

Markethill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105190

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£197,122	£394,488	£0	5

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Pamela Marshall		
Mr Harry Alderdice		
Mr Jackie Hamilton		
Mr Philip Johnston		
Mr Robert Donaghy		
Mr Ronald Mills		
Mr Ronnie Totten		
Mr Trevor Lockhart		
Rev Norman Smyth		

Markethill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts



Charity Name	Charity No.
MARKETHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND	NIC105190

Receipts and payments accounts

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

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year 2023 to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Fund	132,852		-	132,852	136,241
Repair / Property Fund		38,734	-	38,734	32,159
Investment Fund		3,547	-	3,547	1,932
S/School Fund		2,728	-	2,728	2,471
Mission Fund		5,900	-	5,900	6,121
Girls Brigade Fund		4,944	-	4,944	1,717
PW Fund		1,974	-	1,974	1,753
Bright Hour Fund		-		-	-
Tots time Fund		929		929	979
FUSE Fund		3,790		3,790	4,724
Bowling Fund		824		824	831
Catering Funds		900	-	900	1,750
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	132,852	64,270	-	197,122	190,678
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	132,852	64,270	-	197,122	190,678
A3 Payments					
General Fund	127,701		-	127,701	137,985
Repair / Property Fund		15,045	-	15,045	35,213
Investment Fund		28	-	28	16
S/School Fund		4,996	-	4,996	3,578
Mission Fund		6,380	-	6,380	6,910
Girls Brigade Fund		6,343	-	6,343	3,514
PW Fund		1,721	-	1,721	1,877
Bright Hour Fund		110	-	110	150
Ministry of Mercy Fund		598		598	1,422
Tots time Fund		981		981	1,163
FUSE Fund		2,517		2,517	4,473
Bowling Fund		153		153	505
Catering Funds		-		-	-
A3 Sub Total	127,701	38,872	-	166,573	196,806
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Former Railway Yard Site	122,079	105,836		227,915	
A4 Sub total	122,079	105,836	-	227,915	-
Total payments	249,780	144,708	-	394,488	196,806
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 116,928	- 80,438	-	- 197,366	- 6,128
A5 Transfers between funds	- 55	55	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	136,989	188,202	-	325,191	331,319
Cash funds this year end	20,006	107,819	-	127,825	325,191

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Period end date: 31/12/2024

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	20,006	107,819	-	127,825	325,191
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,006	107,819	-	127,825	325,191
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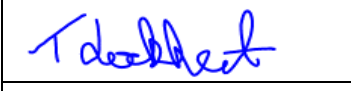

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total					

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	1st Markethill Church building	unrestricted	-	-	-
	2nd Markethill Church building	unrestricted	-	-	-
	Small Memorial Hall	unrestricted	-	-	-
	Lecture Hall	unrestricted	-	-	-
	Church Manse and Grounds	unrestricted	-	-	-
	Former Railway Yard Site	unrestricted	-	-	-
				-	-
	Total				

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total				

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mr T Lockhart	07/10/25
	Mr R Mills	07/10/25

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A1 Receipts					
General Fund	136,241		-	136,241	136,930
Repair / Property Fund		32,159	-	32,159	75,957
Investment Fund		1,932	-	1,932	40
S/School Fund		2,471	-	2,471	3,562
Mission Fund		6,121	-	6,121	4,883
Girls Brigade Fund		1,717	-	1,717	6,581
PW Fund		1,753	-	1,753	1,886
Bright Hour Fund		-	-	-	-
Tots time Fund		979	-	979	797
FUSE Fund		4,724	-	4,724	4,443
Bowling Fund		831	-	831	-
Catering Funds		1,750	-	1,750	2,000
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	136,241	54,437	-	190,678	237,079
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	136,241	54,437	-	190,678	237,079
A3 Payments					
General Fund	137,985		-	137,985	127,526
Repair Fund		35,213	-	35,213	14,779
Investment Fund		16	-	16	-
S/School Fund		3,578	-	3,578	3,181
Mission Fund		6,910	-	6,910	5,000
Girls Brigade Fund		3,514	-	3,514	4,759
PW Fund		1,877	-	1,877	2,188
Bright Hour Fund		150	-	150	129
Other Funds		1,422	-	1,422	627
Tots time Fund		1,163	-	1,163	1,049
FUSE Fund		4,473	-	4,473	5,932
Bowling Fund		505	-	505	205
Catering Funds		-	-	-	54
	137,985	58,821	-	196,806	165,429
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	137,985	58,821	-	196,806	165,429
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,744	- 4,384	-	- 6,128	71,650
A5 Transfers between funds	- 6,218	6,218	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	144,951	186,368	-	331,319	259,669
Cash funds this year end	136,989	188,202	-	325,191	331,319

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND - NIC105190

Period end date: 31/12/2023

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

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		-	-	-	-	-
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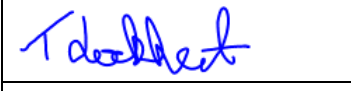

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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total					

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
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	Lecture Hall	unrestricted	-	-	-
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	Total				

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total				

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mr T Lockhart	01/10/24
	Mr R Mills	01/10/24

Markethill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Annual report



MARKETHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland NIC105190

MARKETHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Markethill congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Fairgreen Road
Markethill
Co. Armagh

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland **NIC105190**

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Dr Pamela Marshall
Mr Jackie Hamilton
Mr Ronnie Totten
Mr Philip Johnston
Mr Harry Alderdice

Rev Norman Smyth
Mr Ronald Mills
Mr Robert Donaghy
Mr Trevor Lockhart

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev Norman Smyth
Mr Trevor Lockhart (appointed Oct 2023)
Mr Ronnie Totten

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Wylie Ruddell
37 Main Street, Markethill, Armagh, BT60 1PH

BANKERS

Danske Bank
45-48 High St, Portadown, Craigavon, BT62 1LB

SOLICITORS

Fisher Mullan
8 Trevor Hill, Newry, County Down, BT34 1DN

1. STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Market Hill congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Newry Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

The General Assembly

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

2. DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Markethill congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregations' vision statement is:

“To know Jesus Christ, reflect him in our lives and help others to know him”

As a church we will aim to fulfil our Vision by:

- i) Glorifying God as a worshiping fellowship;
- ii) Growing more like Jesus as a maturing fellowship;
- iii) Making disciples as a mission centred fellowship;
- iv) Reflecting Jesus in our lives as a caring fellowship;
- v) Being forward looking as a fellowship that trains and nurtures leaders;
- vi) Being people focused as a fellowship that values all age groups and backgrounds; and
- vii) Being world focused as a fellowship with worldwide interests

3. 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 two 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 but not limited to:

- Sunday School
- Bible Study
- Youth Club
- Mothers and Toddlers
- Girls Brigade
- Bowling Club

4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday morning and on a Sunday evening as advertised. 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 during Sacrament of Baptism services, we conducted marriage services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

Markethill is a rural village that continues to develop and grow, new housing developments meaning new families have come to live in the village, our aim is that through the outreach work of the congregation that these people will come to hear the gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ. As a congregation we are eager to continue with and further develop our Christian influence and make an impact for Christ in this community.

Our congregation also has an interest and supports the advancement of Christ's kingdom across the world. This support is demonstrated through special services, regular prayer in Sunday morning worship for others and by financial support.

The congregation during 2023 supported 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 and its organisations also contributed financially to a number of other external missions and agencies during 2023 including:

- The World Development Appeal
- The Presbyterian Children's Society
- European Mission Fellowship
- Tear Fund

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 are normally nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

Property

The Church Committee continues to provide oversight and maintenance of the congregation's buildings to ensure that they remain fit for purpose.

Organisations

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Held on a Wednesday evening in the Lecture Hall the Bible study is an informal setting, with open discussion and prayer topics that cover wider world as well as local congregation issues.

Bowling Club

Attended by both people from the congregation and from the local community. Held in the Small Memorial Hall with other clubs visiting for matches.

Bright Hour

Held in the Lecture Hall and attracts older people from both the congregation and the community. Stimulating events and speakers, dealing with real issues facing older people. A cup of tea at end promotes fellowship and interaction.

FUSE Youth Club

Held in the Small Memorial Hall it attracts young people from varying backgrounds. An epilogue with a spiritual message is held each evening during the club. Events such as bowling and outdoor activities are organised during the year.

Girls' Brigade

Held on a Tuesday evening in the Small Memorial Hall the Girls Brigade draws girls from a wide spectrum of the community. Events and activities are organised that engage and challenge the girls. An important Bible based outreach and witness to young girls in the local community.

Presbyterian Women

The PW is the primary ladies group in the Church, drawing members from all age groups. Provides fellowship, and spiritual support and development.

Sunday School & Bible Class

Held each Sunday morning before Church and attracts children from both the congregation and the wider community. This is a key activity in bringing the Gospel to young people.

Tots Time

Play group for pre-school children where mothers can have fellowship and get to know others in the community and those from the Church, in a relaxed environment.

Youth Fellowship

A Christ centered outreach, among the youth in the congregation. Addresses issues facing young people from Biblical perspective. Promotes fellowship among our young people.

Craft n Craic

This group provides a place on Tuesday mornings for folks from the congregation and the community who enjoy handicrafts to work on their projects and enjoy a cup of tea together. Numerous knitted items have been made and donated by the group to maternity wards and nursing homes around the Province and to overseas charities.

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.

5. 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.

6. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering, donating a total of £ £95,246 in 2023 up from £91,929 in 2022.

Total Income of the congregation during 2023 was £190,678 down from £237,079 in the previous year.

Total expenditure during 2023 was £196,806 up from £165,429 in the previous year.

7. GOING CONCERN

The trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approving the financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the following year, subject to the continuing support from members, to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments. The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members.

8. 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) 208 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session on 1st October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr T Lockhart



1st Oct 2024

Mr R Mills



1st Oct 2024

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Annual return

Markethill Presbyterian Church

Independent examiner's report to the Charity Trustees of Markethill Presbyterian Church

We report on the accounts of Markethill Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and examiner

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

It is our 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 our attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

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

Our 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.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us 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

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



A Cornett
For and on behalf of Wylie Ruddell
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Unit 63
Armagh Business Centre
2 Loughgall Road
Armagh
BT61 7NH

Date: 24 September 2024

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Mission Fund		4,883	-	4,883	7,302
Girls Brigade Fund		6,581	-	6,581	2,945
PW Fund		1,886	-	1,886	1,064
Bright Hour Fund		-	-	-	-
Choir Fund		-	-	-	1
Tots time Fund		797	-	797	213
FUSE Fund		4,443	-	4,443	2,070
Bowling Fund		-	-	-	-
Other Funds		2,000	-	2,000	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	136,930	100,149	-	237,079	182,277
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A3 Payments					
General Fund	127,526		-	127,526	113,239
Repair Fund		14,779	-	14,779	8,430
Investment Fund		-	-	-	-
S/School Fund		3,181	-	3,181	3,387
Mission Fund		5,000	-	5,000	6,800
Girls Brigade Fund		4,759	-	4,759	2,363
PW Fund		2,188	-	2,188	1,080
Bright Hour Fund		129	-	129	5
Choir Fund		627	-	627	27
Tots time Fund		1,049	-	1,049	472
FUSE Fund		5,932	-	5,932	1,507
Bowling Fund		205	-	205	-
Other Funds		54	-	54	-
	127,526	37,903	-	165,429	137,310
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	127,526	37,903	-	165,429	137,310
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,404	62,246	-	71,650	44,967
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	135,547	124,122	-	259,669	214,702
Cash funds this year end	144,951	186,368	-	331,319	259,669

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	144,951	186,368	-	331,319	259,669
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	144,951	186,368	-	331,319	259,669
		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

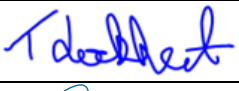

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	1st Markethill Church building	unrestricted	-	-	-
	2nd Markethill Church building	unrestricted	-	-	-
	Small Memorial Hall	unrestricted	-	-	-
	Lecture Hall	unrestricted	-	-	-
	Church Manse and Grounds	unrestricted	-	-	-
				-	-
		Total	-	-	-

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mr T Lockhart	30/10/2023
	Mr R Mills	30/10/2023

Markethill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105190

Annual report



MARKETHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland NIC105190

MARKETHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Markethill congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Fairgreen Road
Markethill
Co. Armagh

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland **NIC105190**

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Dr Pamela Marshall	Rev Norman Smyth
Mr Kenneth Toal	Mr Jackie Hamilton
Mr Ronnie Totten	Mr Robert Donaghy
Mr Kenneth Hooks (resigned Sept 2023)	Mr Trevor Lockhart
Mr Philip Johnston	Mr Ronald Mills
Mr Harry Alderdice	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev Norman Smyth
Clerk of Session	Mr Kenneth Toal (resigned Oct 2023)
Clerk of Session	Mr Trevor Lockhart (appointed Oct 2023)
Treasurer	Mr Ronnie Totten

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Steven Rainey
37 Main Street, Markethill, Armagh, BT60 1PH

BANKERS

Danske Bank
45-48 High St, Portadown, Craigavon, BT62 1LB

SOLICITORS

Fisher Mullan
8 Trevor Hill, Newry, County Down, BT34 1DN

1. STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Market Hill congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Newry Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

The General Assembly

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

2. DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Markethill congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregations' vision statement is:

“To know Jesus Christ, reflect him in our lives and help others to know him”

As a church we will aim to fulfil our Vision by:

- i) Glorifying God as a worshiping fellowship;
- ii) Growing more like Jesus as a maturing fellowship;
- iii) Making disciples as a mission centred fellowship;
- iv) Reflecting Jesus in our lives as a caring fellowship;
- v) Being forward looking as a fellowship that trains and nurtures leaders;
- vi) Being people focused as a fellowship that values all age groups and backgrounds; and
- vii) Being world focused as a fellowship with worldwide interests

3. 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 two 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 but not limited to:

- Sunday School
- Bible Study
- Youth Club
- Mothers and Toddlers
- Girls Brigade
- Bowling Club

4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday morning and on a Sunday evening as advertised. 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 during Sacrament of Baptism services, we conducted marriage services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

Markethill is a rural village that continues to develop and grow, new housing developments meaning new families have come to live in the village, our aim is that through the outreach work of the congregation that these people will come to hear the gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ. As a congregation we are eager to continue with and further develop our Christian influence and make an impact for Christ in this community.

Our congregation also has an interest and supports the advancement of Christ's kingdom across the world. This support is demonstrated through special services, regular prayer in Sunday morning worship for others and by financial support.

The congregation during 2022 supported 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 and its organisations also contributed financially to a number of other external missions and agencies during 2022 including:

- The Moderator's Appeal
- The World Development Appeal
- The Presbyterian Children's Society
- European Mission Fellowship
- Fields of Life

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 are normally nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

Property

The Church Committee continues to provide oversight and maintenance of the congregation's buildings to ensure that they remain fit for purpose.

Organisations

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Held on a Wednesday evening in the Lecture Hall the Bible study is an informal setting, with open discussion and prayer topics that cover wider world as well as local congregation issues.

Bowling Club

Attended by both people from the congregation and from the local community. Held in the Small Memorial Hall with other clubs visiting for matches.

Bright Hour

Held in the Lecture Hall and attracts older people from both the congregation and the community. Stimulating events and speakers, dealing with real issues facing older people. A cup of tea at end promotes fellowship and interaction.

FUSE Youth Club

Held in the Small Memorial Hall it attracts young people from varying backgrounds. An epilogue with a spiritual message is held each evening during the club. Events such as bowling and outdoor activities are organised during the year.

Girls' Brigade

Held on a Tuesday evening in the Small Memorial Hall the Girls Brigade draws girls from a wide spectrum of the community. Events and activities are organised that engage and challenge the girls. An important Bible based outreach and witness to young girls in the local community.

Presbyterian Women

The PW is the primary ladies group in the Church, drawing members from all age groups. Provides fellowship, and spiritual support and development.

Sunday School & Bible Class

Held each Sunday morning before Church and attracts children from both the congregation and the wider community. This is a key activity in bringing the Gospel to young people.

Tots Time

Play group for pre-school children where mothers can have fellowship and get to know others in the community and those from the Church, in a relaxed environment.

Youth Fellowship

A Christ centered outreach, among the youth in the congregation. Addresses issues facing young people from Biblical perspective. Promotes fellowship among our young people.

Craft n Craic

This group provides a place on Tuesday mornings for folks from the congregation and the community who enjoy handicrafts to work on their projects and enjoy a cup of tea together. Numberless knitted items have been made and donated by the group to maternity wards and nursing homes around the Province and to overseas charities.

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.

5. 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.

6. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering, donating a total of £ £91,929 in 2022 up from £83,908 in 2021.

Total Income of the congregation during 2022 was £237,079 up from £182,276 in the previous year.

Total expenditure during 2022 was £165,429 slightly up from £137,310 in the previous year.

7. GOING CONCERN

The trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approving the financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the following year, subject to the continuing support from members, to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments. The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members.

8. 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) 208 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session on 10th October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr T Lockhart



30th Oct 2023

Mr R Mills



30th Oct 2023

Markethill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105190

Annual return

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Markethill Presbyterian Church

I confirm that I have examined the accounts and records of the Congregational Accounts of Markethill Presbyterian Church in as far as they were presented to me for the year ended 31 December 2022..

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9) (b) of the Charity 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 Charity 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.

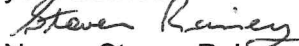
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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


Name: Steven Rainey

Position: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 37 Main Street, Markethill, Co Armagh, BT60 1PH.

Date: 31 October 2023