

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

**Trustees Report
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

NI Charity Commission Registration No: 105113

Donacloney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 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
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 second 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.

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ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation's mission is to serve its community, society and the world, in the Name of Christ, for the advancement of His Kingdom. 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 four times in 2024; 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 2024 there were 95 communicant members of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland on the roll of the congregation and a total of 156 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 2024, teams in monthly rotation kept the graveyard tidy and volunteers cleaned the meetinghouse and church hall, on rota and in special efforts. Such efforts, and more especially the regular Sunday gatherings, the special services at Harvest time and Christmas, a week of special meetings held in January, and the ongoing ministries of the congregation, alerted the community to the presence of the church in its midst.

Also, in 2024, 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 Sunday in 2024, it focused for a number of weeks on the meaning of "salvation" that emerges from presentation of the earthly life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ found in the Gospel of Mark. The congregation reflected on aspects of the Christian life highlighted in the Epistle to the Galatians and was encouraged, by studies in the Acts of the Apostles, to make the most of every opportunity to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ. Other morning services focussed on faith, and further studies in the Gospel of Mark considered the nature of discipleship. As 2024 came towards its close, readings in the Gospel of John provided a basis for the celebration of the true Light which came into the world in the one and Only Son of God, the Gospel which lies at the heart of the Christian faith.

The congregation's Sunday School continued throughout the year, led by a team of 7 leaders on a rotational basis. At the end of 2024, 14 children were enrolled in Sunday School, and three young people were associated with the Sunday evening youth fellowship.

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The Tuesday Fellowship provided 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 a venue for friendship and fellowship both for women who are members of the congregation, and others too. The men's monthly "Walk & Talk" Group enabled men of every generation to come together, deepen acquaintance and foster interaction.

As well as these ways of equipping and encouraging one another, members of the congregation are also encouraged into faith and service by its 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 2024, there were 42 girls and 11 leaders enrolled in the congregation's GB Company, and 61 boys and 9 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 Seafarer's Christian Friend Society, the Slavic Gospel Mission and Wycliffe Bible Translators from the congregation's mission account. In addition, £1,073 was donated to the PCI World Development Appeal and £570 to the Presbyterian Children's Society.

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." There was an incredible response to an appeal from the Cancer Focus Charity for help to restock its shop. 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 Inters-Camp. Throughout the year, then, the congregation provided for the work of others for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

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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 25th - 29th March 2024 in conjunction with Donaghcloney Parish (Church of Ireland), Donaghcloney Elim Church, Donaghcloney Methodist Church and Waringstown Presbyterian Church. The churches in Donaghcloney also prayed and worked together in relation to special efforts in outreach, under the title "Donacloney Together." These special efforts included a "Table Quiz," an "Evening of Praise" and a monthly youth evening in Donaghcloney village.

In 2024, the congregation provided a placement for two individuals from other congregations who had applied to be accepted as students for the ministry. The congregation also hosted a service conducted by the Presbytery of Iveagh at which Mr Stuart McKimm was licensed as a probationary minister. The Kirk Session gave permission for the church's premises to be used on occasion for meetings of the local group from the "Good News for Everyone" organisation.

The minister and representative elders of the congregation participated fully in the work of Presbytery and attended the meetings of the General Assembly. Other members of the congregation gave 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 groups. In all these ways the congregation sought to serve its community, society and the world in the Name of Christ for the advancement of His kingdom.

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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 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 130 contributors during the year (120 in previous year, 2023) donating a total of £103,276 (£89,521 in previous year).

The total income of the congregation during the year was £138,771 compared to £146,922 in the previous year.

Total expenditure decreased from £140,752 to £118,584.

The Congregational Committee is grateful for all those who have continued to contribute to the church's funds throughout 2024.

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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 congregations total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 208 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 30 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by

I. Williams

Ian Williams

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