

Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105064

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Older people, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£180,209	£160,104	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Carl Alexander Harris		
Mr Brian Nixon		
Mr Graham Scandrett		
Mr John Alan Frazer		
Mr John Thomas Scott		
Mr Philip Causby		
Mr Phillip Baron		
Mr Robin Kennedy		
Mr Samuel Young		
Mr Stephen Boyle		
Mr Wallace Mckee		
Mrs Fiona Boyle		
Mrs Joanne Harris		
Mrs Roberta Wilson		
Mrs Rosemary Black		
Mrs Stephanie Baron		
Ms Janet Johnston		
Rev Jeff Mcwatters		

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Strean Presbyterian

CHURCH IN IRELAND



ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2024

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland NIC105064

INCOME FROM BEQUESTS AND INVESTMENTS 2024

	TOTAL	Stipend	Church	Missions	Collections	Ben Fund	Zenana	PW	Property	BB
STREAN BEQUEST										
The late Thomas Streat	20,338.05		20,338.05							
The late John McKnight Bequest	408.92		408.92							
Total Streat Bequests	20,746.97		20,746.97							
General Investment Fund										
The late Dr Simms	462.00	138.60	115.50	115.50	92.40					
The late Mrs C Johnston	160.71	64.28	40.18				56.25			
The Caughey Bequest	25.41	25.41								
The late Mrs Gowdy	28.71		28.71							
The Robb Bequest	19.80		19.80							
The late Mrs I Ditty	63.69	63.69								
The late Mrs Henry & Mrs Dunn	62.70	62.70								
The late Mr Boyle	256.74	256.74				8.25				
The late Mr J Adgey	8.25									
The late Mr J K Robb	16.83		16.83							
The late Mr R Dunn	8.58	8.58								
The late Mrs S McKibbin	16.83					16.83				
The late Mr E Ferguson	27.06	27.06								
The late Mr T C C Mackintosh	63.69	63.69								
The late Mrs Lindsay	605.88	454.41		121.18			30.29			
The late Mrs E Stewart	16.50					16.50				
The late Mr W T Ditty	43.56		43.56							
The late Mr W J Lindsay	50.82	50.82								
The late Mr J H Moore	51.15	51.15								
The Taylor Gift	899.91		899.91							
The late Miss A McCully	32.34	32.34								
The late Miss M E McMullan	388.74	388.74						19.80		
The late Mrs A M Coulter	19.80									
The late Mr John Taylor	65.01	65.01				4.62				
The late Mr R McBride	4.62									
The late Mrs Fleming	124.41								124.41	
The late Miss Martin	46.86								46.86	
The late Mr G Hamilton	62.70								62.70	
The late Mrs Clements	125.73								125.73	
The late Warden Bequest	186.78		186.78							
The late Moore Bequest	700.92		700.92							
The late McBride Bequest	23.43		23.43							
The late Mr G Hamilton for BB	30.69									30.69
The late T A Moore	856.68									856.68
The late Rev G T Boyd	85.80		85.80							
Brooklands Investment	449.79	449.79								
TOTAL General Investment Fund	6,093.12	2,175.95	2,188.48	236.68	92.40	46.20	86.54	19.80	1,216.38	30.69
CHARIFUND										
The late Mrs Harvey Bequest	1,008.00		1,008.00							
TOTAL	27,848.09	2,175.95	23,943.45	236.68	92.40	46.20	86.54	19.80	1,216.38	30.69

Streak General Account Summary 2024

	<u>RECEIPTS £</u>		<u>PAYMENTS £</u>
Bank A/c 62745615 @ 1.1.2024	15,796.91	Outstanding Cheque (2023)	200.00
Transferred from No2 Account	34,893.45	Reconciled opening balance	<u>50,500.36</u>
Harvest	<u>10.00</u>		<u>50,700.36</u>
	<u>50,700.36</u>		
Reconciled Opening Balance	50,500.36	Telephone & Broadband	671.83
BlackRock Income	20,746.97	Utilities	19,875.51
Donations	1,849.00	Cleaning	3,574.17
		Rates	1,162.22
		<u>Assessments Paid to PCI</u>	
		Ministers Salary	40,051.57
		Other Ministerial items	22,089.75
		General Assembly Assessments	13,964.00
M&G Distribution	1,008.00	<u>(Total Assessments Paid to PCI = 76,105.32)</u>	
		PCI Bequest & Investment paid to Minister	2175.95
		Benevolent Fund Payment	220.16
		Presbytery Fees	1001.00
		Church Coordinator Salary	12,795.97
		Church Coordinator Pension Fund	2,449.05
		Church Insurance	5,393.20
		Repairs	692.17
		Stationery	1,150.02
PCI Investments	6,093.12	Books, Magazines & Printing	1,972.54
		Bank Fees	276.29
Benevolent Fund	97.96	Pulpit Supplies	1,075.00
Summer Blitz Grant	300.00	Envelopes	320.15
BB	221.00	Speaker (Holy Week)	400.00
Bank Interest	149.13	Equipment	604.99
Magazines	140.00	Christmas Tree	499.00
Use of Hall	5,003.33	Elders Training	240.00
Heralds	320.00	Summer Blitz	215.00
Kids Day	190.00	Gifts / Vouchers	700.00
		CCLI License	1,088.00
		Discovery Kids	190.00
		BB Account	150.00
		GB Account	150.00
		Professional Fees (including SJO & Solicitor)	1,955.40
		Flower Fund	150.00
		Petty Cash	150.00
		Sundry	318.15
		Transfer Out to Property A/c	376.00
		Transfers Out to organisation's A/c (Collections)	321.00
		Transfers Out to Beq & Inv Recipients	1,590.10
		Transfer Out to No.3 Property A/c	20,000.00
		Transfer Out to BlackRock for Investment	40,000.00
		Transfer Out to BlackRock for Investment (The Late Mr. Eric Mayne)	5,000.00
		Transfer Out to BlackRock for Investment (The Late Mrs. Jean McKelvey)	2388.42
		Omega Software Licence	375.00
Gift Aid Transfer	16,761.81		
Transfers IN	105,611.45		
Cash In from Blackrock	20,000.00		
Cash Fund A/c.		Bank acc 62745615 @ 31.12.2024	<u>21,220.52</u>
	<u>228,992.13</u>		<u>228,992.13</u>
		N.B. Remaining Amount in BlackRock Cash Fund A/c	20,000.00

No.2 Account Summary

Bank A/c 62745623 @ 1.1.2024	35,716.45	Transfer to No.1 Account	118,655.60
FWO	82,994.15	Harvest	3,605.00
Benevolent Fund	76.00	Benevolent Fund	31.00
Sausage Sizzle	190.00	Sausage Sizzle	190.00
Harvest	3,495.00	Loose collections	50.00
		Bank A/c 62745623 @ 31.12.2024	<u>-60.00</u>
	<u>122,471.60</u>		<u>122,471.60</u>

Strean Property Account 2024

	<u>Receipts £</u>		<u>Payments £</u>
Bank A/c 62745607 @ 1.1.2024	31,845.89	Uncleared 2023 payments	287.64
Fund Raising Donation (2023)	3,750.00		
	<u>35,595.89</u>	Reconciled Bank Balance	<u>35,308.25</u>
			<u>35,595.89</u>
Reconciled Opening Balance	35,308.25	Cleaning	2,215.95
Bank A/c 03082490 @ 1.1.2024	9.93	Repairs	2,686.32
Bank interest	0.00	Fire Alarm Maintenance	794.70
		Painter	1,951.50
Property Offerings	12,472.00	Sound board	1,490.00
NIE Wayleave	18.00	Church Spire Maintenance	282.00
		Light Upgrades	19,014.47
Gift Aid transferred	2,395.56	New Water Heater	1,830.00
Harvest	1,752.50	Manse expenses	1,159.60
Beq & Investments	1,216.38	Laptop	577.13
Transfer from No1 Account	20,000.00	Lift Maintenance	115.50
		Transfer to No.1 Account	20,280.80
		Bank A/c 62745607 @ 31.12.2024	20,764.72
		Bank A/c 03082490 @ 31.12.2024	<u>9.93</u>
	<u>73,172.62</u>		<u>73,172.62</u>

Strean Mission Account Summary 2024

	<u>Receipts £</u>		<u>Payments £</u>
Bank A/c 21155849 @ 1.1.2024	9,702.80		
2023 uncleared income	3,872.19	2023 uncleared cheques:	<u>7,934.02</u>
		Diane Cusick	525.00
		Revival Movement	350.00
		S.O.S. Bus	300.00
		Mercy Ships	325.00
		Bible Society NI	500.00
		Scripture Union NI	500.00
		Belfast City Mission	525.00
		The Link	525.00
		Open Doors	575.00
		Platform 67	500.00
		Christians Against Poverty	850.00
		World Dev. 2023 Envelopes	1,090.00
		World Dev. 22/23 Gift Aid	249.02
		Morocco/ Libya Disaster Appeal	<u>1,115.00</u>
		Reconciled Opening Balance	<u>5,640.97</u>
	<u>13,574.99</u>		<u>13,574.99</u>
Reconciled Opening Balance	5,640.97	Bank fees	62.04
December 2023 envelopes	597.00		
Harvest	1,752.50	United Appeal	9,865.00
HMRC Gift Aid In	24,084.51	Children's Society	905.00
Bank Interest	21.18	Summer Blitz	543.96
PCI Bequest & Investment	236.68	Senior Lunch	300.00
World Development	432.50	UCB	300.00
Children's Society	905.00		
Christian Aid	237.00	Christian Aid	237.00
Senior Lunch donations	398.00	Sundry	2.19
Mission Offerings	12,500.00	Morocco/Libya Disaster (cheque not cashed in 2024)	-1,115.00
		Gift Aid out	641.24
		Gift Aid to Benevolent Fund	19.96
		Gift Aid to No1 Account	16,761.81
		Gift Aid to BB / GB	75.42
		Gift Aid to Property Account	2,023.79
		Bank A/c 21155849 @ 31.12.2024	<u>16,182.93</u>
	<u>46,805.34</u>		<u>46,805.34</u>

Statement of Balances at 31 December 2024

Credit Balance General A/c	31.12.24	21,220.52
Credit Balance Property Fund A/c	31.12.24	20,764.72
Credit Balance Mission Fund A/c	31.12.24	16,182.93
OVERALL BALANCE	31.12.24	<u>58,168.17</u>
<i>N.B. Available Remaining Amount in BlackRock Cash Fund A/c</i>	<i>31.12.24</i>	<i>20,000.00</i>

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INCOME FROM BEQUESTS AND INVESTMENTS 2023

	TOTAL	Stipend	Church Funds	Missions	Collections	Ben Fund Poor Fund	Zenana Mission	PW	Property	BB
STREAN BEQUEST										
The Late Thomas Streat	27,681.61		27,681.61							
The Late John McKnight Bequest	476.78		476.78							
Total Streat Bequests	28,158.39		28,158.39							
General Investment Fund										
The late Dr Simms	364.00	109.20	91.00	91.00	72.80					
The late Mrs C Johnston	126.57	50.63	31.64				44.30			
The Caughey Bequest	20.02	20.02								
The late Mrs Gowdy	22.62		22.62							
The Robb Bequest	15.60		15.60							
The late Mrs I Ditty	50.23	50.23								
The late Mrs Henry & Mrs Dunn	49.40	49.40								
The late Mr Boyle	202.28	202.28								
The late Mr J Adgey	6.50					6.50				
The late Mr J K Robb	13.26		13.26							
The late Mr R Dunn	6.76	6.76								
The late Mrs S McKibbin	13.26					13.26				
The late Mr E Ferguson	21.32		21.32							
The Late Mr T C Mackintosh	50.18	50.18								
The late Mrs Lindsay	477.36	358.02		95.47			23.87			
The Late Mrs E Stewart	13.00					13.00				
The late Mr W T Ditty	34.32		34.32							
The late Mr W J Lindsay	40.04	40.04								
The late Mr J H Moore	40.30	40.30								
The Taylor Gift	709.02		709.02							
The late Miss A McCully	25.48	25.48								
The late Miss M E McMullan	306.28	306.28						15.60		
The late Mrs A M Couler	15.60									
The late Mr John Taylor	51.22	51.22								
The late Mr R McBride	3.64					3.64				
The late Mrs Fleming	98.02								98.02	
The late Miss Martin	36.92								36.92	
The late Mr G Hamilton	49.40								49.40	
The late Mrs Clements	99.06								99.06	
The late Warden Bequest	147.16		147.16							
The late Moore Bequest	552.24		552.24							
The late McBride Bequest	18.46		18.46							
The late Mr G Hamilton for BB	24.18									24.18
The late T A Moore	674.96								674.96	
The late Rev G T Boyd	67.60		67.60							
Brooklands Investment	354.38	354.38								
TOTAL General Investment Fund	4,800.64	1,714.42	1,724.24	186.47	72.80	36.40	68.17	15.60	958.36	24.18
CHARIFUND										
The late Mrs Harvey Bequest	957.60		957.60							
TOTAL	33,916.63	1,714.42	30,363.45	186.47	72.80	36.40	68.17	15.60	958.36	24.18

STREAN GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS 2023

Credit Balance at 1 January 2023	45,906.96	
Residual monies held in respect of sale of old Manse	<u>35,934.38</u>	81,841.34

Specified Sources

Free Will Offering		79,409.50	
Gift Aid paid for Free Will Offering 2022/2023		15,714.43	
Late Gift Aid for 2018/2019		111.15	
Sunday Loose Collections		1,986.67	
Sunday Loose Collections,	Beques	72.80	<u>97,294.55</u>
			97,294.55

Grants from Church Organisations

Badminton		200.00	
BB		250.00	
GB		250.00	
Bowls		100.00	
Craft Class		100.00	
P.W.		100.00	
Tots & Toddlers		50.00	
Youth Club		150.00	
Donations from Outside Groups (use of halls)		<u>2,955.50</u>	4,155.50

Other Bequests and Investment Income

Thomas Streaan Bequest (for Church Funds)		27,681.61	
John McKnight (for Church Funds)	Bequests	476.78	
M & G Charifund (for Church Funds)		957.60	
General Investment Fund (for Church Funds)	Bequests	1,724.24	
Bequests For PW	Bequest:	83.77	
Bequests for BB	Bequest:	<u>24.18</u>	<u>107.95</u>
Stipend	Bequests	1,714.42	
Legacy	Late Mrs N Hood	<u>500.00</u>	33,162.60

Benevolent Fund Income

Benevolent Fund, Communion Sunday Collections		126.00	
Benevolent Fundgift Aid 2022/2023		49.20	
Benevolent Fund	Bequests	<u>36.40</u>	211.60

Collections 'IN' for Organisations

GB Enrolment		90.00	
BB Enrolment		82.80	
Discovery Kidz		245.00	
P.W Service		<u>30.00</u>	447.80
Fund Raising event for HBC & Summer Blitz		<u>618.00</u>	618.00

Other Income

Presbyterian Hearlds & Wider World		470.00	
Collection for Student Bursary from New Elders Service		315.00	
PCI Sick Supply		237.00	
N.I. Cost of Living Payment (Paid Via Power N.I.)		600.00	
Bank Interest		<u>287.38</u>	1,909.38

Totals			<u>219,640.77</u>
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STREAN GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS 2023

Salaries and Expenses

Ministers Salary		38,144.36	
Minister Cost of Living payment		500.00	
Church Coordinator's Salary		12,738.32	
Bequest Income payable to minister		1,714.42	
Ministers Expenses		6,701.00	
Pulpit Supplies		631.00	
Pension Fund - Minister	9,155.00		
Church Coordinator's ER's Pension	<u>560.57</u>		
Pension contributions		9,715.57	
Minister Nat Ins	5,002.25		
Church Coordinator's ER's Nat Ins	274.73		
National Insurance		5,276.98	75,421.65

General Assembly Assessments

Central Ministry Fund		3,421.00	
Assembly Buildings' External Work		1,555.00	
Incidental Fund		2,798.00	
Ministerial Development Fund		311.00	
Prolonged Disability Fund		699.00	
Retired Ministers' Fund		0.00	
Sick Supply		31.00	
Students Bursary Fund		1,244.00	
Widows of Ministers' Fund		<u>699.00</u>	10,758.00

Transfers

Bequests income paid to BB & PW		107.95	
Payments to BB and GB towards Officers fees		300.00	
Transfer to BB account (Summer Blitz)		438.00	
Benevolent Fund payment		211.60	
Loose Collections paid to Organisations:		447.80	
Residual of Old Manse, Transferred OUT to Property A/c (Re: New Solar Panels)		<u>35,934.38</u>	37,439.73

General Expenses

Stationery ,Office Supplies and Printing		2,740.04	
Organ and Piano Tuning		1,065.00	
TV licence		159.00	
Holiday Bible Club expenses		628.75	
Bank Charges		280.76	
CCLI Copyright Licence		791.00	
Electricity and Gas		15,531.80	
Cleaning costs and materials		4,846.02	
Property Insurance,Manse Rates & Water Rates		7,637.49	
Software licence charges		358.00	
Presbytery Fees		954.00	
Apprenticeship Levy		190.75	
Payroll Costs (SJO Accountants)		249.60	
Auditors fee (Stanley Woods)		420.00	
Students Bursary Fund (New Elders' service)		315.00	
Telephone & Broadband		1,354.17	
Pres. Herald & Wider World		485.00	
Sundry Expenses		<u>1,684.08</u>	39,690.46

Amounts paid from General Account relating to property fund expenses

Upgrade to church sound desk		2,595.37	
Camera and monitors installed in church		3,235.20	
			5,830.57

Total Expenditure **169,140.41**

Credit Balance at 31 December 2023 **50,500.36**

219,640.77

STREAN PROPERTY FUND 2023

RECEIPTS

	£	£
<u>Balance at Bank 1.1.2023</u>		
Danske Bank	43,258.19	
Danske Bk (Business Inv'mt A/C)	10.06	43,268.25
<u>Subscriptions</u>		
Monthly Donations	12,137.00	
½ Harvest Gift Day	1,857.50	
Gift Aid Claimed for 2022/2023	2,505.01	
Property Fund Bequest Income	<u>958.36</u>	17,457.87
<u>Fund Raising</u>		
From Antique & Christmas Fairs	<u>3,750.00</u>	3,750.00
<u>Other Income</u>		
P.W. Donation	100.00	
NIE Wayleave	18.00	
Transferred 'IN' from No.1 A/c	<u>35,934.38</u>	36,052.38
		 <u>100,528.50</u>

PAYMENTS

	£	£
<u>Church, Halls & Grounds</u>		
Buildings and repairs		
Roof Repairs to Adgey Hall Roof	26,201.40	
Solar Panels	34,176.00	
Plastering Work in the Church	1,740.00	62,117.40
Property costs paid from General A/c	5,830.57	5,830.57
Maintenance		
Fire Protection, Safety	287.64	
Lift Maintenance	768.00	
Disabled Refuge Maintenance	562.80	
Spire Conductor Maintenance	270.00	
Boiler Maintenance	600.00	
Misc/ General Maintenance Expense	320.15	2,808.59
<u>Manse</u>		
Manse Expenses	<u>284.20</u>	284.20
<u>Balance at Bank on 31/12/23</u>		
Danske Bank	29,477.68	
Danske Bank (Business Inv'mt A/C)	<u>10.06</u>	29,487.74
		 <u>100,528.50</u>

MISSION FUND ACCOUNT 2023

RECEIPTS

Balance at Bank 1.1.2023
 Stream Mission A/C Danske Bank 7,632.42 **7,632.42**

Mission Income

United Appeal Envelopes 1,135.00
 Monthly Mission Envelopes 9,611.00
 ½ Harvest Donations 1,657.50
 Antique & Christmas Fairs (Fund Raising) 1,640.00
 Gift Aid Paid 'In' from HMRC for FWO 22/23 2,449.22
 Bequest Income 186.47

Donation from 'Discovery Kidz' Coffee Morning 260.00 **16,939.19**

World Development Appeal

Collection Envelopes 1,095.00
 Gift Aid Pd 'In' for World Development 22/23 249.02 **1,344.02**

Presbyterian Childrens Society

Collection from 2022 1,313.00
 Gift Aid paid 'In' from HMRC 22/23 280.15 **1,593.15**

Other Specified Appeals

Moderators Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal 22/23 2,200.00
 Church Appeal Morroco/Libya Disaster 1,115.00
 Gift Aid 'In' for Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal 22/ 324.98
 Gift Aid 'In' for Mod. Ukraine Appeal 21/22 793.28
 Targeted Charity 'Mercy Ships' (Apr'23) 1,120.00
 Christian Aid Envelopes 2023 295.00 **5,848.26**

Other Income

Bank Interest 25.39
 Gift Aid 'In' for Discovey kidz 22/23 8.72 **34.11**

PAYMENTS

PCI Projects

United Appeal 8882.00 **8,882.00**

Other Projects

Diane Cusick (2022 Allocation Pd Feb'23) 500.00
 Diane Cusick 2023 Allocation 525.00
 Open Doors (2022 Allocation) 575.00
 Open Doors 575.00
 SUNI (2022 Allocation) 500.00
 SUNI 500.00
 United Christian Broadcasting (2022 Allocation) 200.00
 Platform 67 (2022 Allocation) 750.00
 Platform 67 500.00
 CAP (2022 Allocation) 800.00
 CAP (Christians Against Poverty) 850.00
 Revival Movement Assoc. 350.00
 SOS Bus 300.00
 Mercy Ships 325.00
 Bible Society NI 500.00
 Belfast City Mission 525.00
 The Link (N'Ards) 525.00
 Matthew Harris, Kenya Mission Support 150.00
 Emma Smith, Kenya Mission Support 150.00
 Alex Faloan, Go MAD in Tanzania 150.00
 Zara Conroy, CSSM North Coast 75.00
 Youth For Christ, Donaghadee Football & Fellowship 140.00
 Church Donation to Delamont weekend 200.00
 Church Donation to 'Summer Blitz' funds 139.02 **9,804.02**

World Development Appeal

World Development Appeal 1095.00
 Gift Aid paid 'Out' 22/23 249.02 **1,344.02**

Presbyterian Childrens Society

To Childrens Society 1313.00
 Gift Aid paid 'Out' to PCS 22/23 280.15 **1,593.15**

Other Specified Appeals

Church Appeal 'Out' to Morocco/Libya Disaster 1115.00
 Moderators Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal 2200.00
 Gift Aid 'Out' for Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal 22/23 324.98
 Gift Aid 'Out' for Mod. Ukraine Appeal 21/22 793.28
 Targeted Charity: 'Mercy Ships' (Apr '23) 1120.00
 Christian Aid 295.00 **5,848.26**

Other Payments

Gift Aid 'Out' to Discovery Kidz 22/23 8.72
 Donation to Jo Calvert 200.00
 Bank Charges 70.01 **278.73**

Balance at Bank 31.12.2023

Stream Mission A/C Danske Bank 5640.97 **5,640.97**

33,391.15

33,391.15

STATEMENT of BALANCES 31 December 2023

CREDIT BALANCE GENERAL A/C	31.12.23	£50,500.36
CREDIT BALANCE PROPERTY FUND A/C	31.12.23	£29,477.68
CREDIT BALANCE MISSION FUND A/C	31.12.23	£5,640.97
OVERALL BALANCE	31.12.23	<u>£85,619.01</u>

Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105064

Annual report



ANNUAL REPORT
1ST JANUARY 2023 - 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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1.0 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The trustees of Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland are pleased to submit their report for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

1.1 Mission Statement

“To know Jesus Christ and to let His Light shine.”

By:

- a) Sharing a living faith in Him and growing in that faith through discipleship, spiritual growth, Bible teaching and prayer.
- b) Lovingly caring for each other and reaching out with the good news of the Gospel.

That our Father in heaven might be glorified (Matt. 5:16)

Our Values

We believe:

- That we exist as a congregation to serve and worship God, to glorify Him and bear witness in the world to His son, Jesus.
- In the power of the Gospel to transform lives and communities.
- In the power and necessity of prayer.
- That sound teaching of God’s Word is central to worship and all of church life.
- That we should be involved in sharing the Gospel in both local and global outreach.
- That as a church family we should show God’s love to each other.
- That children and young people are an integral part of the Church. Our desire is that as they grow up in our fellowship they will come to respond to the love of Christ.
- In being open, welcoming and outward looking.

Mission Plan

Over the five years from 2019 to 2024 we propose to:

- Help every member of the congregation grow spiritually.
- Encourage involvement in church life for every member of the congregation.
- Encourage participation in regular teaching and Bible Study.
- Encourage corporate and individual prayer.
- Develop pastoral work and pastoral team ministry.
- Provide assistance to and opportunities for the many young families in our congregation to become involved in service and, where appropriate, leadership.
- Provide support and encouragement to our youth and children’s leaders.
- Investigate and foster ways to ensure continued involvement of young people through teens and twenties.
- Build on existing relationships with other churches and the local community.
- Extend our existing involvement with "overseas" mission.
- Encourage growth of small group ministry.
- Increase the focus on social witness and outreach within our local community.

In order to put this plan into action we will:

- Ensure that we have in place the appropriate personnel, resources, facilities and finance to facilitate our mission plan.
- Monitor, evaluate and review each of the listed objectives annually, so that they continue to be relevant and effective in helping us to live out our mission statement.

The strapline to incorporate all aspects of our mission statement is, “Let His Light Shine”.

1.2 Church Organisations and Events

We have various and complementary groups and organisations catering for the varied and complete range of our congregation and needs.

Our activities and organisations continued to be well attended, with the exception of the Thursday drop-in. Session reviewed the purpose and benefit of continuing a community drop-in and agreed to hold a Tuesday afternoon drop-in for a trial period to target older members of the congregation. Attendance was very poor, and it was agreed that the needs of older members of the congregation are met with the monthly men's breakfasts and ladies' coffee mornings.

Average numbers attending each organisation is in parenthesis:

- Discovery Sunday School (15)
- Discovery Tots crèche (2)
- Youth Fellowship (15)
- Craft Class (30)
- Girls' Brigade (60)
- Tots and Toddlers (35)
- Boys' Brigade (50)
- Small Bible study groups (25)
- Football & Fellowship (10)
- Badminton (15)
- Indoor Bowls (15)
- Presbyterian Women (30) and monthly coffee morning (12)
- Men's Fellowship (15) and a monthly breakfast (20)
- Youth Club (100)
- Holiday Bible Club (70)
- Summer Blitz 3-day activity programme for teenagers (40)

1.3 Challenges and Future Vision

The Trustees have worked hard to provide a Church and an organisation which is working as it should in an efficient and effective manner. Session approved the 2022 Accounts on 23rd April 2023, and they were adopted at the A.G.M. on 30th November 2023. Our main desire is for the Church to grow and for our Bible knowledge, discipling and mentoring of the congregation, particularly with new converts, to be the main thrust of the way ahead.

Our weekly activities continued to grow in numbers. We held our Antiques & Collectables Fairs in May and October, and our Christmas Sale in December, all of which were well attended. A Coronation "Sausage Sizzle" was held in May, which provided an opportunity for friendship and fellowship.

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1.4 Target Areas

The following are some “Target Areas” for our immediate focus of both the challenges and opportunities that lie before us. These were developed and agreed by our governing body, the Kirk Session, in the first year of Rev. Jeff McWatters’ tenure with the congregation in 2017. These areas were reviewed on an ongoing basis by Session: -

Prayer

- Through the Holy Spirit to encourage prayer within the congregation and organisations so that members see the value of prayer in its different styles and formats

Preaching

- To preach the Gospel faithfully ensuring adherence to God’s Word and ordinances. Our vision is that this will be in a relevant and contemporary fashion to engage all who worship in Strean.

Pastoral

- To ensure Strean has an effective, compassionate and loving Pastoral Care ministry. This would be working with and utilising our existing team, adding new members, and encompassing gifts within our fellowship.

Mission Outreach

- In conjunction with Session and the Mission sub-committee, to create an effective strategy for both local, community-based outreach and a sustainable programme for evangelism and mission activities. This would include steps to provide engagement within those families and individuals who connect with the social events in the Church.

Youth

- To encourage young people who associate with Strean to grow spiritually and encourage them to actively participate in the life of the congregation.

1.5 Minister’s Report – Rev. Jeff McWatters

2023 was really our first complete year of activities and church life post-covid. It continued to be challenging for a number of people but also greatly encouraging as we saw more people re-engage. The year progressed well with increased attendance at Sunday services and at our mid-week Bible studies. Pastoral care continued to be central to all that we did as people still struggled with what has happened over the last 2 years.

We were greatly encouraged by the number of volunteers without whom we would not have been able to function effectively. Our focus, as always, was on seeking God’s will and direction and the discipling of His people.

1.6 Church Committee Report – Mr Brian Nixon

2023 was another busy year for our church committee as each subcommittee continued to fulfil their roles throughout the year, and effectively ensured the continued running of church services and activities. In September, three of our committee members were ordained and installed as elders, and an election for new committee members is planned for the autumn of 2024.

There were two major property projects in 2023. Firstly, the Adgey Hall roof had to be replaced, after almost 50 years. The second was the installation and commissioning of 35 solar panels and 4 large storage batteries. The capital outlay for both these projects came from the Property Fund and it is anticipated that we will recoup the cost of the solar panels and batteries through energy savings in approximately 6 years. In addition to the benefit from significant energy cost savings in the future, we are able to visibly demonstrating to the local community our commitment to conservation and sustainability. The Property subcommittee will continue to manage and monitor the performance of this sustainable energy project.

The other significant investment in 2023 was by the AV-IT Subcommittee, both of their time and financially. A new computer, screen and radio microphones were purchased for the church, to improve the audio and visual provision for those attending church in person, and to improve the quality of our Sunday morning live-stream.

1.7 Serious Incident Reporting

During the year to December 2023, no serious Child Protection incidents were reported to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's Social Witness Department, which is responsible for safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults.

No reports were made to the Information Commissioner's Office.

1.8 Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the Society in the year to 31st December 2023. In evaluating public benefit, the trustees note that communicant membership of Strean Presbyterian Church is open to all who have a personal faith in God as Creator and Saviour. Whilst we would encourage those with personal faith to join our congregation, we also serve God within our community and offer a warm welcome to everyone who comes in to attend services or other activities, irrespective of their personal faith.

2.0 Finance Report

2.1 Financial Review

General Account (No. 1 Account)

This is our housekeeping account, out of which all expenses relating to the everyday running of the church e.g. salaries, heat, light, insurance, offices costs and all payments to Church House, PCI are made. Income during the year from Free Will Offering amounted to £81,397 (an increase of 5.6% on the previous year), and Gift Aid claimed from HMRC for 2022/23 tax year generated £15,714.

Property funds

The Property account is used to upkeep our church, Halls and the manse. Income of £12,137 was received into this account from congregational giving (monthly envelopes and online giving), which is an increase of 6.7%, compared to 2022. Other income was received from gift aid, and 50% of the income from the Harvest Gift Day, split with the Mission Fund. In terms of both the Missions and Property accounts, we were delighted to be able to hold two Antique Fairs and the Christmas Sale in 2023. The Fundraising Committee was able to transfer the sum of £3,750 to the Property account.

As mentioned in section 1.6, we have invested in the installation and commissioning of 35 solar panels and 4 large storage batteries. The capital outlay came from the Property Fund, and it is anticipated that we will recoup this cost through energy savings in approximately 6 years. In the following years, we will benefit from significant energy cost savings.

Missions

Mission outreach from Strean congregation is funded from this account. Income is obtained from a number of sources i.e. United Appeal, monthly mission and specific appeal envelopes, online donations, gift aid, a small bequest and 50% of the Harvest Gift Day collection and Fundraising events. In 2023, giving through envelopes and online donations for general mission was £10,746, an increase of 12.9% compared to the previous year. An additional £7,138 was donated for specific appeals and charities and £4,096 was received through Gift Aid. A total of £27,471 was allocated to cover the wide range of mission and charitable causes supported by Strean, including our requirement for the PCI United Appeal of £8,882. The Fundraising Committee was able to transfer the sum of £1,640 to the Missions account.

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2.2 Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2023

Receipts & Payments Account

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023
Freewill/ Envelopes & Gift Aid	95,235	33,058		<u>128,293</u>
Bequests/ Investment Income		3,502	30,841	<u>34,343</u>
Special Collections		7,453		<u>7,453</u>
Loose collections	2,059	574		<u>2,633</u>
Fundraising	618	5,390		<u>6,008</u>
Organisation Income	1,200	360		<u>1,560</u>
Income from external users	2,956			<u>2,956</u>
Grants	600			<u>600</u>
Other income	524	43		<u>567</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	103,192	50,380	30,841	184,413
PAYMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2023
Staff Costs	75,422			<u>75,422</u>
General Assembly & Presbytery Costs	11,903			<u>11,903</u>
Church, Halls & Grounds		70,757		<u>70,757</u>
Manse		284		<u>284</u>
United Appeal		8,882		<u>8,882</u>
Donations to Missions/ Projects		18,589		<u>18,589</u>
Other expenses	38,074	279		<u>38,353</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£125,399	98,791	0	£224,190

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2.3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Investments £1,172,837

Current Assets

Bank and Cash Balances £ 85,629

Total Current Assets £1,258,466

Liabilities

Bank Overdrafts £ 0

Non-bank Loans £ 0

Total Current Liabilities £ 0

Net Assets £1,258,466

Fund Balances

Unrestricted Funds £ 50,500

Restricted Funds £ 35,129

Endowment Funds £1,172,837

Total Fund Balances £1,258,466

Name of Bank Account

Danske Bank No 1 A/C (General Account) £ 50,500

Danske Bank No 3 A/C (Property) £ 29,488

Danske Bank No 4 A/C (Mission) £ 5,461

Balances from Organisations £ 13,198

Total £ 98,647

2.4 Notes to the Accounts

Trustees' Expenses

No expenses were paid to any of the Trustees during the year except to reimburse them for purchases made on behalf of the charity.

Accounting Policies

Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 permits a charity to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities where gross income in the financial year does not exceed £250,000, therefore receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities has been prepared and presented for the year ended 31st December 2023.

All Income, including grants and investment income is recorded when received.

All Expenditure is recorded when paid.

Gift aid reclaimable on donations is included in the amounts of income once received.

Independent Scrutiny

The Accounts were audited by Stanley Woods & Co, Registered Auditors and Accountants and a copy of the "Statement of Income and Expenditure and Independent Examiners Report" is included in the accounts.

Cheques not cleared at bank at 31st December 2023

There were a small number of cheques issued by the church which had not cleared at the bank by 31st December 2023, but they were all cleared by 31st January 2024 and included in the 2023 Accounts.

3.0 Reference and Administrative Details

3.1 Charity Details

Charity Name: Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Charity Number: Registered Charity in Northern Ireland, NIC 105064

Principal Address: West Street, Newtownards, Co. Down, BT23 4EN

Trustees as of December 31st 2023:

Rev. Jeff McWatters (Chairman)	Mr Wallace McKee (Clerk of Session)	
Mr Brian Nixon (Church Secretary)	Mr Stuart Faloon (Deputy Clerk)	
Mr Phil Baron*	Mrs Stephanie Baron*	Mr John Black
Mrs Rosemary Black*	Mrs Fiona Boyle	Mr Stephen Boyle
Mr Philip Causby	Dr Carl Harris	Mrs Joanne Harris*
Mrs Heather Faloon*	Mr Alan Frazer	Ms Janet Johnston
Mr Robin Kennedy*	Mr Morris McAllister*	Graham Scandrett*
Mr John Scott	Mrs Roberta Wilson	Mr Samuel Young

*From 15 September 2023

Bank: Danske Bank, High Street, Newtownards, Co. Down, BT23 7HS

Auditors & Accountants: Stanley Woods & Co., Alexander House, 49/51 Church Street, Newtownards, Co. Down, BT23 4AN

Insurance Broker: TL Dallas (NI) Ltd., 63 Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 6SA

3.2 Governance and Staffing

On 31st December 2023 the Kirk Session consisted of 22 Ruling Elders, each having been previously voted for by the eligible voting members of Strean Congregation. This includes seven elders who were ordained and installed, and one elder who was installed, on 15th September 2023. Each Ruling Elder is also a charity trustee of Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The Kirk Session is responsible for the spiritual welfare and pastoral care of members of the congregation. They hold scheduled business meetings approximately five times a year.

The Church Committee is responsible for the practical affairs of the church and works through seven subcommittees: finance, reception, property (manse and church), hospitality, audio-visual and information technology, publicity and communications and fundraising. The committee of 13 members who were elected in June 2021 continued to serve as committee members throughout 2023. However, three of the committee members became elders in September 2023 and an election for a new congregational committee is planned for 2024.

3.3 Related Organisations

Strean, a congregation in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission NI (Charity Number NIC 105064); the contact person for the charity is the Clerk of Session, Wallace McKee.

The Accounts and Annual Report for each congregation must be submitted for approval to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland by 31st May each year. The Minister and a Representative Elder from each congregation usually attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in June each year.

Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105064

Annual return

Independent Examiners Report

Unqualified report for a charity that is not a company and income of £250,000 or less

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on the statement of income & expenditure.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under s65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under s65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with s63 of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that need to be brought to your attention.

Stanley Woods & Company
Certified Accountants
Alexander House
49/51 Church Street
Newtownards
BT23 4AN

Signed:

Date: 15th April 2024

Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105064

Accounts

Strean Presbyterian

CHURCH IN IRELAND



ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
2022

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland NIC105064

INCOME FROM BEQUESTS AND INVESTMENTS 2022

	TOTAL	Stipend	Church Funds	Missions	Collections	Ben Fund Poor Fund	Zenana Mission	PW	Property	BB
STREAM BEQUEST										
The Late Thomas Stream Investment	25,805.49		25,805.49							
The Late John McKnight Bequest	512.24		512.24							
General Investment Fund										
The late Dr Simms	378.00	113.40	94.50	94.50	75.60		46.02			
The late Mrs C Johnston	131.49	52.60	32.87							
The Caughey Bequest	20.79	20.79								
The late Mrs Gowdy	23.49		23.49							
The Robb Bequest	16.20		16.20							
The late Mrs I Ditty	52.11	52.11								
The late Mrs Henry & Mrs Dunn	51.30	51.30								
The late Mr Boyle	210.06	210.06								
The late Mr J Adgey	6.75					6.75				
The late Mr J K Robb	13.77		13.77							
The late Mr R Dunn	7.02	7.02								
The late Mrs S McKibbin	13.77					13.77				
The late Mr E Ferguson	22.14		22.14							
The late Mr T C Mackintosh	52.11	52.11								
The late Mrs Lindsay	495.72	371.79		99.14		13.50	24.79			
The late Mrs E Stewart	13.50									
The late Mr W T Ditty	35.64		35.64							
The late Mr W J Lindsay	41.58	41.58								
The late Mr J H Moore	41.85	41.85								
The Taylor Gift	736.29		736.29							
The late Miss A McCully	26.46	26.46								
The late Miss M E McMullan	318.06	318.06								
The late Mrs A M Coulter	16.20							16.20		
The late Mr John Taylor	53.19	53.19								
The late Mr R McBride	3.78					3.78				
The late Mrs Fleming	101.79								101.79	
The late Miss Martin	38.34								38.34	
The late Mr G Hamilton	51.30								51.30	
The late Mrs Clements	102.87								102.87	
The late Warden Bequest	152.82		152.82							
The late Moore Bequest	573.48		573.48							
The late McBride Bequest	19.17		19.17							
The late Mr G Hamilton for BB	25.11									25.11
The late T A Moore	700.92								700.92	
The late Rev G T Boyd	70.20		70.20							
Brooklands Investment	368.01	368.01								
TOTAL General Investment Fund	4,985.28	1,780.33	1,790.57	193.64	75.60	37.80	70.81	16.20	995.22	25.11
CHARIFUND										
The late Mrs Harvey Bequest	929.60		929.60							
TOTAL	31,720.37	1,780.33	28,525.66	193.64	75.60	37.80	70.81	16.20	995.22	25.11

STREAN GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS 2022

Bank Balance 1.1.2022	Danske Bank	£	£	£
				47,470.22

Specified Sources

Free Will Offering		75,046.00		
Gift Aid paid for Free Will Offering given during 2021/2022		14,888.55		
Late Gift Aid for 2019/2020 (now cleared)		14,701.09		
Sunday Loose Collections		<u>2,027.65</u>	<u>106,663.29</u>	
Sunday Loose Collections,	Bequests		75.60	
Annon Givings			110.00	106,848.89

Home & Foreign Missions & Other Charities

Benevolent Fund, Communion Sunday Collections & 'Drop Off		291.69		
Benevolent Fund	Bequests	<u>37.80</u>	<u>329.49</u>	329.49

Grants from Church Organisations

Badminton			150.00	
BB			250.00	
GB			250.00	
Bowls			400.00	
Craft Class			300.00	
P.W.			50.00	
Tots & Toddlers			150.00	
Youth Club			150.00	
Donations from Outside Groups (use of halls)			<u>3,119.50</u>	4,819.50

Other Bequests and Investment Income

Thomas Streaun Bequest (for Church Funds)		25,805.49		
John McKnight (for Church Funds)		512.24		
M & G Charifund (for Church Funds)		929.60		
General Investment Fund (for Church Funds)	Bequests	<u>1,790.57</u>	<u>29,037.90</u>	
Bequests For PW	Bequests	87.01		
Bequests for BB	Bequests	<u>25.11</u>	<u>112.12</u>	
Stipend	Bequests		1,780.33	
Bank Interest			264.62	31,194.97

Other Income

Presbyterian Hearlds & Wider World			441.00	
Collections 'IN' for Organisations	GB Enrolment	40.00		
	BB Enrolment	91.00		
	Discovery Kidz	<u>35.00</u>	<u>166.00</u>	
Donations to GB from Jan'22 "Drop Off		310.00		
Donation from Bowling Club to Catering funds		20.00		
Balance 'IN' from Bank re: Closure of Catering Bank Account		1,018.85		
PCI Sick Supply		75.00		
Grant 'In' from Pres. Childrens Soc. Re: Delamont weekend		300.00		
Grant 'In' from Pres. Childrens Soc. Re: Summer Blitz 2022		<u>350.00</u>	<u>2,073.85</u>	
Legacy	Late S Taylor	1,000.00		
Legacy	Late J McKelvey	2388.42	<u>3,388.42</u>	6,069.27

196,732.34

STREAN GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS 2022

	£	£
<u>Salaries and Expenses</u>		
Ministers Salary	36,327.95	
Ministers Expenses	6,382.00	
Bequest Income Minister	1,780.33	
Church Coordinator's Salary	<u>12,404.35</u>	56,894.63
<u>General Assembly Assessments</u>		
Central Ministry Fund	3,710.00	
Assembly Buildings' External Work	1,546.00	
Incidental Fund	2,860.00	
Ministerial Development Fund	355.00	
Pension Fund	8,719.00	
Prolonged Disability Fund	618.00	
Retired Ministers' Fund	0.00	
Sick Supply	47.00	
Students Bursary Fund	1,469.00	
Widows of Ministers' Fund	<u>773.00</u>	20,097.00
<u>General Expenses</u>		
Stationery ,Office Supplies and Printing	1,361.71	
Bank Charges	292.01	
Bequests to BB & PW	112.12	
Loose Collections to Organisations:	166.00	
CCLI Copyright Licence	560.00	
Electricity and Gas	9,091.35	
Cleaning Materials/Products	203.48	
The Cleaning Company	4,736.25	
IT/Communications	302.77	
Presbytery Fees	901.00	
Presentations and Gifts	1,495.00	
Property Insurance,Manse Rates & Water Rates	6,842.50	
Pulpit Supplies	750.00	
Benevolent Fund Out	329.49	
Apprenticeship Levy	182.00	
Minister Nat Ins	4,895.50	
Church Coordinator's ER's Nat Ins	177.97	
Church Coordinator's ER's Pension	401.82	
Church Coordinator's Payroll Costs (Accountant)	201.60	
Grants to organisations	1,187.51	
Sundry Expenses	2,074.40	
Telephone & Broadband	599.40	
Pres. Hearld & Wider World	<u>441.00</u>	37,304.88
		114,296.51
Bank Balance 31.12.2022	Danske Bank	82,435.83
		<u>196,732.34</u>

STREAN PROPERTY FUND 2022

RECEIPTS

	£	£
<u>Balance at Bank 1.1.2022</u>		
Danske Bank	30,695.08	
Danske Bk (Business Inv'mt A/C)	9.92	
Bank Interest	0.01	
Gift Aid 19/20 (Now Cleared)	<u>4,239.98</u>	34,944.99
 <u>Subscriptions</u>		
Monthly Envelopes	11,372.10	
½ Harvest Gift Day	1,902.25	
Gift Aid Claimed for 2020/2021	2,451.56	
Property Fund Bequest Income	<u>995.22</u>	16,721.13
 <u>Fund Raising</u>		
From Antiqu Fairs 2022	<u>2,250.00</u>	2,250.00
 <u>Other Income</u>		
P.W. Donation	50.00	
NIE Wayleave	<u>18.00</u>	68.00

PAYMENTS

	£	£
<u>Church, Halls & Grounds</u>		
Repairs, Inspections & Services:		
Fire Protection, Safety & Risk Assm'	759.49	
Fire Warden Training	360.00	
Lift Maintenance	456.00	
Disabled Refuge Maintenance	562.80	
Spire Conductor Maintenance	258.00	
Roof Repairs	777.60	
Painting Halls	385.00	
Adgey Hall Floor Maintenance	4,950.00	
Boiler Maintenance	892.74	
Misc/ General Maintenance Expensr	<u>1,314.37</u>	10,716.00
 <u>Balance at Bank on 31/12/22</u>		
Danske Bank	43,258.19	
Danske Bank (Business Inv'mt A/C)	<u>9.93</u>	43,268.12
		 <u>53,984.12</u>

53,984.12

MISSION FUND ACCOUNT 2022

RECEIPTS

Balance at Bank 1.1.2022

Strean Mission A/C Danske Bank	<u>6,886.53</u>	6,886.53
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Mission Income

Bank Interest	24.50	
Monthly Mission Envelopes	9,515.00	
½ Harvest Donations	1,902.25	
Antique Fairs (Fund Raising)	1,250.00	
Bequest Income	193.84	
Charity Donations from 'Drop Off's)	105.00	
Gift Aid paid 'In' from HMRC 21/22	2,173.72	
Moderators Ukraine Appeal	<u>4,274.00</u>	19,438.31

Presbyterian Childrens Society

Collection from 2021	1,230.00	
Gift Aid paid 'In' from HMRC 21/22	<u>291.35</u>	1,521.35

Other Income

Christian Aid Envelopes 2022	390.00	
Food Bank	<u>280.00</u>	670.00

World Development Appeal

Collection	1,100.00	
Gift Aid Pd 'In' from HMRC during 21/22	<u>330.44</u>	1,430.44

PAYMENTS

PCI Projects

United Appeal	8643.00	
Diane Cusick	500.00	
Moderators Ukraine Appeal	<u>4274.00</u>	13,417.00

Other Projects

Open Doors (2021) Allocation)	575.00	
SUNI (2021 Allocation)	500.00	
United Christian Broadcasting (2021 Allocation)	200.00	
Platform 67 (2021 Allocation)	750.00	
CAP (2021 Allocation)	500.00	
Outreach Project (Maddie Ball)	75.00	
Revival Movement Assoc.	300.00	
SOS Bus	300.00	
Mercy Ships	300.00	
Bible Society NI	500.00	
Belfast City Mission	500.00	
The Link (N'Ard's)	<u>500.00</u>	5,000.00

Presbyterian Childrens Society

To Childrens Society	1230.00	
Gift Aid paid 'Out' 21/22	<u>291.35</u>	1,521.35

Other Payments

Christian Aid	390.00	
Food Bank	280.00	
Mission Project in Turkey (B.B.)	200.00	
Bank Charges	<u>75.42</u>	945.42

World Development Appeal

World Development Appeal	1100.00	
Gift Aid paid 'Out' 21/22	<u>330.44</u>	1,430.44

Balance at Bank 31.12.2022

Strean Mission A/C Danske Bank	<u>7632.42</u>	7,632.42
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29,946.63

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STATEMENT of BALANCES 31 December 2022

CREDIT BALANCE GENERAL A/C	31.12.22	£82,435.83
CREDIT BALANCE PROPERTY FUND A/C	31.12.22	£43,258.19
CREDIT BALANCE MISSION FUND A/C	31.12.22	£7,632.42
OVERALL BALANCE	31.12.22	£133,326.44

Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105064

Annual report



ANNUAL REPORT
1ST JANUARY 2022 - 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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1.0 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The trustees of Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland are pleased to submit their report for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

1.1 Mission Statement

“To know Jesus Christ and to let His Light shine.”

By:

- a) Sharing a living faith in Him and growing in that faith through discipleship, spiritual growth, Bible teaching and prayer.
- b) Lovingly caring for each other and reaching out with the good news of the Gospel.

That our Father in heaven might be glorified (Matt. 5:16)

Our Values

We believe:

- That we exist as a congregation to serve and worship God, to glorify Him and bear witness in the world to His son, Jesus.
- In the power of the Gospel to transform lives and communities.
- In the power and necessity of prayer.
- That sound teaching of God’s Word is central to worship and all of church life.
- That we should be involved in sharing the Gospel in both local and global outreach.
- That as a church family we should show God’s love to each other.
- That children and young people are an integral part of the Church. Our desire is that as they grow up in our fellowship they will come to respond to the love of Christ.
- In being open, welcoming and outward looking.

Mission Plan

Over the five years from 2019 to 2024 we propose to:

- Help every member of the congregation grow spiritually.
- Encourage involvement in church life for every member of the congregation.
- Encourage participation in regular teaching and Bible Study.
- Encourage corporate and individual prayer.
- Develop pastoral work and pastoral team ministry.
- Provide assistance to and opportunities for the many young families in our congregation to become involved in service and, where appropriate, leadership.
- Provide support and encouragement to our youth and children’s leaders.
- Investigate and foster ways to ensure continued involvement of young people through teens and twenties.
- Build on existing relationships with other churches and the local community.
- Extend our existing involvement with "overseas" mission.
- Encourage growth of small group ministry.
- Increase the focus on social witness and outreach within our local community.

In order to put this plan into action we will:

- Ensure that we have in place the appropriate personnel, resources, facilities and finance to facilitate our mission plan.
- Monitor, evaluate and review each of the listed objectives annually, so that they continue to be relevant and effective in helping us to live out our mission statement.

The strapline to incorporate all aspects of our mission statement is, “Let His Light Shine”.

1.2 Church Organisations and Events

We have various and complementary groups and organisations catering for the varied and complete range of our congregation and needs. Some organisations continued with restrictions due to the covid pandemic until Easter 2022 but we were delighted to be able to return to a full programme of activities in the autumn. In April, forty of our young people plus leaders went on a residential activity weekend at Delamont Outdoor Learning Centre, 20 miles away. We were also able to have a Holiday Bible Club, which took place over 4 evenings in July with 70 children attending.

We started a new drop-in on a Thursday afternoon, in July. This was in response to the increasing cost of living crisis and to prevent isolation and loneliness. It is open to the community and also members of our congregation.

Average numbers attending each organisation is in parenthesis:

- Discovery Sunday School (15)
- Discovery Tots crèche (2)
- Youth Fellowship (15)
- Craft Class (30)
- Girls' Brigade (60)
- Tots and Toddlers (40)
- Boys' Brigade (50)
- Small Bible study groups (20)
- Football & Fellowship (10)
- Badminton (15)
- Indoor Bowls (20)
- Presbyterian Women (30)
- Men's Fellowship, including a monthly breakfast (15)
- Youth Club (100)
- Thursday drop-in (8)
- Residential Youth Weekend (40)
- Holiday Bible Club (70)
- Summer Blitz 3-day activity programme for teenagers (40)

1.3 Challenges and Future Vision

The Trustees have worked hard to provide a Church and an organisation which is working as it should in an efficient and effective manner. Session approved the 2021 Accounts at a Session meeting on 3rd April 2022 and they were adopted at the A.G.M. on 6th April 2022. Our main desire is for the Church to grow and for our Bible knowledge, discipling and mentoring of the congregation, particularly with new converts, to be the main thrust of the way ahead.

A decision was made by Session in 2022 that external users of our halls would be charities working in our local community, and not businesses. In addition to the Child Contact Centre that meets weekly to allow estranged families supervised contact, the North Down & Ards Women's Aid group started a weekly support programme in April in our halls for victims of domestic abuse.

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Our weekly activities continued to grow in numbers. We were also able to have our Antiques & Collectables Fairs in May and October, and our Christmas Sale in December. We had a “Sausage Sizzle” and display of memorabilia for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s 70th Jubilee in June and a Family Fun Night in September.

In June we provided a lunch for a group of refugees from Ukraine who attend English speaking classes in a Community Centre a few minutes’ walk from Strean Presbyterian Church. After discussion with the English class teacher, who is also responsible for Community Programme Planning, a need was identified for the newly arrived Ukrainians to meet each other to share their experiences.

As mentioned in section 1.2, the Welcome Area is open on a Thursday afternoon as a warm space with hot drinks, free Wi-Fi, books, newspapers and board games, and friendly volunteers are available to chat. We are registered as a “Warm Welcome Space” and in July we also signed up with FareShare Go to provide free short-dated food. Unfortunately, the supply of the food from our local supermarket was not reliable and after a trial period we made the decision not to continue with the FareShare programme.

1.4 Target Areas

The following are some “Target Areas” for our immediate focus of both the challenges and opportunities that lie before us. These were developed and agreed by our governing body, the Kirk Session, in the first year of Rev. Jeff McWatters’ tenure with the congregation in 2017. These areas were reviewed on an ongoing basis by Session throughout 2021: -

Prayer

- Through the Holy Spirit to encourage prayer within the congregation and organisations so that members see the value of prayer in its different styles and formats

Preaching

- To preach the Gospel faithfully ensuring adherence to God’s Word and ordinances. Our vision is that this will be in a relevant and contemporary fashion to engage all who worship in Strean.

Pastoral

- To ensure Strean has an effective, compassionate and loving Pastoral Care ministry. This would be working with and utilising our existing team, adding new members, and encompassing gifts within our fellowship.

Mission Outreach

- In conjunction with Session and the Mission sub-committee, to create an effective strategy for both local, community based outreach and a sustainable programme for evangelism and mission activities. This would include steps to provide engagement within those families and individuals who connect with the social events in the Church.

Youth

- To encourage young people who associate with Strean to grow spiritually and encourage them to actively participate in the life of the congregation.

1.5 Minister's Report – Rev. Jeff McWatters

For Strean as a church 2022 was a time to start and reconnect after the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of our folks were very nervous about meeting together in person and so the livestream of our Sunday services continued to be very important. From a minister's point of view, I would compare it to starting in a new charge, with lots of people to get to know and new ministries to be explored. Being able to run our children's and youth activities in the summer was such a blessing. These ministries had really been missed by our young people.

Being able to worship together in our building on a Sunday was emotional for a number of our members. Loved ones had passed away in the previous months and we had been unable to gather and give thanks as we normally would have. Friends had missed being together. But through all of the challenges that had been faced, we knew that God was with us and we continued to reach out into the community around us at every opportunity. Our Session made a very definite decision about our social witness and supporting those charities working with those who are vulnerable. Jesus helped people in very practical ways and we are to model our behaviour on Christ's.

We continue to be a group of people, committed to sharing God's love with the community that we are in.

1.6 Church Committee Report – Mr Brian Nixon

We were delighted that during 2022 the restrictions due to the covid pandemic were gradually eased, allowing a full programme of activities and events to resume. The Sausage Sizzle in June, to commemorate the 70th Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 's reign, was a great success. In addition to our other weekly activities, a new drop-in on a Thursday afternoon was started in July. This was in response to the increasing cost of living crisis and to prevent isolation and loneliness. It is open to the community and also members of our congregation. Although numbers are low it is supported by some regular visitors who are very appreciative of the opportunity to meet with others in a relaxing, warm and welcoming safe space.

The congregational subcommittees continued to fulfil their roles throughout the year, and effectively ensured the continued running of church services and activities. Significant repairs were carried out to the Adgey Hall floor in August. Several broken boards were removed and replaced with new maple wood to match the remaining floorboards. All were then sanded and finished before application of new badminton and football lines. The other major work carried out in 2022 was the installation of the Electricity Substation in our West Street car park. The works took approximately 8 weeks to complete, during which time there was significant disruption to the West Street car park. The final stage to reseal the car park will take place shortly as the weather is now dryer and warmer.

1.7 Serious Incident Reporting

During the year to December 2022, no serious Child Protection incidents were reported to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's Social Witness Department, which is responsible for safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults.

No reports were made to the Information Commissioner's Office.

1.8 Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the Society in the year to 31st December 2022. In evaluating public benefit, the trustees note that communicant membership of Strean Presbyterian Church is open to all who have a personal faith in God as Creator and Saviour. Whilst we would encourage those with personal faith to join our congregation we also serve God within our community and offer a warm welcome to everyone who comes in to attend services or other activities, irrespective of their personal faith.

2.0 Finance Report

2.1 Financial Review

General Account (No. 1 Account)

This is our housekeeping account, out of which all expenses relating to the everyday running of the church e.g. salaries, heat, light, insurance, offices costs and all payments to Church House, PCI are made. Income during the year from Free Will Offering amounted to £77,074 (a 9% increase on the previous year), and Gift Aid claimed from HMRC for 2021/22 tax year generated £14,889. Gift Aid from previous years that was claimed and received in 2022 added an additional £14,701 to the income. Income from the Thomas Streat bequest investment was significantly higher than in 2021, but more similar to previous years. We were able to meet our financial commitments including the Church House assessments and Presbytery Fees of £65,489.

Property funds

The Property account is used to upkeep our church, Halls and the manse. Income of £11,372 was received into this account from congregational giving (monthly envelopes and online giving), which is similar to 2021. Other income was received from 50% of the income from the Harvest Gift Day, split with the Mission Fund. In terms of both the Missions and Property accounts, we were delighted to be able to hold the normal two Antique Fairs and the Christmas Sale in 2022, as covid restrictions eased. The Fundraising Committee was able to transfer the sum of £2,250 to the Property account.

The major expenditure in 2022 was to repair and resurface the Adgey Hall floor at a cost of almost £5,000.

Missions

Mission outreach from Streat congregation is funded from this account. Income is obtained from a number of sources, chiefly monthly envelopes and online donations (raised £9,515). With the return of Sunday services and weekly activities the monthly drop off days are no longer as necessary. 50% income comes from the Harvest Gift Day envelopes, and from the Antiques Fairs and Christmas Sale as mentioned above. A total of £18,417 was allocated to cover the wide range of mission and charitable causes supported by Streat, including our requirement for the PCI United Appeal of £8,643. Five of the 2021 allocations were delayed and paid in the first four months of 2022, amounting to £2,525. The Fundraising Committee was able to transfer the sum of £1,250 to the Missions account.

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2.2 Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2022

Receipts & Payments Account

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022
Freewill/ Envelopes & Gift Aid	£104,636	£33,558		
Bequests/ Investment Income	£3,388	£1,339	£29,038	
Special Collections		£8,766		
Loose collections	£2,213			
Fundraising		£3,500		
Organisation Income	£1,700	£1,089		
Income from external users	£3,120	£18		
Grants		£650		
Other income	£2,120	£24		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£117,177	£48,944	£29,038	£195,159
PAYMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2020
Staff Costs	£56,895			
General Assembly & Presbytery Costs	£20,998			
Church, Halls & Grounds		£10,716		
United Appeal		£8,643		
Donations to Missions/ Projects		£13,595		
Other expenses	£36,404	£75		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£114,297	£33,029	£0	£147,326

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2.3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Investments £1,082,321

Current Assets

Bank and Cash Balances £ 133,336

Total Current Assets £1,215,657

Liabilities

Bank Overdrafts £ 0

Non-bank Loans £ 0

Total Current Liabilities £ 0

Net Assets £1,215,657

Fund Balances

Unrestricted Funds £ 82,436

Restricted Funds £ 50,900

Endowment Funds £1,034,547

Total Fund Balances £1,215,657

Name of Bank Account

Danske Bank No 1 A/C (General Account) £ 82,436

Danske Bank No 3 A/C (Property) £ 43,268

Danske Bank No 4 A/C (Mission) £ 7,632

Balances from Organisations £ 16,549

Total £ 149,885

2.4 Notes to the Accounts

Trustees' Expenses

No expenses were paid to any of the Trustees during the year except to reimburse them for purchases made on behalf of the charity.

Accounting Policies

Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 permits a charity to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities where gross income in the financial year does not exceed £250,000, therefore receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities has been prepared and presented for the year ended 31st December 2022.

All Income, including grants and investment income is recorded when received.

All Expenditure is recorded when paid.

Gift aid reclaimable on donations is included in the amounts of income once received.

Independent Scrutiny

The Accounts were audited by Stanley Woods & Co, Registered Auditors and Accountants and a copy of the "Statement of Income and Expenditure and Independent Examiners Report" is included in the accounts.

Cheques not cleared at bank at 31st December 2022

There were a small number of cheques issued by the church which had not cleared at the bank by 31st December 2022, but they were all cleared by 31st January 2023 and included in the 2022 Accounts.

3.0 Reference and Administrative Details

3.1 Charity Details

Charity Name: Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Charity Number: Registered Charity in Northern Ireland, NIC 105064

Principal Address: West Street, Newtownards, Co. Down, BT23 4EN

Trustees as of December 31st 2022:

Rev. Jeff McWatters (Chairman)	Mr Wallace McKee (Clerk of Session)
Mr Brian Nixon (Church Secretary)	Mr Stuart Faloon (Deputy Clerk)
Mr John Black	Mrs Fiona Boyle
Mr Stephen Boyle	Mr Philip Causby
Mr Alan Frazer	Dr Carl Harris
Ms Janet Johnston	Mr John Scott
Mrs Roberta Wilson	Mr Samuel Young

Bank: Danske Bank, High Street, Newtownards, Co. Down, BT23 7HS

Auditors & Accountants: Stanley Woods & Co., Alexander House, 49/51 Church Street, Newtownards, Co. Down, BT23 4AN

Insurance Broker: TL Dallas (NI) Ltd., 63 Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 6SA

3.2 Governance and Staffing

On 31st December 2022 the Kirk Session consisted of 14 Ruling Elders, each having been previously voted for by the eligible voting members of Strean Congregation. Each Ruling Elder is also a charity trustee of Strean Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. In November 2022, the Clerk of Session, Mrs Fiona Boyle, resigned after serving for 5 years, and Mr. Wallace McKee was elected as Clerk of Session. Mr Stuart Faloon was elected as Deputy Clerk in December 2022.

The Kirk Session is responsible for the spiritual welfare and pastoral care of members of the congregation. They hold scheduled business meetings approximately five times a year. Following the promotion of three elders to Elder Emeritus in 2021, two elders were elected by the congregation in November 2022. It was decided at this stage to postpone the training, installation and ordination of the two new elders until a second election could be held in 2023 to elect an additional six elders.

The Church Committee is responsible for the practical affairs of the church and works through seven subcommittees: finance, reception, property (manse and church), hospitality, audio-visual and information technology, publicity and communications and fundraising. The committee of 13 members who were elected in June 2021 continued to serve as committee members throughout 2022.

3.3 Related Organisations

Strean, a congregation in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission NI (Charity Number NIC 105064); the contact person for the charity is the Clerk of Session, Wallace McKee.

The Accounts and Annual Report for each congregation must be submitted for approval to the Presbyterian Church In Ireland by 31st May each year. The Minister and a Representative Elder from each congregation usually attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in June each year.

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 105064

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Streaton Presbyterian Church

Statement of Income & Expenditure and Independent Examiners Report

For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Independent Examiners Report

Unqualified report for a charity that is not a company and income of £250,000 or less

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on the statement of income & expenditure.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under s65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under s65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with s63 of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that need to be brought to your attention.

Stanley Woods & Company
Certified Accountants
Alexander House
49/51 Church Street
Newtownards
BT23 4AN

Signed:

Date: 20th April 2023