

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

**Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

NI Charity Commission Registration No: 105113

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

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

Donacloney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
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Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 105113)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Gilbert Alexander	Wayne Buttery	Richard Fleming	Desmond Hilary
Errol McDowell	Adrian Moffett	George Stevenson	William Thompson
Brian Turkington	Ian Williams		

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Adrian Moffett
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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 Session 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 congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held in January, April, August and October.

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 when the name of the member is put to the voting members of the congregation.

Presbytery

Under the form of governance of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery. The Presbytery superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly 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 representative elders, each of whom is appointed by the Kirk Session of a congregation assigned to the Presbytery by the General Assembly. Donacloney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland has been assigned to the Iveagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

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, administrative and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly normally is constituted during the third 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

Donacloney 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 His world.

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

The congregation's mission is to serve its community, society and the world, in the Name of Christ, for the advancement of His Kingdom.

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ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

Donacloney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland seeks to pursue its mission in the following ways:

- In its visible presence
- By the encouraging and equipping of its members
- Through organisations for children and young people and organised events
- By providing for the work of others
- In co-operation with other churches

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Visible Presence

Donacloney Presbyterian Church normally meets every Sunday as a church family made up of all sorts of families with a warm welcome to visitors to the congregation. The congregation regularly meets each Sunday at 11.30am and, on the last Sunday of each month, at 6.30pm. When it meets, the congregation expresses its praise of Almighty God, engages in prayer and, through the reading of and preaching from the Bible, hears afresh the call to believe the Christian Gospel and to live in accordance with the Christian faith. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed three times in 2023; 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. At 31st December 2023 there were 93 communicant members of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland on the roll of the congregation and a total of 155 families connected with the congregation.

Donacloney Presbyterian Church has its own meetinghouse, church hall and graveyard. These are maintained by members of the congregation. In 2023, teams in monthly rotation kept the graveyard tidy and volunteers cleaned the meetinghouse and church hall, on rota and in special efforts. Such efforts, the regular Sunday gatherings, the special services at Harvest time and Christmas, and the online ministry that continued weekly until the end of August 2022, remind the community of the presence of the church in its midst.

Also, in 2023, the church hall was used by the local general medical practice for vaccination clinics.

Encouraging and Equipping

As a church, Donacloney congregation recognises that it needs to do more than just be present if it is to serve its community, society and the world in the Name of Christ for the advancement of His kingdom. Its members encourage one another, and help one another be equipped, to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their everyday occupations. When the congregation gathered each week in 2023, it focused first on the call to "just believe" that emerges from the Gospel of Mark's presentation of the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The congregation also was encouraged, in its studies in the Acts of the Apostles, to make the most of every opportunity to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ. Further studies in the Gospel Mark emphasised how the Lord Jesus Christ is above all. In a number of Sunday morning gatherings, the congregation was led to consider what the Bible teaches concerning the qualifications and duties of the eldership. Subsequently, two ruling elders were elected, ordained and installed to the oversight of the congregation. A 2023 came towards its close, readings in the Prophecy of Micha provided a basis for the celebration of the Shepherd Hope which lies at the heart of the Christian faith.

The congregation's Sunday School and Junior Bible Class continued throughout the year. At the end of 2023, 12 children were enrolled in Sunday School and 4 young people in Bible Class. Eight young people were associated with the Sunday evening youth fellowship. Members of the Youth Fellowship participated at a wider level, including the "Follow" course

organised under the auspices of PCI's Genera; Assembly

The Tuesday Fellowship provides an opportunity for members each week to meet together for fellowship, to study the Scriptures and to pray. The monthly Ladies' Group also provided encouragement and equipping to those who attended and provided a venue for friendship and

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As well as these ways of equipping and encouraging one another, members of the congregation are also encouraged into faith and service by the minister. The congregation recognises, however, that all its members are called to serve in the Name of Christ for the advancement of His kingdom.

Organisations & Organised Events

The 1st Donacloney Boys' Brigade Company and the 219th NI (Donacloney Presbyterian) Company of the Girl's Brigade operate under the oversight of the Kirk Session of Donacloney Presbyterian Church. These organisations follow the programmes devised by the Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland and GBNI respectively to address the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects of the lives of children and young people. At the end of 2023, there were 63 girls and 11 leaders enrolled in the congregation's GB Company, and 65 boys and 10 leaders enrolled in its BB Company.

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.

Providing for Work of Others

Donacloney congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland seeks to serve beyond the reach of its own members. The congregation supports Dr Suresh and Mrs Roja Vemulapalli in their work with Indian Village Ministries and forwarded £300 to this work from the Midweek Fellowship Fund. Gifts of £500 were given to each of Asia Link, the Belfast City Mission, the Faith Mission, Good News for Everyone, the London City Mission, the Messianic Mission, Mission Africa, New Tribes Mission, the Revival Movement Association, the Seamen's Christian Friend Society, the Slavic Gospel Mission and Wycliffe Bible Translators from the congregation's main account. In addition, £873 was donated to the PCI World Development Appeal and £510 to the Presbyterian Children's Society and £700 to a special appeal for those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria in February

The congregation provided in other ways too. Non-perishable foodstuffs were donated by members of the congregation throughout the month of October and forwarded to the Via Wings charity in Dromore. Christmas gifts were parcelled up in shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child." Members of the congregation helped to supply cakes, biscuits and other pastries for the CEF Mourne Area Christian Youth in Action Team, and for its Intes-Camp. Throughout the year, the congregation provided for the work of others for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

In Co-operation with Other Churches

Donacloney Presbyterian Church is one congregation of one Reformed Church in the wider Body of Christ. It seeks to fulfil its mission in co-operation with other churches and congregations where appropriate. A week of special services was held from 11th - 15th April 2022 in conjunction with Donacloney Parish (Church of Ireland), Donacloney Elim Church, Donacloney Methodist Church and Waringstown Presbyterian Church. The churches in Donacloney also prayed and worked together in relation to special efforts in outreach, under the title "Donacloney Together." These special efforts included a "Band Night" and a "Quiz Night" held in Donacloney Presbyterian Church Hall and gift and literature distribution during the village's "Christmas Light Switch-On" event. The churches also came together for a special service following the demise of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The church hall was used as the venue for Nexus, a work among older teenagers organised by young leaders from various churches in the area. The congregation hosted the annual praise service for the Bann District of the Girl's Brigade in Northern Ireland, and the annual united evening service and mission in Ireland rally for Iveagh Presbytery.

The minister and representative elders of the congregation participate fully in the work of Presbytery and the meetings of the General Assembly. Other members of the congregation give their support to events arranged by neighbouring churches. Members of the congregation's Ladies' Group also welcomed visitors from, and went as visitors to, other church's women's

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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. This, however, 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 with whom the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with, and support for, both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 120 contributors during the year (128 in previous year, 2022) donating a total of £89,521 (£104,078 in previous year).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £146,922 compared to £147,332 in the previous year.

Total expenditure decreased from £191,482 to £140,752. The decrease in expenditure in part is because of a major capital project in 2022. This work entailed two projects; one to remodel the meeting-house annexe and the other to replace the Church Hall stage with a store for chairs and tables. For both of these projects, the greater part of the expenditure occurred in the last financial year, but each required a degree of expenditure in 2023 as well. The Congregational Committee is grateful for all those who have continued to contribute to the churches funds throughout 2023.

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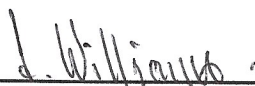
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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 Wednesday 21 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Ian Williams

Date: 26.10.2024



R. Adrian Moffett

Date: 26.10.24