

Newcastle Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105117

Details

Known as	NPC
Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: General charitable purposes, Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public, Older people, Parents, Physical disabilities, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Sensory disabilities, Sexual orientation, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£258,383	£230,227	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr. John Kyle		
Dr. John Martin		
Miss Margaret Robertson		
Mr. Adrian Truesdale		
Mr. Alistair Bradford		
Mr. Derek Bailey		
Mr. Jamie Hanna		
Mr. John Heenan		
Mr. Keith Graham		
Mr. Laurence Hamilton		
Mrs. Avril Heenan		
Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett		
Rev Adrian Moffett		

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Receipts			
Donations and legacies	130,740	-	130,740
Charitable activities	-	58,118	58,118
Other trading activities	-	69,525	69,525
Total income	130,740	127,643	258,383
Expenditure			
Charitable activities	156,440	73,787	230,227
Net income/(expenditure)	(25,700)	53,856	28,156
Transfers between funds	21,747	(21,747)	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year	(3,953)	32,109	28,156
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds beginning of the year	36,098	9,064,385	9,100,483
Total funds at the end of the year	32,145	9,096,494	9,128,639

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT)
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies	132,077.08	41,122.43	0.00	173,199.51
Charitable Activities	0.00	13,194.00	0.00	13,194.00
Other Trading Activities	0.00	56,700.00	0.00	56,700.00
Deposit Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sale of investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sale of fixed assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	132,077.08	111,016.43	0.00	243,093.51
Payments				
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	218,380.00	74,169.00	0.00	292,549.00
Investment Property Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Purchase of investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Purchase of Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Payments	218,380.00	53,867.82	0.00	272,247.82
Net receipts/payments	-86,302.92	57,148.61	0.00	-29,154.31
Transfer between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement in funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Reconciliation				
Bank and Cash at start of year	36,953.00	116,556.39	0.00	153,510.39
Net Movements in Funds	854.11	52,171.16	0.00	53,026.27
Bank and Cash at end of year	36,098.89	64,385.23	0.00	100,484.12
Other Assets				
Church premises				7,500,000.00
Shops				1,500,000.00
Liabilities				0.00
Total Assets				9,000,000.00

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Trustees Report 2023¹

The Trustees of Newcastle Presbyterian Church (NPC) are the members of Kirk Session (KS), which includes the Minister, Rev A Boreland. Rev Boreland acts as Moderator of all meetings of Kirk Session. The members of KS are appointed in accordance with the rules of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland ⁽¹⁾.

Minutes are recorded by the Clerk of Session.

The work of Kirk Session is supported by a Committee elected by the Church members. The membership of both Kirk Session and Committee are all volunteers chosen from the congregation.

As a general rule, apart from August, Kirk Session meet on the third Tuesday of alternate months aligning our meetings with Committee. All meetings are now in person. Each meeting commences with devotions led by Rev Boreland, a time of open prayer and we also close with prayer.

Public benefit statement

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by the advancement of religion, specifically by making known the Christian Gospel as found in the Holy Bible. The direct benefits include the gaining of an understanding of Christian beliefs which lead to spiritual and moral development through Bible teaching. This in turn leads to practical outworking of Christian belief in the local community through spiritual and temporal care of all (including those in special need). Local action is supported by centrally organised resources and events. public access is made known through word of mouth, noticeboards, public advertising and social media. Benefits are evaluated by formal and informal feedback from members of the church and from the public. The benefit does not lead to harm. The only private benefit coming from our purpose relates to Ministers, missionaries and lay agents who receive benefits as a result of holding office or employment. The wider beneficiaries of our purpose are

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members of the church and their families, individuals who are in direct or indirect contact with the church and other communities through NI, or indeed worldwide which benefit from our support for both Christian and secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

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

Aims and purpose

Kirk Session has oversight of the aims of the church which are set out in the rules of PCI. In summary, this is to work together with the minister in the oversight and government of the congregation, for the strengthening of God's people in spiritual fruitfulness and fellowship, and for the extension of Christ's kingdom among all people. In exercising this leadership, the Kirk Session oversees and works along with other members who have leadership roles in the congregation. NPC can sum up its purpose with the phrase "Making Christ Known".

Achievements and performance

Worship Services and social activities

Although Kirk Session is responsible for personnel and all organisations within the Church and those who use our premises it is only a small part of the work of NPC in Making Christ Known. All worship services and other activities are open to all members of the community. During 2023 there was one morning service each Sunday which allow for prayer, Bible study and singing. Evening services were restarted on a monthly basis. The services are also available on social media and by CD. These services and all other activities held are open to all faith groups (and to people who hold that they have no faith) and all ages. 5 services of Communion were held. Social activities such as indoor bowls, badminton, creche, Parents and Tots as did Sunday School, junior badminton, Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade which cater for younger age groups. Badminton, bowls, tea and coffee mornings, fellowship groups and visitation catered for older age groups. Lots of communication went onto social media and this continued in 2023.

Interchurch services were held on a regular basis,

Interactions with the local community continued with our youth worker taking

part in local primary school assemblies. An event for children from across the community was held over the period of 1 week in late July. This is open to the children of all residents and visitors to Newcastle and was held largely in the open air this year.

NPC continued to support local charities with finance, food and practical aid being available.

Members of the church continued to hold office on boards of local schools, some of the charities which received help and assist with running and maintaining the local foodbank.

NPC is an integral part of a local group of Presbyterian churches known as a Presbytery. NPC is part of the Presbytery of Iveagh.

General Data Protection Regulations and Child Protection are standing items on the agenda for each meeting of Kirk Session. No matters of concern were noted in 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023. Training in child protection policy is ongoing.

Pastoral ministry

Rev Boreland led Sunday Services, speaking from the Bible both in church and at outside locations such as local care homes. Hospital visitation by Rev Boreland, supported by retired minister Rev Quinn continued.

A Prayer Action Team continues to coordinate prayer meetings across the church. A Global Mission Action Team promotes charitable works and missions not just around Newcastle, but further afield.

Church membership

Church membership has remained around 250 families in 2023. Of these, normally around 200 people attend church each Sunday morning. Services of baptism, weddings and sadly funerals continued to be held.

Maintenance of social activity

The church committee held 5 full meetings during 2023.

Over the year the committee sought to continue to empower the church to effectively "Make Christ Known" in our community and further afield through our discussions and decisions. Maintenance and essential repairs were ongoing and strict social distancing maintained when employing contractors to repair or service facilities.

The catering team normally provides tea and coffee after church to promote a opportunity to get to know visitors and develop friendships.

Our audiovisual and IT systems were in great demand. Audio recordings are available after most services, and video recordings of services are available through multimedia channels.

Financial governance

The treasurer is supported by a Finance Sub Committee which reviews the monthly financial statements and the treasurer then reports to Committee at each meeting.

While Committee has overall responsibility for maintenance of church property, securing funds and dispensing monies, Kirk Session retained a monitoring role through receipt of Committee minutes at each meeting. Furthermore, members of Session also attended meetings of Committee and took part in the Finance Subcommittee meetings. The Finance Subcommittee provided recommendations to Committee on expenditure and on other issues such as banking and budgets.

The Committee have procedures in place to count income by teams and lodgements are carried out on the next working day after the church services.

Payments are made by cheque only or by standing order to utility suppliers. All cheques require 2 signatories.

As the church income is less than the £250,000 threshold for audit the Committee appoint an independent examiner to review the financial statements of income and expenditure. Mr John Thompson carried out this role for 2023 and provided a statement verifying the accounts.

The statement of Mr Thompson is attached as a pdf document.

It was noted that our income was back to pre-pandemic levels and exceeded our overall expenditure.

Access to the church books is available on request, though it should be noted that these are only available in hard copy. A statement of income and expenditure is below.

Notes

- (1) The church reporting year runs from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023
- (2) Income for 2023 was £243093
- (3) Expenditure for 2023 was £272247.82
- (4) **Income for 2022 was £209,965**
- (5) **expenditure for 2022 was £227,275**

NPC does not hold any restricted funds.

NPC seeks to hold a reserve of cash at the bank equivalent to 3 months average expenditure.

Administrative information

Newcastle Presbyterian Church is located at:

39 Main Street, Newcastle, BT33 0AD, which is also the postal address of the church office.

Charities Commission NI reference NIC 105117

Minister: Rev Andrew Boreland.

Contact in respect of Charity Commission communication is:

Mr Jim King, email jim.king28@icloud.com, tel. 07484 270355

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NEWCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2023

~~Report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2024~~

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the 2008 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the 2008 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65 of the 2008 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

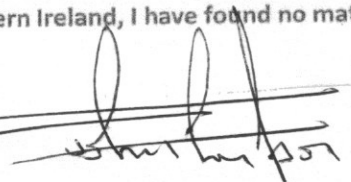
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Signed:


28.03.23

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May 2021

Statement of income and expenditure for year ended 31/12/2020

Income ⁽²⁾	£	Expenditure ⁽³⁾	£
Opening balance	30,383	PCI assessment	76,202
Offerings	93,803	Insurance	6,900
Gift Aid	25,406	Utilities	13,211
Donations	37,493	Rates	2031
Rent	35,970	Staff costs	45,388
HMRC furlough scheme	7,683	Maintenance	23,592
		Bank charges	1021
		Misc expenditure	21,999
		Closing balance	40,394
Totals	230,738		230,738

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As a general rule, apart from July and August, Kirk Session meet on the third Tuesday of alternate months aligning our meetings with Committee. There were 8 face to face meetings in 2020 with all other business being done online. Each meeting commences with devotions led by Rev Boreland, a time of open prayer and we also close with prayer.

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settings, or to meet online when restrictions applied.

Interchurch services are usually held on a regular basis, but were suspended this year.

Interactions with the local community continued with our youth worker taking part in local primary school assemblies. An event for children from across the community was held over the period of 1 week in late July. This is open to the children of all residents and visitors to Newcastle.

NPC continued to support local charities with finance, food and practical aid being available..

Members of the church continued to hold office on boards of local schools, some of the charities which received help and assist with running and maintaining the local foodbank.

NPC is an integral part of a local group of Presbyterian churches known as a Presbytery. NPC is part of the Presbytery of Iveagh.

General Data Protection Regulations and Child Protection are standing items on the agenda for each meeting of Kirk Session. No matters of concern were noted in 2020. Members of Session received refresher training in January. We are grateful to our approved trainers for their work.

Pastoral ministry

Rev Boreland, led Sunday Services, speaking and exhorting from the Bible both in church and online. It was difficult to evaluate the impact of online services, but views of the videos often exceeded the numbers of church members, which was encouraging. Hospital visitation by Rev Boreland, supported by retired minister Rev Quinn continued where possible.

A Prayer Action Team continues to coordinate prayer meetings across the church. A Global Mission Action Team promotes charitable works and missions not just around Newcastle, but further afield.

Church membership

Church membership has remained between 250 and 300 families in 2020. Of these around 250 people attend church each Sunday morning. While there was one baptism in 2020, sadly there were also illness and deaths, with 11 funerals being held. We are grateful to Rev. Quinn for his assistance to Rev Boreland in supporting our members and their families through difficult times.

Maintenance of social activity

The church committee held two full meetings during 2020.

Over the year the committee sought to continue to empower the church to effectively “Make Christ Known” in our community and further afield through our discussions and decisions. Maintenance and essential repairs were ongoing and strict social distancing maintained when employing contractors to repair or service facilities.

The catering team normally provides tea and coffee after church to promote a opportunity to get to know visitors and develop friendships. From March 2020 the catering teams activities were suspended.

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The Committee have procedures in place to counting income by teams of at least 4 people and lodgements are carried out on the next working day after the church services. This procedure was suspended during the pandemic to minimise contacts and members encouraged to use online banking facilities..

Payments are made by cheque only or by standing order to utility suppliers. All cheques require 2 signatories.

While the church income is less than the £250,000 threshold for audit the

Committee appoint a qualified auditor to review the financial statements of income and expenditure. Mr Michael Daly of C Johnston & Co carried out this role in 2020 and provided a statement verifying the accounts.

The statement of Mr Daly is attached as a pdf document.

Both Committee and Session noted that our income was down, our overall expenditure also dropped in 2020 leaving a net surplus, even with the donations to support missions and charities, locally and internationally through gifts.

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Statement of income and expenditure for year ended 31/12/2020⁽¹⁾

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Totals	230,738		230,738

Notes

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(3) expenditure for 2020 was £164,006

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Mr John Heenan
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24th May 2021

Dear Mr Heenan

Newcastle Presbyterian Church

We have analysed the books and records provided for the year ended 31st December 2020.

We certify the 2020 Explanation of Church Accounts for 1st January - 31st December 2020 as having been prepared in accordance therewith.

Please note: this is not a full audit of the accounts or procedures in place in particular with the dealing of cash.

We have not had full access to bank accounts of the individual sub organisations within the church and therefore cannot verify those accounts.

Yours sincerely