning service there was a thank you lunch for all the helpers.

Special services included

- Easter dawn service at 6.30 am on Easter Sunday followed by a light breakfast.
- Harvest services on 9th October with a visiting minister Rev. Beggs speaking at the evening service.
- Christmas Eve service at 11.30pm with refreshments at 11.15pm.

A harvest supper was held on 7th October with the group “ Abundant Life” and the Sunday school children providing the entertainment..

The mission support team no longer meets and the church committee is now dealing with the mission funds. Thanks to Yvonne Hall , Adrian Lawther and all who helped to organize this for many years.

We were glad to be able to circulate the Dunamuggy News again to bring us up to date .

Our sympathy goes out to all who have lost loved ones and we remember those who are sick and those who care for them.

A special word of thanks and encouragement to our minister, the session, committee, all leaders, teachers, those involved in sound and power point, distribution of magazines, flower rota and to Evena and Stacey who lead our praise each week. We also remember all

who use their talents in many different ways where they see a need and most important to those who support the work of our church in prayer.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Psalm ch. 9 v 1-2

Sam Gawn

(Session Clerk)

### **Church Committee Report**

A special thanks to all the sub-committees for all their work during 2022.

Committee met bi-monthly during 2022. All meetings were well attended. A few items that committee progressed during the year were: -

- New church sign at the end of the lane
- Handrail was fitted to the Schoolhouse, kindly donated and fitted by James Boyd
- Pelmet around pulpit was replaced
- Hygiene training was provided to all those involved in catering
- First Responder First Aid renewals were completed
- Entertainments Licence was renewed

The following donations were given from the General Account: -

- Belfast City Mission                      £1,000
- Scripture Union Schools Worker              £1,000

The Mission Support Group donated the following:-

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The committee thanks the congregation for all the support that has been provided and welcome any suggestions from any member for discussion by Committee.

Sharon McIlveen

(Congregational Secretary)

### **Treasurer's Report**

Donations to the Freewill Offering (FWO) rose from £48,125.30 in 2021 to £51,670.30 for 2022. This is an encouraging increase and gives hope to the prospect that our church could have a full-time minister at a future date. The closing balance in this account was £73,166.21. £30,000.00 of this amount has since been invested in a one-year fixed term deposit account.

The Renovation Account began the year with a balance of £8301.80 as expenditure was lower during the year 2021. Direct givings to this account in 2022 amounted to £5246.00. This was donated through the Harvest Appeal. The interest from several bequests and Gift Aid brought in a further £816.95. As well as the usual expenses, two larger items of expenditure were fitting new front door at 58, Hollybank Road and a fencing project at the Ballywee Farm. The closing balance was £5205.67.

The United Appeal target for 2022 was £5,315.00 a reduction of £344.00 from the previous year. Direct Givings to the United Appeal amounted to £2,825.00. Gift Aid and interest from bequests came to £685.03 leaving a deficit of £1805.00 which was transferred from the General Account to make up the target amount.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the various funds of the church enabling Christian teaching and aid to be given both locally and abroad. The No. 1,2&3 accounts along with The Manse and Building Funds were audited by Hopper & Co, Ballyclare, and they also prepared the accounts for the Charity Commission.

Thomas J. Gawn

(Treasurer)

### **Sunday School and Bible Class Report**

The year started off with 13 children in Sunday School. The older teenagers from the previous year had all left Bible Class and only Zac who had now started first year bravely came along on his own Sunday by Sunday to Bible Class. After the summer break we were pleased to welcome three P7s into Bible Class and Sunday School recommenced with 10 children.

In both Sunday School and Bible Class we had looked at some of the Old Testament characters in the early part of the year. Sunday School then moved on to the Creation story and some of Jesus's parables while Bible Class studied the various pieces of the Christian Armour week by week. In Bible Class we also take time each week to look at the life of a well known Christian and in 2022 we listened to Stuart Briscoe, an international speaker and pastor, tell of lessons he had learned in his life. In the latter part of the year we watched a DVD on the life of Robert Sheffey, an American evangelist who lived in the 19th century.

June was our Sunday School Outing and this year Claire Johnston had invited us to a bungalow in Castlerock . This was a welcome invitation especially as the day turned out to be wet. We

travelled up in the train and managed to have our BBQ and some games before the rain came on. Unfortunately we didn't get to stay long at the beach because of the weather but earlier in the day we were able to have a look around the Castlerock Clydesdale Show nearby with its horses and stalls. Many thanks to Claire's Mum for her kind invitation.

Sunday School and Bible Class were asked to sing at the Harvest Supper in October and we chose "My God is So Big" and "Daniel was a Man of Prayer" as we had taught about Daniel in Open Sunday School over the Summer Break. Our Christmas Get-together was again held at the manse this year and Claire had organised crafts for the children. We then had plenty to eat and an enjoyable time was had by all. Thank you Ben and Claire for opening up your home to us. Rosemary, Marbeth and Nichola continue to faithfully teach the children week by week and we owe them a great deal of thanks for their dedication and work. Thank you too, to those who accompany me in Bible Class each week under the Taking Care Regulations.

Pam Kirkpatrick  
(Sunday school superintendent)

### **FRIENDSHIP HOUR REPORT**

After a period of not being able to meet due to the ongoing COVID19 situation, we were delighted to recommence our monthly lunches in May 2022 in the Church Hall. This was followed by a lunch at Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena in June.

We had our usual summer break and started again in September. We are indebted each month to Sarah for preparing the delicious soup and thank her for her dedication to this task. Thanks also to the many ladies who organise the desserts, prepare the hall, serve lunch and tidy up afterwards. We enjoyed a variety of musical acts over the past few months – thanks to Sam for co-ordinating this.

In December, Iris's Cuisine once again provided a beautiful Christmas meal. We sang a few carols afterwards and Rev Ben Johnston closed with a Christmas message. We had over 60 people joining together on this occasion and each person received a small gift.

We plan to continue to meet throughout 2023 on the second Wednesday of each month (except for July and August). Everyone in our church family, their friends and the wider community would be made very welcome.

Moira Hamilton  
(Secretary)

## **Junior CE Report**

The year began with seven names on the Roll. We looked at the Superbook animations of Bible Stories each week which contained relevant applications of a truth which the children could apply to their own lives. After the summer break we welcomed two more new members bringing our total to nine. During this term we watched a weekly episode from a DVD on the life of Lily Searle, a Missionary to Africa and finished off the year with the Christmas Story.

We also heard about Gary and Mary Reid in our Missionary Spot and learned several Bible verses throughout the year.

In our crafts we made Tealight Holders, Christmas Decorations and did some baking. We were also able to have Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday this year – we missed last year due to Covid.

Other special nights included our Shoebox evening when we make up three Christmas Shoeboxes and we finished the year with our Christmas Party.

Many thanks to Sarah who has been with me from the beginning and to Stacey who has now officially joined our team. Thank you also to the parents who bring their children along each week.

Pam Kirkpatrick

## **Tardree Sunday School Report**

The Sunday school opened on the 15th May and twelve pupils were enrolled. We were pleased to have Ivy Russell joining our Sunday School. Thankfully covid regulations had greatly reduced and pupils were able to sit together in their classes.

Our first special event was the Sports Evening which was held on the 6th August. As the weather was warm and dry the food was eaten outside. The pupils and parents took part in a range of activities which included sprint races, balloon race, throwing the wellie, water

games, knocking down cones and dribbling the ball. The pupils enjoyed the activities and had refreshments at the tuck shop afterwards. With our charity collection we sponsor a pupil called Huseini from Tanzania. The money raised this year (£104.00) was well in excess of his personal school needs and the surplus will be used for school items.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday 23rd October and our special speaker was the Rev. Ben Johnston. The praise was led by Evena and the Dunamuggy Choir. The pupils took part also and sang the following pieces: Stand Strong, The Lord's Prayer and Be Strong and Courageous. At the close of the service their prizes were distributed by the Rev. Ben Johnston.

In closing I would like to thank parents, teachers and children for their dedication and faithfulness. As we look forward to the coming season we ask for God's guidance and blessing in all we do.

ThomasJ. Gawn

(Superintendent)

## **Volunteers**

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

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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

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

Generally, the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through

the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

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

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

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

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Ben Johnston*  
BEN JOHNSTON MINISTER

[Date] 23/5/23

[Name] *Samuel Gawn (Session clerk)*

[Date] 23/5/23

**Second Donegore Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104996

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# Annual return

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SECOND DONEGORE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the financial statements of Second Donegore Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are contained within the 2022 Annual Report.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner**

Second Donegore Presbyterian Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Second Donegore Presbyterian Church 's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 65(2) (audit) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 for the year and that an independent examination under section 64(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

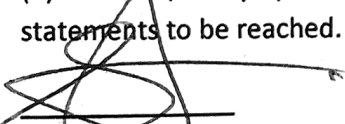
### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with Section 63 of the charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records in accordance with Section 64 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



S Hopper FCA  
Partner  
Hopper & Co

30 May 2023