

# Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105061

## Details

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

## Contact

Address	5 Langs Crescent Armagh BT60 1db BT60 1DB
Phone	02837600984

## 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	£54,254	£56,125	£0	1

# Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Janice Margaret Allen		
Mr Alan Martin		

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

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# Accounts

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

**Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
<i>Voluntary Receipts:</i>						
Donations & Gift Aid	2	21,525	16,264	-	37,789	32,117
Fundraising Appeals		-	11,395	-	11,395	785
Bank Interest		175	15	-	190	190
<i>From Charitable Activities:</i>						
Membership Fees		-	441	-	441	179
Activities & Grants	3	836	3,603	-	4,439	24,628
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>22,536</b>	<b>31,718</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,254</b>	<b>57,899</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Cost of Fundraising		282	-	-	282	282
Cost of Charitable Activities		-	-	-	-	-
Grants and Donations	4	-	2,401	-	2,401	2,467
Governance Cost	5	27,100	3,858	-	30,958	68,461
DAERA Grant Repaid	7	-	22,484	-	22,484	-
Additions Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>27,382</b>	<b>28,743</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,125</b>	<b>71,210</b>
Net Receipts / Payments		(4,846)	2,975	-	(1,871)	(13,311)
Transfers net		(1,082)	1,082	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(5,928)	4,057	-	(1,871)	(13,311)
Funds brought forward 01 January		30,034	46,678	-	76,712	90,023
Deduct non cash/bank related Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Funds carried forward 31 December	8	24,106	50,735	-	74,841	76,712

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

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>						
Bank and cash at start of year		30,034	46,678	-	76,712	90,023
Net movement in funds		(5,928)	4,057	-	(1,871)	(13,311)
Bank & cash at end of year		24,106	50,735	-	74,841	76,712
 <b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>						
Bank Deposits Accounts		-	363	-	363	17,448
Bank Current Account		24,106	50,372	-	74,478	59,264
Cash on Hand		-	-	-	-	-
Total		24,106	50,735	-	74,841	76,712
 <b>Memorandum Note Only</b>						
Fixed Assets	6				2,220,066	2,082,964
 <b>Liabilities (Unrestricted Funds)</b>						
Accountants Fee					600	600
 <b>Grant</b>						
DAERA Grant to be repaid	7				16,200	38,684

Approved by the trustees on 30 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

James M. Allen  
Trustee

Date: 30 April 2025

Alan [Signature]  
Trustee

Date: 30 April 2025

## Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

### Notes to the Accounts - 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.

##### RECEIPTS

#### 2. DONATIONS & GIFT AID

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £
Recorded Giving - FWO	17810	6,458	-	24,268
Loose collections	85	-	-	85
Donations & gifts	132	7,721	-	7,853
Gift Aid	3,498	2,085	-	5,583
	21,525	16,264	-	37,789

#### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £
Grants - DAERA	-	-	-	-
Grants - Power NI	-	-	-	-
Hall Use	616	-	-	616
Magazines	220	-	-	220
Farm Rent	-	1,000	-	1,000
Harvest Collection	-	148	-	148
Carol Service	-	170	-	170
Graveyard Fees	-	2,285	-	2,285
	836	3,603	-	4,439

## Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

### Notes to the Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2024

#### PAYMENTS

#### 4. GRANTS & DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £
United Appeal	-	2,077	-	2,077
Presbyterian Children's Society	-	324	-	324
Moderator's Appeal	-	-	-	-
	-	2,401	-	2,401

#### 5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £
Church House Assessments	4,178	-	-	4,178
Congregational Expenses	5,929	1,000	-	6,929
Ministry & Support Staff	14,655	-	-	14,655
Organist	1,500	-	-	1,500
Manse Expenses	838	-	-	838
Organisation Expenses	-	1,283	-	1,283
Repairs	-	1,575	-	1,575
	27,100	3,858	-	30,958

Assets retained for the Church's own use comprise the following properties and are stated at insured values.

#### 6. FIXED ASSETS

Church Building and Contents	1,238,302
Church Hall and Contents	726,831
Manse at Benburb Road Moy (1/3 share)	154,933
Land	100,000
	2,220,066

#### 7. DAERA GRANT REPAID

A grant from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) of £38,684 was awarded in 2022, however subsequent review revealed that the congregation should not have been awarded this grant. The congregation has therefore agreed a repayment schedule with DAERA to repay the full amount of the grant. The amount repaid in 2024 was £22,484 and the balance of £16,200 will be repaid in 2025.

## Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

### Notes to the Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2024

#### 8. FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus/ (Deficit) £	Transfers nett £	Balance at end £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General	30,034	22,536	27,382	(4,846)	(1,082)	24,106
	<u>30,034</u>	<u>22,536</u>	<u>27,382</u>	<u>(4,846)</u>	<u>(1,082)</u>	<u>24,106</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
United Appeal	-	1,605	2,077	(472)	472	-
Children's Society	-	324	324	-	-	-
Moderator's appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property	22,371	25,994	6,975	19,019	-	41,390
Missions	878	-	-	-	10	888
Graveyard	3,975	2,388	1,000	1,388	200	5,563
Sunday School	53	297	614	(317)	400	136
Investment	17,447	-	17,084	17,084	-	363
PW Account	516	654	70	584	-	1,100
Parents & Toddlers	259	441	594	(153)	-	106
Badminton	1,179	15	5	10	-	1,189
	<u>46,678</u>	<u>31,718</u>	<u>28,743</u>	<u>2,975</u>	<u>1,082</u>	<u>50,735</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>76,712</u>	<u>54,254</u>	<u>56,125</u>	<u>(1,871)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,841</u>

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# Accounts

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## Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
<i>Voluntary Receipts:</i>						
Donations & Gift Aid	2	21,674	10,443	-	<b>32,117</b>	36,857
Fundraising Appeals		-	785	-	<b>785</b>	-
Bank Interest		175	15	-	<b>190</b>	196
<i>From Charitable Activities:</i>						
Membership Fees		-	179	-	<b>179</b>	117
Activities & Grants	3	1,339	23,289	-	<b>24,628</b>	21,927
Insurance Refund		-	-	-	-	9,425
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>23,188</b>	<b>34,711</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,899</b>	<b>68,522</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Cost of Fundraising		282	-	-	<b>282</b>	893
Cost of Charitable Activities		-	-	-	-	-
Grants and Donations	4	-	2,467	-	<b>2,467</b>	2,772
Governance Cost	5	26,860	41,601	-	<b>68,461</b>	46,944
Additions Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>27,142</b>	<b>44,068</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,210</b>	<b>50,609</b>
Net Receipts / Payments		(3,954)	(9,357)	-	<b>(13,311)</b>	17,913
Transfers net		(336)	336	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,290)	(9,021)	-	<b>(13,311)</b>	17,913
Funds brought forward 01 January		34,324	55,699	-	<b>90,023</b>	72,110
Deduct non cash/bank related Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Funds carried forward 31 December	7	<b>30,034</b>	<b>46,678</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,712</b>	<b>90,023</b>

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

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<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>						
Bank and cash at start of year		34,324	55,699	-	90,023	72,110
Net movement in funds		(4,290)	(9,021)	-	(13,311)	17,913
Bank & cash at end of year		30,034	46,678	-	76,712	90,023
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>						
Bank Deposits Accounts		-	17,448	-	17,448	17,447
Bank Current Account		30,034	29,230	-	59,264	72,576
Cash on Hand		-	-	-	-	-
Total		30,034	46,678	-	76,712	90,023

**Memorandum Note Only**

Fixed Assets	6				2,082,964	2,082,964
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**Liabilities (Unrestricted Funds)**

Accountants Fee					600	600
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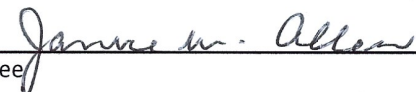
**Grant**

DAERA Grant to be repaid					38,684	-
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Approved by the trustees on 3 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Trustee

Date: 3 October 2024

  
Trustee

Date: 3 October 2024

# Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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### RECEIPTS

#### 2. DONATIONS & GIFT AID

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Recorded Giving - FWO	17774	5,147	-	22,921
Loose collections	407	-	-	407
Donations & gifts	-	2,948	-	2,948
Gift Aid	3,493	2,348	-	5,841
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	21,674	10,443	-	32,117

#### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
Grants - DAERA	-	19,684	-	19,684
Grants - Power NI	600	-	-	600
Hall Use	558	475	-	1,033
Magazines	181	-	-	181
Farm Rent	-	1,000	-	1,000
Harvest Collection	-	420	-	420
Graveyard Fees	-	1,710	-	1,710
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	1,339	23,289	-	24,628

## Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

### Notes to the Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2023

#### PAYMENTS

#### 4. GRANTS & DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
United Appeal	-	2,222	-	2,222
Presbyterian Children's Society	-	245	-	245
Moderator's Appeal	-	-	-	-
	-	2,467	-	2,467

#### 5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
Church House Assessments	4,146	-	-	4,146
Congregational Expenses	6,357	800	-	7,157
Ministry & Support Staff	14,007	-	-	14,007
Organist	1,550	-	-	1,550
Manse rates	800	-	-	800
Organisation Expenses	-	895	-	895
Repairs	-	2,298	-	2,298
Kitchen Appliances	-	5,488	-	5,488
Gas Installation	-	8,382	-	8,382
Kitchen Costs	-	23,738	-	23,738
	26,860	41,601	-	68,461

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#### 6. FIXED ASSETS

Church Building and Contents	1,151,909
Church Hall and Contents	676,122
Manse at Benburb Road Moy (1/3 share)	154,933
Land	100,000
	2,082,964

## Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

### Notes to the Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2023

#### 7. FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus/ (Deficit) £	Transfers nett £	Balance at end £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General	34,324	23,188	27,142	(3,954)	(336)	30,034
	<u>34,324</u>	<u>23,188</u>	<u>27,142</u>	<u>(3,954)</u>	<u>(336)</u>	<u>30,370</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
United Appeal	-	1,886	2,222	(336)	336	-
Children's Society	-	245	245	-	-	-
Moderator's appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property	32,147	30,130	39,906	(9,776)	-	22,371
Missions	853	25	-	25	-	878
Graveyard	2,934	1,841	800	1,041	-	3,975
Sunday School	604	25	576	(551)	-	53
Investment	17,447	-	-	-	-	17,447
PW Account	151	365	-	365	-	516
Parents & Toddlers	394	179	314	(135)	-	259
Badminton	1,169	15	5	10	-	1,179
	<u>55,699</u>	<u>34,711</u>	<u>44,068</u>	<u>(9,357)</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>46,678</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>90,023</u>	<u>57,899</u>	<u>71,210</u>	<u>(13,311)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,712</u>

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# Annual report

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**BENBURB 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 (NIC105061)

**BENBURB 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**

Benburb congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Main Street  
Benburb  
Dungannon  
BT71 7LA

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105061)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Graham Mullan

Raymond Pogue (Resigned 15 June 23)

Alan Martin

Janice Allen

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister

Graham Mullan

Clerk of Session

Raymond Pogue (resigned 15 June 2023)

Janice Allen (Appointed 19 June 2023)

Treasurer

Roberta McMullan

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

WHR Accountants Ltd

26 The Square

Moy

Dungannon

BT71 7SG

**BANKERS**

Danske Bank  
7 Scotch Street  
Armagh  
BT61 7DJ

**SOLICITORS**

Blair & Hanna Solicitors  
11 Mallview Terrace  
Armagh  
BT61 9AN

**BENBURB 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. Benburb congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Armagh 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.

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

### **The General Assembly**

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

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

Benburb 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 purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. In worship that is sincere, heartfelt and God honouring. In preaching and teaching that takes us into God's word in an accessible and relevant way. In fellowship that is Christ centred, genuine and practical as we support one another. In outreach that is compassionate and clear as we serve our community. We do these things in the prayer that men, women, young people and children would come to put their trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of their lives.

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

- *A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another*
- *An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.*
- *An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to 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.*

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

**ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed three 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
- Mothers and Toddlers
- Badminton Club
- Women's Group

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12noon. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we conducted one marriage service and gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year. There were no Baptisms.

At 31 December 2023 there were 52 communicant members and 53 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 20.

**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 or elders.

**Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation supports the United Appeal of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

## **BENBURB PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

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 denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project 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 June.

### **Property**

Renovation of church kitchen.

### **Organisations**

Each Wednesday our hall is used by our mothers and toddlers group. Twenty children and their carers were regular attenders. Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings at which there would be ten in regular attendance. At the end of the year, in June, the children take part and lead the Sunday morning worship service.

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

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Total Income of the congregation during the year was £57,899, compared to £68,522 in the previous year.

Total expenditure for the year was £71,210 (£50,609 - 2022).

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 3 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Trustee

Date: 3 October 2024

Trustee 

Date: 3 October 2024

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105061

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# Annual return

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

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of  
Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**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, to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
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Andrew Gilpin FCCA  
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56 English Street  
Armagh  
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03/10/2024

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Date

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105061

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# Accounts

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## Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

### Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
<i>Voluntary Receipts:</i>						
Donations & Gift Aid	2	23,511	13,346	-	36,857	38,495
Fundraising Appeals		-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest		189	7	-	196	153
<i>From Charitable Activities:</i>						
Membership Fees		-	117	-	117	-
Activities & Grants	3	370	21,557	-	21,927	7,459
Insurance Refund		-	9,425	-	9,425	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>24,070</b>	<b>44,452</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,522</b>	<b>46,107</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Cost of Fundraising		313	580	-	893	331
Cost of Charitable Activities		-	-	-	-	-
Grants and Donations	4	-	2,772	-	2,772	2,604
Governance Cost	5	24,041	22,903	-	46,944	31,516
Graveyard Repairs		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>24,354</b>	<b>26,255</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,609</b>	<b>34,451</b>
Net Receipts / Payments		(284)	18,197	-	17,913	11,656
Transfers net		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(284)	18,197	-	17,913	11,656
Funds brought forward 01 January		34,608	37,502	-	72,110	60,454
Deduct non cash/bank related Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Funds carried forward 31 December	7	34,324	55,699	-	90,023	72,110

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

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>						
Bank and cash at start of year		34,608	37,502	-	<b>72,110</b>	60,454
Net movement in funds		(284)	18,197	-	<b>17,913</b>	11,656
Bank & cash at end of year		<u>34,324</u>	<u>55,699</u>	-	<u><b>90,023</b></u>	<u>72,110</u>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>						
Bank Deposits Accounts		-	17,447	-	<b>17,447</b>	17,447
Bank Current Account		34,324	38,252	-	<b>72,576</b>	54,663
Cash on Hand		-	-	-	-	-
Total		<u>34,324</u>	<u>55,699</u>	-	<u><b>90,023</b></u>	<u>72,110</u>
<b>Memorandum Note Only</b>						
Fixed Assets	6				<u><b>2,082,964</b></u>	<u>1,955,427</u>
<b>Liabilities (Unrestricted Funds)</b>						
Accountants Fee					<u><b>600</b></u>	<u>660</u>

Approved by the trustees on 18/06/2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Jamie M. Allen  
Trustee

Date: 18/06/2023

Alan H. H. H.  
Trustee

Date: 18/06/2023

# Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

## Notes to the Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2022

### 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.

#### RECEIPTS

### 2. DONATIONS & GIFT AID

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £
Recorded Giving - FWO	19099	7,884	-	26,983
Loose collections	140	35	-	175
Donations & gifts	-	3,520	-	3,520
Gift Aid	4,272	1,907	-	6,179
	<u>23,511</u>	<u>13,346</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,857</u>

### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £
Grants - DAERA	-	19,000	-	19,000
Grants - Mid Ulster Council	-	540	-	540
Hall Use	250	152	-	402
Magazines	120	-	-	120
Farm Rent	-	1,000	-	1,000
Harvest Collection	-	113	-	113
Jubilee Barbecue	-	712	-	712
Christmas Lunch	-	40	-	40
	<u>370</u>	<u>21,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,927</u>

## Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

### Notes to the Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### PAYMENTS

#### 4. GRANTS & DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £
United Appeal	-	2,480	-	2,480
Presbyterian Children's Society	-	165	-	165
Moderator's Appeal	-	127	-	127
	-	2,772	-	2,772

#### 5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £
Church House Assessments	4,312	-	-	4,312
Congregational Expenses	2,856	-	-	2,856
Ministry & Support Staff	14,650	-	-	14,650
Organist	1,550	-	-	1,550
Manse rates	673	234	-	907
Organisation Expenses	-	1,457	-	1,457
Graveyard	-	801	-	801
Kitchen Repairs	-	20,411	-	20,411
	24,041	22,903	-	46,944

Assets retained for the Church's own use comprise the following properties and are stated at insured values.

#### 6. FIXED ASSETS

Church Building and Contents	1,151,909
Church Hall and Contents	676,122
Manse at Benburb Road Moy (1/3 share)	154,933
Land	100,000
	2,082,964

## Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

### Notes to the Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### 7. FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus/ (Deficit) £	Transfers nett £	Balance at end £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General	34,608	24,070	24,354	(284)	-	34,324
	34,608	24,070	24,354	(284)	-	34,324
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
United Appeal	-	2,528	2,480	48	(48)	-
Children's Society	-	165	165	-	-	-
Moderator's appeal	-	102	127	(25)	25	-
Property	13,935	39,750	21,538	18,212	-	32,147
Missions	790	40	-	40	23	853
Graveyard	2,065	1,670	801	869	-	2,934
Sunday School	1,383	73	852	(779)	-	604
Investment	17,447	-	-	-	-	17,447
PW Account	151	-	-	-	-	151
Parents & Toddlers	564	117	287	170	-	394
Badminton	1,167	7	5	2	-	1,169
	37,502	44,452	26,255	18,197	-	55,699
<b>Total Funds</b>	72,110	68,522	50,609	17,913	-	90,023

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105061

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# Annual report

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**BENBURB 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 (NIC105061)

**BENBURB 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**

Benburb congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Main Street  
Benburb  
Dungannon  
BT71 7LA

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105061)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Graham Mullan	Raymond Pogue
Alan Martin	Janice Allen

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Graham Mullan
Clerk of Session	Raymond Pogue
Treasurer	Roberta McMullan

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

W M Courtney & Co  
26 The Square  
Moy  
Dungannon  
BT71 7SG

**BANKERS**

Danske Bank  
7 Scotch Street  
Armagh  
BT61 7DJ

**SOLICITORS**

Blair & Hanna Solicitors  
11 Mallview Terrace  
Armagh  
BT61 9AN

**BENBURB 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. Benburb congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Armagh 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.

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

### The General Assembly

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

### DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Benburb 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 purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. In worship that is sincere, heartfelt and God honouring. In preaching and teaching that takes us into God's word in an accessible and relevant way. In fellowship that is Christ centred, genuine and practical as we support one another. In outreach that is compassionate and clear as we serve our community. We do these things in the prayer that men, women, young people and children would come to put their trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of their lives.

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

- *A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another*
- *An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.*
- *An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to 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.*

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

**ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed twice 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
- Mothers and Toddlers
- Badminton Club
- Women's Group

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12noon. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

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

At 31 December 2022 there were 67 communicant members and 48 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 24.

**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 or elders.

**Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation supports the Smiles Foundation and Southern Area Hospice.

## **BENBURB PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

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 denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project 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 June.

### **Property**

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

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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 18 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Trustee *Janice M. Allen*

Date: 18 June 2023

Trustee *Alan M. M.*

Date: 18 June 2023

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105061

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# Annual return

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

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of  
Benburb Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

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

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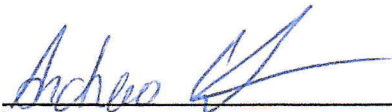
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**Independent examiner's statement**

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



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Andrew Gilpin FCCA  
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Chartered Certified Accountants  
56 English Street  
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BT61 7LG

18/06/2023

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Date