

# Tullylish Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105111

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-12

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£80,351	£85,784	£0	3

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
David Crory		
Frank Whale		
Helen Mateer		
John Hudson		
John Mccullagh		
Nevin Brown		
Rev David Conkey		

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

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# Accounts

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**Tullylish Presbyterian Church**  
**A Congregation of the Presbyterian**  
**Church in Ireland**

**Trustees' Annual Report and**  
**Financial Statements for the year**  
**ended 31 December 2024**

**Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC105111**

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 including a Balance Sheet as at that date.

### Reference and administrative details

Address: Tullylish congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
234 Banbridge Road  
Lawrencetown,  
Banbridge,  
BT63 6DW

Registered Charity Number Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105111)

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Mr John McCullagh	Mr David Croy
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• **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

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The congregation's mission purpose is Showing God's love by teaching, preaching and reaching with the good news of Jesus Christ.

**ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

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

#### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School
- Prayer and Bible Study Group
- Ladies Bible Study Group
- Senior Badminton Club
- Seekers
- Presbyterian Women
- Senior Moments

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12.00 noon. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we met to give comfort to one another and give thanks for the lives of three members who died.

On 31 December 2024 there were 105 communicant members, and 109 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 70.

##### **Pastoral care**

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

##### **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation has supported the following charities and appeals. In the case of some of these, support is purely financial, in others such as Seekers there is outreach to children and young people in our own locality.

##### **PCI United Appeal**

##### **PCI World Development Fund**

##### **British Legion Poppy Appeal**

##### **PCI PW Mission**

##### **Presbyterian Children's Society**

##### **Reach Mentoring**

##### **Revival Movement Association**

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

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, PW Mission Fund and any other special appeals.

##### **Presbytery**

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

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

This year we continued to carry out regular maintenance on all buildings to ensure they are suitable for purpose.

### **Organisations**

Church Organisations have returned to normal after the Corona virus pandemic and meet in person again.

The Badminton Club meets on Monday evenings between September and May with members being from within both the Church and wider community.

Senior Moments is on the 2nd Tuesday morning of the month with a range of Speakers. Participants are welcome from both Tullylish and Gilford Churches and from several other Churches.

On the third Tuesday evening of each month, our Presbyterian Women meet in the Church Hall and after a time of worship and prayer an invited guest speaker will bring a gospel centered message through their chosen topic or testimony.

On Wednesday evening we join with members of our sister church in Gilford for a time of bible study and prayer. Again, this has been by a combination of zoom and in person. It is currently both on zoom and in person.

In the early evening every Thursday, our Seekers Club meets for young children of primary school age. They have a fun evening filled with stories, games and teaching from the bible. This is attended by a wide variety of children from the local community and our own fellowship.

### **Volunteers**

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

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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

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

Generally, the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members 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.

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

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 Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 91 contributors during the year (90 in previous year, 2023) donating a total amount of £43,671 (£36,183 in previous year, 2023)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £80,351 compared to £80,374 in the previous year.

Total expenditure decreased to £85,784 from £108,485 due to improvements being made to both Church building and Church Hall during 2023. We also paid out PCI payments for 2023 and 2024.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 23 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by

  
Rev David Conkey

  
Mr John McCullagh

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 9 to 15.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of the 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 Charities 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.

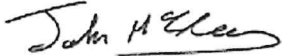
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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 REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
(cont'd)**

**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.



John McCleary FCA  
McCleary & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants Ireland  
Garvey Studios  
14 Longstone Street  
Lisburn  
BT28 1TP

Date: 23 May 2025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and Legacies	2	55,344	17,614	72,958	72,820
Charitable Activities	3	0	1,850	1,850	446
Other Trading activities	4	2,158	0	2,158	2,300
Investment Income	5	2,249	1,136	3,385	4,208
Other	6	0	0	0	600
		<u>59,751</u>	<u>20,600</u>	<u>80,351</u>	<u>80,374</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Raising Funds	7	560	0	560	536
Charitable Activities	8	59,289	25,935	85,224	107,949
Other	9	0	0	0	0
		<u>59,849</u>	<u>25,935</u>	<u>85,784</u>	<u>108,485</u>
Total		(98)	(5,335)	(5,433)	(28,111)
<b>Asset &amp; Investment purchase/sale</b>					
Purchase of Equipment		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(98)	(5,335)	(5,433)	(28,111)
Transfer between funds		<u>100</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net movement in funds		2	(5,435)	(5,433)	(28,111)
Funds brought forward		<u>70,883</u>	<u>70,036</u>	<u>140,919</u>	<u>169,030</u>
Funds carried forward	12	<u><u>70,885</u></u>	<u><u>64,601</u></u>	<u><u>135,486</u></u>	<u><u>140,919</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Bank and Cash at start of year	70,883	70,034	140,917	169,030
Net movement in funds	2	(5,435)	(5,433)	(28,111)
Bank and Cash at end of year	<u>70,885</u>	<u>64,599</u>	<u>135,484</u>	<u>140,919</u>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Deposit Accounts				
Bank Current Accounts			141,377	140,659
Cash in Hand			<u>166</u>	<u>260</u>
			<u>141,543</u>	<u>140,919</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Fixed Assets - Note 10				
- Church Premises			2,885,966	2,793,771
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment			0	0
- Vehicles			0	0
Investments - Note 11			138,995	136,811
Gift Aid receivable on donations			12,914	12,205
Manse			<u>408,247</u>	<u>395,206</u>
			<u>3,446,122</u>	<u>3,337,993</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Loans			0	0
Enter details of any other liabilities			0	0
Other			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 23 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by

  
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23 May 2025

  
Mr John McCullagh

23 May 2025

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2024

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Recorded giving	43,671	14,905	58,576	54,728
Loose collections	1,132	437	1,569	2,275
Donations and gifts	877	876	1,753	1,611
Gift aid	9,664	1,396	11,060	12,206
Legacies and bequest	0	0	0	2,000
	<hr/> 55,344	<hr/> 17,614	<hr/> 72,958	<hr/> 72,820

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Income from charitable activities	0	1,650	1,650	300
Fundraising events	0	200	200	146
Membership fees	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0
	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 1,850	<hr/> 1,850	<hr/> 446

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Letting of premises	2,158	0	2,158	2,300
Trading income	0	0	0	0
	<hr/> 2,158	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 2,158	<hr/> 2,300

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Deposit interest	1,350	0	1,350	2,028
Investment income	899	1,136	2,035	2,180
	<hr/> 2,249	<hr/> 1,136	<hr/> 3,385	<hr/> 4,208

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Other income	0	0	0	600
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>600</u>

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
FWO envelopes	560	0	560	536
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0
	<u>560</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>536</u>

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
General assembly assessments	5,577	0	5,577	5,031
Presbytery fees	404	0	404	479
Ministry and support staff costs	37,413	0	37,413	37,014
Congregational running expenses	14,611	12,381	26,992	56,374
Donations to mission and charities	0	13,554	13,554	7,100
Governance costs	1,284	0	1,284	1,951
	<u>59,289</u>	<u>25,935</u>	<u>85,224</u>	<u>107,949</u>

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Loan Interest	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 234 Banbridge Road, Lawrencetown, Craigavon, BT63 6DW and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,014,839 for Church and £871,127 for Church Hall. They also own the Manse at Knollwood, Seapatrick, Banbridge, Co Down, BT32 4PE. This has an insurance value of £408,247.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
General Investment Fund	45,821	43,752
Property - Farm 17.94 acres	89,700	89,700
Other Investments	3,474	3,359
	<u>138,995</u>	<u>136,811</u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

## 12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General	70,883	59,751	59,849	(98)	100	70,885
	<u>70,883</u>	<u>59,751</u>	<u>59,849</u>	<u>(98)</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>70,885</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
No 1 (Mission and Org)	7,323	7,838	13,741	(5,903)	0	1,420
No 2 Account	42,904	11,735	11,387	348	0	43,252
Seniors	54	233	220	13	0	67
Seekers	86	204	211	(7)	0	79
PW	1,161	590	375	215	0	1,376
Badminton	175	0	0	0	(100)	75
Cooks	18,333	0	1	(1)	0	18,332
	<u>70,036</u>	<u>20,600</u>	<u>25,935</u>	<u>(5,335)</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>64,601</u>
Total	<u>140,919</u>	<u>80,351</u>	<u>85,784</u>	<u>(5,433)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>135,486</u>

## 13. GOVERNANCE COSTS

Governance costs of £1,284 incurred during the year related to fees paid to the independent examiner.

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

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

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105111)**

## **TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

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### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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Mr John McCullagh	Mr David Croy
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**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

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

The congregation's mission purpose is Showing God's love by teaching, preaching and reaching with the good news of Jesus Christ.

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

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

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

- Sunday School
- Prayer and Bible Study Group
- Ladies Bible Study Group
- Senior Badminton Club
- Seekers
- Presbyterian Women
- Senior Moments
- Embers

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12.00 noon. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

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

On 31 December 2023 there were 105 communicant members and 105 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 70.

#### **Pastoral care**

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

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

**Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation has supported the following charities and appeals. Some of these are by purely financial support and others such as Seekers and Embers which reaches out to children and young people in our own locality.

**PCI United Appeal**

**PCI World Development Fund**

**British Legion Poppy Appeal**

**PCI PW Mission**

**Presbyterian Children's Society**

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

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, PW Mission Fund and any other special appeals.

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

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

This year we continued to carry out regular maintenance on all buildings to ensure they are suitable for purpose.

### **Organisations**

Church Organisations have returned to normal after the Corona virus pandemic and meet in person again.

The Badminton Club meets on Monday evenings between September and May with members being from within both the Church and wider community.

Senior Moments is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday morning of the month with a range of Speakers. Participants are welcome from both Tullylish and Gilford Churches and a several from other Churches.

On the third Tuesday evening of each month, our Presbyterian Women meet in the Church Hall and after a time of worship and prayer an invited guest speaker will bring a gospel centered message through their chosen topic or testimony.

On Wednesday evening we join with members of our sister church in Gilford for a time of bible study and prayer. Again, this has been by a combination of zoom and in person. It is currently both on zoom and in person.

In the early evening every Thursday, our Seekers Club meets for young children of primary school age. They have a fun evening filled with stories, games and teaching from the bible. This is attended by a wide variety of children from the local community and our own fellowship.

### **Volunteers**

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

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

**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 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 Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 90 contributors during the year (93 in previous year, 2022) donating a total amount of £36,183 (£38,837 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £80,374, compared to £98,685 in the previous year. In 2022 the Church was blessed with a large bequest.

Total expenditure increased to £108,485 from £69,090 due to improvements being made to both the Church building and Church Hall.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 28 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by

  
Rev David Conkey

  
John McCullagh

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages twelve to eighteen.

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

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

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

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

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

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

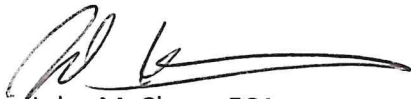
Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

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 EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (cont'd)**

**Independent examiner's statement**

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



John McCleary FCA  
McCleary & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
Garvey Studios  
14 Longstone Street  
Lisburn  
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BT28 1TP

Date: 28 April 2024

**TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and Legacies	2	£46,374.00	£26,446.00	£0.00	£72,820.00	£94,610.00
Charitable Activities	3	£0.00	£446.00	£0.00	£446.00	£950.00
Other trading activities	4	£0.00	£2,300.00	£0.00	£2,300.00	£0.00
Investment Income	5	£3,986.00	£222.00	£0.00	£4,208.00	£3,125.00
Other	6	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00	£0.00
		<u>£50,960.00</u>	<u>£29,414.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£80,374.00</u>	<u>£98,685.00</u>
Sale of Investments		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sale of Fixed Assets		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Loans received		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>£50,960.00</u>	<u>£29,414.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£80,374.00</u>	<u>£98,685.00</u>
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising Funds	7	£536.00	£0.00	£0.00	£536.00	£579.00
Charitable Activities	8	£53,726.00	£54,223.00	£0.00	£107,949.00	£68,511.00
Investment Costs		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other	9	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		<u>£54,262.00</u>	<u>£54,223.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£108,485.00</u>	<u>£69,090.00</u>
Purchase of Investments		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Purchase of Fixed Assets		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Loan Repayments		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>£54,262.00</u>	<u>£54,223.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£108,485.00</u>	<u>£69,090.00</u>
Net receipts/(payments)		(3,302.00)	(£24,809.00)	£0.00	(£28,111.00)	£29,595.00
Transfer between funds		(£235.00)	£235.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Net movement in funds		(£3,537.00)	(£24,574.00)	£0.00	(£28,111.00)	£29,595.00
Funds brought forward		<u>£74,420.00</u>	<u>£94,610.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£169,030.00</u>	<u>£139,435.00</u>
Funds carried forward	12	<u>£70,883.00</u>	<u>£70,036.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£140,919.00</u>	<u>£169,030.00</u>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	£74,420.00	£94,610.00	£0.00	£169,030.00	£139,435.00
Net movement in funds	(£3,537.00)	(£24,574.00)	£0.00	(£28,111.00)	£29,595.00
Bank and cash at end of year	<u>£70,883.00</u>	<u>£70,036.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£140,919.00</u>	<u>£169,030.00</u>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Accounts				£140,659.00	£168,753.00
Cash in Hand				£260.00	£277.00
				<u>£140,919.00</u>	<u>£169,030.00</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets - Note 10					
- Church Premises				£2,793,771.00	£2,630,670.00
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment					
- Vehicles					
Investments - Note 11				£136,811.00	£132,996.00
Gift Aid receivable on donations				£12,205.00	£12,609.00
Manse – Note 10				£395,206.00	£372,123.00
				<u>£3,337,993.00</u>	<u>£3,148,398.00</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				£0.00	£0.00
Other				£0.00	£0.00
				<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 28 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by

  
Rev D Conkey

  
Mr J McCullagh

**TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion: the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Recorded giving	£36,182.00	£18,546.00	£0.00	£54,728.00	£57,451.00
Loose collections	£107.00	£2,168.00	£0.00	£2,275.00	£3,294.00
Donations and gifts	£1,015.00	£596.00	£0.00	£1,611.00	£1,256.00
Gift Aid	£8,070.00	£4,136.00	£0.00	£12,206.00	£12,609.00
Legacies and bequest	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£20,000.00
	<b>£46,374.00</b>	<b>£26,446.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£72,820.00</b>	<b>£94,610.00</b>

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

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2023**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income from charitable activities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Fees from weddings and funerals	£0.00	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	£950.00
Fundraising events	£0.00	£146.00	£0.00	£146.00	£0.00
Membership Fees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£446.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£446.00</b>	<b>£950.00</b>

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Letting of premises	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Trading Income	£0.00	£2,300.00	£0.00	£2,300.00	£0.00
	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£2,300.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£2,300.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deposit interest	£1,174.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,174.00	£234.00
General Investment Fund	£632.00	£222.00	£0.00	£854.00	£987.00
Rent's investment properties	£2,082.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,082.00	£1,904.00
Other investment income	£98.00	£0.00	£0.00	£98.00	£0.00
	<b>£3,986.00</b>	<b>£222.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£4,208.00</b>	<b>£3,125.00</b>

**TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**31 December 2023**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Power NI Grant	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00	£0.00
	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00	£0.00

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
FWO envelopes	£536.00	£0.00	£0.00	£536.00	£579.00
Fundraising events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£536.00	£0.00	£0.00	£536.00	£579.00

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General Assembly Assessments	£5,031.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,031.00	£4,932.00
Presbytery fees	£479.00	£0.00	£0.00	£479.00	£342.00
Ministry and support staff costs	£36,396.00	£618.00	£0.00	£37,014.00	£33,103.00
Congregational running expenses	£9,852.00	£46,522.00	£0.00	£56,374.00	£18,239.00
Donations to Mission and charities	£40.00	£7,060.00	£0.00	£7,100.00	£9,991.00
Governance costs	£1,928.00	£23.00	£0.00	£1,951.00	£1,904.00
	£53,726.00	£54,223.00	£0.00	£107,949.00	£68,511.00

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

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment properties expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 234 Banbridge Road Lawrencetown Craigavon BT63 6DW and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £1,950,473 for the Church and £843,298 for the Church Hall. They also own the Manse at Knollwood, Seapatrick, Banbridge, Co Down, BT32 4PE. This has an insurance value of £395,205.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General Investment Fund	£43,752.00	£40,121.00
Property - Farm 17.94 acres	£89,700.00	£89,700.00
Other investments	£3,359.00	£3,175.00
	£136,811.00	£132,996.00

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

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
No 1 Account	£74,420.00	£50,960.00	£54,262.00	(£3,302.00)	(£235.00)	£70,883.00
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
No 1 Account	£6,550.00	£6,425.00	£6,445.00	(£20.00)	£793.00	£7,323.00
No 2 Account	£68,394.00	£21,490.00	£46,522.00	(£25,032.00)	(£458.00)	£42,904.00
Senior Moments (Cash)	£102.00	£192.00	£240.00	(£48.00)	£0.00	£54.00
Bowling Club (Cash)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Seekers Account	£96.00	£165.00	£175.00	(£10.00)	£0.00	£86.00
PW Account	£960.00	£1,042.00	£841.00	£201.00	£0.00	£1,161.00
Badminton Club (Cash)	£175.00	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	(£100.00)	£175.00
Cooks Account	£18,333.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£18,333.00
	£94,610.00	£29,414.00	£54,223.00	(£24,809.00)	£235.00	£70,036.00
<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£169,030.00</b>	<b>£80,374.00</b>	<b>£108,485.00</b>	<b>(£28,111.00)</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£140,919.00</b>

**13. Governance Costs**

Governance costs of £1,951 were incurred during the year of which £1,195 relates to fees paid to the independent examiner.

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105111

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# Annual report

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## **TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Tullylish congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
234 Banbridge Road  
Lawrencetown,  
Banbridge,  
BT63 6DW

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105111)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Rev David Conkey	Mr Frank Whale
Mr John McCullagh	Mr David Croy
Mr John Hudson	Mrs Helen Mateer
Mr Nevin Brown	

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Rev David Conkey
Clerk of Session	Mr John McCullagh
Treasurer	Mrs Diane Crozier

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

McCleary & Co Ltd  
Garvey Studios, 14 Longstone Street, Lisburn, Co Antrim, BT28 1TP

### **BANKERS**

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### **SOLICITORS**

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37-39 Rathfriland Rd, Banbridge BT32 3LA

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

### **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **The Kirk Session**

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The congregation's mission purpose is Showing God's love by teaching, preaching and reaching with the good news of Jesus Christ.

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

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

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

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- Ladies Bible Study Group
- Senior Badminton Club
- Seekers
- Presbyterian Women
- Senior Moments
- Embers

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12.00 noon. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

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

On 31 December 2023 there were 105 communicant members and 105 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 70.

#### **Pastoral care**

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

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

### **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation has supported the following charities and appeals. Some of these are by purely financial support and others such as Seekers and Embers which reaches out to children and young people in our own locality.

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#### **PCI World Development Fund**

#### **British Legion Poppy Appeal**

#### **PCI PW Mission**

#### **Presbyterian Children's Society**

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The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, PW Mission Fund and any other special appeals.

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

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

This year we continued to carry out regular maintenance on all buildings to ensure they are suitable for purpose.

### **Organisations**

Church Organisations have returned to normal after the Corona virus pandemic and meet in person again.

The Badminton Club meets on Monday evenings between September and May with members being from within both the Church and wider community.

Senior Moments is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday morning of the month with a range of Speakers. Participants are welcome from both Tullylish and Gilford Churches and a several from other Churches.

On the third Tuesday evening of each month, our Presbyterian Women meet in the Church Hall and after a time of worship and prayer an invited guest speaker will bring a gospel centered message through their chosen topic or testimony.

On Wednesday evening we join with members of our sister church in Gilford for a time of bible study and prayer. Again, this has been by a combination of zoom and in person. It is currently both on zoom and in person.

In the early evening every Thursday, our Seekers Club meets for young children of primary school age. They have a fun evening filled with stories, games and teaching from the bible. This is attended by a wide variety of children from the local community and our own fellowship.

### **Volunteers**

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

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

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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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 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 Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 90 contributors during the year (93 in previous year, 2022) donating a total amount of £36,183 (£38,837 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £80,374, compared to £98,685 in the previous year. In 2022 the Church was blessed with a large bequest.

Total expenditure increased to £108,485 from £69,090 due to improvements being made to both the Church building and Church Hall.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 28 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by

  
Rev David Conkey

  
John McCullagh

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

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# Annual return

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages twelve to eighteen.

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

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

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

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

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

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


Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us 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 EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (cont'd)**

**Independent examiner's statement**

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



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Date: 28 April 2024

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# Accounts

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**Trustees Annual Report  
and Financial Statements  
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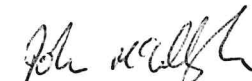
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 9 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Rev David Conkey



John McCullagh

Date 9 April 2023

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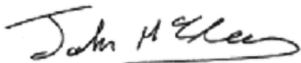
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**TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and Legacies	2	£55,731.00	£38,879.00	£0.00	£94,610.00	£69,025.00
Charitable Activities	3	£0.00	£950.00	£0.00	£950.00	£1,097.00
Other trading activities	4	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,145.00
Investment Income	5	£2,894.00	£231.00	£0.00	£3,125.00	£2,889.00
Other	6	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		£58,625.00	£40,060.00	£0.00	£98,685.00	£77,156.00
Sale of Investments		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sale of Fixed Assets		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Loans received		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		£58,625.00	£40,060.00	£0.00	£98,685.00	£77,156.00
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising Funds	7	£579.00	£0.00	£0.00	£579.00	£619.00
Charitable Activities	8	£51,429.00	£17,082.00	£0.00	£68,511.00	£46,255.00
Investment Costs		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other	9	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		£52,008.00	£17,082.00	£0.00	£69,090.00	£46,874.00
Purchase of Investments		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Purchase of Fixed Assets		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Loan Repayments		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		£52,008.00	£17,082.00	£0.00	£69,090.00	£46,874.00
Net receipts/(payments)		£6,617.00	£22,978.00	£0.00	£29,595.00	£30,282.00
Transfer between funds		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Net movement in funds		£6,617.00	£22,978.00	£0.00	£29,595.00	£30,282.00
Funds brought forward		£67,803.00	£71,632.00	£0.00	£139,435.00	£109,153.00
Funds carried forward	12	£74,420.00	£94,610.00	£0.00	£169,030.00	£139,435.00

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	£67,804.00	£71,631.00	£0.00	£139,435.00	£109,153.00
Net movement in funds	£6,617.00	£22,978.00	£0.00	£29,595.00	£30,282.00
Bank and cash at end of year	<u>£74,421.00</u>	<u>£94,609.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£169,030.00</u>	<u>£139,435.00</u>
 <b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				£0.00	£0.00
Bank Current Accounts				£168,753.00	£139,297.00
Cash in Hand				£277.00	£138.00
				<u>£169,030.00</u>	<u>£139,435.00</u>
 <b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets - Note 10					
- Church Premises				£2,630,670.00	£2,365,710.00
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment					
- Vehicles					
Investments - Note 11				£132,996.00	£136,440.00
Gift Aid receivable on donations				£12,609.00	£11,932.00
Manse – Note 10				£372,123.00	£334,652.00
				<u>£3,148,398.00</u>	<u>£2,848,734.00</u>
 <b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				£0.00	£0.00
Other				£0.00	£0.00
				<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 9 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by

*David Conkey*  
Rev D Conkey

*John McCullagh*  
Mr J McCullagh

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

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion: the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	£44,640.00	£12,811.00	£0.00	£57,451.00	£52,147.00
Loose collections	£1,054.00	£2,240.00	£0.00	£3,294.00	£2,154.00
Donations and gifts	£636.00	£620.00	£0.00	£1,256.00	£2,792.00
Gift Aid	£9,401.00	£3,208.00	£0.00	£12,609.00	£11,932.00
Legacies and bequest	£0.00	£20,000.00	£0.00	£20,000.00	£0.00
	<b>£55,731.00</b>	<b>£38,879.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£94,610.00</b>	<b>£69,025.00</b>

**TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2022**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income from charitable activities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Fees from weddings and funerals	£0.00	£950.00	£0.00	£950.00	£600.00
Fundraising events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Membership Fees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£497.00
	£0.00	£950.00	£0.00	£950.00	£1,097.00

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Letting of premises	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,145.00
Trading Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Deposit interest	£234.00	£0.00	£0.00	£234.00	£6.00
General Investment Fund	£756.00	£231.00	£0.00	£987.00	£853.00
Rent's investment properties	£1,904.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,904.00	£1,930.00
Other investment income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00
	£2,894.00	£231.00	£0.00	£3,125.00	£2,889.00

**TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**31 December 2022**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Insurance Claims	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
FWO envelopes	£579.00	£0.00	£0.00	£579.00	£619.00
Fundraising events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	<b>£579.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£579.00</b>	<b>£619.00</b>

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General Assembly Assessments	£4,932.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,932.00	£3,968.00
Presbytery fees	£342.00	£0.00	£0.00	£342.00	£221.00
Ministry and support staff costs	£32,733.00	£370.00	£0.00	£33,103.00	£16,498.00
Congregational running expenses	£11,540.00	£6,699.00	£0.00	£18,239.00	£17,058.00
Donations to Mission and charities	£0.00	£9,991.00	£0.00	£9,991.00	£6,620.00
Governance costs	£1,882.00	£22.00	£0.00	£1,904.00	£1,890.00
	<b>£51,429.00</b>	<b>£17,082.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£68,511.00</b>	<b>£46,255.00</b>

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

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2022**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment properties expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 234 Banbridge Road Lawrencetown Craigavon BT63 6DW and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £1,836,604 for the Church and £794,066 for the Church Hall. They also own the Manse at Knollwood, Seapatrick, Banbridge, Co Down, BT32 4PE. This has an insurance value of £372,123.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General Investment Fund	£40,121.00	£43,124.00
Property - Farm 17.94 acres	£89,700.00	£89,700.00
Other investments	£3,175.00	£3,616.00
	<b>£132,996.00</b>	<b>£136,440.00</b>

**TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**31 December 2022**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start £</b>	<b>Receipts £</b>	<b>Payment £</b>	<b>Surplus/ (Deficit) £</b>	<b>Transfer £</b>	<b>Balance at end £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
No 1 Account	£67,803.00	£58,625.00	£52,008.00	£6,617.00	£0.00	£74,420.00
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
No 1 Account	£7,800.00	£8,017.00	£9,267.00	(£1,250.00)	£0.00	£6,550.00
No 2 Account	£44,490.00	£30,592.00	£6,688.00	£23,904.00	£0.00	£68,394.00
Senior Moments (Cash)	£63.00	£129.00	£90.00	£39.00	£0.00	£102.00
Bowling Club (Cash)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Seekers Account	£55.00	£440.00	£399.00	£41.00	£0.00	£96.00
PW Account	£816.00	£782.00	£638.00	£144.00	£0.00	£960.00
Badminton Club (Cash)	£75.00	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	£0.00	£175.00
Cooks Account	£18,333.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£18,333.00
	£71,632.00	£40,060.00	£17,082.00	£22,978.00	£0.00	£94,610.00
<b>Endowment Funds</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£139,435.00</b>	<b>£98,685.00</b>	<b>£69,090.00</b>	<b>£29,595.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£169,030.00</b>



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## **Private & Confidential**

The Directors  
Tullylish Presbyterian Church  
C/o Lottie McCullagh

**Date:** 4 April 2023  
**Our Ref:** TULL1996/HWM/PRA/JAS

## **Letter of Confirmation – Accounting Year Ended 31 December 2022**

Dear Sirs

In accordance with your instructions given to us, we have prepared the Financial Statements set out on pages 12 to 18, in order to assist you to fulfill your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records of Tullylish Presbyterian Church, and from the information and explanations supplied to us by the management of the Charity.

We have not audited the accompanying Financial Statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

In carrying out your instructions, we have relied on various representations and statements made to us by you the trustees. Our understanding of those statements is set out below. Please read these representations carefully and, if you agree with our understanding, please sign and return a copy of this letter to us as confirmation of this.

As described on the Balance Sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2022, set out on pages 12 to 18, and you consider that the Charity is exempt from an audit.

You confirmed that all accounting records had been made available to us and that all the transactions undertaken by the Charity had been properly reflected and recorded in those records. All other matters relevant to the Accounts have been made available to us.

You confirmed that all liabilities, post Balance Sheet events and transactions with trustees or their associates that are required to be disclosed are disclosed in the Accounts.

*Directors:* H. Warren McCleary F.C.A., B.S.Sc. John R. McCleary F.C.A., B.Sc. (Hons)

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You agreed that the Accounts will not be released to any other party, without the Accountants' Report provided by us.

Yours sincerely

*McCleary & Company Ltd*

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**McCleary & Company Ltd**

We confirm that we have read and understood the contents of this letter and agree that it accurately reflects the representations made to you by the trustees during the Accounts preparation process.

Signed: David Conkey (Trustee)

Date: 9 April 2023

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105111

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# Annual report

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

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

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

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

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

**Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Tullylish congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Iveagh 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.

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

**The General Assembly**

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

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

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

The congregation's mission purpose is Showing God's love by teaching, preaching and reaching with the good news of Jesus Christ.

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

**ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

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

- Sunday School
- Prayer and Bible Study Group
- Ladies Bible Study Group
- Senior Badminton Club
- Seekers
- Presbyterian Women
- Senior Moments
- Embers

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12.00 noon. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

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

On 31 December 2022 there were 103 communicant members and 110 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 50.

**Pastoral care**

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

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

**Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation has supported the following charities and appeals. Some of these are by purely financial support and others such as Seekers and Embers which reaches out to children and young people in our own locality.

**PCI United Appeal**

**PCI World Development Fund**

**British Legion Poppy Appeal**

**PCI PW Mission**

**European Mission Fund**

**Moderators Appeals**

**Air Ambulance**

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

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

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

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

This year we continued to carry out regular maintenance on all buildings to ensure they are suitable for purpose.

### **Organisations**

Due to the Corona virus pandemic, none of the sports clubs have been able to meet in 2022 but other clubs have all moved onto Zoom.

On the third Tuesday evening of each month, our Presbyterian Women meet either on zoom or in person and after a time of worship and prayer an invited guest speaker will bring a gospel centered message through their chosen topic or testimony.

On Wednesday evening we join with members of our sister church in Gilford for a time of bible study and prayer. Again, this has been by a combination of zoom and in person. It is currently both on zoom and in person.

In the early evening every Thursday, our Seekers Club meets for young children of primary school age. They have a fun evening filled with stories, games and teaching from the bible. This is attended by a wide variety of children from the local community and our own fellowship.

### **Volunteers**

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

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

**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 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 Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 93 contributors during the year (97 in previous year, 2021) donating a total amount of £38,837 (£36,345 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £98,685, compared to £77,156 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased to £69,090 from £46,874.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

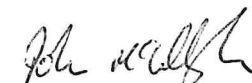
As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 9 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Rev David Conkey



John McCullagh

Date 9 April 2023

Date 9 April 2023

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105111

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# Annual return

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages twelve to eighteen.

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

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

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

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

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

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

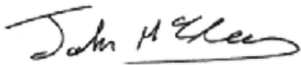
Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

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 EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TULLYLISH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (cont'd)**

**Independent examiner's statement**

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



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