

Middletown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105074

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-10-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	45 Madden Road Caledon Co Armagh BT60 3lj BT60 3LJ
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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£29,490	£20,157	£0	0
2023-12-31	£32,095	£29,776	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daniel Reyes Martin		
Mr Alastair Heatrick		
Mr David Mcelnea		
Mr Samuel Alexander Cargill		

Middletown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts

General Account No. 1 A/C Annual Statement

Middletown Presbyterian Church Financial Accounts 2024
General Account 2024

Opening Balance:		7,786.94		
Income			Expenditure	
Freewill Offering	13,541.27		Church House	8,292.50
Sunday Loose collection	563.21		Pulpit Supply	85.00
Sunday Evening services	260.24		Copyright costs	133.00
Family Service	85.67		Gazette Account	152.25
Harvest	700.00		Air ambulance	700.00
Magazines	330.00		Presbytery fee	197.50
			Magazines	227.50
			Inspire Magazines	60.00
United Appeal	731.21		United Appeal	1,250.00
World Development	170.00		World Development	170.00
Orphan Society	345.00		Orphan Society	345.00
Passover Meal				
Land letting	350.00		Ground Upkeep	400.00
Johnston Bequest	32.34		Organist	520.00
Tots n Town Grant	250.00		Tots n Town	468.94
Donations			Manse Expenses	1,555.00
Ms Jenny Blackburn	203.44		Travel Expenses	330.86
Bowling Club	150.00		Beacon Fire	272.40
GB use of hall	50.00		Electric	2,555.80
Refund of Presbytery Fees	223.19		Insurance	689.16
			Oil	819.00
			Water	146.31
			Bank fees No1 A/c	184.88
Total Income:		17,985.56	Total Expenditure	19,555.10
			No. 1 A/C closing Balance	6,217.40
Total		25,772.50	Total	25,772.50
				0.00
Checks Balances and Explanations			Checks Balances and Explanations	
Weekly Receipts Report Total	17,945.56		Payments Report Total	19,515.10
Difference from Income	40.00		Difference from Payments	40.00
£40 cheque rec'd made payable to Orphan Society has been added in on both Orphan Receipt and Orphan Payment				

Repair Account Annual Statement

Middletown Presbyterian Church Financial Accounts 2024
Repair Fund 2024

Repair Fund Opening Balance	2,238.20
Bowling Cub Monies Held	<u>725.00</u>
Opening Balance	2,963.20

Income	
Repair fund envelopes	4,335.00
Robert Cargill family donation	500.00
Gift day	<u>6,490.00</u>

Expenditure	
Notice Board Repair:	551.60
Bank fees No1 A/c	<u>50.33</u>

Total Income	11,325.00
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Total Expenditure	601.93
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Bowling Club monies rec:	<u>180.00</u>
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Bowling Cub Monies Held	905.00
Repair Account Closing Balance	<u>12,961.27</u>

Total	14,468.20
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Accounts

Middletown Presbyterian Church**General Account 2023****Income**

Opening Balance	10001.00
F.W.O	12606.00
Donations	210.00
Sunday Loose Collections	520.00
Sunday Evening Service	61.00
Childrens Day Collection	74.00
Harvest Collections	350.00
United Appeal	953.00
World Development Appeal	216.00
Orphan Society	310.00
Turkish Earthquake Appeal	290.00
Land Letting	285.00
Johnston Bequest	25.00
From Bowling Club re Hall	150.00
For Church Magazines	260.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	4707.00
Electricity Credit	600.00

Total Income 2023 **31618.00**

Anonymous Historical Gift	1,000.00
Uncashed expense 2022	120.00
Exchange Gain on Euro 2020-2023	1721.45

Total Historical Additional Income **2841.45**

Total **34459.45**

Expenditure**Assessments**

Central Ministry Fund	90.00
Widows of Ministers Fund	18.00
Prolonged Disability Fund	18.00
Incidental Fund	74.00
Ministerial Development Fund	8.00
Assembly Building External Work	41.00
Sick Supply Fund	1.00
Students Bursary Fund	33.00
Stipend	379.00
ER Pension	91.00
Ministerial Car Allowance	43.00
Ministerial Duties Allowance	33.00

Total Assessments 2023 **829.00**

Pulpit Supply & Convenor Fee	3130.00
Presbytery Fee	168.00
Church Insurances	656.00
NIE Electricity	2325.00
Northern Ireland Water	163.00
Oil	980.00
United Appeal inc. gift aid	1276.00
World Development Appeal inc. gift aid	356.00
Orphan Society inc. gift aid	415.00
Turkish Earthquake Appeal	290.00
Childrens Day Prizes & Bibles	62.00
Gazette Account Printing & Stationary	167.00
Church Magazines	260.00
Copyright CCL/Europe	133.00
Air Ambulance	350.00
Grounds Upkeep	400.00
Organist	520.00
Bank Charges	216.00
Middletown Share of Manse Expense	1400.00
Gift Aid Transfer to Repair Account	1300.00
Transfer to Repair Account	5500.00

Total Expenditure **20896.00**

Mutal Society Bad Debt **5776.51**

Account closing Balance **7786.94**

34459.45

Repair Fund 2023

Income

Opening Balance	1,366.00
Monthly Repair Fund Envelopes	2,590.00
Donation	400.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	1,300.00
From No 1 Account	5,500.00
Euro Exchange Rate Gain	688.00

Expenditure

W.R. Jenkins & Co	
Balance Church Roof Repairs	8,880.00

Total Expenditure

8,880.00

Account Breakdown

Held for Bowling club	725.00
Repair Account Funds	2,239.00

Closing Balance

2,964.00

Total

11,844.00

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Middletown Presbyterian Church
General Account 2018

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Opening Balance	6045.53	Assessments	
F.W.O	13942.00	Central Ministry Fund	679.00
Sunday Loose Collections	248.00	Retired Minister Fund	160.00
Sunday Evening Collections	232.00	Widows of Ministers Fund	151.00
Donations	50.00	Prolonged Disability Fund	28.00
Children Day Collection for Sunday School	187.00	Incidental Fund	283.00
Sunday School Collections	90.00	Ministerial Development Fund	47.00
Harvest Collections	565.00	Assembly Building External Work	198.00
United Appeal	770.00	Sick Supply Fund	4.00
World Development Appeal	368.00	Students Bursary Fund	94.00
Orphan Society	458.00	Stipend	3465.00
Re Pulpit Supply During Sabbatical	70.00	PCI Pension Scheme (2009) Fund	831.75
R.A.F.A Wings Appeal	42.00	Ministerial Car Allowance	658.50
Land Letting	285.00	<u>Total Assessments 2017</u>	6599.25
Johnston Bequest	26.00		
From Bowling Club	150.00	Ministers Expenses	250.00
Moderators Appeal	160.00	Pulpit Supply	585.00
		Presbytery Fee	92.00
		Church Insurances	489.00
		NIE Electricity	1313.00
		Northern Ireland Water	116.00
		Sunday School Expenses	285.00
		United Appeal	1000.00
		World Development Appeal	368.00
		Moderators Appeal	160.00
		Orphan Society	458.00
		Oil	1130.00
		R.A.F.A Wings Appeal	42.00
		Gazette Account Printing & Stationary	283.00
		Copyright CCL/Europe	114.00
		Grounds Upkeep	350.00
		Organist	520.00
		Bank Charges	213.00
		<u>Total Expenditure</u>	14367.25
		<u>Balance</u>	9321.28
Total	<u>23688.53</u>		<u>23688.53</u>

Repair Fund 2018

Income

Opening Balance	9,405.20
Monthly Repair Fund Envelopes	5,512.00
Donation for use of hall	40.00

Expenditure

Loan Repayments:

Jan	2122.4
April	2122.4
July	2122.4
Oct	2122.4

Church Gallery Carpet	425.00
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Total Expenditure	8,914.60
Closing Balance	6,042.60

Total	<u>14,957.20</u>
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Crescent Loan Fund

Amount of loan remaining	12734.40
Repayments made	8489.60
Outstanding Balance	4244.80

Mutual Society?

Balance Remaining

5776.51

Middletown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2018**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 105074)

MIDDLETOWN 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 2018**, including a statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

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Church Street Middletown Co Armagh BT60 4JR.

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CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who were trustees during 2018 were;

Rev David Hagan

Mr Samuel Cargill

Mr David Mc Elnea

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister Rev David Hagan

Treasurer Mr Samuel Cargill

BANKERS

First Trust 18-20 Scotch St, Dungannon BT70

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

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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. Middletown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Monaghan Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

The General Assembly

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

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

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

The Congregation's mission statement reads: *"To know God better; to make God better known"*

Our Vision is to be an inclusive, welcoming and all-age community of Christ's people which:

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on two occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular Bible Study and Prayer meetings.

We have a wide range of activities and organisations including:

- Sunday School,
- Crèche on Sundays mornings
- Midweek Prayer & Bible Study
- Presbyterian Women – a missionary organisation for women of all ages
- Church Choir and Praise Band
- Bowling Club
- Summer Out Reach Programme Fit For Life

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

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The Congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join.

The fortnightly Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship and to study the scriptures

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism. There were 0 adult and 1 infant baptisms.

Funeral services were conducted throughout the year giving thanks for the lives of our members who have passed on and giving comfort to those who have been bereaved. Marriages have also taken place in the church during 2018.

At 31 December 2017 there were 56 communicant members and 25 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 35.

Pastoral care

Members of the Congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and assistant minister. Our twenty elders visited approximately eighteen homes each in their pastoral district and the Pastoral Care Team each visit a small number of people who have agreed to have regular visits from the team.

Mission and Outreach

At a local level the Congregation seeks to engage in outreach within our community with the Summer Out Reach Programme Fit For Life.

Over sixteen of our young people helped run summer missions and camps locally and overseas. The Congregation supports the United Appeal for Missions which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students and financially supports congregations in areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The Congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School Project, Children's Society and other special appeals made by the Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery

The congregation is represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and a nominated elder. This provides an important link between the Congregation and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and a nominated elder attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

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

Organisation Age Range Frequency of meeting Average attendance

Sunday School 3 – 18 Sunday mornings (Sept – June) 5

Midweek Prayer & Bible Study 5-10

Presbyterian Women (PW) Adult women Monthly (Sept March) 12

Bowling Club Men and Women Weekly (Sept May) 15

Summer Out Reach Programme Fit For Life 50

Volunteers

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

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

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of notice boards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways. The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is member's contributions through the Weekly Freewill

Offering. There were 50 contributors during the year (50 in 2017) donating a total of £13942, compared to £12040.00.

Total income of the congregation during the year was £23195, compared to £26601 in the previous year.

Total expenditure of the congregation increased from £22580 to £23281.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

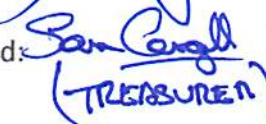
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 30 October 2019 and signed on its behalf by;

Signed:  Date: 30 October 2019 (Minister)

Signed:  Date: 30 October 2019
(TREASURER)

Middletown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105074

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Middletown Presbyterian Church Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2018, which are set out on pages 1 and 2 of the accounts

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Name: Henry Johnston

Address: 17 Balteagh Road, Tynan, Armagh, BT60 4SB

Date: 31/10/2019

Accounts

Middletown Presbyterian Church

General Account 2017

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
		<u>Assessments</u>	
Opening Balance	2823.22	Central Ministry Fund	558.00
F.W.O	12040.00	Retired Minister Fund	124.00
Sunday Loose Collections	599.00	Widows of Ministers Fund	132.00
Sunday Evening Collections	371.00	Prolonged Disability Fund	8.00
Donations	450.00	Incidental Fund	208.00
		Ministerial Development Fund	31.00
Children Day Collection for Sunday School	204.00	Assembly Building External Work	146.00
Sunday School Collections	96.00	Special Assembly	8.00
Harvest Collections	525.00	Sick Supply Fund	5.00
United Appeal	955.00	Students Bursary Fund	118.00
World Development Appeal	203.00	Stipend	3430.69
Orphan Society	430.00	PCI Pension Scheme (2009) Fund	823.00
R.A.F.A Wings Appeal	50.00		
Land Letting	285.00	<u>Total Assessments 2017</u>	5591.69
Johnston Bequest	26.00		
Mens Fellowship Evening	202.00	Ministers Expenses	1000.00
From Bowling Club	100.00	Pulpit Supply	610.00
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		Oil	360.00
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		RABIU	525.00
		Gazette Account	333.00
		Copyright CCL/Europe	108.00
		Grounds Upkeep	350.00
		Organist	520.00
		Bank Charges	139.00
		<u>Total Expenditure</u>	13533.69
		<u>Balance</u>	6045.53
Total	<u>19579.22</u>		<u>19579.22</u>

Repair Fund 2017

Income

Opening Balance	8,608.00
Monthly Repair Fund Envelopes	5,437.00
Big Band Night	1,568.00
John McClean Bequest	1,000.00
Donation Eric & Hazel Hamilton	500.00
Donation in memory of the late Thomas Heatrick	1,015.00
Donation for use of hall	100.00
II	50.00
Sale of congregational pictures	175.00

Expenditure

Loan Repayments:

Jan	2122.4
April	2122.4
July	2122.4
Oct	2122.4
Pictures	50.00
Signs	143.20
Chuch Fire Extinguisher	365.00

Total Expenditure 9,047.80

Closing Balance 9,405.20

Total 18,453.00

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Crescent Loan Fund

Amount of loan remaining	21224.00
Repayments made	8489.60
Outstanding Balance	12734.40

Mutual Society?

Balance Remaining \

5776.51

Middletown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105074

Annual report

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OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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Rev David Hagan

Mr Tom Heatrick (Deceased 7.2.17)

Mr Jack Cargill

Mr Samuel Cargill

Mr David Mc Elnea

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister Rev David Hagan

Clerk of Session Mr Jack Cargill

Treasurer Mr Samuel Cargill

BANKERS

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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. Middletown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Monaghan Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

The General Assembly

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

active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

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

The Congregation's mission statement reads: *"To know God better; to make God better known"*

Our Vision is to be an inclusive, welcoming and all-age community of Christ's people which:

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on two occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular Bible Study and Prayer meetings.

We have a wide range of activities and organisations including:

- Sunday School,
- Midweek Prayer & Bible Study
- Presbyterian Women – a missionary organisation for women of all ages
- Church Choir
- Bowling Club
- Summer Out Reach Programme Fit For Life

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

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The Congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join.

The fortnightly Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship and to study the scriptures

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism. There were 0 adult and 1 child baptism.

Funeral services were conducted throughout the year giving thanks for the lives of our members who have passed on and giving comfort to those who have been bereaved.

Marriages have also taken place in the church during 2017.

At 31 December 2017 there were 56 communicant members and 25 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 40.

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.

Mission and Outreach

At a local level the Congregation seeks to engage in outreach within our community with the Summer Out Reach Programme Fit For Life.

The Congregation supports the United Appeal for Missions which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students and financially supports congregations in areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The Congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School Project, Children's Society and other special appeals made by the Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery

The congregation is represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and a nominated elder. This provides an important link between the Congregation and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and a nominated elder attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

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

Organisation Age Range Frequency of meeting Average attendance

Sunday School 3 – 18 Sunday mornings (Sept – June) 5

Midweek Prayer & Bible Study 5-10.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Adult women Monthly (Oct March) 12.

Bowling Club Men and Women Weekly (Sept May) 15

Summer Out Reach Programme Fit For Life 50

Volunteers

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

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

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways. The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is member's contributions through the Weekly Freewill

Offering. There were 50 contributors during the year (2017) donating a total of £12040.00
Total income of the congregation during the year was £19572.22 compared to £21116.72 in the previous year.

Total expenditure of the congregation increased from £18293.50 to £13533.69

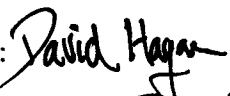
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 21 10 2018 and signed on its behalf by;

Signed:  Date: 21 10 2018

Signed:  Date: 21 10 2018

Middletown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105074

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Middletown Presbyterian Church Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2017, which are set out on pages 1 and 2 of the accounts

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Name: Henry Johnston

Address: 17 Balteagh Road, Tynan, Armagh, BT60 4SB

Date: 21/10/2018