

# 2nd Newtownhamilton Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105119

## Details

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Status Received

Registered 2016-08-05

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	£71,500	£58,248	£0	1

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Geoffrey Glenny		
Mr James Copeland		
Mr William John Copeland		
Robert McClure		

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024	
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & legacies	53,999	10,575	-	64,574	71,892
PW	-	2,606	-	2,606	1,237
Youth Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday School	-	345	-	345	521
Dividend on investments	111	-	-	111	88
Members' subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	3,864	-	3,864	5,768
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>54,110</b>	<b>17,390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,500</b>	<b>79,506</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).</b>					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>54,110</b>	<b>17,390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,500</b>	<b>79,506</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Pulpit Supply	1,460	-	-	1,460	1,800
Ministers Travel	411	-	-	411	340
Minister Stipend	16,500	-	-	16,500	15,000
Direct charitable activity	14,343	-	-	14,343	14,009
Donations to Charity	-	6,170	-	6,170	5,855
Building Fund Expenses	-	6,564	-	6,564	24,364
Other costs	9,328	-	-	9,328	11,571
PW	-	2,674	-	2,674	1,464
Sunday School	-	798	-	798	641
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>42,042</b>	<b>16,206</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,248</b>	<b>75,044</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>42,042</b>	<b>16,206</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,248</b>	<b>75,044</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>12,068</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,252</b>	<b>4,462</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-1,863	1,863	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	93,799	68,901	-	162,700	158,238
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>104,004</b>	<b>71,948</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175,952</b>	<b>162,700</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		104,004	71,948	-	175,952	162,700
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>104,004</b>	<b>71,948</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175,952</b>	<b>162,700</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details					
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
B3 Investment assets	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
	General Investment Fund (Bequests)			2,490	-	2,490
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
			<b>Total</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,490</b>
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
	Church building and Hall		Restricted	-	910,549	806,688
	Manse		Restricted	-	455,273	403,342
	Old School		Restricted	-	30,435	26,964
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,396,257</b>
B5 Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
				<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval		
	<i>Thomas William Geoffrey Glenny</i>	THOMAS WILLIAM GEOFFREY GLENNY		13.10.25		

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023	
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & legacies	53,806	18,086	-	71,892	67,574
PW	-	1,237	-	1,237	1,019
Youth Fellowship	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School	-	521	-	521	348
Dividend on investments	88	-	-	88	71
Members' subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	5,768	-	5,768	7,706
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>53,894</b>	<b>25,612</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,506</b>	<b>76,719</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).</b>					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>53,894</b>	<b>25,612</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,506</b>	<b>76,719</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Pulpit Supply	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,441
Ministers Travel	340	-	-	340	249
Minister Stipend	15,000	-	-	15,000	12,728
Direct charitable activity	14,009	-	-	14,009	11,982
Donations to Charity	-	5,855	-	5,855	6,481
Building Fund Expenses	-	24,364	-	24,364	18,476
Other costs	11,571	-	-	11,571	10,801
PW	-	1,464	-	1,464	1,005
Sunday School	-	641	-	641	750
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>42,720</b>	<b>32,324</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,044</b>	<b>63,913</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>42,720</b>	<b>32,324</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,044</b>	<b>63,913</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>11,174</b>	<b>6,712</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,462</b>	<b>12,806</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>82,675</b>	<b>75,563</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158,238</b>	<b>14,533</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>93,799</b>	<b>68,901</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,700</b>	<b>158,238</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		93,799	75,563	-	158,238	158,238
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	93,799	68,901	-	162,700	158,238
		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

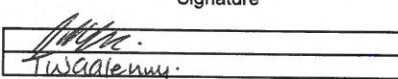
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	General Investment Fund (Bequests)		2,490	-	2,490
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		2,490	-	2,490

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church building and Hall	Restricted	-	806,688	673,648
	Manse	Restricted	-	403,342	336,823
	Old School	Restricted	-	26,964	22,517
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		-	1,236,994	1,032,988

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	<b>Total</b>			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature  


Print Name  
 THOMAS WILLIAM GEOFFREY GLENNY

Date of approval  
 09.10.24

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# Annual report

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Newtownhamilton  
CONGREGATION OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN  
IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and  
Financial Statements  
for the year ended  
31st December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105119)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Newtownhamilton CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

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

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Newtownhamilton Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Castleblayney Street, Newtownhamilton, Newry, BT35 0PD

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105119)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Rev Robert McClure

Mr William Copeland

Mr James Copeland

Mr Geoffrey Glenny

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Rev Robert McClure  
Mr Jim Copeland  
Mr Samuel Donaldson  
Mrs Betty Maclean

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

W.J. McClelland & Co. 7-11 Gilford Street, Tandragee, Craigavon, BT61 2DA

**BANKERS**

Ulster Bank, 86 Hill Street, Newry, Co. Down, BT34 1BT

**SOLICITORS**

Nelson Singleton Solicitors (Markethill), 71 Main Street, Markethill, Co. Armagh, BT60 1PH

## **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 at least twice in each year 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Newtownhamilton congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Newry Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

## **The General Assembly**

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

## **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Newtownhamilton 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 congregations mission purposes is *by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:*

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

*The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:*

- *A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another*
- *An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.*
- *An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.*
- *As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice*

## **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed 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.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation meets for worship each Sabbath at 12.00 noon and 7.00pm. 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 give thanks for faithful servants and seek to comfort those who had been bereaved. At 31st December 2023 there were 62 communicant members and 63 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 77.

### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or old age are contacted on a regular basis by the minister or an elder.

### **Mission and outreach**

The Elders as under shepherds of the Lord, seek to pastor each family in the congregation and minister to their needs.

The congregation supported the Poppy Appeal £192.37.

Coffee Morning for Cancer Fund for Children £1231.10

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 denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project 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.

### **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 held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

### **Property**

The congregation continue to maintain the main meeting house.

Manse, removal of old chimneys and replacing same, cleaning of all fascia and window frames, replacing tar and drainage around Manse and new kerbing.

### **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time, expertise, knowledge and services 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, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery

is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

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

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering, Stipend and Church Collections, donating a total of £42930.00

Total income of the congregation during the year was £79506.00 compared to £76718.00 in the previous year.

Total expenditure 2023 £75044.00 and 2022 £63913.00

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name]



[Date] 09.10.24

[Name]



[Date] 09-10-24

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of 2nd Newtownhamilton Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of 2<sup>nd</sup> Newtownhamilton Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

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

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WJ McClelland & Co  
Certified Public Accountants

7A Gilford Street  
Tandragee  
Co. Armagh  
BT62 2DA

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022	
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & legacies	51,314	16,260	-	67,574	66,914
PW	-	1,019	-	1,019	1,300
Youth Fellowship	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School	-	348	-	348	202
Dividend on investments	71	-	-	71	64
Members' subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	7,706	-	7,706	3,719
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>51,385</b>	<b>25,333</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,718</b>	<b>72,200</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).</b>					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>51,385</b>	<b>25,333</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,718</b>	<b>72,200</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Pulpit Supply	1,441	-	-	1,441	860
Ministers Travel	249	-	-	249	254
Minister Stipend	12,728	-	-	12,728	13,000
Direct charitable activity	11,982	-	-	11,982	11,883
Donations to Charity	-	6,481	-	6,481	3,169
Building Fund Expenses	-	18,476	-	18,476	10,993
Other costs	9,566	1,235	-	10,801	6,692
PW	-	1,005	-	1,005	1,396
Sunday School	-	750	-	750	608
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>35,966</b>	<b>27,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,913</b>	<b>48,855</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,966</b>	<b>27,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,913</b>	<b>48,855</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>15,419</b>	<b>- 2,614</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,805</b>	<b>23,345</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>67,285</b>	<b>78,148</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>145,433</b>	<b>122,088</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>82,675</b>	<b>75,563</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158,238</b>	<b>145,433</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		82,675	75,563	-	158,238	145,433
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>82,675</b>	<b>75,563</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158,238</b>	<b>145,433</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

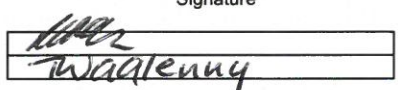
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

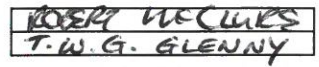
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	General Investment Fund (Bequests)		2,490	-	2,490
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,490</b>

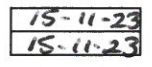
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church building and Hall	Restricted	-	806,688	673,648
	Manse	Restricted	-	403,342	336,823
	Old School	Restricted	-	26,964	22,517
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>1,236,994</b>	<b>1,032,988</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	<b>Total</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature  


Print Name  


Date of approval  


**2nd Newtownhamilton Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105119

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# Annual report

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Newtownhamilton  
CONGREGATION OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN  
IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and  
Financial Statements  
for the year ended  
31st December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105119)**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Newtownhamilton Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Castleblayney Street, Newtownhamilton, Newry, BT35 0PD

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105119)

## **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Rev Robert McClure	Mr William Copeland
Mr James Copeland	Mr Geoffrey Glenny

## **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Rev Robert McClure
Clerk of Session	Mr Jim Copeland
Secretary	Mr Samuel Donaldson
Treasurer	Mrs Betty Maclean

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

W.J. McClelland & Co. 7-11 Gilford Street, Tandragee, Craigavon, BT61 2DA

## **BANKERS**

Ulster Bank, 86 Hill Street, Newry, Co. Down, BT34 1BT

## **SOLICITORS**

Nelson Singleton Solicitors (Markethill), 71 Main Street, Markethill, Co. Armagh, BT60 1PH

## **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 at least twice in each year 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Newtownhamilton congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Newry Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

### **The General Assembly**

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

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

## **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Newtownhamilton 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 congregations mission purposes is *by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:*

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

*The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:*

- *A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another*
- *An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.*
- *An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.*
- *As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice*

## **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed 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.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

## **Worship and prayer**

The congregation meets for worship each Sabbath at 12.00 noon and 7.00pm. 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 give thanks for faithful servants and seek to comfort those who had been bereaved. At 31st December 2022 there were 62 communicant members and 63 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 77.

## **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or old age are contacted on a regular basis by the minister or an elder.

## **Mission and outreach**

The Elders as under shepherds of the Lord, seek to pastor each family in the congregation and minister to their needs. The congregation supported the Poppy Appeal £224.00 Collection for Ukraine £1463.52. Coffee Morning for Southern Area Hospice £1552.95. NI Air Ambulance £500.00

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 denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project 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.

## **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 held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

## **Property**

The congregation continue to maintain the main meeting house.

## **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time, expertise, knowledge and services 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, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

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

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering, Stipend and Church Collections, donating a total of £40,757.55

Total income of the congregation during the year was £76,718.00, compared to £72,200.00 in the previous year.

Total expenditure 2022 £63,913.00 and 2021 £48,855.00


### 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) 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 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 and signed on its behalf by

[Name]   
ROBERT MCCUNE

[Date]  
15/11/23

[Name] TWAGLENNY

[Date] THOMAS WILLIAM  
GEOFFREY GLENNY  
15/11/23

**2nd Newtownhamilton Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of 2nd Newtownhamilton Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of 2<sup>nd</sup> Newtownhamilton Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

Name: 

WJ McClelland & Co  
Certified Public Accountants

7A Gilford Street  
Tandragee  
Co. Armagh  
BT62 2DA

Date: 2 May 2023