

Ardglass congregation of the presbyterian church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105124

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-05

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: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£40,803	£41,091	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Isobel Margaret Elizabeth Brown		
Mr David George Hunter		
Mr Norman George Morrow		
Mrs Irene Cousins		
Rev Owen Patterson		

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Accounts

ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering.

Total income of the congregation during the year was £ 40,803.

Total expenditure of the congregation during the year was £ 41,091.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on..... and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Don Peters* [Date] 13-11-2025

[Name] *Jessie Brown* [Date] 13th Nov. 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARDGLASS
CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of the Ardglass Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 12 to 18.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER.

As 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 Direction
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT.

I have examined your accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the congregation 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 concerning any such matters.

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

- that accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 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 EXAMINERS STATEMENT

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

Name:

Norman Elliott

Norman Elliott FCA, Norman Elliott Chartered Accountants, 13 English Street Downpatrick

Date 5 November 2025

ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	2	€ 16459	€ 4398	€	€ 20857
Charitable activities	3				0
Other trading activities	4		€ 8967		€ 8967
Investment income	5	€ 8725			€ 8725
Other	6		€ 2254		€ 2254
Total Receipts		€ 25184	€ 15619		€ 40803
Payments					
Raising funds	7	€ 0	€ 0		€ 0
Charitable activities	8	€ 17877	€ 17660		€ 35537
Investment costs		€ 5554	€ 0		€ 5554
Other	9	€ 0	€ 0		€ 0
Total Payments		€ 23431	€ 17660		€ 41091
Net receipts / (payments) Transfers between funds		€ 1753	€ -2041		€ -288
Net movement in funds Funds brought forward		€ 22387	€ 32622		€ 55009
Funds carried forward	12	€ 24140	€ 30581		€ 54721

ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024
Funds Reconciliation	£	£	£	£
Bank and Cash at start of year	22387	32622		55009
Net movement in funds	1753	-2041		-288
Bank and Cash at end of year	24140	30581		54721
Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Deposit Accounts	24140	30581		54721
Bank Current Accounts				
Cash In Hand				
Other Assets				
Fixed Assets – Note 10				
- Church Premises				1479548
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				
- Vehicles				
Investments – Note 11				294724
Gift Aid receivable on donations				
Liabilities				
Loans				1774272
Other				1828993

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on..... and signed on its behalf by

[Name] [Name]
[Date] [Date]

ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024
Recorded giving:	£ 14694	£	£	£ 14694
Loose collections	1765			1765
Donations and gifts		4398		4398
Gift Aid				
Legacies and bequest				
	16459	4398		20857

ARDBGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
 31 December 2024

ARDBGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
 31 December 2024

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024
Income from charitable activities	£	£	£	£
Fees from weddings and funerals				
Fundraising events				
Membership fees				
Grants				

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024
Letting of premises	£	£	£	£
Trading Income				

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024
Deposit interest	£	£	£	£
General Investment Fund				
Share Dividends				
Other Investment Income				

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024
Grant Income	£	£	£	£
Other Income				

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024
FWO envelopes	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events				

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024
General Assembly Assessments	£	£	£	£
Presbytery fees				
Ministry and support staff costs				
Congregational running expenses				
Donations to Missions and charities				
Governance costs				

ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
 31 December 2024

8. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024
Investments	£ 5554	£	£	£ 5554
	5554			5554

9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 31 Kildare Street Ardglass BT30 7TR, and 50 Ballyclander Road Ardglass BT30 7DZ and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £1,479,548.

10. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2024
General Investment Fund	49181
Property	245543
Other investments	294724

ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
 31 December 2024

11. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
Unrestricted Funds	£	£	£	£	£	£
No 1 General Running Account	22387	25184	23431	1753		24140
[Name of Fund]	22387	25184	23431	1753		24140
Restricted Funds						
No 2	21590	8648	10577	-1929		19661
No 3	4390	1680	0	1680		6070
PW	6642	5291	7083	-1792		4850

Endowment Funds

	32622	15619	17660	-2041		30581
Total	55009	40803	41091	-288		54721

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Accounts

ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

**ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering.

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £ 42,013.

Total expenditure of the congregation during the year was £ 37,783.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on..... and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Alan Paterson*

[Name] *Isobel Brown*

[Date] *12/11/2024*

[Date] *12/11/2024*

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Name:

Norman Elliott

Norman Elliott FCA, Norman Elliott Chartered Accountants, 13 English Street Downpatrick

Date 4 November 2024

**ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2023


	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation				
Bank and Cash at start of year	18041	32738		50779
Net movement in funds	4346	-116		4230
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Bank and Cash at end of year	22387	32622		55009
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Deposit Accounts	22387	32622		55009
Bank Current Accounts				
Cash in Hand				

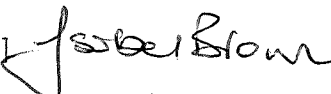
				55009
				=====
Other Assets				
Fixed Assets – Note 10				
- Church Premises				1479548
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				
- Vehicles				
Investments – Note 11				285754
Gift Aid receivable on donations				

				1765302
				=====
Liabilities				
Loans				
Other				

				1820311
				=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on: 12/11/24 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] 

[Name] 

[Date] 12/11/2024

[Date] 12/11/2024.

ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	2	15686	8937		24623
Charitable activities	3				0
Other trading activities	4		8789		8789
Investment Income	5	8601			8601
Other	6				
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Sale of Investments					
Sale of fixed assets					
Loans Received					
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Receipts		24287	17726		42013
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Payments					
Raising funds	7	0	0		0
Charitable activities	8	14805	17842		32647
Investment costs		5136	0		5136
Other	9	0	0		
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchase of Investments					
Purchase of fixed assets					
Loan Repayments					
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Payments		19941	17841		37783
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Net receipts / (payments)					
Transfers between funds		4346	-116		4230
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Net movement in funds					
Funds brought forward		18041	32738		50779
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Funds carried forward	12	23387	32622		55009
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ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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FUND ACCOUNTING

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Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	13590			13590
Loose collections	2096	3737		5833
Donations and gifts		5200		5200
Gift Aid				
Legacies and bequest				
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	15686	8937		24623
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**ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

31 December 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities				
Fees from weddings and funerals				
Fundraising events				
Membership fees				
Grants				
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises		6600		6600
Trading income		2189		2189
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	-----	8789	-----	8789
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	123			123
General Investment Fund	925			925
Share Dividends	6952			6952
Other investment income	601			601
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	8601	-----	-----	8601
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ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims				
Other income				
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes				
Fundraising events				
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CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	7030			7030
Presbytery fees	181			181
Ministry and support staff costs	1800			1800
Congregational running expenses	1796	14101		15897
Donations to Missions and charities	3998	3740		7738
Governance costs				
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	14805	17841		32646
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ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

8. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
Investments	5136			5136
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	5136			5136
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9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 31 Kildare Street Ardglass BT30 7TR, and 50 Ballyclander Road Ardglass BT30 7DZ and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £1,479,548.

10. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2023 £
General Investment Fund	44278
Property	
Other investments	241476

	285754

ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

11. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
No1 General Running Account [Name of Fund]	18041	24287	19941	4346		22387
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	18041	24287	19941	4346		22387
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Restricted Funds						
No 2	22554	11800	12764	-964		21590
No 3	3740	650	0	650		4390
PW	6444	5275	5077	198		6642
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	32738	17725	17841	-116		32622
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Endowment Funds						
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Total	50779	42013	37782	4230		55009
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Ardglass congregation of the presbyterian church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105124

Annual report

Ardglass Congregation of the Presbyterian Church
in Ireland

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended December 2023.

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105124)

Ardglass Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Trustees Annual Report

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

Reference and Administrative details.

Ardglass Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland,

Kildare Street, Ardglass.

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105124)

Charity Trustees

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

Rev Owen Patterson

Miss Isobel Brown

Mrs Irene Cousins

Mr Norman Morrow

Mr David Hunter

Principal Office Bearers

Minister: Rev Owen Patterson

Clerk of Session: Miss Isobel Brown

Treasurer: Mr Derek Cousins

Independent Examiner:

Mr Norman Elliott, 13 English Street, Downpatrick, BT30 6AB

Solicitors:

J Murland and Co, 15 English Street, Downpatrick, BT30 6AP

Ardglass Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Trustee Annual Report (cont'd)

Structure and Management

The Kirk Session

The Charity Trustees of the Congregation are the members of the Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian Witness and Service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the Congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Sessions 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 Minister 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 a 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 the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of the votes from those who are eligible to 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.

Ardglass Congregation has been assigned to the Down Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregation is 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.

Ardglass Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Trustee Annual Report (cont'd)

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.

Ardglass Congregation is a congregation in the Presbyterian Church of 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.

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 to teach on matters of Christian Faith and practice.

The Congregation's mission is:

by the grace of God, to see Christ's Kingdom grow in the lives of men, women and children. It is our desire to fulfil Christ's great commission of Matthew 28:19 to see people of all ages and backgrounds becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

1. We desire that people will clearly understand Jesus' message of salvation.
2. We desire that those who grasp that message will grow in their love, devotion and service to Jesus.

The congregation aims to live out its mission and vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A bible centred community, living lives that are based on God's Word and seeking to please Him in all that we do.
- An outward looking community that seeks to reach out and welcome people from every background and that seeks to share the Good News of Jesus Christ by our words, welcome and actions.
- At the centre of our local community by being part of it and being relevant in the issues and problems that we see to help change.

Ardglass Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Trustee Annual Report (cont'd)

Activities and Objectives

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on four occasions during the year 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.

The congregation has a range of organisations including:

- Sunday School/Children's Church
- Presbyterian Women
- Flower Arranging
- Lenten Bible Study

Achievements and Performance

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

The congregation normally meets for worship on Sunday mornings at 10am.

As well as our regular services, during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31st December, 2023 there were 35 communicant members and 44 families connected with the congregation. The average attendance at worship is 35.

PASTORAL CARE

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis. Those who have been bereaved are also provided with support and prayer.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

At a local level the congregation supports Downpatrick which is the base for the community foodbank. It is staffed by members from all churches. This foodbank satisfies a great need in the community.

Ardglass Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Trustee Annual Report (cont'd)

The church was full for the annual Carol Service with people from across the community attending.

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Approved by the Kirk Session on 8th October 2024

Signed on its behalf by:

Isobel Brown

Owen Patterson

Ardglass congregation of the presbyterian church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105124

Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of Ardglass Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31st December 2023, set out as per the attached Financial Statements.

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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland 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 present with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items of 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:

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Signed: *Norman Elliott*

Date: *4th Nov 2024*

Norman Elliott Chartered Accountants
Principal: Norman Elliott FCA
13 English Street Downpatrick BT30 6AB Co Down.
Members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland

Ardglass congregation of the presbyterian church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105124

Accounts

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 30 contributors during the year 34 in previous year, 2017 donating a total of £ 8962 compared to £ 10898 in previous year, 2017

Total income of the congregation during the year was £ 33358, compared to £ 27824 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased to £ 32205 from £ 27839

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on *20th Oct* and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Alan Patterson*

[Name] *J Brown*

[Date] *20th October 2019*

[Date] *20th October 2019*

[Date]

CLASS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
 for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	11013	3037		14050	14169
Charitable activities	3		3730		3730	3008
Other trading activities	4		6600		6600	6600
Investment income	5	2739			2739	2609
Other	6					
Total Receipts		13752	13367		27119	26386
Payments						
Raising funds	7	108	130		238	217
Charitable activities	8	19750	9335		29125	27621
Investment costs	9					
Other						
Total Payments		19858	9465		29363	27838
Net receipts / (payments)						
Transfers between funds						
Net movement in funds						
Funds brought forward		16592	19267		35859	32199
Funds carried forward	12					

THE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
31 December 2018

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2018	Total Funds 2017
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	22021	14874		36895	32213
Net movement in funds	(388)	4381		3993	(14)
Bank and Cash at end of year	21633	19255		40888	32199
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts					
Bank Current Accounts					
Cash in Hand					
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises					
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment					
- Vehicles					
Investments – Note 11					
Gift Aid receivable on donations					
				1149541	1115864
				242684	260483
				1392225	1376347
Liabilities					
Loans					
Other					

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 20th Oct and signed on its behalf by

[Name] Owen Patterson

[Name] J Brown

[Date] 20th October 2019

[Date] 20th October 2019

CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 OF THE ACCOUNTS
 for the year ended 31st October 2018

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	8963			8963	10898
Loose collections	2050	140		2190	2274
Donations and gifts		2897		2897	977
Gift Aid					
Legacies and bequest					
	11013	3037		14050	14169

CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 OF THE ACCOUNTS
 for the year ended 31st December 2018

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
Income from charitable activities	£	£	£	£	£
Fees from weddings and funerals		925		925	833
Fundraising events					
Membership fees		2805		2805	2175
Grants					
		3730		3730	3008

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
Letting of premises	£	£	£	£	£
Trading income		6600		6600	6600
		6600		6600	6600

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
Deposit interest	£	£	£	£	£
General Investment Fund	96			96	82
Rents investment properties	2643			2643	2527
Other investment income					
	2739			2739	2609

CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
 December 2018

OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other income	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	108			108	117
Fundraising events	-----	130	-----	130	100
	108	130	-----	238	217

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	11294			11294	9689
Presbytery fees	139			139	122
Ministry and support staff costs	2200			2200	3900
Congregational running expenses	3687	6572		10259	7366
Donations to Missions and charities	2470	2763		5233	6544
Governance costs	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	19790	9335	-----	29125	27621

CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

Year ended 2018

OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
investment properties expenses	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 31 Kildare Street Ardglass BT30 7TR, and 50 Ballyclander Road Ardglass BT30 7DZ and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £ 243,179

10. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2018 £	2017 £
General Investment Fund	39181	37265
Property	203503	223218
Other investments	242684	260483

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INCOME STATEMENTS TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2018

11. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
No 1 General Running Account [Name of Fund]	22021	14470	14858			21633
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	22021	14470	14858			21633
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Restricted Funds						
No 5 Property	9514	9198	5639			13073
PW	3250	3919	3827			3342
Graveyard	2110	730	0			2840
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	14874	13847	9466			19255
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Endowment Funds						
[Name of Fund]						
[Name of Fund]						
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	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total	36895	28317	24324			40888
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Ardglass congregation of the presbyterian church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105124

Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for
the year ended December 2018.**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105124)

Ardglass Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 including a statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ARDGLASS congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Kildare Street, Ardglass

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105124)

Charity Trustees

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

Rev. O. Patterson	Miss I. Brown
Mrs I. Cousins	Mr N. Morrow
Mr D. Hunter	

Principal Office Bearers:

Minister	Rev. Owen Patterson
Clerk of Session	Miss Isobel Brown
Treasurer	Mr. Derek Cousins

Independent Examiner:

Miss Belinda Reid

Bankers:

Northern Bank, Downpatrick

Solicitors:

J Murland and Co., 15 English St, Downpatrick, BT30 6AP

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STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the Congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Sessions 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 Minister 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 a 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. Ardglass congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Down 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.

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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 are presentative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

Description and Purpose

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

Ardglass 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.

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 to teach on matters of Christian faith and practice.

The Congregation's mission is: - by the grace of God, to see Christ's kingdom grow in the lives of men, women and children. It is our desire to fulfil Christ's great commission of Matthew 28:19 to see people of all ages and backgrounds becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

1. We desire that people will clearly understand Jesus' message of salvation.
2. We desire that those who grasp that message will grow in their love, devotion and service to Jesus.

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Trustees Annual Report (Cont'd)

The congregation aims to live out its mission and vision as a family of God's people by being:-

- A bible centred community, living lives that are based on God's Word and seeking to please Him in all we do.
- An outward looking community that seeks to reach out and welcome people from every background and that seeks to share the Good News of Jesus Christ by our words, welcome and actions.
- At the centre of our local community by being part of it and being relevant in the issues and problems that we seek to help change.

Activities and Objectives

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on four occasions during the year 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. The congregation has a range of organisations including: -

- Sunday School/Children's Church
- Presbyterian Women
- Flower Arranging
- Lenten Bible Study

Achievements and Performance

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10am.

As well as our regular services, during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31st December, 2018 there were 35 communicant members and 44 families connected with the congregation. The average attendance at worship is 33.

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Trustees Annual Report (Cont'd)

PASTORAL CARE

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis. Those who have been bereaved are also provided with support and prayer.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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Approved by the Kirk Session on 20th October 2019.

Signed on its behalf by

(Name) Miss I Brown

(Name) Rev. O Patterson

(Date) 20th October 2019

(Date) 20th October 2019

Ardglass congregation of the presbyterian church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105124

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARDGLASS CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of the Downpatrick Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, which are set out on pages 12 to 18.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER.

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It is our responsibility to:

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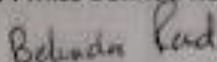
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

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

Name : Miss Belinda Reid



Date: 8th February 2019