

Mountnorris Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105147

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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	£166,489	£137,343	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Frances Walker		
Henry Simms		
John Kernaghan		
Nigel Reid		
Paul Toombs		
Robert Henry		
Samuel Walker		
Sharon Porter		

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	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
Incoming Resources						
Regular Direct Giving	1	88,722.50	8,673.96		97,396.46	89,761.34
Donations and Legacies	2	1,926.50	58,229.15		60,155.65	36,072.52
Activities that Generate Income	3	219.50	5,615.00		5,834.50	1,834.50
Investment Income	4	19.53	1,231.78		1,251.31	727.24
Other Income Sources	5	1,178.00	673.65		1,851.65	2,441.16
Total Incoming Resources		92,066.03	74,423.54	0.00	166,489.57	130,836.76
Resources Expended						
Central Church Assessments	6	(18,443.37)			(18,443.37)	(16,264.00)
Ministry and Support Staff	7	(35,093.89)			(35,093.89)	(33,828.51)
Life and Work	8	(7,473.18)	(29,610.45)		(37,083.63)	(17,939.19)
Governance	9	(9,022.44)	(6,359.65)		(15,382.09)	(10,885.75)
Property and Equipment	10	(14,516.19)	(5,504.94)		(20,021.13)	(30,969.43)
Grants to Missions						
United Appeal	11		(6,882.00)		(6,882.00)	(6,629.25)
Other PCI Schemes	12		(947.50)		(947.50)	(898.75)
Other Missions and Charities	13		(3,489.53)		(3,489.53)	
Total Resources Expended		(84,549.07)	(52,794.07)	0.00	(137,343.14)	(117,414.88)
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before transfers		7,516.96	21,629.47	0.00	29,146.43	13,421.88
Transfers						
Gross Transfers between funds - in		200.00	2,200.00	0.00	2,400.00	18,144.58
- out		(2,200.00)	(200.00)	0.00	(2,400.00)	(18,144.58)
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before other gains/losses		5,516.96	23,629.47	0.00	29,146.43	13,421.88
Total Gains and Losses		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movements in Funds		5,516.96	23,629.47	0.00	29,146.43	13,421.88
Funds Brought Forward		5,516.96	23,629.47	0.00	29,146.43	13,421.88

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1. Regular Direct Giving

	2024	2023
Recorded Giving (FWO, Stipend and CMF)	74,245.20	69,624.50
Gift Aid received on FWO	12,812.93	11,067.71
Loose Collections Sunday am	1,664.37	1,115.66
Regular Direct Giving - United Appeal	5,676.00	5,513.00
Loose Collections - Sunday School	315.95	147.20
Gift Aid on United Appeal	1,206.00	1,116.25
Loose Collections - Evening Service	1,476.01	1,177.02
	<u>97,396.46</u>	<u>89,761.34</u>

2. Donations and Legacies

	2024	2023
Gift Days, Special Collections and Donations	34,268.13	11,112.02
Gift Aid Received on Occasional Gifts	889.88	469.54
Legacies and Bequests	2,420.00	1,240.00
Received for Congregational Organisations	744.71	1,545.95
Donations from Congregational Organisations	1,500.00	3,850.00
Harvest Collections	16,192.00	14,365.00
Gift Aid on Childrens Society	167.50	148.75
Gift Aid on Harvest Collections	3,067.63	2,570.76
Loose Collections Harvest	905.80	770.50
	<u>60,155.65</u>	<u>36,072.52</u>

3. Activities that Generate Income

	2024	2023
Income from Church Events	3,570.00	80.00
Sale or Rental of Books / CD's / DVD's etc.	264.50	654.50
Weddings, funerals, etc.	2,000.00	1,100.00
	<u>5,834.50</u>	<u>1,834.50</u>

4. Investment Income

	2024	2023
Bank and Building Society Interest	1,251.31	727.24
	<u>1,251.31</u>	<u>727.24</u>

5. Other Income Sources

	2024	2023
Rental Income	50.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,541.65	1,781.16
Grave spaces	260.00	660.00
	<u>1,851.65</u>	<u>2,441.16</u>

6. Central Church Assessments

	2024	2023
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	2024	2023
Central Ministry Fund	(3,699.62)	(2,765.50)
Ministers' Pension Scheme Fund	(6,102.25)	(5,547.25)
Widows of Ministers Fund	(458.00)	(455.00)
Incidental Fund	(1,831.00)	(1,822.00)
Prolonged Disability Fund	(356.00)	(455.00)
Ministerial Development Fund	(51.00)	(202.00)
Sick Supply Fund	(10.00)	(20.00)
Assembly Buildings External Work	(915.00)	(1,012.00)
Minister's National Insurance	(3,367.25)	(3,059.25)
Students	(814.00)	(810.00)
Special Assembly	(712.00)	0.00
Apprenticeship Levy	(127.25)	(116.00)
	<u>(18,443.37)</u>	<u>(16,264.00)</u>

7. Ministry and Support Staff

	2024	2023
Minister	(29,314.39)	(26,713.52)
Other Ministry Support Staff	(5,779.50)	(7,114.99)
	<u>(35,093.89)</u>	<u>(33,828.51)</u>

8. Life and Work

	2024	2023
Worship and Fellowship	(3,747.04)	(4,094.13)
Discipleship and Ministry	(1,052.95)	(1,170.30)
Mission and Outreach	(32,283.64)	(12,674.76)
	<u>(37,083.63)</u>	<u>(17,939.19)</u>

9. Governance

	2024	2023
Annual Reports	(110.00)	(99.00)
Independent Examiner/Audit Fees	(360.00)	(360.00)
Other Professional Fees	(5,408.00)	(729.00)
Advertising, Printing, Stationery and Postage	(3,223.92)	(1,617.87)
Other Sundry Expenses	(224.98)	(1,666.86)
Bank Interest and Charges	(514.19)	(558.02)
Sexton & Cleaner	(4,658.00)	(5,026.00)
Presbytery Fees	(883.00)	(829.00)
	<u>(15,382.09)</u>	<u>(10,885.75)</u>

10. Property and Equipment

	2024	2023
Utilities	(12,174.25)	(12,917.82)
Repairs and Maintenance	(5,968.27)	(13,281.88)
Insurances	(1,878.61)	(1,792.91)
Crescent Loan	0.00	(2,976.82)
	<u>(20,021.13)</u>	<u>(30,969.43)</u>

11. United Appeal

	2024	2023
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	2024	2023
United Appeal	(6,882.00)	(6,629.25)
	<u>(6,882.00)</u>	<u>(6,629.25)</u>

12. Other PCI Schemes

	2024	2023
Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society	(947.50)	(898.75)
	<u>(947.50)</u>	<u>(898.75)</u>

13. Other Missions and Charities

	2024	2023
Earl Haig/RUC/UDR	(1,253.72)	0.00
Newry Hospice	(2,235.81)	0.00
	<u>(3,489.53)</u>	<u>0.00</u>

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	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2023	2022
Incoming Resources						
Regular Direct Giving	1	81,807.87	7,953.47		89,761.34	85,046.02
Donations and Legacies	2	1,540.00	34,532.52		36,072.52	44,399.52
Activities that Generate Income	3	649.50	1,185.00		1,834.50	2,400.50
Investment Income	4	43.68	683.56		727.24	69.93
Other Income Sources	5	21.27	2,419.89		2,441.16	2,048.37
Total Incoming Resources		84,062.32	46,774.44	0.00	130,836.76	133,964.34
Resources Expended						
Central Church Assessments	6	(16,264.00)			(16,264.00)	(16,476.62)
Ministry and Support Staff	7	(33,828.51)			(33,828.51)	(28,623.28)
Life and Work	8	(6,073.61)	(11,865.58)		(17,939.19)	(17,268.18)
Governance	9	(9,283.75)	(1,602.00)		(10,885.75)	(9,911.39)
Property and Equipment	10	(19,574.12)	(11,395.31)		(30,969.43)	(28,553.62)
Grants to Missions						
United Appeal	11		(6,629.25)		(6,629.25)	(6,065.38)
Other PCI Schemes	12		(898.75)		(898.75)	(865.00)
Other Missions and Charities	13					(5,065.20)
Total Resources Expended		(85,023.99)	(32,390.89)	0.00	(117,414.88)	(112,828.67)
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before transfers		(961.67)	14,383.55	0.00	13,421.88	21,135.67
Transfers						
Gross Transfers between funds - in		200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17,944.58
- out		0.00	(200.00)	0.00	(200.00)	(17,944.58)
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before other gains/losses		(761.67)	14,183.55	0.00	13,421.88	21,135.67
Total Gains and Losses		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movements in Funds		(761.67)	14,183.55	0.00	13,421.88	21,135.67
Funds Brought Forward		(761.67)	14,183.55	0.00	13,421.88	21,135.67

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1. Regular Direct Giving

	2023	2022
Recorded Giving (FWO, Stipend and CMF)	69,624.50	64,204.00
Gift Aid received on FWO	11,067.71	13,013.74
Loose Collections Sunday am	1,115.66	1,013.40
Regular Direct Giving - United Appeal	5,513.00	4,965.00
Loose Collections - Sunday School	147.20	10.00
Gift Aid on United Appeal	1,116.25	1,100.38
Loose Collections - Evening Service	1,177.02	739.50
	<u>89,761.34</u>	<u>85,046.02</u>

2. Donations and Legacies

	2023	2022
Gift Days, Special Collections and Donations	11,112.02	24,679.41
Gift Aid Received on Occasional Gifts	469.54	282.13
Legacies and Bequests	1,240.00	670.00
Received for Congregational Organisations	1,545.95	1,004.05
Donations from Congregational Organisations	3,850.00	1,457.61
Harvest Collections	14,365.00	12,125.00
Gift Aid on Childrens Society	148.75	150.00
Gift Aid on Harvest Collections	2,570.76	2,348.27
Loose Collections Harvest	770.50	1,683.05
	<u>36,072.52</u>	<u>44,399.52</u>

3. Activities that Generate Income

	2023	2022
Income from Church Events	80.00	0.00
Sale or Rental of Books / CD's / DVD's etc.	654.50	230.50
Church Magazines	0.00	270.00
Weddings, funerals, etc.	1,100.00	1,900.00
	<u>1,834.50</u>	<u>2,400.50</u>

4. Investment Income

	2023	2022
Bank and Building Society Interest	727.24	69.93
	<u>727.24</u>	<u>69.93</u>

5. Other Income Sources

	2023	2022
Rental Income	0.00	150.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,781.16	598.37
Grave spaces	660.00	1,300.00
	<u>2,441.16</u>	<u>2,048.37</u>

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	2023	2022
Central Ministry Fund	(2,765.50)	(3,236.12)
Ministers' Pension Scheme Fund	(5,547.25)	(5,160.25)
Widows of Ministers Fund	(455.00)	(442.00)
Incidental Fund	(1,822.00)	(1,637.00)
Prolonged Disability Fund	(455.00)	(354.00)
Ministerial Development Fund	(202.00)	(203.00)
Sick Supply Fund	(20.00)	(27.00)
Assembly Buildings External Work	(1,012.00)	(885.00)
Presbytery Fees	0.00	(647.00)
Minister's National Insurance	(3,059.25)	(2,936.25)
Students	(810.00)	(841.00)
Apprenticeship Levy	(116.00)	(108.00)
	<u>(16,264.00)</u>	<u>(16,476.62)</u>

7. Ministry and Support Staff

	2023	2022
Minister	(26,713.52)	(25,057.67)
Other Ministry Support Staff	(7,114.99)	(3,565.61)
	<u>(33,828.51)</u>	<u>(28,623.28)</u>

8. Life and Work

	2023	2022
Worship and Fellowship	(4,094.13)	(3,554.20)
Discipleship and Ministry	(1,170.30)	(1,286.80)
Mission and Outreach	(12,674.76)	(12,427.18)
	<u>(17,939.19)</u>	<u>(17,268.18)</u>

9. Governance

	2023	2022
Annual Reports	(99.00)	0.00
Independent Examiner/Audit Fees	(360.00)	(300.00)
Other Professional Fees	(729.00)	(1,867.00)
Advertising, Printing, Stationery and Postage	(1,617.87)	(1,838.94)
Other Sundry Expenses	(1,666.86)	(62.79)
Bank Interest and Charges	(558.02)	(632.66)
Sexton & Cleaner	(5,026.00)	(5,210.00)
Presbytery Fees	(829.00)	0.00
	<u>(10,885.75)</u>	<u>(9,911.39)</u>

10. Property and Equipment

	2023	2022
Utilities	(12,917.82)	(9,751.79)
Repairs and Maintenance	(13,281.88)	(5,221.27)
Insurances	(1,792.91)	(1,673.28)
Crescent Loan	(2,976.82)	(11,907.28)
	<u>(30,969.43)</u>	<u>(28,553.62)</u>

11. United Appeal

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	2023	2022
United Appeal	(6,629.25)	(6,065.38)
	<u>(6,629.25)</u>	<u>(6,065.38)</u>

12. Other PCI Schemes

	2023	2022
Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society	(898.75)	(865.00)
	<u>(898.75)</u>	<u>(865.00)</u>

13. Other Missions and Charities

	2023	2022
Earl Haig/RUC/UDR	0.00	(2,110.00)
Newry Hospice	0.00	(2,955.20)
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(5,065.20)</u>

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 105147

Annual report

MOUNTNORRIS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

MOUNTNORRIS 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

Mountnorris Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
43 Main Street
Mountnorris
ARMAGH
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Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105147)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev Nigel Reid
Samuel Walker
John Kernaghan
Henry Simms

Robert Henry
Frances Walker
Sharon Porter
Paul Toombs

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev Nigel J E Reid BD Dip Min
Samuel Walker
Mrs Sharon Porter MBE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

W J McClelland & Co.
7a, Gilford St
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BT62 2DA

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BANKERS

Danske Bank,
58 Hill Street,
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BT34 1BD

SOLICITORS

Nelson Singleton
71 Main Street,
Markethill,
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BT60 1PH

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STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session were held on ten occasions during the year, of which six were joint meetings with Tullyallen Kirk Session.

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. Mountnorris Congregation 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 each 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 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.

Mountnorris congregation 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 congregation's mission purpose is to build up the Church family and to equip it to reach out to the local community with the Good News of the Gospel.

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.

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- 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 attend. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was observed on Good Friday, and the first Sunday in May and November. The Congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including Sunday School, Boys' Brigade, Youth Fellowship, Mother & Toddlers Group (TM Tots), Presbyterian Women, Ladies Bible Study Fellowship, Men's Bible Study Fellowship, Men's Choir, Bowling Club, and Badminton Club.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation met for worship each Sunday at 12.30pm and on the second and fourth Sunday each month for a United Service at 7.00pm with Tullyallen Congregation. The Midweek Meeting which was held jointly with Tullyallen Congregation on a weekly basis from January to May and from September to December inclusive provided an opportunity for members to meet for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of corporate prayer.

During the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at two Sacraments of Baptism. We also gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 172 communicant members and 121 families connected with the congregation. The average attendance at morning worship was 110.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and elders. Worship Services are live streamed and recorded on CD. Copies of CD are available on request.

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Mission and outreach

The congregation, in conjunction with Tullyallen Congregation sought to reach out to the local community through a range of activities and special events including the following:-

- Coronation BBQ & Social in Mountnorris Church Hall on 6th May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.
- Ladies Walk & Talk was held at Gosford Forest Park on Tuesday evenings in June. Ladies enjoyed fellowship and a walk in beautiful surroundings followed by a healthy supper and an epilogue.
- Our annual Holiday Bible Club for children of primary school age was held in Tullyallen Church Hall from 3rd – 7th July. The theme was “Amazing Treasures”. An average of 60 children came along each evening. Activities included Bible stories, memory verses, singing, crafts and outdoor games. The week concluded with a BBQ which was a great opportunity for families from the congregations and the community to socialise and enjoy good food.
- Our annual United Remembrance Day Service was held in Tullyallen Church on Sunday 12th November. Uniformed youth organisations and the Royal British Legion attended the Service. The offering which amounted to £1,100.20 was donated to the Royal British Legion Earl Haig Fund.
- Our United Carol Service was held in Tullyallen on Sunday 10th December. Special music and praise was provided by the Church Choir and pupils of Mountnorris Primary School. The offering which amounted to £1,950 was donated to a local charity “B Positive” that supports children who are suffering from cancer.
- Our united Christmas morning Service was held in Mountnorris Church. The offering which amounted to £2,116.10 was donated to Southern Area Hospice in Newry which provides invaluable care and support to cancer patients and their families.
- The Congregation supported the work and witness of Christ the Saviour Presbyterian Church in Krakow, Poland through the European Christian Mission Ireland by prayer and a financial contribution of £1,000 and £1589.20 to a local charity Noeleen’s Helping Hands for its outreach work in Romania.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission, which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and in 2023 achieved 107.9% of its target which amounted to £6,629.25. 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

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church premises, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care. The congregation also contributed to the denomination's Children's Society (£898.75) and the Moderator's Turkey Syria Appeal (£800).

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at meetings of Presbytery by our minister and 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 attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland which was held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast in June.

Property

During the year the Church building, Church Hall and Session House were maintained in good order.

Organisations

Average attendance

- **Sunday School** **45**
10.00 am in Church Hall.
Sunday School seeks to teach our children the divine truth found in the Bible which is God's inspired Word.
"We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done....Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands" (Psalm 78:4).
Through Sunday School, we want to enable our children to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, to lead them to put their trust in Him as Saviour and Lord and to teach them how to be His faithful disciples.

The organisations listed below are shared with Tullyallen Congregation and are managed jointly by Mountnorris & Tullyallen Kirk Sessions. The organisations draw membership from both congregations and the wider community.

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Average attendance

- **TM Tots** **25**
TM Tots, Parent & Toddlers group meets on Tuesday from 10am -12 noon in Mountnorris Church Hall. TM Tots seeks to support and encourage parents with young children in a safe and friendly Christian environment.

- **The Boys' Brigade (BB)** **36**
Anchor Boys Thursday 6.30 pm -7.30 pm. Age 4-7 **32**
Junior Section Tuesday 6.45 pm - 8.00 pm. Age 8-10 **34**
Company Section Tuesday 8.15 pm -10.00 pm. Age 11-18
 All sections meet in Mountnorris Church Hall
 Our BB Company seeks to deliver the object of The Boys' Brigade which is the advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self respect and all that tends towards true Christian manliness. It caters for boys aged 4 years to 18 years and provides a varied programme of activities including Bible teaching, football, volleyball, and outdoor pursuits.

- **Youth Fellowship** **15**
 Fortnightly on Sunday 7.00 pm-8.15 pm in Tullyallen Church Hall. The Youth Fellowship is attended by teenagers from Mountnorris & Tullyallen congregations and the wider community. It provides an informal context for fellowship and learning. It seeks to encourage young people to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and to build their lives on Biblical principles. There are opportunities throughout the year to engage with similar groups from other congregations within Newry Presbytery.

- **Presbyterian Women (PW)** **25**
 First Thursday each month 8.00 pm
 in Tullyallen/Mountnorris Church Hall.
 Presbyterian Women encourages women to become disciples of Christ and seeks to highlight the need for love and unity, obedience to God, Christian living and spiritual maturity, service using gifts, time and money, and local and global mission.

- **Ladies Bible Study Fellowship** **20**
 Third Wednesday each month 8.00 pm in Tullyallen Church Hall
 The Ladies Fellowship provided an opportunity for ladies to have fellowship and study the Bible together in an informal setting. The theme for 2023 was "Loving God and others"

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Average attendance

- **Men's Bible Study Fellowship** **15**
First Thursday each month 8.00 pm in Tullyallen Church Hall
The Men's Fellowship provided an opportunity for men to have fellowship, to study the Bible and pray together in an informal setting.
- **Men's Choir** **15**
Monday 8.00 pm in Tullyallen Church Hall
The Choir met for practice on Monday evenings commencing with a scripture reading and prayer. Membership is drawn from Mountnorris & Tullyallen congregations and other churches in the area.
- **Bowling Club** **20**
Wednesday 8.00 pm in Mountnorris Church Hall
The club provides an opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy the game of bowls at recreational level and competitively.
An annual Fun Tournament is organised to attract and encourage new members. Normally the Club participates in a local league which involves hosting visiting clubs and travelling to other locations to compete. Membership is drawn from Mountnorris & Tullyallen congregations and the local community.
- **Badminton Club** **20**
Friday 7.30 pm
in Tullyallen Church Hall.

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Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

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 notice boards, 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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 102 contributors during the year [104 in previous year, 2022] donating a total of £69,624.50 (£64,204.00 in previous year, 2022)

Total income of the congregation during the year was £130,836.76 compared to £133,964.34 in the previous year. Total expenditure increased slightly from £112,828.67 in 2022 to £117,414.88 in 2023.

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 on 18th September 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Rev Nigel Reid

18th September 2024



Samuel Walker

18th September 2024

MOUNTNORRIS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 31st December 2023

Fixed Assets

The Congregation owns the Church Building and Session House situated at 43 Main Street, Mountnorris, ARMAGH BT60 2TS and Church Hall situated at 54 Main Street, Mountnorris, ARMAGH BT60 2TS and the associated fixtures and fittings. These have a combined insurance value of £1,908,567.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2023	2022
Bank & Deposit Balances					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	43,923.74	15,509.15		59,432.89	38,677.22
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	(961.67)	14,383.55		13,421.88	20,755.67
Transfers between funds	200.00	(200.00)			
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	43,162.07	29,692.70		72,854.77	59,432.89

Approved by the Kirk Session on 18th September 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Rev Nigel Reid

18th September 2024



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18th September 2024

Mountnorris Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105147

Annual return

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Mountnorris Congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

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.

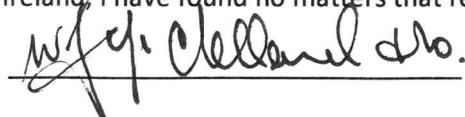
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.



WJ McClelland & Co
Certified Public Accountants

7A Gilford Street
Tandragee
Co. Armagh
BT62 2DA

Date: 29th February 2024

Accounts

Statement Of Financial Activities

Mountnorris Presbyterian Church

Period: 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

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	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2022	2021
Incoming Resources						
Regular Direct Giving	1	78,231.14	6,814.88		85,046.02	79,884.93
Donations and Legacies	2	1,090.00	43,309.52		44,399.52	20,683.59
Activities that Generate Income	3	500.50	1,900.00		2,400.50	
Investment Income	4	69.36	0.57		69.93	123.43
Other Income Sources	5	204.37	1,844.00		2,048.37	787.47
Total Incoming Resources		80,095.37	53,868.97	0.00	133,964.34	101,479.42
Resources Expended						
Central Church Assessments	6	(16,476.62)			(16,476.62)	(14,322.75)
Ministry and Support Staff	7	(28,623.28)			(28,623.28)	(28,926.18)
Life and Work	8	(4,862.50)	(12,405.68)		(17,268.18)	(19,283.86)
Governance	9	(8,393.39)	(1,518.00)		(9,911.39)	(7,998.22)
Property and Equipment	10	(11,771.34)	(16,782.28)		(28,553.62)	(28,437.83)
Grants to Missions						
United Appeal	11		(6,065.38)		(6,065.38)	(5,861.50)
Other PCI Schemes	12		(865.00)		(865.00)	(700.00)
Other Missions and Charities	13		(5,065.20)		(5,065.20)	(1,830.61)
Total Resources Expended		(70,127.13)	(42,701.54)	0.00	(112,828.67)	(107,360.95)
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before transfers		9,968.24	11,167.43	0.00	21,135.67	(5,881.53)
Transfers						
Gross Transfers between funds - in		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,944.58
- out		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(17,944.58)
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources before other gains/losses		9,968.24	11,167.43	0.00	21,135.67	(5,881.53)
Total Gains and Losses		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movements in Funds		9,968.24	11,167.43	0.00	21,135.67	(5,881.53)
Funds Brought Forward		9,968.24	11,167.43	0.00	21,135.67	(5,881.53)

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1. Regular Direct Giving

	2022	2021
Recorded Giving (FWO, Stipend and CMF)	64,204.00	61,928.00
Gift Aid received on FWO	13,013.74	10,811.56
Loose Collections Sunday am	1,013.40	1,165.87
Regular Direct Giving - United Appeal	4,965.00	4,751.50
Loose Collections - Sunday School	10.00	0.00
Gift Aid on United Appeal	1,100.38	1,110.00
Loose Collections - Evening Service	739.50	118.00
	<u>85,046.02</u>	<u>79,884.93</u>

2. Donations and Legacies

	2022	2021
Gift Days, Special Collections and Donations	24,679.41	3,133.21
Gift Aid Received on Occasional Gifts	282.13	82.16
Legacies and Bequests	670.00	2,540.00
Received for Congregational Organisations	1,004.05	175.90
Donations from Congregational Organisations	1,457.61	150.00
Harvest Collections	12,125.00	11,615.00
Gift Aid on Orphan Society	150.00	100.00
Gift Aid on Harvest Collections	2,348.27	2,675.32
Loose Collections Harvest	1,683.05	212.00
	<u>44,399.52</u>	<u>20,683.59</u>

3. Activities that Generate Income

	2022	2021
Sale or Rental of Books / CD's / DVD's etc.	230.50	0.00
Church Magazines	270.00	0.00
Weddings, funerals, etc.	1,900.00	0.00
	<u>2,400.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>

4. Investment Income

	2022	2021
Bank and Building Society Interest	69.93	123.43
	<u>69.93</u>	<u>123.43</u>

5. Other Income Sources

	2022	2021
Rental Income	150.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	598.37	787.47
Grave spaces	1,300.00	0.00
	<u>2,048.37</u>	<u>787.47</u>

6. Central Church Assessments

	2022	2021
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	2022	2021
Central Ministry Fund	(3,236.12)	(2,246.00)
Ministers' Pension Scheme Fund	(5,160.25)	(4,785.00)
Widows of Ministers Fund	(442.00)	(515.00)
Incidental Fund	(1,637.00)	(1,731.00)
Prolonged Disability Fund	(354.00)	(375.00)
Ministerial Development Fund	(203.00)	(243.00)
Sick Supply Fund	(27.00)	(37.00)
Church House Repairs Fund	(885.00)	(983.00)
Presbytery Fees	(647.00)	(408.00)
Minister's National Insurance	(2,936.25)	(2,572.75)
Students	(841.00)	(327.00)
Apprenticeship Levy	(108.00)	(100.00)
	<u>(16,476.62)</u>	<u>(14,322.75)</u>

7. Ministry and Support Staff

	2022	2021
Minister	(25,057.67)	(23,746.66)
Other Ministry Support Staff	(3,565.61)	(5,179.52)
	<u>(28,623.28)</u>	<u>(28,926.18)</u>

8. Life and Work

	2022	2021
Worship and Fellowship	(3,554.20)	(13,717.79)
Discipleship and Ministry	(1,286.80)	(1,187.67)
Mission and Outreach	(12,427.18)	(4,378.40)
	<u>(17,268.18)</u>	<u>(19,283.86)</u>

9. Governance

	2022	2021
Annual Reports	0.00	(110.00)
Independent Examiner/Audit Fees	(300.00)	0.00
Other Professional Fees	(1,867.00)	(400.00)
Advertising, Printing, Stationery and Postage	(1,838.94)	(1,349.74)
Other Sundry Expenses	(62.79)	(578.00)
Bank Interest and Charges	(632.66)	(460.48)
Sexton & Cleaner	(5,210.00)	(5,100.00)
	<u>(9,911.39)</u>	<u>(7,998.22)</u>

10. Property and Equipment

	2022	2021
Utilities	(9,751.79)	(7,527.91)
Repairs and Maintenance	(5,221.27)	(7,433.60)
Insurances	(1,673.28)	(1,569.04)
Crescent Loan	(11,907.28)	(11,907.28)
	<u>(28,553.62)</u>	<u>(28,437.83)</u>

11. United Appeal

	2022	2021
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	2022	2021
United Appeal	(6,065.38)	(5,861.50)
	<u>(6,065.38)</u>	<u>(5,861.50)</u>

12. Other PCI Schemes

	2022	2021
Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society	(865.00)	(700.00)
	<u>(865.00)</u>	<u>(700.00)</u>

13. Other Missions and Charities

	2022	2021
Earl Haig/RUC/UDR	(2,110.00)	(145.11)
Newry Hospice	(2,955.20)	(1,685.50)
	<u>(5,065.20)</u>	<u>(1,830.61)</u>

Mountnorris Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105147

Annual report

MOUNTNORRIS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

MOUNTNORRIS 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 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Mountnorris Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
43 Main Street
Mountnorris
ARMAGH
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Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105147)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev Nigel Reid
Samuel Walker
John Kernaghan
Henry Simms

Robert Henry
Frances Walker
Sharon Porter
Paul Toombs

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev Nigel J E Reid BD Dip Min
Samuel Walker
Mrs Sharon Porter MBE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session were held on nine occasions during the year, of which eight were joint meetings with Tullyallen Kirk Session.

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. Mountnorris Congregation 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 each 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 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.

Mountnorris congregation 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 congregation's mission purpose is to build up the Church family and to equip it to reach out to the local community with the Good News of the Gospel.

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.

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- 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 attend. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was observed on Good Friday, and the first Sunday in May and November. The Congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including Sunday School, Boys' Brigade, Youth Fellowship, Mother & Toddlers Group (TM Tots), Presbyterian Women, Men's Fellowship, Men's Choir, Bowling Club, and Badminton Club.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation met for worship each Sunday at 11.00am and at 7.00pm on the second and fourth Sunday each month for a United Service with Tullyallen Congregation. The Midweek Meeting which was held jointly with Tullyallen Congregation on a weekly basis from January to May and from September to December inclusive provided an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of corporate prayer.

During the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at ten Sacraments of Baptism. We also gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 171 communicant members and 118 families connected with the congregation. The average attendance at morning worship was 80.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and elders. Worship Services are recorded on CD and copies are made available on request.

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Mission and outreach

The congregation sought to reach out to the local community through a range of activities and special events including the following:-

- Ladies Walk & Talk was held at Gosford Forest Park on Tuesday evenings in June. Ladies enjoyed fellowship and a walk in beautiful surroundings followed by a healthy supper and an epilogue.
- 'Praise & Pudding' Evening on 5th June in Tullyallen Church to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- Football Tournament held at Kilcluney 3G sports pitch on Wednesday 15th June attracted a good entry of teams from the local community. The proceeds, after expenses which amounted to £207 were donated to our mission fund.
- Our annual Holiday Bible Club for children of primary school age was held in Mountnorris Church Hall from 4th – 8th July. The theme was "Brave Adventurers". An average of 60 children came along each evening. Activities included Bible stories, memory verses, singing, crafts and outdoor games. The week concluded with a BBQ which was a great opportunity for families from the congregations and the community to socialise and enjoy good food.
- Our annual United Remembrance Day Service was held in Mountnorris Church on Sunday 13th November. Uniformed youth organisations and the Royal British Legion attended the Service. The offering which amounted to £2,110 was donated to the Royal British Legion Earl Haig Fund.
- Our United Carol Service was held in Tullyallen on Sunday 11th December. Special music and praise was provided by the Church Choir and pupils of Mountnorris Primary School. The offering which amounted to £1,150 was donated to Mountnorris Primary School for the purchase of Equipment for Children with Special Educational Needs.
- A united group from Mountnorris & Tullyallen Congregations went carol singing around Mountnorris village and local housing estates at Loughgilly, Glenanne and Lisnalea to bring the Good News of our Saviours birth.
- Our united Christmas morning Service was held in Mountnorris Church. The offering which amounted to £2,955.20 was donated to Southern Area Hospice in Newry which provides invaluable care and support to cancer patients and their families.
- The Congregation supported the work and witness of Christ the Saviour Presbyterian Church in Krakow, Poland through the European Christian Mission Ireland by prayer and a financial contribution of £6,168.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission, which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and in 2022 achieved 108.1% of its target which amounted to £6,065.38. 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

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church premises, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care. The congregation contributes to the denomination's Sunday School project and Children's Society.

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at meetings of Presbytery by our minister and 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 attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland which was held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast in June.

Property

During the year the Church building, Church Hall and Session House were maintained in good order.

Organisations

Average attendance

- **Sunday School** **40**
10.00 am in Church Hall.
Sunday School seeks to teach our children the divine truth found in the Bible which is God's inspired Word.
"We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done....Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands" (Psalm 78:4).
Through Sunday School, we want to enable our children to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, to lead them to put their trust in Him as Saviour and Lord and to teach them how to be His faithful disciples.

All the organisations listed below are shared with Tullyallen Congregation and are managed jointly by Mountnorris & Tullyallen Kirk Sessions. The organisations draw membership from both congregations and the wider community.

- **TM Tots** **25**
TM Tots, Parent & Toddlers group meets on Tuesday from 10am -12 noon in Mountnorris Church Hall. TM Tots seeks to support and encourage parents with young children in a safe and friendly Christian environment.

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- The Boys' Brigade (BB)	Average attendance
Anchor Boys Thursday 6.30 pm -7.30 pm. Age 4-7	36
Junior Section Tuesday 6.45 pm - 8.00 pm. Age 8-10	32
Company Section Tuesday 8.15 pm -10.00 pm. Age 11-18	34
All sections meet in Mountnorris Church Hall	
Our BB Company seeks to deliver the object of The Boys' Brigade which is the advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self respect and all that tends towards true Christian manliness. It caters for boys aged 4 years to 18 years and provides a varied programme of activities including Bible teaching, football, volleyball, and outdoor pursuits.	
- Youth Fellowship	15
Fortnightly on Sunday 7.00 pm-8.15 pm in Mowhan Hall.	
The Youth Fellowship is attended by teenagers from Mountnorris & Tullyallen congregations and the wider community. It provides an informal context for fellowship and learning. It seeks to encourage young people to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and to build their lives on Biblical principles.	
There are opportunities throughout the year to engage with similar groups from other congregations within Newry Presbytery.	
- Presbyterian Women (PW)	25
First Thursday each month 8.00 pm in Tullyallen/Mountnorris Church Hall.	
Presbyterian Women encourages women to become disciples of Christ and seeks to highlight the need for love and unity, obedience to God, Christian living and spiritual maturity, service using gifts, time and money, and local and global mission.	
- Ladies Bible Study Fellowship	20
Third Wednesday each month 7.30 pm in Tullyallen Church Hall	
The Ladies Fellowship provided an opportunity for ladies to have fellowship and study the Bible together in an informal setting. The theme for 2022 was "Loving God and others"	

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Average attendance

- **Men's Bible Study Fellowship** **15**
First Thursday each month 8.00 pm in Tullyallen Church Hall
The Men's Fellowship provided an opportunity for men to have fellowship, to study the Bible and pray together in an informal setting.
- **Men's Choir** **20**
Monday 8.00 pm in Tullyallen Church Hall
The Choir met for practice on Monday evenings commencing with a scripture reading and prayer. Membership is drawn from Mountnorris & Tullyallen congregations and other churches in the area.
- **Bowling Club** **20**
Wednesday 8.00 pm in Mountnorris Church Hall
The club provides an opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy the game of bowls at recreational level and competitively. An annual Fun Tournament is organised to attract and encourage new members. Normally the Club participates in a local league which involves hosting visiting clubs and travelling to other locations to compete. Membership is drawn from Mountnorris & Tullyallen congregations and the local community.
- **Badminton Club** **20**
Friday 7.30 pm
in Tullyallen Church Hall.

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Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

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 notice boards, 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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 121 contributors during the year [115 in previous year, 2021] donating a total of £64,204.00 (£61,548.00 in previous year, 2021)

Total income of the congregation during the year was £133,964.34 compared to £101,099.42 in the previous year. Total expenditure increased slightly from £107,360.95 in 2021 to £112,828.67 in 2022.

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 on 29th June 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Rev Nigel Reid

29th June 2023



Samuel Walker

29th June 2023

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 31st December 2022

Fixed Assets

The Congregation owns the Church Building and Session House situated at 43 Main Street, Mountnorris, ARMAGH BT60 2TS and Church Hall situated at 54 Main Street, Mountnorris, ARMAGH BT60 2TS and the associated fixtures and fittings. These have a combined insurance value of £1,909,000.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022	2021
Bank & Deposit Balances					
Bank & deposit balances brought forward	34,335.50	4,341.72		38,677.22	44,938.75
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	9,588.24	11,167.43		20,755.67	(6,261.53)
Transfers between funds					
Bank & deposit balances carried forward	43,923.74	15,509.15		59,432.89	38,677.22

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Mountnorris Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105147

Annual return

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Mountnorris Congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

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.

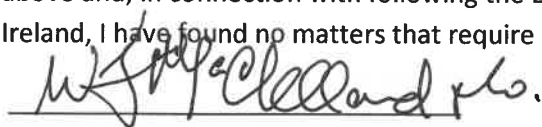
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.



WJ McClelland & Co
Certified Public Accountants

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Date: 16th March 2023