

Bessbrook Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105166

Details

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| Status | Received |
| Registered | 2017-01-13 |
| 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 | £82,734 | £99,261 | £0 | 1 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------|------|-----------|
| Jim Neagle | | |
| Mr Danny Kennedy | | |
| Mr Samuel Cosgrove Paul | | |
| Robert Cartmill | | |

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Accounts

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Accounting)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Receipts</u> | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| FWO Donations/Legacies | 45,767 | | | 45,767 | 49,747 |
| Missions & Charities | | 8,616 | | 8,616 | 5,715 |
| Property Maintenance | | 24,056 | | 24,056 | 25,380 |
| Other Restricted Funds | | 2,396 | | 2,396 | 2,694 |
| Organisations | | 1,899 | | 1,899 | 1,088 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 45,767 | 36,967 | | 82,734 | 84,624 |
| | | | | 0 | |
| | | | | | |
| <u>Payments</u> | | | | | |
| Cong Activities | 51,247 | | | 51,247 | 62,320 |
| Missions & Charities | | 5,124 | | 5,124 | 4,304 |
| Property Maintenance | | 39,402 | | 39,402 | 36,968 |
| Other Restricted Funds | | 1,471 | | 1,471 | 2,901 |
| Organisations | | 2,017 | | 2,017 | 1,442 |
| | | | | 0 | |
| Purchase of Investments | | | | 0 | |
| Purchase of Fixed Assets | | | | 0 | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | 0 | |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 51,247 | 48,014 | | 99,261 | 107,935 |
| Net Receipts/Payments | | | | -16,527 | -23,311 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | | | 109,832 | 126,359 |
| Investments | | | | 0 | 0 |

BESSBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

| | TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £ | TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £ |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bank and Cash Balances | | |
| Deposit Accounts | | |
| Current Accounts | 109832 | 126,359 |
| Cash in Hand | | |
| Investments | | |
| | 109,832 | 126,359 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Church Hall and contents | 520,000 | 520,000 |
| Church buildings and contents | 1,640,000 | 1,640,000 |
| Manse building and contents | 520,000 | 520,000 |
| | 2,160,000 | 2,160,000 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Loans | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 2,269,832 | 2,286,359 |

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 17/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:

Name: DANNY KENNEDY

Name: ROBERT CARTMILL

Signature: Danny Kennedy

Signature: R Cartmill

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | | |
| FWO Donations/Legacies | 49,747 | | | 49,747 | 49,081 |
| Missions & Charities | | 5,715 | | 5,715 | 7,879 |
| Property Maintenance | | 25,380 | | 25,380 | 72,616 |
| Other Restricted Funds | | 2,694 | | 2,694 | 5,747 |
| Organisations | | 1,088 | | 1,088 | 1,093 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 49,747 | 34,877 | | 84,624 | 136,416 |
| | | | | 0 | |
| <u>Payments</u> | | | | | |
| Cong Activities | 62,320 | | | 62,320 | 50,520 |
| Missions & Charities | | 4,304 | | 4,304 | 7,846 |
| Property Maintenance | | 36,968 | | 36,968 | 30,945 |
| Other Restricted Funds | | 2,901 | | 2,901 | 5,697 |
| Organisations | | 1,442 | | 1,442 | 615 |
| | | | | 0 | |
| Purchase of Investments | | | | 0 | |
| Purchase of Fixed Assets | | | | 0 | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | 0 | |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 62,320 | 45,615 | | 107,935 | 95,623 |
| Net Receipts/Payments | | | | 16,705 | 40,793 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | | | 126,359 | 149,671 |
| Investments | | | | 0 | 0 |

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Annual report

**BESSBROOK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

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

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CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Danny Kennedy

Samuel Paul, James Neagle, Robert Cartmill

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister Rev JKA McIntyre

Clerk of Session Danny Kennedy

Treasurer Mr James Neagle

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Mr Colin H Whiteside 20 Goragh Road Newry Co Down BT35 6PZ

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The congregation mission purposes is by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

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

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

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.

- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.

- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

BESSBROOK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several 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 holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Adult Fellowship
- PW

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00am. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 1 Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted 0 marriage services and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 57 communicant members and 72 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 40.

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, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation supports the following Charities – Tear Fund, Poppy Appeal, European Missionary Fellowship, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Belfast City Mission, Orphan & Children's Society.

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The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

Property

Maintenance to the Church properties took place during the year

Organisations

Our Sunday School in 2023 met weekly every Lord's Day at 10.00am.

The Adult Fellowship meets monthly between September and March for Bible Study and fellowship events.

The PW meet every month between Sept & March and organise a variety of speakers and suitable activities.

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.

BESSBROOK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways. The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

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

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

BESSBROOK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 67 contributors during the year [65 in previous year, 2022] donating a total of £49,747 (£49,081 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income and expenditure of the congregation during the year is as detailed in attached financial statement of Bessbrook Presbyterian Church

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.

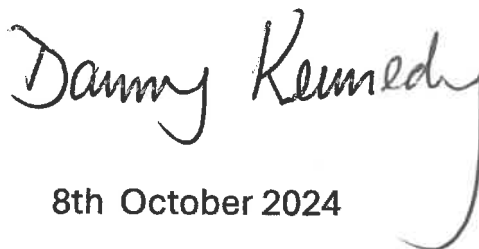
Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 8th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Rev JKA McIntyre



8th October 2024

Mr Danny Kennedy



8th October 2024

BESSBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £ | TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £ |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bank and Cash Balances | | |
| Deposit Accounts | | |
| Current Accounts | 126359 | 149,671 |
| Cash in Hand | | |
| Investments | | |
| | 126,359 | 149,671 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Church buildings and contents | | |
| Manse building and contents | | |
| | 0 | 0 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Loans | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 126,359 | 149,671 |

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 08/10/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Name: Rev. Keith McIntyre

Name: DANNY KENNEDY

Signature: Rev. Keith McIntyre

Signature: Danny Kennedy

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bank and Cash Balances | | |
| Deposit Accounts | | |
| Current Accounts | 126359 | 149,671 |
| Cash in Hand | | |
| Investments | | |
| | 126,359 | 149,671 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Church buildings and contents | | |
| Manse building and contents | | |
| | 0 | 0 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Loans | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 126,359 | 149,671 |

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Accounts



BESSBROOK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2020

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 105166)

BESSBROOK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts & Payments Accounting)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2020 | Total 2019 |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 52,898 | 15,702 | | 68,600 | 80,598 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | | 5,045 | | 5,045 | 6,456 |
| Other Income | 4 | | | | 0 | 120 |
| Rental Income | | | 5,924 | | 5,924 | 5,762 |
| Investment Income/Bank Interest | | | 197 | | 197 | 5,982 |
| Organisations | | | 2,124 | | 2,124 | 1,172 |
| Total Receipts | | 52,898 | 28,992 | | 81,890 | 100,090 |
| Payments | | | | | | |
| FWO Account | | 52,276 | | | 52,276 | 60,470 |
| Property Account | | | 14,151 | | 14,151 | 74,714 |
| Charitable activities | | | 270 | | 270 | 6,456 |
| Organisations | | | 779 | | 779 | 1,645 |
| Total Payments | | 52,276 | 15,200 | 0 | 67,476 | 143,285 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | | 622 | 13,792 | | 14,414 | -43,195 |
| Transfers between funds | | -40 | 40 | | 0 | 0 |
| Net movement in funds | | 582 | 13,832 | 0 | 14,414 | -43,195 |

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 31 December 2020

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2020 | Total 2019 |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Funds Reconciliation | | | | | |
| Bank and Cash at start of year | 36,244 | 39,590 | | 75,834 | 119,029 |
| Net movement in funds | 582 | 13,832 | | 14,414 | -43,195 |
| Bank and Cash at end of year | 36,826 | 53,422 | 0 | 90,248 | 75,834 |
| Bank & Cash Balances | | | | | |
| General Account | 36,826 | | | 36,826 | 36,244 |
| Property Account | | 36,866 | | 36,866 | 29,194 |
| Missions & Charities Fund | | 4,815 | | 4,815 | 0 |
| Organisations | | 11,741 | | 11,741 | 10,396 |
| | 36,826 | 53,422 | 0 | 90,248 | 75,834 |
| Tangible Assets | | | | | |
| Church building and contents | | | | 1,343,971 | 1,343,971 |
| Church Hall building and | | | | 430,236 | 430,236 |
| Manse | | | | 383,550 | 383,550 |
| Rental properties | | | | 208,474 | 208,474 |
| | | | | 2,366,231 | 2,366,231 |
| Other Assets | | | | | |
| Investments in Presbyterian Mutual Society (Not included in above figures as balance may not be received in full) | | | | 9,305 | 9,305 |

Approved by the Kirk Session on 10 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2020

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 2020 £ | Total 2019 £ |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Freewill and loose offerings | 44,437 | | | 44,437 | 53,802 |
| Donations and gifts | 2,613 | 14,077 | | 16,690 | 25,975 |
| Gift Aid | 5,848 | 1,625 | | 7,473 | 7,405 |
| | 52,898 | 15,702 | 0 | 68,600 | 87,182 |

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------|--|-------|-------|
| Income from charitable activities | | 5,045 | | 5,045 | 6,456 |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------|--|-------|-------|

4. OTHER INCOME

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|---|-----|
| Fees from weddings and funerals | | 0 | | 0 | 120 |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|---|-----|

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

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

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ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several 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 holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Adult Fellowship
- PW

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00am and twice monthly at 7.00pm. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 1 Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted 0 marriage services and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2020 there were 63 communicant members and 72 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 40

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, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation supports the following Charities – Tear Fund, Poppy Appeal, European Missionary Fellowship, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Belfast City Mission, Orphan & Children's Society.

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The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

Property

Maintenance to the Church properties took place during the year

Organisations

Our Sunday School meets weekly every Lord's Day at 10.00am. The Adult Fellowship meets monthly between September and March for Bible Study and fellowship events. The PW meet every month between Sept & March and organise a variety of speakers and suitable activities.

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.

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PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

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

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

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

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 70 contributors during the year [71 in previous year, 2019] donating a total of £52898 (£53140 in previous year, 2019)

Total Income and expenditure of the congregation during the year is as detailed in attached financial statement of Bessbrook Presbyterian Church

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 14th September 2021 and signed on its behalf by

Rev JKA McIntyre

Mr Danny Kennedy

14th September 2021

14th September 2021

Bessbrook Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105166

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the above Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the charity trustees of Bessbrook Presbyterian Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. You have considered that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that independent examination by a suitably qualified person is appropriate.

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the independent examination as I am a retired Financial Adviser who has worked in the banking industry for over 40 years.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine these accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- 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.
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission 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 trustees concerning such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. I can confirm that no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008 have not been met, and that no further information is required to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

My work has been undertaken on a voluntary basis and no fee shall be raised to the charity for my examination.



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Date: 09/07/2021