

# Ryans Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105053

## Details

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**Known as** No

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-08

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** 3 Gowan Manor  
Banbridge  
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## Activities

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**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

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£363,309	£49,584	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Helen Mary Mcdowell		
Mr Samuel David Wright B.A.(Hons)		
Mr Stanley Robert Bond		
Mr William Mitchell		
Rev Brian Colvin Ba Bd		

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105053

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# Accounts

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**RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (105053)

**RYANS 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 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	30,554.25	5,017.76	-	35,572.01	34,637.43
Charitable activities	3	1,623.00	541.00	-	2,164.00	1,323.00
Other trading activities	4	-	12,454.91	-	12,454.91	12,139.05
Investment Income	5	13.08	3,861.25	-	3,874.33	213.75
Other	6	430.02	308,814.62	-	309,244.64	1,200.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>32,620.35</b>	<b>330,689.54</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>363,309.89</b>	<b>49,513.23</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	8	37,017.53	5,956.04	-	42,973.57	50,134.81
Other	9	-	6,610.77	-	6,610.77	11,632.70
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>37,017.53</b>	<b>12,566.81</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,584.34</b>	<b>61,767.51</b>
Net receipts / (payments)		(4,397.18)	318,122.73	-	313,725.55	(12,254.28)
Transfers between funds		14,707.00	(14,707.00)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		10,309.82	303,415.73	-	313,725.55	(12,254.28)
Funds brought forward		6,949.34	46,243.08	-	53,192.42	65,446.70
Funds carried forward	10	17,259.16	349,658.81	-	366,917.97	53,192.42

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	6,949.34	46,243.08	-	53,192.42	65,446.70
Net movement in funds	10,309.82	303,415.73	-	313,725.55	(12,254.28)
Bank and Cash at end of year	17,259.16	349,658.81	-	366,917.97	53,192.42
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Accounts				366,917.97	53,192.42
Cash in Hand				-	-
				<b>366,917.97</b>	<b>53,192.42</b>

**Other Assets**

Church properties and contents

Not valued

84 acres of agricultural land

Not valued

During the year the Manse was sold and the proceeds from the sale put on deposit.

Approved by the Kirk Session on 17 February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 Rev B Colvin

  
 S D Wright

**RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**for the year ended 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>
	£	£	£	£	£
Freewill and loose offerings	26,757.21	4,376.50	-	31,133.71	25,849.00
Donations and gifts	30.00	227.51	-	257.51	5,047.25
Gift Aid	3,767.04	413.75	-	4,180.79	3,741.18
	<u>30,554.25</u>	<u>5,017.76</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,572.01</u>	<u>34,637.43</u>

**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	-	541.00	-	541.00	788.00
Fees from weddings and funerals	1,623.00	-	-	1,623.00	535.00
	<u>1,623.00</u>	<u>541.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,164.00</u>	<u>1,323.00</u>

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Farm income	-	12,454.91	-	12,454.91	12,139.05

**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	13.08	3,861.25	-	3,874.33	213.75

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	430.02	308,814.62	-	309,244.64	1,200.00

During the year the Manse was sold and the proceeds from this sale are included in restricted funds other income.

**RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	1,478.00	-	-	1,478.00	15,802.55
Presbytery fees	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry and support staff costs	14,686.31	343.00	-	15,029.31	517.80
Premises costs	-	815.00	-	815.00	2,997.66
Congregational running expenses	19,808.22	849.54	-	20,657.76	27,374.80
Donations to Missions and Charities	1,045.00	3,948.50	-	4,993.50	3,442.00
	<b>37,017.53</b>	<b>5,956.04</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,973.57</b>	<b>50,134.81</b>

**9. OTHER EXPENSES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Farm expenses	-	6,610.77	-	6,610.77	11,632.70

**10. FUND BALANCES**

	<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	6,949.34	32,620.35	37,017.53	(4,397.18)	14,627.00	17,179.16
Cash	-	-	-	-	80.00	80.00
	<b>6,949.34</b>	<b>32,620.35</b>	<b>37,017.53</b>	<b>(4,397.18)</b>	<b>14,707.00</b>	<b>17,259.16</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
General	509.75	3,479.25	3,013.50	465.75	-	975.50
Trustees	8,382.62	308,201.49	844.74	307,356.75	(298,934.05)	16,805.32
Farm	33,761.02	12,422.20	6,610.77	5,811.43	(15,000.00)	24,572.45
Manse	471.92	833.13	532.10	301.03	(772.95)	-
Sunday School	539.83	335.30	208.52	126.78	-	666.61
P.W Account	2,577.94	1,747.84	1,357.18	390.66	-	2,968.60
Business Investment Account	-	3,670.33	-	3,670.33	100,000.00	103,670.33
2 Year Fixed Rate Account	-	-	-	-	200,000.00	200,000.00
	<b>46,243.08</b>	<b>330,689.54</b>	<b>12,566.81</b>	<b>318,122.73</b>	<b>(14,707.00)</b>	<b>349,658.81</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,192.42</b>	<b>363,309.89</b>	<b>49,584.34</b>	<b>313,725.55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>366,917.97</b>

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# Accounts

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**RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (105053)**

**RYANS 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 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	26,751.18	7,886.25	-	34,637.43	34,308.27
Charitable activities	3	535.00	788.00	-	1,323.00	5,146.19
Other trading activities	4	-	12,139.05	-	12,139.05	16,257.28
Investment Income	5	6.67	207.08	-	213.75	138.27
Other	6	1,200.00	-	-	1,200.00	304.80
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>28,492.85</b>	<b>21,020.38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,513.23</b>	<b>56,154.81</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	8	32,995.71	17,139.10	-	50,134.81	56,823.53
Other	9	-	11,632.70	-	11,632.70	5,181.97
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>32,995.71</b>	<b>28,771.80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,767.51</b>	<b>62,005.50</b>
Net receipts / (payments)		(4,502.86)	(7,751.42)	-	(12,254.28)	(5,850.69)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,502.86)	(7,751.42)	-	(12,254.28)	(5,850.69)
Funds brought forward		11,452.20	53,994.50	-	65,446.70	71,297.39
Funds carried forward	10	6,949.34	46,243.08	-	53,192.42	65,446.70

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	11,452.20	53,994.50	-	65,446.70	71,297.39
Net movement in funds	(4,502.86)	(7,751.42)	-	(12,254.28)	(5,850.69)
Bank and Cash at end of year	6,949.34	46,243.08	-	53,192.42	65,446.70
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Accounts				53,192.42	65,446.70
Cash in Hand				-	-
				53,192.42	65,446.70

**Other Assets**

Church properties and contents  
84 acres of agricultural land

Not valued  
Not valued

Approved by the Kirk Session on 19 February 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
Rev B Colvin

  
S D Wright

**RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
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for the year ended 31 December 2023

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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>
	£	£	£	£	£
Freewill and loose offerings	22,824.00	3,025.00	-	25,849.00	23,387.12
Donations and gifts	186.00	4,861.25	-	5,047.25	7,258.54
Gift Aid	3,741.18	-	-	3,741.18	3,662.61
	<u>26,751.18</u>	<u>7,886.25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,637.43</u>	<u>34,308.27</u>

**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	-	788.00	-	788.00	4,068.19
Fees from weddings and funerals	535.00	-	-	535.00	1,078.00
	<u>535.00</u>	<u>788.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,323.00</u>	<u>5,146.19</u>

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Farm income	-	12,139.05	-	12,139.05	16,257.28

**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	6.67	207.08	-	213.75	138.27

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	1,200.00	-	-	1,200.00	304.80

**RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**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	-	-	-	-	-

**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	15,802.55	-	-	15,802.55	14,546.99
Presbytery fees	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry and support staff costs	517.80	-	-	517.80	926.24
Premises costs	-	2,997.66	-	2,997.66	21,526.93
Congregational running expenses	16,525.36	10,849.44	-	27,374.80	15,105.18
Donations to Missions and Charities	150.00	3,292.00	-	3,442.00	4,718.19
	<b>32,995.71</b>	<b>17,139.10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,134.81</b>	<b>56,823.53</b>

**9. OTHER EXPENSES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Farm expenses	-	11,632.70	-	11,632.70	5,181.97

**10. FUND BALANCES**

	<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	11,452.20	28,492.85	32,995.71	(4,502.86)	-	6,949.34
	<b>11,452.20</b>	<b>28,492.85</b>	<b>32,995.71</b>	<b>(4,502.86)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,949.34</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
General	(117.50)	3,271.25	2,644.00	627.25	-	509.75
Trustees	12,465.98	3,484.38	7,567.74	(4,083.36)	-	8,382.62
Farm	37,934.87	11,530.28	11,704.13	(173.85)	(4,000.00)	33,761.02
Manse	589.70	600.47	4,718.25	(4,117.78)	4,000.00	471.92
Sunday School	844.89	99.04	404.10	(305.06)	-	539.83
P.W Account	2,276.56	2,034.96	1,733.58	301.38	-	2,577.94
	<b>53,994.50</b>	<b>21,020.38</b>	<b>28,771.80</b>	<b>(7,751.42)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,243.08</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,446.70</b>	<b>49,513.23</b>	<b>61,767.51</b>	<b>(12,254.28)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,192.42</b>

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105053

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# Annual report

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**RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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

## **RYANS 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**

Ryans Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Old Newry Road  
Rathfriland  
Co. Down

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105063)

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

Rev. B. Colvin	Mr. William Mitchell
Mr. Samuel Wright	Dr. Helen McDowell
Mr. Stanley Bond	

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Rev. B. Colvin
Clerk of Session (A)	Mr. S.D. (Uel) Wright
Treasurer	Mr. W J Dodds

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Shriver Price & Co.  
49 Downshire Road  
Newry  
Co. Down  
BT34 1BA

### **BANKERS**

Danske Bank  
Donegall Square West  
Belfast  
BT1 6JS

### **SOLICITORS**

Gordon Bell & Son.  
9-11 Newry Street  
Rathfriland  
Co. Down  
BT34 5PY

## **RYANS 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 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 Ryans congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Newry 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.

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

### DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ryans 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 purposes is by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

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- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the
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### 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 meetings and has a wide range of organisations including:
  - Sunday School
  - Children's Church
  - Presbyterian Women
  - Holiday Bible Club

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

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10.00am and normally once per month for an evening service at 7:00PM. During the week the Bible Study provides 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 conducted two weddings sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year. We did not administer the sacrament of Baptism in 2023, nor did we receive any new communicants in 2023.

At 31 December 2023 there were 78 communicant members and 66 families connected with the congregation, 60 of which are contributing families. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 60.

#### **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.

#### **Mission and outreach**

The congregation supported 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, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

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

At a local level the congregation supported the Poppy Appeal and Child Evangelism Fellowship.

#### **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.

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

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

- Repainting of the exterior of Church & Hall

### **Organisations**

- Sunday School meets on a Sunday morning during the Sunday service from September to May
- Children's Church meets on a Sunday morning during the Sunday service from June to August
- Presbyterian Women recommenced in October 2022 and meets monthly
- Bible Study and Prayer Meeting meets twice per month from October to April/May
- A Holiday Bible Club for primary aged school children took place for a week in August

### **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.

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

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 62 contributing families during the year compared with 57 in the previous year, 2022, donating a total of £22,737.00 (£20,523.57 in previous year, 2022).

Total income and expenditure of the congregation during the year is as detailed in attached financial statements of Ryans Presbyterian Church.

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

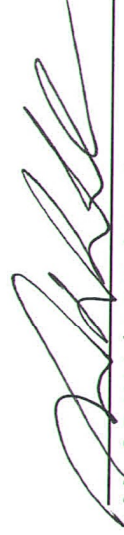
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregations 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 1st March 2023.  
and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Rev. B. Colvin, BA. BD.

  
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Mr. S D Wright B.A. (Hons)

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105053

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity Trustees of Ryans Presbyterian Church**

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 3 of the Financial Statements.

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

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

It is our responsibility to:

- 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**

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to 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**

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



Shriver Price & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
49 Downshire Road  
Newry  
Co. Down

19 February 2024

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105053

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# Accounts

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**RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (105053)**

**RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	26,656.62	3,837.54	-	30,494.16	26,850.29
Charitable activities	3	546.00	-	-	546.00	932.00
Other trading activities	4	11,039.56	-	-	11,039.56	11,397.48
Investment Income	5	127.65	-	-	127.65	121.77
Other	6	207.24	-	-	207.24	443.17
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>38,577.07</b>	<b>3,837.54</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,414.61</b>	<b>39,744.71</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	286.15
Charitable activities	8	30,122.70	4,255.88	-	34,378.58	22,677.44
Other	9	6,453.31	-	-	6,453.31	9,209.70
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>36,576.01</b>	<b>4,255.88</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,831.89</b>	<b>32,173.29</b>
Net receipts / (payments)		2,001.06	(418.34)	-	1,582.72	7,571.42
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,001.06	(418.34)	-	1,582.72	7,571.42
Funds brought forward		17,545.26	52,169.41	-	69,714.67	62,143.25
Funds carried forward	10	19,546.32	51,751.07	-	71,297.39	69,714.67

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	17,545.26	52,169.41	-	69,714.67	62,143.25
Net movement in funds	2,001.06	(418.34)	-	1,582.72	7,571.42
Bank and Cash at end of year	19,546.32	51,751.07	-	71,297.39	69,714.67
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Accounts				71,297.39	69,714.67
Cash in Hand				-	-
				<b>71,297.39</b>	<b>69,714.67</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Church properties and contents					Not valued
84 acres of agricultural land					Not valued

Approved by the Kirk Session on 4 March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

  
Rev B Colvin

  
S D Wright

**RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
for the year ended 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 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Freewill and loose offerings	23,659.00	1,304.88	-	24,963.88	20,643.90
Donations and gifts	500.00	749.00	-	1,249.00	1,525.00
Gift Aid	2,497.62	1,783.66	-	4,281.28	4,681.39
	<u>26,656.62</u>	<u>3,837.54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,494.16</u>	<u>26,850.29</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	392.00
Fees from weddings and funerals	546.00	-	-	546.00	540.00
	<u>546.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>546.00</u>	<u>932.00</u>

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Farm income	11,039.56	-	-	11,039.56	11,397.48

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	127.65	-	-	127.65	121.77

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	207.24	-	-	207.24	443.17

**RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
for the year ended 31 December 2021

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	286.15

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
General Assembly Assessments	12,162.77	-	-	12,162.77	7,499.00
Presbytery fees	149.00	-	-	149.00	103.00
Ministry and support staff costs	922.50	-	-	922.50	433.90
Premises costs	6,123.02	-	-	6,123.02	4,101.80
Congregational running expenses	10,745.41	-	-	10,745.41	7,131.01
Donations to Missions and Charities	20.00	4,255.88	-	4,275.88	3,408.73
	<u>30,122.70</u>	<u>4,255.88</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,378.58</u>	<u>22,677.44</u>

**9. OTHER EXPENSES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Farm expenses	6,453.31	-	-	6,453.31	9,209.70

**10. FUND BALANCES**

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General	17,545.26	27,276.67	28,548.87	(1,272.20)	-	16,273.06
	<u>17,545.26</u>	<u>27,276.67</u>	<u>28,548.87</u>	<u>(1,272.20)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,273.06</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Trustees	18,318.93	3,027.42	966.36	2,061.06	-	20,379.99
Farm	30,092.10	11,130.01	6,453.31	4,676.70	(4,000.00)	30,768.80
Manse	900.14	0.74	3,834.75	(3,834.01)	4,000.00	1,066.13
Sunday School	956.52	0.96	6.50	(5.54)	-	950.98
P.W Account	1,901.72	978.81	1,022.10	(43.29)	-	1,858.43
	<u>52,169.41</u>	<u>15,137.94</u>	<u>12,283.02</u>	<u>2,854.92</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,024.33</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>69,714.67</u>	<u>42,414.61</u>	<u>40,831.89</u>	<u>1,582.72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,297.39</u>

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Shriver Price & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
49 Downshire Road  
Newry  
Co. Down

4 March 2022

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105053

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# Annual report

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# **RYANS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**RYANS 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**

Ryans Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Old Newry Road  
Rathfriland  
Co. Down

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105063)

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

Rev. B. Colvin  
Mr. Samuel Wright  
Mr. Stanley Bond

Mr. William Mitchell  
Dr. Helen McDowell

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session (A)  
Treasurer

Rev. B. Colvin  
Mr. S.D. (Uel) Wright  
Mr. W J Dodds

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Shriver Price & Co.  
49 Downshire Road  
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BT34 1BA

**BANKERS**

Danske Bank  
Donegall Square West  
Belfast  
BT1 6JS

**SOLICITORS**

Gordon Bell & Son.  
9-11 Newry Street  
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**RYANS 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 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. Ryans congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Newry 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.

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

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

Ryans 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 congregations mission purposes is by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
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The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
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**ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

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  - Sunday School
  - Children's Church
  - Presbyterian Women
  - Holiday Bible Club
  - Good News Club (run jointly with Downshire Road Presbyterian Church)

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

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Worship and prayer**

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As well as our regular services during the year we received one new communicant member and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year. We did not administer the sacrament of Baptism in 2022.

At 31 December 2022 there were 90 communicant members and 64 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 55.

**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.

**Mission and outreach**

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

**General Assembly**

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

**Property**

- Repainting of the interior of Church & Hall
- Hand Rails erected in the graveyard

**Organisations**

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- A Holiday Bible Club for primary aged school children took place for a week in August
- A Good News Club for Primary School Age Children takes place monthly in Downshire Road but is run jointly

**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.

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

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

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 57 family contributors during the year 55 in previous year, 2022, donating a total of £20,523.57, (£20,983.00 in previous year, 2021).**

Total Income and expenditure of the congregation during the year is as detailed in attached financial statements of Ryans Presbyterian Church.


**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 congregations 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 1st March 2023.  
and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Rev. B. Colvin, BA. BD.

  
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Mr. S D Wright

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 105053

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity Trustees of Ryans Presbyterian Church**

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 3 of the Financial Statements.

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

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

It is our responsibility to:

- 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**

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to 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**

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



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4 March 2022