

# Portaferry Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105123

## Details

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| Status     | Received   |
| Registered | 2016-08-09   |
| Register   | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a> |

## Contact

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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:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £54,466 | £58,370     | £0     | 0         |

# Trustees

| Name              | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------|------|-----------|
| Mr Ian Mcdonnell  |      |           |
| Mr James Mcdowell |      |           |
| Rev Graeme Fowles |      |           |

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

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# Accounts

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PORTAFERRY CONGREGATION OF  
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Income & Expenditure Report

For The Year Ended 31st December 2024

Prepared by:

Stanley Woods & Co  
Registered Auditors & Accountants  
Alexander House  
49/51 Church Street  
Newtownards  
Co Down  
BT23 4AN

Portaferry Congregation of the Presbyterian Church In Ireland

**Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31/12/2024**

| <u>INCOME</u>                        |                   | <u>EXPENDITURE</u>                   |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                      | £                 |                                      | £                 |
| Opening Bank Balances:               |                   |                                      |                   |
| Current Account 40041912             | 15,228.89         | Church House                         | 30,756.75         |
| Charity Account 90028835             | 11,029.18         | Minister's Expenses                  | 311.40            |
| Business Investment Account 30057886 | 2,786.83          | Pianist & Organist                   | 720.00            |
| Fixed Term Deposit Account 90286648  | 30,000.00         | Ards Presbytery                      | 441.00            |
|                                      |                   | Church Envelopes                     | 88.55             |
| Freewill Offering                    | 20,516.00         | Hall grant                           | 49.00             |
| Cemetary Maintenance gift            | 588.00            | Sunday School Expenses               | 71.60             |
| Carol Service - towards costs        | 502.00            | Carol Service costs                  | 502.00            |
| Donations                            | 3,100.00          | Director of Music                    | 3,100.00          |
| Gift Aid                             | 5,677.01          | Music Licence                        | 142.00            |
|                                      | 30,383.01         |                                      |                   |
| Rent - House                         | 4,371.68          |                                      |                   |
| NIHE grant                           | 3,369.48          |                                      |                   |
| Poppy Appeal                         | 190.00            | Lupus NI                             | 793.50            |
| Harvest Appeal                       | 2,040.00          | RNLI                                 | 294.00            |
| RNLI Appeal                          | 294.00            | Poppy Appeal                         | 190.00            |
| Lupus NI -Carol Service              | 793.50            |                                      | 1,277.50          |
| Cemetry Appeal                       | 1,540.00          | Collection Rev Ian                   | 1,250.00          |
| Collection Rev Ian                   | 1,250.00          | Harvest                              | 250.00            |
| Hall Contributions                   | 180.00            | Office supplies                      | 80.48             |
|                                      | 6,287.50          | Cemetery maintenance                 | 1,410.00          |
| Bank Interest                        | 676.39            | Bank fees                            | 123.18            |
| Investment Income                    | 9,278.93          | Plumbing repairs                     | 6,671.01          |
|                                      | 9,955.32          | AFE Fire protection                  | 90.52             |
|                                      |                   | Legal fees                           | 915.00            |
| Sundry                               | 50.00             | Accounts fee                         | 456.00            |
| Wayleave                             | 9.75              | Consultancy fees                     | 709.39            |
| John Smith                           | 40.00             | Pulpit Supplies                      | 91.28             |
|                                      | 99.75             | Use of Building fee                  | 6,999.96          |
|                                      |                   | Insurance                            | 1,522.05          |
|                                      |                   | Water Rates                          | 341.87            |
|                                      |                   | Current Account 400419912            | 15,687.74         |
|                                      |                   | Charity Account 90028835             | 36,620.14         |
|                                      |                   | Business Investment Account 30057886 | 2,833.22          |
|                                      |                   |                                      |                   |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>113,511.64</b> | <b>Total</b>                         | <b>113,511.64</b> |

Accounts verified 23/04/2025 by Stanley Woods & Co.

Certified Accountants

Alexander House, 49/51 Church Street, Newtownards BT23 4AN

Assets not included in above accounts

As of 31/12/2024 the Congregation had investments of £166,505.00

No outstanding Debt. No outstanding Debtors. The only property owned by the Congregation is their Cemetery situated in the townland of Ballymanish on Deerpark Road and plot of ground opposite, approximate value £5000

## Accountant's Report

We have reviewed the books, records and information provided for the year ended 31st December 2023, and prepared the accompanying income & expenditure reports based on the same.

*W. Woods FCCA*  
*Stanley Woods*

*Stanley Woods & Co*

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| <u>INCOME</u>                        |                   | <u>EXPENDITURE</u>                   |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                      | £                 |                                      | £                 |
| Opening Bank Balances:               |                   |                                      |                   |
| Current Account 40041912             | 13,659.60         | Church House                         | 29,109.96         |
| Charity Account 90028835             | 40,996.51         | Minister's Expenses                  | 395.01            |
| Business Investment Account 30057886 | 2,752.35          | Carol Service Expenses               | 327.00            |
|                                      |                   | Ards Presbytery                      | 417.00            |
|                                      |                   | Choir                                | 300.00            |
| Freewill Offering                    | 20,803.82         | Piano & Organ                        | 1,070.00          |
|                                      |                   | Sunday School Expenses               | 63.00             |
| Donations                            | 3,900.00          | Director of Music                    | 3,150.00          |
| Gift Aid                             | 5,474.99          | Music Licence                        | 133.00            |
|                                      | 30,178.81         |                                      |                   |
| Rent - House                         | 4,208.29          |                                      |                   |
| Harvest Appeal                       | 1,992.00          |                                      |                   |
| United Appeal                        | 185.00            |                                      |                   |
| Poppy Appeal                         | 269.00            | Poppy Appeal                         | 269.00            |
| Cemetery Appeal                      | 1,500.00          |                                      |                   |
| Turkey & Syria Appeal                | 245.00            | Turkey & Syria Appeal                | 245.00            |
| Carol Service                        | 782.00            | Mercy Ships                          | 782.00            |
|                                      | 4,973.00          | Donation Envelopes                   | 88.55             |
|                                      |                   | Cemetery maintenance                 | 1,008.00          |
| Bank Interest                        | 113.89            | Bank fees                            | 117.63            |
| Investment Income                    | 8,807.19          | Candles                              | 51.71             |
|                                      | 8,921.08          | AFE Fire protection                  | 127.38            |
|                                      |                   | Church Magazines                     | 36.00             |
| Energy Support Scheme                | 600.00            | Accounts fee                         | 456.00            |
| Wayleave                             | 9.57              | Grant Application                    | 175.00            |
|                                      | 609.57            | Pulpit Supplies                      | 173.20            |
|                                      |                   | Use of Building fee                  | 7,000.00          |
|                                      |                   | Insurance                            | 1,453.31          |
|                                      |                   | Water Rates                          | 306.56            |
|                                      |                   |                                      |                   |
|                                      |                   | Current Account 400419912            | 15,228.89         |
|                                      |                   | Fixed Term Deposit 90286648          | 30,000.00         |
|                                      |                   | Charity Account 90028835             | 11,029.18         |
|                                      |                   | Business Investment Account 30057886 | 2,786.83          |
|                                      |                   |                                      |                   |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>106,299.21</b> | <b>Total</b>                         | <b>106,299.21</b> |

Accounts verified 08/05/2024 by Stanley Woods & Co.  
Certified Accountants

Alexander House, 49/51 Church Street, Newtownards BT23 4AN

## Accountant's Report

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*With effect*  
*Stanley Woods*

*Stanley Woods & Co*

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105123

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# Annual report

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# **Portaferry Presbyterian, a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 2023**

Charity no. 105123

Date registered 09/08/2016

\* Registered as a component element of a designated religious charity

Contact Address: Mr James McDowell, 42 Cloughey Road, Portaferry, Newtownards,  
County Down, BT22 1NQ      Tel: 02842728333

|                |                           |                |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| The Trustees – | Rev Dr Ian Dennis         | None on record |
|                | Mr William David McMullan | None on record |
|                | Mr Ian McDonnell BEM      | None on record |
|                | Mr James McDowell         | None on record |

Principal Office- bearers

Clergy: Rev Dr S. Ian Dennis

Clerk of Session: Mr James McDowell

Church Treasurer: Mr Ian McDonnell BEM

Independent Examiners:

Stanley Woods & Co

Registered Auditors & Accountants

Alexander House

49/51 Church Street

Newtownards

BT20 4AN

## **Portaferry Presbyterian Church**

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

### **Objectives and Activities**

To Make known the Christian Gospel. Portaferry is one of the first Presbyterian congregations in Ireland. It was founded in 1642 and moved to the present site around 1662. Portaferry Presbyterian Church is used for regular Sunday worship and other religious activities.

## **What your organisation does**

**In September 2017 Rev Dr Ian Dennis was appointed as minister. Services of worship** are held each Sunday at 10.30 am and are open to anyone without regard to whether or not they are members of our congregation.

Through prayer we support our members, our own church, other Christian Churches in the area, the community and leaders in society and government.

There is provision for crèche and Sunday School for all young people of the appropriate age. Leaders are required to pass an Access NI check.

## **Child Protection**

Our aim is to create and promote a safe environment for children, young people and leaders. We believe that next to proclaiming God's Word and the love of Jesus, nothing could be more important than keeping our children and young people safe. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) has a child protection programme called 'Taking Care', which advises and resources local congregations to provide a safe environment for children, young people and leaders.

Our designated person and child protection coordinator is Shirley Pyper.

## **Pastoral care**

Pastoral care is provided by Minister and elders of the congregation. We are pleased to have WhatsApp group which everyone can join. This is also a source of pastoral care as Prayer requests can be made by members. During 2023 we welcomed three new families into the congregation, there were 2 baptisms, one wedding and regrettably there were 6 deaths including our minister emeritus Rev David Neville Gray BA.BD.

Hospital visitation of the sick is conducted by the minister as well as home visits to the house bound and elderly.

## **Property Trustees**

New property trustees have been appointed in Nov 23

## **Events**

We organise meetings and events that support our charitable purpose. Church on Easter Sunday. Popular services include the Tenebrae service held each Good Friday. There is also a service of Carols and Lessons held the weekend prior to Christmas as well as a Christmas morning service and the annual harvest safely gathered in thanksgiving service in October. These regularly attract congregations of 150 - 200 people and are part of our annual outreach to the community.

During 2023 We continue to seek to reach out to those lightly attached to the church as well as our regular church members. We had a successful and well attended get together for church lunch at the Narrows and very enjoyable boat trip on Strangford Lough in August.

We are fortunate to have our main organist Professor Neil McClure ably supported by Mrs Winnifred Irvine and others on a rota basis.

Mrs Tracy McDowell was appointed FWO secretary. We would like to thank Mrs Anne Anderson for her loyal support of our congregation and committee for a long number of years and we wish her well on her move to a new home in Bangor.

## **Cooperation**

We participate in occasional services organised by Peninsular Clergy Group which is a cross-denominational Body. A member serves on the board of Portaferry integrated primary school.

We continue to cultivate good relations with the other congregations within the town and participate in the life of the local community through working with Friends of Portaferry Church (now Portico). We are involved in nursing home services organised by a member of the Methodist church. We also join with other denominations for cross community carol services each year.

## **Support of others**

We support other secular and Christian organisations, including Newquay Singers, through volunteering, financial gifts and prayer. Our members have supported a number of causes, Air Ambulance, Motor Neurone Disease Association, This year our congregation raised funds for Royal British Legion, Christian Aid, Turkey and Syria Appeal, and Mercy Ships. We also supported the Christmas toy appeal organised by the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul. The gifts were greatly appreciated by all recipients.

## **Thanks**

The trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time and effort to support the running of our church in Portaferry.

## **Public benefits**

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. 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).

Public access is made known through the use of printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with and the community in which pastoral services are provided

### **The charity's classifications**

The advancement of religion

### **Who the charity helps**

General public

### **How the charity works**

Religious activities

### **Charitable 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

### **Governing document**

Constitution

### **Other name**

HMRC NUMBER  
XN 45538

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 2023 Signed on Behalf of the Trustees**

**Minister** *Rev Dr S. Ian Dennis.*

**Clerk of Session** *James McSawell*

**Date** 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105123

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# Annual return

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

**Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Income & Expenditure**

**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Independent Examiners Report**

**Charity Number 105123**

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Portaferry Congregation of the Presbyterian Church  
in Ireland.**

**Unqualified report for a charity that is not a company and income of £250,000 or less**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are set out on the statement of income & expenditure.

**Respective responsibilities of the charity trustee 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 s65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under s65(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 s65 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 s65(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:

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with s63 of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- 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 listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that need to be brought to your attention.

Stanley Woods & Company  
Certified Accountants  
Alexander House  
49/51 Church Street  
Newtownards  
BT23 4AN

Signed:

*W. Woods FCCA*  
*Stanley Woods*

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105123

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# Accounts

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PORTAFERRY CONGREGATION OF  
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Income & Expenditure Report

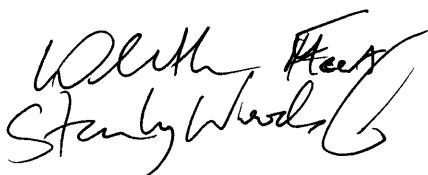
For The Year Ended 31st December 2022

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## Accountant's Report

We have reviewed the books, records and information provided for the year ended 31st December 2022, and prepared the accompanying income & expenditure reports based on the same.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stanley Woods', with a stylized flourish at the end.

*Stanley Woods & Co*

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## Portaferry Congregation of the Presbyterian Church In Ireland

### Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31/12/2022

| <u>INCOME</u>                        |                   | <u>EXPENDITURE</u>                   |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                      | <u>£</u>          |                                      | <u>£</u>          |
| Opening Bank Balances:               |                   |                                      |                   |
| Current Account 40041912             | 12,749.59         | Church House                         | 28,493.05         |
| Charity Account 90028835             | 40,919.15         | Minister's Expenses                  | 677.25            |
| Business Investment Account 30057886 | 2,749.00          | Carol Service Expenses               | 475.00            |
|                                      |                   | Ards Presbytery                      | 523.00            |
|                                      |                   | Choir                                | 60.00             |
| Freewill Offering                    | 20,145.07         | Piano & Organ                        | 1,530.00          |
| Gift                                 | 400.00            | Sunday School Expenses               | 52.14             |
| Donations                            | 3,640.00          | Director of Music                    | 2,800.00          |
| Gift Aid                             | <u>5,426.63</u>   | Music Licence                        | 127.00            |
|                                      | 29,611.70         |                                      |                   |
| Rent - House                         | 4,208.29          |                                      |                   |
| Harvest Appeal                       | 1,964.00          |                                      |                   |
| United Appeal                        | 718.00            | United Appeal                        | 880.00            |
| Poppy Appeal                         | 273.15            | Poppy Appeal                         | <u>273.15</u>     |
| Cemetry Appeal                       | 1,645.00          |                                      | 1,153.15          |
| Moderators Appeal                    | 330.00            | Ukraine Appeal                       | 330.00            |
| Carol Service                        | <u>1,045.75</u>   | RNLI Carol Service                   | 570.75            |
|                                      | 5,975.90          | Donation Envelopes                   | 108.45            |
| Bank Interest                        | 117.53            | Cemetery expenses                    | 1,150.00          |
| Investment Income                    | <u>8,578.54</u>   | Bank fees                            | 110.97            |
|                                      | 8,696.07          | Stationery                           | 29.48             |
| Catering Donation                    | 50.00             | Catering                             | 50.00             |
| Church Magazines                     | 30.00             | Church Magazines                     | 30.00             |
| Shed electric                        | 357.33            | Accounts fee                         | 456.00            |
| Wayleave                             | 8.72              | Electricity                          | 557.59            |
| Mens shed - water                    | <u>82.86</u>      | Landlord Registration                | 70.00             |
|                                      | 528.91            | Use of Building fee                  | 6,999.96          |
|                                      |                   | Insurance                            | 1,357.38          |
|                                      |                   | Water Rates                          | 318.98            |
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| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>105,438.61</b> | <b>Total</b>                         | <b>105,438.61</b> |

Accounts verified 03/05/2023 by Stanley Woods & Co.

Certified Accountants

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# Annual report

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Clerk of Session: Mr James McDowell  
Church Treasurer: Mr Ian McDonnell BEM

Independent Examiners:

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### **Child Protection**

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### **Events**

We organise meetings and events that support our charitable purpose. Church on Easter Sunday. Popular services include the Tenebrae service held each Good Friday. There is also a service of Carols and Lessons held the weekend prior to Christmas as well as a Christmas morning service and the annual harvest service. These regularly attract congregations of 150 - 200 people and are part of our annual outreach to the community.

We are fortunate to have our main organist Professor Neil McClure ably supported by Mrs Winnifred Irvine and others on a rota basis. Mrs Tracy McDowell was appointed FWO secretary as a successor to Mr Hugh Anderson.

During 2022 We continue to seek to reach out to those lightly attached to the church as well as regular church members. We have met together for church lunch at the Narrows

### **Cooperation**

We participate in occasional services organised by Peninsular Clergy Group which is a cross-denominational Body. A member serves on the board of Portaferry integrated primary school.

We continue to cultivate good relations with the other congregations within the town and participate in the life of the local community through working with Friends of Portaferry Church (now Portico) and Men's Shed who have use of the church hall. We are involved in local care home services organised by a member of the Methodist church. We also join with other denominations for cross community carol services each year.

### **Support of others**

We participate in and support what the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and the supervising Presbytery does. The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of PCI.

We support other secular and Christian organisations, including Newquay Singers, through volunteering, financial gifts and prayer. Our members support a number of causes such as Air Ambulance, the Royal British Legion, Motor Neurone Disease Association and Christian Aid. We support the Christmas toy appeal organised by the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul. The gifts were greatly appreciated by all recipients.

## **Thanks**

The trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time helping the activities of the congregation.

## **Public benefits**

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## **The charity's classifications**

The advancement of religion

## **Who the charity helps**

General public

## **How the charity works**

Religious activities

## **Charitable 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

**Governing document**

Constitution

**Other name**

HMRC NUMBER XN 45538

**Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 2022 Signed on Behalf of the Trustees**

**Minister**

*Rev Dr S. Ian Dennis.*

**Clerk of Session**

*James McSawell*

**Date 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105123

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# Annual return

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

**Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Income & Expenditure**

**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Independent Examiners Report**

**Charity Number 105123**

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Portaferry Congregation of the Presbyterian Church  
in Ireland.**

**Unqualified report for a charity that is not a company and income of £250,000 or less**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on the statement of income & expenditure.

**Respective responsibilities of the charity trustee 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 s65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under s65(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 s65 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 s65(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.

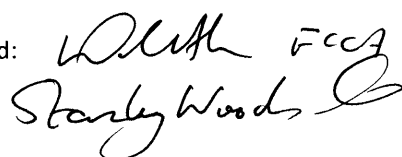
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with s63 of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- 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 listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that need to be brought to your attention.

Stanley Woods & Company  
Certified Accountants  
Alexander House  
49/51 Church Street  
Newtownards  
BT23 4AN

Signed:  *Stanley Woods*

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023