

# Hydepark Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105016

## Details

Known as	Hyde Park Presbyterian Church
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:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£76,555	£57,723	£0	1

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr George White		
Mr Malcolm Boyd		
Mr Robert Hendren		
Mr W J Kane		
Mr William Ernest Campbell		
Mrs Lynas Alexander		
Mrs Margaret Robinson		

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# Accounts

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Charity Name	Charity No.	
Hyde Park Presbyterian Church	NIC105016	

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and Legacies	47,078	9,261		56,339	47,880
United Appeal		2,545	-	2,545	2,240
Charitable Activities		534	-	534	863
Organisations		10,476		10,476	8,681
Other Funds	671	3,850	-	4,521	1,457
Bequest Dividend		2,140	-	2,140	2,778
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>47,749</b>	<b>28,806</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,555</b>	<b>63,899</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>47,749</b>	<b>28,806</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,555</b>	<b>63,899</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities				-	-
General Assembly Assessment	3,959			3,959	5,287
Ministry and Support Staff costs	8,572			8,572	11,655
Congregational running exp.	16,144	16,698		32,842	24,938
United Appeal		2,545		2,545	2,240
Missions and Charities		820		820	621
Organisations		8,985		8,985	8,794
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>28,675</b>	<b>29,048</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,723</b>	<b>53,535</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b>					
Purchase of Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>28,675</b>	<b>29,048</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,723</b>	<b>53,535</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>19,074</b>	<b>- 242</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,832</b>	<b>10,364</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 2,205</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>61,825</b>	<b>28,707</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,532</b>	<b>80,953</b>
<b>Deduct non cash funds</b>					
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>78,694</b>	<b>30,670</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,364</b>	<b>91,317</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		62,610	28,706	-	91,316	80,953
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>62,610</b>	<b>28,706</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,316</b>	<b>80,953</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
			Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	PCI Investment Fund	Bequests, Gifts & Investments	-	86,412	79,240
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	86,412	79,240

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church premises at Hyde Park Road & associated fixtures, fittings, plant and	Property Fund	-	3,505,480	3,033,406
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			Total	-	3,505,480

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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: Rev. D Weir / Laura Murphy Date of approval: 18/06/2024 / 18/06/2024

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# Annual report

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# **HYDE PARK 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(NIC105016)**

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**

Hyde Park Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Mallusk Road  
Newtownabbey  
BT36 4QE

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105016)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Mrs Lynas Alexander

Mr William Campbell

Mr Iain Kane

Mrs Margaret Robinson

Mr George White

Mr Malcolm Boyd

Mr Robert Hendren

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister

Clerk of Session

Treasurer

**Vacant**

Mrs Lynas Alexander

Finance Committee

Coordinator: Mrs Laura Murphy

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Hopper & Co.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

6 Doagh Road

Ballyclare, BT36 9BG

### **BANKERS**

Danske Bank Ltd

Branch Business,

Donegal Sq West,

Belfast, BT1 6JS

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## **SOLICITORS**

Anderson, Gillan, Barr Ltd  
32 Church Street  
Antrim  
BT41 4BA

## **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **The Kirk Session**

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

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

### **Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Hyde Park 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 congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

## **The General Assembly**

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

## **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

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

The congregation's mission purpose is to be Christ's ambassadors to a lost world.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- Reaches out to our neighbours.
- Is an effective and attractive witness to God.
- Tells a secular world about a holy God.

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

- A prayerful community that aims to identify God's will and fit into it, instead of trying to fit God into ours.
- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another.
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with

the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

## **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

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

- Jesus and Me & Bible Class
- Boy's Brigade
- Girl's Brigade
- Youth Fellowship
- Presbyterian Women
- Bowling Club
- Mums and Tots
- Friendship Circle
- Keep Fit

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10.30am and occasional evening services are held at 7pm. During the week Bible studies and prayer meetings provide an opportunity for members to meet 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 no Sacrament of Baptism, no marriage services and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 85 communicant members and 89 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 45.

### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and the elders.

## **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation is involved in mission and outreach and donates to the work of external missions and agencies.

Locally, the congregation:

- Runs church programmes for children and young people with the intention of developing the faith of church families and sharing faith with new families. This includes a Sunday School programme, called Jesus and me (JAM), during the morning service, a monthly Youth Bible Class, and occasional all-age family services.
- Holds Bible Studies that inquirers into the Christian faith can be invited to in order to learn more.
- Provides opportunities to pray and share prayer requests through prayer meetings and a prayer phone ministry.
- Oversees the running of Boy's Brigade and Girls' Brigade companies to reach out to children and young people, involving them in several church services during the year.
- Organises special services at significant times of the year where a special effort is made to invite the local community.
- Serves the community through two members of the church who are governors in Mallusk Integrated Primary School, where the minister is Chair of the Board of Governors.
- Conducts outreach to the community including assemblies in Mallusk Integrated Primary School which are conducted by the minister.
- Supports the Christmas Lights Switch On in Mallusk, including participation by the minister in the programme.
- Provides a hub for community activity and an opportunity to engage with local residents by renting out the church halls to organisations which provide helpful activities and services for the local community.
- Helps couples prepare for marriage by offering classes with the minister and publicising classes run by another charity, Christian Guidelines.
- Raises awareness of mission work in the wider church by inviting speakers to come to special services, such as the annual PW service.
- Lets members of the congregation know if someone else in the congregation needs help with meals due to illness or bereavement so that individuals can provide practical support.

The congregation also makes donations to:

- Occasional fundraising campaigns elsewhere in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, such as supporting the work of missionaries from the Templepatrick Presbytery.
- The Newtownabbey foodbank.

- Blythswood Care shoebox appeal.
- Christmas gifts for locally housed asylum seekers

The congregation also raises awareness of charity fundraising events that members are involved in and supports organisations in the church when they fundraise for charity.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission, which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's Annual World Development Appeal, and any other special appeals.

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

Routine maintenance carried out as needed.

### **Organisations**

The organisation activities within the Church are now operating at pre-pandemic levels and are open to members of the congregation and the wider general public.

### **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.

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## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding of 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 notice boards, printed material, press advertisement, websites and social media or in other ways.

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

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

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

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 79 contributors during the year (72 in previous year, 2022) donating a total of £22831 to the Freewill Offering (£29831 in previous year, 2022).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £63,899, compared to £90,498 in the previous year. Total expenditure was £54,319, compared to £67,590 in the previous year.

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 2/06/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Robert Hendren

Lynas Alexander

2/06/24

2/06/24



**Hydepark Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105016

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# Annual return

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**HYDEPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report on the financial statements of Hydepark Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner**

Hydepark 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. Hydepark 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  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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# Accounts

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
B1 Cash funds		47,553	33,399		80,952	50,970
				-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	47,553	33,399		80,952	50,970
	receipts and payments account(s)	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
B2 Other monetary assets				-	-	
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total	-	-

Memo Entries Only

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	Investment Fund	Bequests, Gifts and Investments Fund	-	79,240	86,338
			-	-	-
		Total	-	79,240	70,901

Categories	Details	Fund	Cost (optional)	Current value	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church premises situated at Hyde Park Road and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery are owned by the congregation.	Property Fund	-	3,033,406	3,033,406
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	3,033,406	3,033,406

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Interest free Loans from Congregation				6,000
	Property renovation			-	-
		Total			6,000

Signature

Print Name  
 R Hendren  
 Lynas Alexander

Date of approval

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

## Hyde Park Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Notes to the Accounts for Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation has 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.

The congregation has reviewed the basis on which it prepares its accounts and in order that these are prepared on a strict receipts and payments basis it has eliminated from its fund balances any funds which are not held in bank or cash balances. Any other funds which the congregation holds, in particular investments, are disclosed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

## Hyde Park Presbyterian Church - Notes to accounts

## 2 INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Endown Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
<b>Donations</b>					
Recorded giving:					
Loose collections	30,665	4,989		35,654	54,415
Donations & Gifts	1,664			1,664	500
Bequest	28,000			28,000	21,787
Gift Aid	10,610	1,088		11,698	10,442
Fund Raising	65			65	186
		-		-	-
<b>Sub total Dons &amp; Legacies</b>		<b>6,077</b>			
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
United Appeal		1,899		1,899	1,197
Other Appeals		2,021		2,021	145
<b>Sub Total Charitable Acti</b>		<b>3,920</b>			
<b>Organisations</b>					
Income to Organisations		5,997		5,997	2,372
Insurance Claim Car park Wall		2,000		2,000	
Gift for departing Minister		1,500		1,500	-
Pulpit Supply	-			-	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,004</b>	<b>19,494</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,498</b>	<b>91,154</b>

## 3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Endown Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
<b>Congregation Running Costs</b>					
Gift for departing Minister	-	1,500		1,500	0
Congregation Running Costs	5,779	14,787		20,566	32,550
Presbytery Fees	804			804	788
<b>Sub Total Cong Costs</b>	<b>6,583</b>				
Loan Repayment		6,000			
<b>General Assembly Assessments</b>	<b>4,979</b>			<b>4,979</b>	<b>11,099</b>
<b>Ministry &amp; Support Staff Costs</b>	<b>24,008</b>			<b>24,008</b>	<b>37,252</b>
<b>Donations to Mission/Charities</b>		<b>3,922</b>		<b>3,922</b>	<b>1,342</b>
<b>Organisation Costs</b>		<b>5,811</b>		<b>5,811</b>	<b>1,048</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,570</b>	<b>32,020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,590</b>	<b>84,079</b>

## Hyde Park Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Notes to the Accounts for Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

### 4 FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Hyde Park Road, Mallusk and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These had an insurance value of £3,033,406 at the last renewal date.

### 5 INVESTMENTS

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
General investment fund	79240	86,338

### 6 LIABILITIES

Loans totalling £6,000 from members within the congregation were repaid during 2022. There are no Current Liabilities.

### 7 OTHER

Damage to an external wall caused by a car accident during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 was repaired at a cost of £2,000. The cost was covered by an insurance claim.

### 8 FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at Start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
UNRESTRICTED						
CASH	11,121	71,004	35,570	35,434	999	47,554
RESTRICTED						
CASH	46,924	19,494	32020	-(12,526)	-(999)	33,399
ENDOWMENT						
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	58,045	90,498	67,590	22,908	0	80,953
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R HENDREN (Treasurer)

**Hydepark Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105016

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# Annual report

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# **HYDE PARK 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 (NIC105016)**

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**

Hyde Park Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Mallusk Road  
Newtownabbey  
BT36 4QE

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105016)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Mrs Lynas Alexander  
Rev. Jonathan Boyd  
Mr William Campbell  
Mr Iain Kane  
Mrs Margaret Robinson  
Mr George White

Mr Malcolm Boyd  
Mr Robert Hendren

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

**Vacant**  
Mrs Lynas Alexander  
Mr Robert Hendren

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

David Murphy  
9 Highgate Drive  
Newtownabbey  
BT36 4WQ

### **BANKERS**

Danske Bank Ltd  
Branch Business  
Donegal Sq West,  
Belfast BT1 6JS

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## **SOLICITORS**

O'Rorke, McDonald & Tweed  
37–39 Church Street  
Antrim  
BT41 4BD

## **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **The Kirk Session**

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

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

### **Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Hyde Park 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 congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

## **The General Assembly**

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

## **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

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

The congregation's mission purpose is to be Christ's ambassadors to a lost world.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- Reaches out to our neighbours.
- Is an effective and attractive witness to God.
- Tells a secular world about a holy God.

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

- A prayerful community that aims to identify God's will and fit into it, instead of trying to fit God into ours.
- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another.
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with

the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

## **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

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

- Jesus and Me & Bible Class
- Youth Fellowship
- Presbyterian Women
- Friendship Circle
- Mums and Tots
- Keep Fit
- Bowling Club
- Boy's Brigade
- Girl's Brigade

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10.30am and occasional evening services are held at 7pm. During the week Bible studies and prayer meetings provide an opportunity for members to meet 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 no Sacrament of Baptism, no marriage services and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 85 communicant members and 95 families connected with the congregations. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 45.

### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and the elders.

## **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation is involved in mission and outreach and donates to the work of external missions and agencies.

Locally, the congregation:

- Runs church programmes for children and young people with the intention of developing the faith of church families and sharing faith with new families. This includes a Sunday School programme called Jesus and me (JAM) and Bible Class during the morning service, a monthly Youth Fellowship programme, and occasional all-age family services.
- Holds Bible Studies that inquirers into the Christian faith can be invited to in order to learn more.
- Helps housebound members of the congregation to keep in touch with services of worship through a CD ministry.
- Provides opportunities to pray and share prayer requests through prayer meetings and a prayer phone ministry.
- Oversees the running of a Boy's Brigade and Girls' Brigade company to reach out to children and young people, involving them in several church services during the year.
- Organises special services at significant times of the year where a special effort is made to invite the local community.
- Serves the community through two members of the church who are governors in Mallusk Integrated Primary School, where the minister is Chair of the Board of Governors.
- Conducts outreach to the community including assemblies in Mallusk Integrated Primary School which are conducted by the minister.
- Supports the Christmas Lights Switch On in Mallusk, including participation by the minister in the programme.
- Provides a hub for community activity and an opportunity to engage with local residents by renting out the church halls to organisations which provide helpful activities and services for the local community such as baby exercise classes and martial arts training.
- Helps couples prepare for marriage by offering classes with the minister and publicising classes run by another charity, Christian Guidelines.
- Raises awareness of mission work in the wider church by inviting speakers to come to special services such as the annual PW service.
- Lets members of the congregation know if someone else in the congregation needs help with meals due to illness or bereavement so that individuals can provide practical support.

The congregation also makes donations to:

- Occasional fundraising campaigns elsewhere in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland such as supporting the work of missionaries from the Templepatrick Presbytery.
- The Newtownabbey foodbank.
- Blythswood Care shoebox appeal.

The congregation also raises awareness of charity fundraising events that members are involved in and supports organisations in the church when they fundraise for charity.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's Annual World Development Appeal, and any other special appeals.

### **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 October.

### **Property**

Routine maintenance carried out as needed.

### **Organisations**

As anticipated organisations gradually resumed and were active during 2022, while still observing Public Health guidelines.

### **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.

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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, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

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

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 72 contributors during the year (95 in previous year, 2021) donating a total of £29831 to the Freewill Offering (£48884 in previous year, 2021).

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Total income of the congregation during the year was £90,498, compared to £91,154 in the previous year. Total expenditure was £67,590, compared to £84,079 in the previous year.

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 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 2/04/2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Robert Hendren

Lynas Alexander

2/04/23

2/04/23

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HYDE PARK CONGREGATION OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Hydepark Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105016

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Hyde Park Presbyterian Church Trust**

I report on the accounts for the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out in the attached.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner.**

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

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act

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

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section (9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

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

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

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

David Murphy

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