

Maze Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105201

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-08
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	£327,742	£232,607	£-112,905	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Irvine		
Dr Annette Agnes Harte		
Dr George John Redpath		
George Browne		
Harry Mckendry		
Jonathan Brown		
Mr Alan John Martin		
Mr Alastair Peoples		
Mr Andrew Gibson		
Mr Brian Henry Adams		
Mr Cameron Bell Bsci (Hons) Pgce		
Mr David Morrow		
Mr Douglas Walker		
Mr Giles Page		
Mr Ian Maxwell		
Mr James Stewart Houston		
Mr Kenneth Irwin		
Mr Robert Watson		
Mr Stuart Thompson		
Paul Hanna		
Rev William John Henry		

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Accounts

Maze Presbyterian Church
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Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC105201

MAZE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Income and Endowments from:		£	£	£	£	£
Regular Direct Giving	2	202,822	102,370	0	305,192	309,360
Donations and legacies	3	3,037	62	0	3,099	7,278
Other activities that generate income	4	5,842	1,022	0	6,864	4,704
Investments	5	1,119	182	0	1,301	1,585
Other		11,286	0	0	11,286	0
Total		224,106	103,636	0	327,742	338,397

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Expenditure on:		£	£	£	£	£
Congregational Life & Work	6	18,280	14,737	0	33,017	18,168
Charitable activities	7	162,325	37,265	0	199,590	180,461
Other	8					
Total		180,605	52,002	0	232,607	198,629
Net gains/(losses) on investments						
Net Income/ (expenditure)		43,501	51,634	0	95,135	139,768
Transfers between funds		(56,151)	56,151	0	0	0
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	13			2,136	2,136	3,751
Net movement in funds		(12,650)	107,785	2,136	97,271	143,519
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		107,025	704,722	45,192	856,939	713,420
Total funds carried forward	18	94,375	812,507	47,328	954,210	856,939

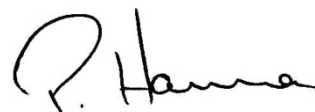
BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowme nt Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	12	0	900,000	0	900,000	900,000
Investments	13	0	0	47,328	47,328	45,192
Total fixed assets		0	900,000	47,328	947,328	945,192
Current assets						
Debtors	14	37,883	8,555	0	46,438	64,281
Cash at bank and in hand	15	56,492	16,047	0	72,539	126,369
Total current assets		94,375	24,602	0	118,977	190,650
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	0	0	0	0	67,976
Net Current assets		94,375	24,602	0	118,977	122,674
Total assets less current liabilities		94,375	924,602	47,328	1,066,305	1,067,866
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	0	112,095	0	112,095	210,928
Total net assets or liabilities		94,375	812,507	47,328	954,210	856,938
Funds of the charity						
Endowment funds		0	0	47,328	47,328	45,192
Restricted income funds	18	0	812,507	0	812,507	704,721
Unrestricted funds	18	94,375	0	0	94,375	107,025
Revaluation reserve						
Total charity funds		94,375	812,507	47,328	954,210	856,938

Approved by the Kirk Session and signed on its behalf by:



Very Rev Dr William Henry



Professor Paul Hanna

Date 3 September 2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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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.

- i 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.

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INCOMING RESOURCES

- i Recognition of incoming resources
These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:
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 - the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
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Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
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- vi Gifts in kind
Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
- vii Donated services and facilities
These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
- viii Volunteer help
The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
- ix Investment income
This is included in the accounts when receivable.
- x Investment gains and losses
This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

- i Liability recognition
Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the congregation to pay out resources.
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These are shown within charitable activities and include the costs of preparation and examination of accounts, the costs of trustee meetings, loan interest and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
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Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
- iv Grants payable without performance conditions
These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

ASSETS

i Tangible Fixed Assets

Apart from land and completed and utilized buildings, the charity does not capitalize any other potential fixed assets such as fixtures and fittings or computer equipment. Instead, these costs are written off in the accounting period in which the cost occurred.

The charity has chosen not to depreciate the building in its accounts. This decision is based on the organization's assessment that the buildings are expected to retain their value over time due to their strategic significance, ongoing maintenance, and current market conditions.

The land and buildings are carried at its deemed valuation in the financial statements, which has been agreed by the congregational Kirk Session, ensuring transparency and consistency in reporting. Any future changes to this policy will be evaluated and disclosed accordingly

ii Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

2. Regular Direct Giving

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded Giving	159,046	84,490	0	243,536	231,783
Loose	8,873	0	0	8,873	13,296
Gift Aid	34,903	17,880	0	52,783	64,281
TOTAL	202,822	102,370	0	305,192	309,360

3. Donations & Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Days & Special Collections	630	0	0	630	7,228
Other Gifts & Donations	2,407	62	0	2,469	50
TOTAL	3,037	62	0	3,099	7,278

4. Activities that Generate Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Church Events	5,006	1,022	0	6,028	3,144
Sales of Books etc	836	0	0	836	1,560
TOTAL	5,842	1,022	0	6,864	4,704

5. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit Interest	0	182	0	182	703
General Investment Fund	1,119	0	0	1,119	882
TOTAL	1,119	182	0	1,301	1,585

6. Congregational Life & Work

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Worship & Ministry	4,337	132	0	4,469	6,795
Mission & Outreach	13,943	14,605	0	28,548	11,373
TOTAL	18,280	14,737	0	33,017	18,168

7. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	23,766	0	0	23,766	21,927
Governance	5,812	0	0	5,812	27,411
Ministry and support staff costs	67,490	0	0	67,490	57,780
Property & Utilities	61,912	0	0	61,912	46,311
Donations to Missions & Charities	3,345	37,265	0	40,610	27,032
TOTAL	162,325	37,265	0	199,590	180,461

8. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Other Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0

9. Employees

Employment Costs	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	57,962	47,333
Social Security Costs	6,450	5,068
Pension contributions	9,866	9,397
TOTAL	74,278	61,798

10. Number of employees

The average number of employees, including the minister of the congregation, during the year was:

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	2024	2023
Average number of employees	2	1

There was one employee in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

11. Pension Costs

The minister of the congregation is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). This is a scheme operated by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate registered charity. The congregation pays an assessment to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland equivalent to the employer's pension contribution for the Scheme and based on the stipend paid to the minister. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009) is a funded Scheme of the defined benefit type, providing defined benefits based on career average revalued salary. The Scheme has assets held in a separately administered fund managed by a board of trustees. The Presbyterian Church and the Scheme Trustees have agreed a funding plan to ensure the Scheme is sufficiently funded to meet current and future obligations. A formal schedule of contributions was drawn up on 25 November 2015 whereby the Presbyterian Church agreed to pay from 31 December 2015 contributions of 24% of pensionable salaries to cover the accrual of benefits for future service, expenses, the cost of insuring death in service benefits and funding the scheme deficit.

The contributions made by the congregation during the year were:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Contributions	9,866	9,397

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings
	£
Cost or Valuation	
At start of year	900,000
Additions	0
Disposals	0
At end of year	900,000
Depreciation	
At start of year	0
Provision for year	0
Disposals	0
At end of year	0
Net Book Value	
At start of year	900,000
At end of year	900,000

Land and Buildings represent the Church building, church hall, manse and lands at Kesh Road, Maze, Lisburn.

The Trustees have undertaken an assessment of the value of the charity's land and building, in line with their responsibility to ensure accurate and transparent financial reporting. The valuation has been carried out considering relevant market conditions, professional guidance where necessary, and the specific use and context of the property within the charity's operations.

This valuation reflects the Trustees' commitment to maintaining the integrity of the charity's financial accounts and compliance with applicable accounting standards. The valuation is documented and available for review as part of the charity's financial records.

13. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Value at start of year	0	0	45,192	45,191
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
Gains / (Losses) on revaluation	0	0	2,136	2,136
Value at end of year	0	0	47,328	47,328

Investments comprise of 3,391 units in the General Investment fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

14. Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	31,224	8,555	0	39,779	64,281
Other Amounts Recoverable	6,659	0	0	6,659	0
Total Debtors	37,883	8,555	0	46,438	64,281

15. Cash at Bank

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Ulster Bank	56,492	16,047	0	72,539	126,369
Total Cash at hand	56,492	16,047	0	72,539	126,369

16. Creditors: Amount falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Loan	0	0	0	0	67,976
Total Creditors falling due within one year	0	0	0	0	67,976

17. Creditors: amount falling due after more than one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Interest Free Loans	0	112,095	0	112,095	7,000
Bank Loans	0	0	0	0	203,928
Total Creditors falling due after more than one year	0	112,095	0	112,095	210,928

The Kirk Session has reviewed the current status of interest-free loans and has concluded, in its opinion, these loans are not expected to be repaid within the next 12 months. This assessment is based on the latest discussions and projections.

18. Fund balances and reconciliation of funds

	Balance at 01 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Gains / Losses	Transfer & change in valuation	Balance at 31 Dec 2024
£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	107,025	224,106	180,605	43,501	(56,151)	94,375
Restricted Funds						
Capital Fund	679,962	79,322	15,473	63,849	46,409	790,220
Gift Aid Debtor	0	0	0	0	8,555	8,555
Endowment	45,192	0	0	0	2,136	47,328
Parents & Toddlers	752	0	0	0	0	752
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	6,331	0	0	0	0	6,331
Mission Fund	14,880	13,986	25,037	(11,052)	0	3,828
Thursday Craft Club	100	0	0	0	0	100
United Appeal	699	9,466	11,353	(1,886)	1,188	0
Youth Club	1,550	477	0	477	0	2,027
Tuesday Club	0	385	139	246		246
Women at Maze	348	0	0	0	0	348
Moderators Appeal	100	0	0	0	0	100
TOTAL	856,939	327,742	232,607	95,135	2,136	954,210

19. Related Party Transactions

One of the Trustees, the minister of the congregation received remuneration of £41,110 and expenses of £8,414 for acting in that capacity. Pension contributions of £9,866 were paid by the congregation in respect of the minister to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). None of the other trustees received any remuneration.

During the year the congregation contributed the following amounts to Funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland a separate charity:

- £13,900 for congregational assessments (excluding pension fund assessment)
- £11,352 towards the United Appeal

The congregation contributed £1,132 towards Presbytery Assessments during the year.

There were no other related party transactions

20. Post Balance Sheet Event

None

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Income and Endowments from:		£	£	£	£	£
Regular Direct Giving	2	195,115	114,245	0	309,360	244,283
Donations and legacies	3	3,350	3,928	0	7,278	4,265
Other activities that generate income	4	4,187	517	0	4,704	977
Investments	5	950	635	0	1,585	1,001
Other	6	15,230	240	0	15,470	10,373
Total		218,832	119,565	0	338,397	260,899

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Expenditure on:		£	£	£	£	£
Congregational Life & Work	7	12,653	5,515	0	18,168	12,839
Charitable activities	8	123,826	56,635	0	180,461	195,626
Other	9					
Total		136,479	62,150	0	198,629	208,465
Net gains/(losses) on investments						
Net Income/ (expenditure)		82,353	57,415	0	139,768	52,434
Transfers between funds		(97,672)	97,672		0	0
Gains/(losses on revaluation of fixed assets	13			3,751	3,751	(3,711)
Net movement in funds		(15,319)	155,087	3,751	143,519	48,723
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		122,344	549,635	41,441	713,420	664,697
Total funds carried forward	18	107,025	704,722	45,191	856,939	713,420

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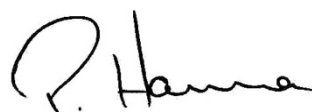
BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2023

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		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	12	0	900,000	0	900,000	900,000
Investments	13	0	0	45,192	45,192	41,441
Total fixed assets		0	900,000	45,192	945,192	941,441
Current assets						
Debtors	14	42,511	21,770	0	64,281	38,804
Cash at bank and in hand	15	64,514	61,855	0	126,369	163,924
Total current assets		107,025	83,625	0	190,650	202,728
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	0	67,976	0	67,976	84,749
Net Current assets		107,025	15,649	0	122,674	117,979
Total assets less current liabilities		107,025	915,649	45,192	1,067,866	1,059,420
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	0	210,928	0	210,928	346,000
Total net assets or liabilities		107,025	704,721	45,192	856,938	713,420
Funds of the charity						
Endowment funds		0	0	45,192	45,192	41,441
Restricted income funds	18	0	704,721	0	704,721	549,635
Unrestricted funds	18	107,025	0	0	107,025	122,344
Revaluation reserve						
Total charity funds		107,025	704,721	45,192	856,938	713,420

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Date **6 May 2025**

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Notes to the Accounts 31 December 2023

2. Regular Direct Giving

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded Giving	145,412	86,371	0	231,783	205,271
Loose	7,192	6,104	0	13,296	208
Gift Aid	42,511	21,770	0	64,281	38,804
TOTAL	195,115	114,245	0	309,360	244,283

3. Donations & Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Days & Special Collections	3,300	3,928	0	7,228	3,753
Other Gifts & Donations	50	0	0	50	512
TOTAL	3,350	3,928	0	7,278	4,265

4. Activities that Generate Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Church Events	2,627	517	0	3,144	55
Sales of Books etc	1,560	0	0	1,560	922
TOTAL	4,187	517	0	4,704	977

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5. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit Interest	68	635	0	703	86
General Investment Fund	882	0	0	882	915
TOTAL	950	635	0	1,585	1,001

6. Congregational Life & Work

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Worship & Ministry	5,569	1,226		6,795	5,467
Mission & Outreach	7,084	4,289		11,373	7,372
TOTAL	12,653	5,515	0	18,168	12,839

7. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	21,927	0	0	21,927	20,681
Governance	2,380	25,031	0	27,411	38,244
Ministry and support staff costs	57,780	0	0	57,780	76,578
Property & Utilities	34,707	11,604	0	46,311	31,854
Donations to Missions & Charities	7,032	20,000	0	27,032	28,269
TOTAL	123,826	56,635	0	180,461	195,626

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8. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Other Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0

9. Employees

Employment Costs	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	47,333	60,402
Social Security Costs	5,068	7,429
Pension contributions	9,397	8,949
TOTAL	61,798	76,780

Number of employees

The average number of employees, including the minister of the congregation, during the year was:

	2023	2022
Average number of employees	1	2

There was one employee in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

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11. Pension Costs

The minister of the congregation is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). This is a scheme operated by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate registered charity. The congregation pays an assessment to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland equivalent to the employer's pension contribution for the Scheme and based on the stipend paid to the minister. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009) is a funded Scheme of the defined benefit type, providing defined benefits based on career average revalued salary. The Scheme has assets held in a separately administered fund managed by a board of trustees. The Presbyterian Church and the Scheme Trustees have agreed a funding plan to ensure the Scheme is sufficiently funded to meet current and future obligations. A formal schedule of contributions was drawn up on 25 November 2015 whereby the Presbyterian Church agreed to pay from 31 December 2015 contributions of 24% of pensionable salaries to cover the accrual of benefits for future service, expenses, the cost of insuring death in service benefits and funding the scheme deficit.

	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
The contributions made by the congregation during the year were:	£	£
Contributions	9,397	8,949

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	Land & Buildings
	£
Cost or Valuation	
At start of year	900,000
Additions	0
Disposals	0
At end of year	900,000
Depreciation	
At start of year	0
Provision for year	0
Disposals	0
At end of year	0
Net Book Value	
At start of year	900,000
At end of year	900,000

Land and Building represent the Church building, church hall, manse and lands at Kesh Road, Maze, Lisburn.

The Trustees have undertaken an assessment of the value of the charity's land and building, in line with their responsibility to ensure accurate and transparent financial reporting. The valuation has been carried out considering relevant market conditions, professional guidance where necessary, and the specific use and context of the property within the charity's operations.

This valuation reflects the Trustees' commitment to maintaining the integrity of the charity's financial accounts and compliance with applicable accounting standards. The valuation is documented and available for review as part of the charity's financial records.

13. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Value at start of year	0	0	41,441	41,441	45,153
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Gains / (Losses) on revaluation	0	0	3,750	3,750	(3,712)
Value at end of year	0	0	45,191	45,191	41,441

Investments comprise of 3,391 units in the General Investment fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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14. Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	42,511	21,770	0	64,281	38,804
Other Amounts Recoverable	0	0	0	0	0
Total Debtors	42,511	21,770	0	64,281	38,804

15. Cash at Bank

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Ulster Bank	64,514	61,855	0	126,369	163,924
Total Cash at hand	64,514	61,855	0	126,369	163,924

16. Creditors: Amount falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Loan	0	67,976	0	67,976	84,749
Total Creditors falling due within one year	0	67,976	0	67,976	84,749

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17. Creditors: amount falling due after more than one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Interest Free Loan	0	7,000	0	7,000	7,000
Bank Loans	0	203,928	0	203,928	339,000
Total Creditors falling due after more than one year	0	210,928	0	210,928	346,000

The Kirk Session has reviewed the current status of interest-free loans and has concluded, in its opinion, these loans are not expected to be repaid within the next 12 months. This assessment is based on the latest discussions and projections.

18. Fund balances and reconciliation of funds

	Balance at 01 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Gains / Losses	Transfer & change in valuation	Balance at 31 Dec 2023
£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	122,344	218,832	136,479	82,353	(97,672)	107,025
Restricted Funds						
Capital Fund	531,137	92,030	40,877	51,153	97,672	679,962
Endowment	41,441	0	0	0	3,751	45,192
Parents & Toddlers	764	1261	1273	(12)	0	752
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	5,498	833	0	833	0	6,331
Mission Fund	9,941	13,939	9,000	4,939	0	14,880
Thursday Craft Club	100	0	0	0	0	100
United Appeal	817	10,882	11,000	(118)	0	699
Youth Club	1,070	480	0	480	0	1,550
Women at Maze	308	40	0	40	0	348
Moderators Appeal	0	100	0	100	0	100
TOTAL	713,420	338,397	198,629	139,768	3,751	856,939

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19. Related Party Transactions

One of the Trustees, the minister of the congregation received remuneration of £39,153 and expenses of £7,691 for acting in that capacity. Pension contributions of £9,397 were paid by the congregation in respect of the minister to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). None of the other trustees received any remuneration.

During the year the congregation contributed the following amounts to Funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland a separate charity:

£12,530 for congregational assessments (excluding pension fund assessment)

£10,882 towards the United Appeal

£4,102 toward the World Development Appeal

The congregation contributed £842 towards Presbytery Assessments during the year.

There were no other related party transactions.

20. Post Balance Sheet Event

The outstanding bank loans were fully repaid by a combination of utilization of cash reserves and an additional interest free loan from a benefactor of circa £105,000.

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Minister

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Brian Adams	Stewart Houston	Giles Page
Cameron Bell	Andy Irvine	Alastair Peoples
Jonathan Brown	Kenneth Irwin	George Redpath
George Browne	Alan Martin	Stuart Thompson
Andrew Gibson	Ian Maxwell	Douglas Walker
Paul Hanna (Clerk)	Harry McKendry	Robert Watson
Annette Harte	David Morrow	

Elders Emeritus

Denis Adams	Lesley Bell	Stanley Swan
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Committee

Graeme Anderson	Peter Hanna	Keith Redfern
David Carlisle	Mark Kirkwood	Diane Rosbotham
Robert Cleland	Andrew McKinstry	Jacqueline Swan
Lisa Cochrane	Robert McIlroy	Valerie Wallace
David Davidson	Brian Miller	Jamie Williamson
Dale Gill	Edna Moneypenny	Paul Young

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<u>Gift Aid Secretary</u>	George Redpath	028 9442 3837
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<u>Finance sub-Committee</u>	Cameron Bell	Paul Hanna
	George Redpath	George Brown

<u>Property sub-Committee</u>	Robert Cleland	Graeme Anderson	Mark Kirkwood
	Andrew McKinstry	Keith Redfern	Paul Young

<u>Churchyard Convener</u>	Kenneth Irwin
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What's On Around the Church?

MONDAY	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, 7:30pm
TUESDAY	Tuesday Club, Second Tuesday of the month, 10:30am Fortnightly, Fellowship Groups, 8:00pm
WEDNESDAY	Fortnightly, Fellowship Groups, 10:00am Fortnightly, Fellowship Groups, 8:00pm Fortnightly Prayer Meeting, 8:00pm
THURSDAY	Parent & Toddlers, 9:30am Women@Maze, As announced, 8:00pm Men@Maze, As announced, 8:00pm
FRIDAY	Youth Club, 6:30-8:00pm (weekly) Crossroads, 8:00-9:30 (fortnightly)
SUNDAY	Sunday Club & Bible Class, 10:15am Prayer Room, 10:45am Morning Worship, 11:30am Youth Fellowship, 7:30-9:00pm

Church Record 2023

Baptisms

James Samuel Hutchinson
Hollie Eve McKinstry
Micah Fletcher Hughes
Logan Alexander Bell
Liam Michael Knox Murphy
Sarah Brown
Philip Waring
Ellie Allison Beth Vance
Martha Elsie Sarah Thompson

Marriages

Ruth Elizabeth Hanna to Steven Robert David Kidd

Deaths

William McCaw
Hilary Thompson
Eleanor Sufferin

Session Report

Session had six stated meetings in 2023 and one special meeting. Our Session Conference considered the Vine Project and our approach to Pastoral Care. Each meeting begins with a short time of devotion and prayer, recognising our need for guidance and wisdom from God, as we seek to spiritually guide our Congregation. Session members also meet prior to the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, specifically to pray for each other, those in our respective districts and for the activities within our Congregation.

As all Session members are Trustees, the Charity Commission Trustees' Report for 2022 was submitted on 23 October 2023 and Session also provided a report to Presbytery as part of their review. Alan Martin continued in his role as our Presbytery Representative.

This year we welcomed our new assistant, Ryan Higgins and are already benefiting from the gifts and talents God has given him and his wife, Rachel. We also welcomed two new Elders, Ian Maxwell and Douglas Walker, following a meeting of the Congregation on 7 June to co-opt them. George Browne indicated that he intended to step down from his role as Clerk and Paul Hanna was subsequently appointed to the role. We give thanks to God for George's 12 years of service and pay tribute to him for all the work he put into our Congregation over that time. His contribution was formally marked when Session members and their spouses were invited to the Manse for a meal together, as well as presenting a small gift during Worship on 7 January 2024. We are delighted that George will continue as an Elder.

We also give thanks for Harry McKendry's huge contribution to the development of our worship at Maze since November 1992. Harry formally stepped down from this role towards the end of 2023 and his work was also acknowledged during Worship on 7 January 2024.

During 2023, Session discussed the development of a new approach to Pastoral Care within our Church. We are grateful to Heather Houston, Jacqueline Swan and Annette Harte for leading on the operational aspects of this and trust we will grow together as a Church as we support one another practically and spiritually in the future.

In the past year, Session has had a focus on the importance of prayer. The Prayer sub-Group has been re-established and a new Prayer Ministry has commenced under the direction of David Davidson, supported by Alastair and Ann Peoples, David and Juanita Morrow and Nora Henry. We are encouraged by the response to this initiative and would encourage everyone to come forward for prayer as well as to pray for others, both individually and corporately. Please drop into the prayer room on a Sunday morning anytime between 10:45-11:15, or come along to our midweek prayer meeting at 8:00pm in the Welcome Area.

Other activities of note in 2023 include an evangelism training course, our Sunday Service radio broadcast on 16 April and in response to a request from Graham Stockdale (Chaplain in HMP Maghaberry), those in our Congregation who now use their musical gifts and talents to support Worship within the prison. It has also been encouraging to see many new people join our Congregation and in particular, to see those individuals becoming actively engaged and involved. We encourage everyone to find their place of service within the body.

Paul Hanna, Clerk of Session

Committee Report

The Church Committee consists of elected members of the congregation and all Elders. Its main job is to look after the smooth running and maintenance of the church buildings and manse. During 2023 we held an election for new Committee members. Committee met six times and the following business formed much of our discussion:

1. Church finances. Our treasurer kept us up to date with regular reports on the state of church accounts. Committee is content that repayments on the church development loan remain on track and that organisations have submitted accounts, which have been examined and approved by our independent examiner.
2. Policy for use of church premises. Following a discussion at Session, Committee was asked to develop a policy in relation to requests from external groups who wish to use church property. A sub-committee was set up to consider requests for the use of our buildings. This year we were pleased to accommodate Lisburn and Castlereagh BeeSafe program, Christian Guidelines marriage preparation classes, Scripture Union training events, Various PCI groups and the annual conference of the Northern Ireland Ministry Assembly.
3. Property maintenance and manse redevelopment. Maintaining the carpark continues to be a challenge, temporary markings have been put in place until an affordable final solution can be found. For many years, the manse has been showing signs of age and has required considerable work to keep it at a reasonable standard. Committee spent much time discussing the state of the manse and approved redevelopment which was subsequently agreed at a congregational meeting. Plans for our new manse have been submitted for planning approval. The redevelopment of the manse has not gone ahead due to rising costs of materials and rising interest rates, the redevelopment will continue to be a priority for Committee.
4. AV improvements. Committee regularly gives thought to how best to use our excellent facilities to enhance worship and to make our services accessible to those who are unable to join us on a Sunday. An improved camera and software allow us to record sermons which can now be viewed online via links which are posted on the church website each week. We also have live streaming our services which can be viewed online via YouTube. We have regular viewers watching our services online.

Andy Irvine

Organisation Reports

Crossroads

Crossroads meets on Friday evenings 8:00pm-9:30pm, fortnightly between September and May each year. It caters for kids and teenagers of secondary school age, allowing them to meet informally in a youth club style format. Nightly attendance ranges from 15-30 kids/teenagers from the local area. Each night activities kick off with a 10 minute Christian talk from one of the leaders followed by a 20 minutes communal game/activity in the hall. Thereafter everyone is free to choose between tuck shop, relaxing/chatting in the welcome area or further structured games and activities in the main hall and Bell room. Various "theme" nights also occur which this year included movie night, make your own pizza, escape room, trip to adventure golf, ice bowl/bowling.

Crossroads provides a follow on from "Junior Youth Club" for kids in the local area, keeping them familiar and connected with our Church and each other as the move to secondary school splits them from primary school group). It is a safe Christian principled environment with a Christian talk each night and leaders are always open for further questions and conversations. In attendance are kids from varying degrees of connection with the Church so Crossroads sees itself is a reaching and connecting ministry with the youth in our area that looks to integrate into or promote other church/Christian activities.

Keith Redfern

Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Maze is registered as an Open Award and provides the opportunity for young people between the ages of 14-25 to complete their Bronze, Silver and Gold Award within a Christian environment. This year we had 14 participants working towards their Bronze or Silver Award. These participants included young people from Maze and Ballinderry Presbyterian, local churches and from the local communities.

Training for the expedition section of their Award takes place on a Monday evening between the months of October to April. During these training sessions the young people learn the principles of navigation and camp craft skills. These skills are then put into practice on day walks in the Mournes.

The Bronze level completed a Practice expedition on the North Down Coastal Path in April camping at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre. This was followed by a Qualifying expedition in the Mournes, camping at Tollymore Forest Park. The Silver level successfully completed both their Practice and Qualifying expeditions in the Mourne Mountains in April.

The new Award season recommenced in October this year, with all 3 levels of the Award running, totalling 22 young people. Their training will continue into the New Year.

Three of our Hillwalking leaders attended a 21 gun salute at Hillsborough Castle to celebrate the Kings Birthday where they were presented with Volunteer Long Service Awards in recognition for their dedication to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

In November we welcomed many young people and their parents to a Sunday morning service to celebrate the achievement of 23 Awards.

Barbara Carlisle

Men@Maze

It has been another busy year for Men at Maze as we aim to deliver a range of activities that develop faith, deepen fellowship and provide some time to wind down as well. Over the course of the year we have had a number of newer men to the congregation come along to the events, they have found this a good way to get to know other people within the church.

Our first event for 2023 was the Irish Mens' Convention in Assembly Buildings. This has always been a well-attended event and this year, Richard Coekin, delivered 3 sessions on how the seven churches mentioned in Revelation have a message for all churches today. This was a deeply challenging set of teachings and we all came away with a new view of the significance of those seven churches and what they represented. An equally big hit was the lunch we went for at Flame Restaurant which kept us going for the final session!

On Saturday 4 March we trialled a completely new event, a Lads and Dads Day which was a part of Exodus Legacy Project. Legacy days are designed as an opportunity for fathers and father figures to spend some quality time with their sons and to develop that sense of communication between each other. For this event we had 8 sets of dads and their sons. We met for a game of football golf at Spruce Meadows before returning to the church to make a bird house. There were certainly some nervous dads using saws and hammer and nails! After the shoulder to shoulder element of the day we then moved more face to face. Over dinner (Chippy Tea) dads and their sons took turns to ask each other questions from a question pot and then discussed 'firsts' on a walk or down time together. The final part of the day was looking to design our own personal family crests. The whole day was a great day for dads and their sons to connect and this is something we are keen to develop between dads and their daughters in the following year. Out thanks to Andy Lamberton and his son for facilitating the day and organising the activities.

On the lead up to Easter we met on a Sunday evening to look at the theme of resurrection as it develops through the Bible. The large group of men split into smaller groups to read and chart the idea of resurrection, leading up to Jesus' resurrection. We looked at how this was different than all instances prior and how significant it was. It was great for the men of the congregation to study and discuss the Bible together and to see how we all got something slightly different from this study.

The end of June is always marked by our BBQ and testimony evening. It turned out to be quite a wet night and thanks to Sam and Robert for sticking by the BBQ while it teemed down! After a good feed we all settled to hear from David and Cameron. We thank them for giving their testimony and its always good to be reminded just how important our testimonies are. The evening ended in a 'PhysiQuiz' where all answers to the questions had to be given in a physical way. This started off quite civil but by the end became quite competitive! At a stage it looked like the 'True/False' ball at the end was going to have to be stopped on health and safety grounds!!

At the end of September, after all other church organisations were back up and underway after the summer break, we had our annual Bowling Night. It was great to get a couple of games of bowling in and to get a chance to catch up and meet others that we don't always get the chance to talk to on a Sunday. After Philip's big win last year there were plenty of the guys keen to prove themselves this year. Eventually it was Jamie who claimed our new 'high quality' bowling trophy!

As the year drew to a close we met one final time for breakfast. After a considerable number of bacon baps and quite a few litres of coffee were consumed, we were thankful to hear Joe Cole talk to us about the work of Christian Fellowship Trust. This organisation started with a small group of men who pulled some funds together and with God's guidance were able to benefit so many people, especially missionaries across the world. Joe closed his talk giving us a challenge to perhaps start something like this within our own men's group. This is something we are keen to look at for the incoming year and hope to develop this idea further.

Throughout the year there has also been the opportunity for some football. Some of the games have been against each other but we have also had the opportunity to play against another church as well! If you're interested in a game, keep an eye out on the Men at Maze WhatsApp group which gives details of most of what is happening throughout the year.

Maybe you are reading this report and seeing some of the photos of the group. As you can hear and see there is plenty of activity and opportunity for you to meet others within the church. Maybe you haven't come along before. Why not think about coming along? Please feel free to talk to me or any of the men who attend, all are more than welcome!

Mark Kirkwood

Parents and Toddlers

Parents and Toddlers meets every Thursday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 am. Each week we follow the same routine of free-play in the main church hall, alongside a craft and a themed activity, followed by a singing and story time in the welcome area, coffee and snack for adults and kids and finishing up with some nursery rhymes.

Our group is open to all families, regardless of background or church connection. In the past year we have seen an increase in the number of families attending, with an average attendance of between 25 and 30 children and their respective parents or carers. Our aim is that all who attend our group will receive a warm, unconditional welcome and will feel a sense of belonging amongst people who genuinely care for them.

At the outset, Parents and Toddlers is an opportunity for children and adults to engage socially; for children to have fun playing and interacting with each other and for adults to enjoy some grown-up conversation and good coffee! However, we believe that it is so much more than this. Our prayer is that Jesus is made known to all who attend our group and we try to do this through the inclusion of Christian focused songs, Bible stories and crafts but also know that often the most effective way of sharing faith is through relationship. To this end, we are so grateful for the consistent core group of church families, who are fantastic at integrating with and getting alongside those who join us from outside of the church and we firmly believe that

the Holy Spirit is at work through these relationships in our group, either with leaders or with other parents and carers.

In 2023 it was very encouraging to see the same consistent families attending regularly and to witness developing friendships, as well as to see some of our non-church families attend other events happening at church.

Last year we enjoyed some specific highlights: a trip to Laganvale Farm soft play, our Easter trail, Teddy Bears' Picnic and Christmas party. It was especially a joy to see nearly 40 toddlers and babies exploring the Easter story with their parents and carers at our Easter trail as they completed different craft activities and tasks together. At times like these we pray that seeds will be sown in our toddlers' hearts however limited their understanding but that, at the same time, adults might also be challenged and prompted to think.

We enjoyed a beautiful morning of June sunshine for our Teddy Bears' Picnic and on this occasion, we acknowledged those who moved on to start preschool in September. We pray that the seeds that have been sown during their time with us will continue to be nourished.

In 2023 it was fantastic to welcome a number of new leaders to serve in this ministry. With larger numbers attending, extra help has been essential to allow us to effectively manage our Thursday mornings. However, we are always on the lookout for those who could give some time, even on a rota basis to help.

Kathryn Kelsey

Sunday Club

The Sunday Club team is made up of 20 enthusiastic and energetic teachers and helpers who are committed each week to faithfully teaching God's word to almost 100 children and young people. Each Sunday morning, from 10.15 - 11.15am, we meet together with the desire to teach them more about Jesus. Each week the primary classes begin by singing, learning memory verses and praying together. We teach from the Bible and through sharing experiences from life, to ensure the children and young people have a sound knowledge of God, and that they are supported in growing in their spiritual life, faith and understanding. We encourage them to ask questions from a young age and to learn the importance of prayer, Bible reading and connecting with other Christians to ensure they are confident in living their life for God.

From January to May 2023, we used SU teaching resources with the primary classes and Junior Bible Class while Senior Bible Class studied Paul's letters to the Corinthians. In September 2023, to help the children and young people understand more about the storyline of the Bible, we started to use *'The Biggest Story Curriculum'* as our teaching material. We encourage parents to explore the lessons we have learnt in Sunday Club each week, by signing up to receive *'The Biggest Story'* email newsletters. This year, the primary classes are also learning the names and the order of the Books of the Bible. Since September, Senior Bible Class has been focusing on having a personal relationship with God including prayer, praise and Bible Study.

On Sunday 5th March, as part of our mission focus, we held our 'Stew and Apple Pie' lunch after the morning service, raising approx. £1000 to support those working in the Arab world. We greatly appreciated the support from the church family attending the lunch, providing food, serving/clearing up and donating to the ministry.

At our Children's Day Service on 21st May, we reflected on the faithfulness and goodness of God to us throughout the year at Sunday Club. We recalled what we had learnt about Jesus and God's wonderful love for us from the Bible lessons, the first ten questions and answers of the children's catechism and the 'I am' sayings of Jesus. At the end of the service, the children and young people received books as gifts from Sunday Club.

On Sunday 10th December, the children and young people had the privilege of leading an all-age service, retelling the story of the first Christmas using a nativity script entitled 'The Light' written by Shelley Spiers. Throughout the service, we were reminded that Jesus, God's own Son, is the 'One True Light' and that '...through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' (John 1 v 15)

Throughout the year we enjoyed some social activities together, including Bible Class breakfasts in the church building and in McDonalds, a ten pin bowling outing in January for Junior Bible Class, a Movie Morning and lunch for the primary classes on Saturday 16th December, a Christmas Craft morning on Sunday 17th December and our Sunday Club outing to *High Rise* on Saturday 20th May, which proved to be a memorable adventure for everyone who participated in the activities!

The Sunday Club team greatly values the ongoing prayer, encouragement and support from all of the prayer partners and from the whole church family.

Debbie Davidson

Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club meet generally on the second Tuesday of the month in the welcome area of Church and 15 to 20 people attend regularly at 10.30. We have a speaker followed by tea/coffee and scones in a very informal atmosphere. The Tuesday Club is an ideal venue for old friends to meet and for mature new Church members to make friends and learn more about our congregational life. We open in prayer and share Church news before handing over to our speaker. Speakers last year include Paul Hanna sharing his experiences with Prison Fellowship, John Coulter talking about his life in broadcasting, James O'Neill, our last Assistant Minister and R and H who joined us for a light lunch while explaining their new life of service overseas.

Alastair Peoples is our bus driver when we can arrange a minibus from Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and in 2023, we had a very enjoyable guided trip to Gracehill which was a real insight to the Society of Friends in this province. We also called on Alastair's services in November to travel to Colman's Garden Centre in Templepatrick. Following our usual practice, we enjoyed Christmas lunch together in Lisburn.

New members are very welcome, and I would encourage everyone who is able to attend to join us in the New Year and would ask for your prayers for this important area of Church life.

For further information contact ann_peoples@live.co.uk.

Ann Peoples

Walking Group

The walking group has been going for a few years now and has been getting numbers consistently in the high teens and low twenties. It meets every month between March and June and between September and November.

The group historically met on the third Thursday in the month although this was changed this year to the third Wednesday. This change has seen a number of new members as a result. The walks try to fit the ability of those walking splitting into faster or slower groups as required but are usually at least 3 miles in length. All the walk leaders have been trained by the SEHSCT and are insured by them whilst walking. All the walks end with tea/coffee and scones!

During the year we have walked in Lurgan Park, Clare Glen, Gosford Forest Park, Antrim Castle gardens and Portadown Boulevard.

The walking group is open to all ages and whilst it is Maze PC walking group, it is open to anyone. The benefits of walking are many and it is one of the most enjoyable forms of exercise. It is also great for getting to know folk as well. With a bigger church it is easy to see people on a Sunday morning but not get the chance to speak. I think all who come would agree there is as much talking as walking, and they don't notice how far they've walked!

So why not join us? Walk Leaders:

- Hazel Swan
- Ann Peoples
- David Cameron
- Alastair Peoples

For more information, please contact Alastair Peoples (alastair.peoples@mazepc.org)

Alastair Peoples

Women@Maze

Our year began with a fun night out at Lisburn Bowl where we enjoyed a meal together before the bowling. In June we enjoyed a walk and supper in Hillsborough and in September we had a games night to reconnect after the summer break. While these nights don't include Bible teaching, they are so good for building fellowship allowing members to come alongside each other and develop relationships within the church family.

All our speakers this year have been excellent, not just in what they have shared with us but in the example of godly living they have demonstrated. Julie Philpott related the struggles her family have endured through their daughter being born with Apert's Syndrome and Heather

Lyle told of her experience of infertility and subsequent adoption of two little girls from China. Both Julie and Heather were able to testify to God's faithfulness and miraculous intervention in their lives. In November we heard about the work of Hope and Light in Thailand, supporting women caught up in slavery and were able to buy some of the jewellery they are producing as an alternative form of income.

The highlight of the year is always the Ages and Stages Night where some of our own members testify to what the Lord has been teaching them. This year the theme was 'Songs in a Strange Land' thinking about experiences of worship in another part of the world. Ruth shared about her time studying in the Netherlands, Jenna spoke of mission in Kenya and Sanette told us what it has been like for her to leave South Africa and settle in N Ireland. Each of them really challenged us and having the teenage girls to lead us in praise was another blessing.

Women@Maze is very much for all ages within our congregation and the attendance at each meeting varies according to the topic or time of year! But there's always a good mix of all life stages and a real sense of fellowship among us for which we are very thankful.

Janet McKendry

Youth Club

Maze PC Youth club started back after the Christmas break on Friday 13 January, welcoming local children from pre-school to P7, with an average of between 70-90 children per week. After registration and sign in the children congregate in the hall for a time of lively singing before breaking into 3 separate age groups to complete 3 zones. Group 1 (pre - p2) start the night in the craft zone headed up by Edna Moneypenny and Allison McLeod, who continue to develop exciting new craft ideas each week for the children. Group 2 (p3-p5) enjoy games in the upper rooms including board games, tablet tennis, pool, air hockey etc, alongside a refreshing snack. Group 3 (p6-p7) start the night competing in sports and games in the main hall. Every 20mins each group moves to a new zone. The last 15 minutes of youth club, everyone comes back together again to hear a Bible lesson given by one of the leaders, before closing with a short game to finish the night. The 22/23 youth club year finished on Friday 26 May, to allow for preparation for the upcoming Holiday Bible Club running from 26-30 June 23.

The 23/24 youth club year commenced on Friday 22 September with lots of familiar faces returning after the summer break. This term in our Bible lesson slot we were thinking about the amazing attributes / characteristics of God to the children, from "all knowing" to "all powerful" and everything in between. We continue to be blessed with a steady number of children each week, as well as an amazing team of energetic leaders.

To round off the 2023 youth club year, Maze PC organised a Christmas Trail on Friday 15 December and invited the church family and wider local community to attend. Between 400-500 people supported the night, with several families at a time being led along a trail through the church buildings where the Christmas story was acted out at each zone, by some of MPCs very capable amateur performers. At the end of the Christmas trail, the children had an opportunity to enjoy the MPC puppets summarising the true Christmas story of how God

sent his Son to earth in the form of our Saviour Jesus and what that means for our lives. The night ended with families enjoying a time of fellowship and refreshments in the hall.

Stuart Thompson

Youth Fellowship

Maze Youth Fellowship is held every Sunday night in the Youth Room of the Church from 7:30 – 9:00pm. We cover the age range of Year 8 to Year 14 of high school. Our focus is to develop Christian fellowship between the leaders and the young people. We want them to start to take ownership of their faith, consider how to implement personal Bible study and prayer into their own lives and share their faith with their friends. A typical night at YF starts with a game, a time of worship, the topic for the night being introduced by a leader, breaking into small groups for discussion and finishes with supper.

We started 2023 by looking at the book of James. We considered how with faith, we can “consider it pure joy” (James 1:2) when we face trials as it will produce perseverance. We also looked at why favouritism is forbidden and the link between faith and good deeds. One lesson that was particularly poignant was that of taming the tongue. After James, we used the Origins 24/7 prayer resource. It used the acronym “PRAYER” to explore why we pray as well as how to pray. The 8 sessions covered ‘Why do we pray?’, ‘Who do we pray to?’, ‘Praise’, ‘Rejoice’, ‘Ask’, ‘Yes’, ‘Endure’ and ‘Repeat’. We finished off the year with a resource written by the leaders called ‘In the World, but not Of the World’ which was adapted from the Gospel Coalition’s New City Catechism. We organised the 52 catechism questions into 14 sessions with small group tasks and discussions to find the answers in the Bible for the various questions.

Throughout the beginning of the year, we also attended several Lisburn youth nights, as well as hosting one ourselves at Maze. Various other youth groups and YF’s came together for nights of fellowship, games, worship, and teaching.

In September 2023, we said goodbye to Adam McKendry as he stood down as Head of YF. We thank him for all the work that he did at YF in his time and wish him all the best in wherever he next serves. From September to Christmas, we’ve continued with our leader written series with studies such as, “What is Sin?” and “What is justification and Sanctification?” Furthermore, we’ve been putting a greater focus on getting the young people involved in different elements of leading each week, for example, helping to lead worship or organising a game. This was most evident the night that they lead a prayer and praise evening. A number were involved in leading worship for the night, whilst the rest worked in groups to organise two prayer activities.

As leaders, we were extremely encouraged by this as the faith of our young people was so evident, and God was glorified as they chose to use their skills and talents in worship to Him. We were reminded that night of the verse in 1 Timothy 4:12 “Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity”. We were also grateful that two of our newer elders, Annette Harte and Giles Page were able to join us this term to answer questions about being an elder in Maze,

and their own personal faith. Just before Christmas, we enjoyed an outing to the Hillsborough Twilight Market where we had great food and fellowship!

We would greatly appreciate prayer as the new year begins that kids would be open and excited to learn more about God with us and how we can glorify him. Pray for the leaders who so generously volunteer their time each week to serve the youth of our Church. Finally pray that God would be in all that we do this year!

Ruth & Steven Kidd

Treasurer's Report

In general, this has been a positive year for Maze PC financially, with a solid increase in giving and large reduction in the Church debt. The figures in the accounts are before the recent £130,000 pay down in the Church Building Loan, and a £10,000 one of payment to Mission.

Reflecting a growing congregation, giving to FWO has increased 10%, Building fund by nearly 33% (largely due to a large single donation), United appeal by 10%, Harvest by over 50% and Missions by 3%.

The cost of Utilities has continued to rise, and the impact of professional weekly cleaning of the Church is now in for a full year.

Expenditure is approved on a case by case basis, but it is hoped to develop a budget mechanism to allow leaders of organisation to better their year's events and manage long term goals.

Due to the delay in the Manse project, there were no professional fees this year, last year these had been £16,495, and we had lower staff costs due to Student Minister having been recently appointed, and not replacing the youth worker. These costs will increase in the coming year.

With the loan now standing at £130,000 and the likely hood that this will be repaid early 2025, Session has requested a review of staffing and projects so that these can be discussed at the session conference in June 2024. It is highly likely that additional staff will be employed in the later part of 2024, both to reduce the load on William Henry and strengthen local outreach.

It is hoped that the Manse project will be revived in early 2025.

George Redpath

Maze Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105201

Annual return

QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS OR AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MAZE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I am reporting on the financial statements of MAZE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
2. That the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements 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.

Andrew Greer FCA

06 May 2025

Maze Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105201

Accounts

Maze Presbyterian Church- NIC105201

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 2022

- **Introduction**

This report for Maze Presbyterian Church was compiled using Data developments software version 4.58.

The report was presented to and passed by the Charity Trustees and Charity Committee.

Dr George Redpath
Treasurer
Maze Presbyterian Church

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Regular Direct Giving	158,216.07	86,067.05	—	244,283.12	222,900.04
Donations and Legacies	981.85	3,282.86	—	4,264.71	7,914.60
Activities that Generate Income	967.00	10.00	—	977.00	15.00
Investment Income	915.57	86.22	—	1,001.79	599.99
Other Income Sources	10,372.67	—	—	10,372.67	12,883.14
Total income	171,453.16	89,446.13	—	260,899.29	244,312.77
Resources used					
Central Church Assessments	20,680.75	—	—	20,680.75	21,439.00
Ministry and Support Staff	4,734.70	—	—	4,734.70	4,140.04
Minister	49,575.25	—	—	49,575.25	48,281.23
Other Ministry and Support Staff	22,045.63	222.32	—	22,267.95	23,642.56
Life and Work					
Worship and Fellowship	4,320.73	191.03	—	4,511.76	2,113.53
Discipleship and Ministry	341.67	613.75	—	955.42	209.00
Mission and Outreach	4,515.75	2,856.05	—	7,371.80	5,869.71
Governance	2,381.29	35,862.45	—	38,243.74	27,434.22
Property and Equipment	7,551.84	1.00	—	7,552.84	4,433.97
Utilities	12,216.33	—	—	12,216.33	8,477.18
Repairs and Maintenance	7,612.81	247.55	—	7,860.36	4,585.60
Insurances	4,224.58	—	—	4,224.58	3,846.18
Grants to Missions and Charities					
United Appeal	—	11,479.00	—	11,479.00	9,300.00
Other PCI Schemes	3,695.03	4,095.00	—	7,790.03	1,639.99
Other Missions and Charities	—	9,000.00	—	9,000.00	770.00

Total expenditure	143,896.36	64,568.15	—	208,464.51	166,182.21
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	(3,711.79)	(3,711.79)	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	27,556.80	24,877.98	(3,711.79)	48,722.99	78,130.56
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	49,852.29	75,281.69	6,859.94	131,993.92	120,659.66
Gross transfers between funds - out	(79,123.86)	(46,010.12)	(6,859.94)	(131,993.92)	(120,659.66)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	(1,714.77)	54,149.55	(3,711.79)	48,722.99	78,130.56
Total funds brought forward	124,059.25	502,484.83	38,152.86	664,696.94	586,566.38
Total funds carried forward	122,344.48	556,634.38	34,441.07	713,419.93	664,696.94
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	122,344.48	—	—	122,344.48	124,059.25
Restricted					
Building Fund	—	961,884.77	—	961,884.77	958,741.43
Duke of Edinburgh	—	5,498.10	—	5,498.10	5,438.25
Loan Fund	—	(423,749.34)	—	(423,749.34)	(473,580.21)
Missions Fund	—	9,940.89	—	9,940.89	9,388.90
Parents & Toddlers	—	764.36	—	764.36	1,017.85
Thursday Craft Club	—	100.00	—	100.00	100.00
United Appeal	—	816.99	—	816.99	—
Women @ Maze	—	308.58	—	308.58	308.58
Youth Club	—	1,070.03	—	1,070.03	1,070.03
Endowment					
General Investment Fund	—	—	41,441.07	41,441.07	45,152.86
Interest Free Loans	—	—	(7,000.00)	(7,000.00)	(7,000.00)

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
6000	Freehold land (cost or valuation)	—	—
6001	Buildings (cost or valuation)	900,000.00	900,000.00
6200	General investment fund	41,441.07	45,152.86
6201	Treasury Stock	—	—
6202	national savings	—	—
	Total Fixed assets	941,441.07	945,152.86
Current assets			
6300	Bank balances Current Account	133,202.36	133,548.15
6306	Bank Balance Building Fund	61,884.77	58,741.43
6307	Badminton Club	—	—
6308	Youth Club	1,070.03	1,070.03
6309	Parents & Toddlers	764.36	1,017.85
6310	Tuesday Club	—	—
6311	Duke of Edinburgh	5,498.10	5,438.25
6312	Women @ Maze	308.58	308.58
6313	Variable Rate Loan Account	(102,844.92)	(114,939.28)
6314	Fixed Rate Loan Account	(320,904.42)	(358,640.93)
Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	(221,021.14)	(273,455.92)
Liabilities			
6400	Creditors	—	—
6403	Loans Repayable (inc interest free loans	7,000.00	7,000.00
6404	Fixed rate Loan	—	—
6405	Variable rate Loan	—	—
	Total Liabilities	7,000.00	7,000.00
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	713,419.93	664,696.94
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	52,434.78	78,130.56
Z01	Starting balances	664,696.94	586,566.38
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(3,711.79)	—
	Total Reserves	713,419.93	664,696.94

Represented by funds

Unrestricted	122,344.48	124,059.25
Designated	—	—
Restricted	556,634.38	502,484.83
Endowment	34,441.07	38,152.86
Total	713,419.93	664,696.94

Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
Investments		
General investment fund		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	6,859.94	6,859.94
General Investment Fund (Endowment) -	41,441.07	45,152.86
Treasury Stock (Endowment) -	(0.01)	(0.01)
National Savings (Endowment) -	(6,859.93)	(6,859.93)
	41,441.07	45,152.86
Treasury Stock		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	(0.01)	(0.01)
Treasury Stock (Endowment) -	0.01	0.01
	—	—
national savings		
General Investment Fund (Endowment) -	(6,859.93)	(6,859.93)
National Savings (Endowment) -	6,859.93	6,859.93
	—	—
	41,441.07	45,152.86
	41,441.07	45,152.86
Tangible assets		
Buildings (cost or valuation)		
Building Fund (Restricted) -	900,000.00	900,000.00
	900,000.00	900,000.00
	900,000.00	900,000.00
Total for Tangible assets	900,000.00	900,000.00

Cash at bank and in hand**Bank balances Current Account**

General fund (Unrestricted) -	144,464.02	148,608.79
Building Fund (Restricted) -	121,871.41	118,961.41
United Appeal (Restricted) -	606.99	(90.00)
Harvest (Restricted) -	(1,450.00)	(1,450.00)
Loan Fund (Restricted) -	(144,650.88)	(144,650.88)
Missions Fund (Restricted) -	9,400.89	9,208.90
Interest Free Loans (Endowment) -	(4,000.00)	(4,000.00)
General Investment Fund (Endowment) -	6,859.93	6,859.93
Thursday Craft Club (Restricted) -	100.00	100.00
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	133,202.36	133,548.15

Bank Balance Building Fund

General fund (Unrestricted) -	(9,976.03)	(12,406.03)
Building Fund (Restricted) -	(4,664.64)	(4,897.98)
United Appeal (Restricted) -	210.00	90.00
Harvest (Restricted) -	1,450.00	1,450.00
Loan Fund (Restricted) -	72,325.44	72,325.44
Missions Fund (Restricted) -	540.00	180.00
Interest Free Loans (Endowment) -	2,000.00	2,000.00
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	61,884.77	58,741.43

Youth Club

Youth Club (Restricted) -	1,070.03	1,070.03
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	1,070.03	1,070.03

Parents & Toddlers

Parents & Toddlers (Restricted) -	764.36	1,017.85
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	764.36	1,017.85

Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh (Restricted) -	5,498.10	5,438.25
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	5,498.10	5,438.25

Women @ Maze

Women @ Maze (Restricted) -	308.58	308.58
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	308.58	308.58

Variable Rate Loan Account

Loan Fund (Restricted) -	(102,844.92)	(114,939.28)
	(102,844.92)	(114,939.28)

Fixed Rate Loan Account

General fund (Unrestricted) -	(17,003.44)	(17,003.44)
Building Fund (Restricted) -	(55,322.00)	(55,322.00)
Loan Fund (Restricted) -	(248,578.98)	(286,315.49)
	(320,904.42)	(358,640.93)

Total for Cash at bank and in hand	(221,021.14)	(273,455.92)
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Debtors**Accounts Receivable**

General fund (Unrestricted) -	(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)
Interest Free Loans (Endowment) -	2,000.00	2,000.00
	—	—

Total for Debtors	—	—
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Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year**Loans Repayable (inc interest free loans)**

Interest Free Loans (Endowment) -	(7,000.00)	(7,000.00)
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Total for Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	(7,000.00)	(7,000.00)
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Grand total	713,419.93	664,696.94
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Maze Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105201

Annual report



MAZE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Knowing, Serving and Sharing Jesus

ANNUAL REPORT
2022

Minister

Very Rev. Dr. W.J. Henry B.Sc. B.D.

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Kirk Session

Mr B Adams	Mr C Bell	Mr J Brown	Mr G Browne (Clerk)
Mr A Gibson	Prof P Hanna	Ms A Harte	Mr S Houston
Mr A Irvine	Mr K Irwin	Mr A Martin	Mr D Morrow
Mr H McKendry	Mr G Page	Mr A Peoples	Dr G Redpath
Mr S Thompson	Mr R Watson		

Elders Emeritus

Mr D Adams	Mr L Bell	Mr S Swan
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Committee

Robert Cleland	Dale Gill	Peter Hanna	Caroline Hutchinson
Mark Kirkwood	Florence Leathem	Brian Miller	Edna Money Penny
Keith Redfern	Diane Rosbotham,	Trevor Shannon	Jacqueline Swan,
Valerie Wallace	Paul Young		

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Dr G Redpath tel 028 94 423837

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Prof P Hanna tel 028 92 665369

Gift Aid Secretary

Dr G Redpath tel 028 94 423837

Finance Committee

Mr C Bell Prof P Hanna

Dr G Redpath Mr G Browne

Property Committee

Mr H McKendry

Mr B Adams

Churchyard Convener

Mr K Irwin

Church Record 2022

Baptisms

Jack Dillon Money Penny
Zachary Matthew Bell
Maisie Arwen Mullin
Emma Catherine Simpson
Zara Elliott
Bailey Ben Edward Dorman

Weddings

Gemma Houston to Aaron Curry
Melissa Martin to Curtis McDonald
Bethany Henry to Luke Hanson

Deaths

Mr Jackie Kennedy
Mrs Heather McCaw

Maze Presbyterian Church - Annual Report 2022

Church activities during 2022 started to resemble activities prior to the Covid 19 Pandemic, with a number of organisations restarting.

Kirk Session

The Kirk Session met on 8 occasions in 2022. Four new Elders were installed and ordained in 2022 - Giles Page, Annette Harte, David Morrow and Stuart Thompson. All members of the Kirk Session are Trustees of Registered Charity 105201.

The Kirk Session is the governing body of the congregation in its Christian calling and as such has the following rights and duties.

The Kirk Session shall -

- (a) watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation, and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds;
- (b) ensure a scheme for pastoral care is in place in the congregation, in line with current General Assembly guidelines;
- (c) seek to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community;
- (d) authorise such measures of practical co-operation with other Churches as may involve the life and work of the congregation.
- (e) act as the charity trustees and be responsible for the congregation's compliance with the requirements of charities legislation in Northern Ireland;
- (f) ensure that the Congregational Committee complies with the decisions of Kirk Session;
- (g) after considering the grounds for disqualification for being a charity trustee under charities legislation in Northern Ireland and as appropriate, refer to Presbytery the consideration of removal from office in the congregation of a ruling elder;
- (h) act as the employing body concerning all those in remunerated employment in the congregation.
- (i) as charity trustees of the congregation, where applicable, execute the vesting declaration required by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2006 to carry into effect a resolution of the General Assembly for the merger of the congregation with another congregation or charity.

Some of the topics for discussion at Kirk Session meetings during 2022 included PCI Covid Guidance and lessening of restrictions, Pastoral Care, restarting Youth Ministry at Maze post Covid, Child Protection and updates from Dromore presbytery meetings.

Church Committee

The church Committee consists of members of the congregation and Elders. Its main job is to look after the smooth running and maintenance of the church buildings and manse. During 2022, Committee met seven times and the following business formed much of our discussion:

- 1. Church finances.** Our treasurer kept us up to date with regular reports on the state of church accounts. Committee is content that repayments on the church development loan remain on track and that organisations have submitted accounts, which have been examined and approved by our independent examiner.
- 2. Policy for use of church premises.** Following a discussion at Session, Committee was asked to develop a policy in relation to requests from external groups who wish to use church property. A sub-committee was set up to consider requests for the use of our buildings. In 2022 we were pleased to accommodate Lisburn and Castlereagh BeeSafe program, Christian Guidelines marriage preparation classes, Scripture Union training events, Various PCI groups and the annual conference of the Northern Ireland Ministry Assembly.
- 3. Property maintenance and manse redevelopment.** Maintaining the carpark continues to be a challenge, temporary markings have been put in place until an affordable final solution can be found. For many years, the manse has been showing signs of age and has required considerable work to keep it at a reasonable standard. Committee spent much time discussing the state of the manse and approved redevelopment which was subsequently agreed at a congregational meeting. Plans for our new manse have been submitted for planning approval. The redevelopment of the manse has not gone ahead due to rising costs of materials and rising interest rates, the redevelopment will continue to be a priority for Committee.
- 4. AV improvements.** Committee regularly gives thought to how best to use our excellent facilities to enhance worship and to make our services accessible to those who are unable to join us on a Sunday. An improved camera and software allow us to record sermons which can now be viewed online via links which are posted on the church website each week. We also have live streaming our services which can be viewed online via YouTube. We have regular viewers watching our services online.

Normal weekly activities at Maze Presbyterian Church usually include the following.

MONDAY	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	
TUESDAY	Tuesday Club for Senior Citizens	
	2 nd Tuesday of month	10.30am
	Fortnightly Fellowship Group	8pm
WEDNESDAY	Fortnightly Fellowship Group	8pm
	Fortnightly Prayer Gathering	8pm
THURSDAY	Parent + Toddlers	9.30 am
	Craft Club	11am - 1pm
	Women@Maze <i>as announced</i>	8pm
FRIDAY	Youth Club Juniors	6.30-7.30 pm
	Seniors	7.30-9 pm
	Crossroads (fortnightly)	8.45-10.30pm
SUNDAY	Sunday Club + Bible Class	10.15am
	Morning Worship	11.30am
	Evening Service 1 st of month	6.30pm
	Youth Fellowship	7.30pm-9pm

Church Organisations

The following activities normally take place annually, but their operation in 2022 was constrained by ongoing Covid issues.

Sunday Club

Sunday Club is for children and young people aged preschool-18. The aim of Sunday Club is to advance God's Kingdom among children and their families, teaching the truths of the Bible and making this relevant to the lives and experience of the children and young people who attend. Parents and families are also encouraged to develop the spiritual lives of their children.

Crossroads

Crossroads caters for secondary school age young people, allowing them to meet informally in a youth club style format.

Youth Fellowship (YF)

YF meet weekly on a Sunday night to encourage young people to grow in faith, to develop relationships with other young Christians and to challenge young people to think beyond their everyday life.

Maze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Maze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme provides young adults; from the ages of 14 years to 25 years, from Maze Presbyterian and the surrounding community, with an opportunity to complete their Award in an Open Award Centre with a Christian Ethos.

Craft Club

The Craft Club normally meets in the welcome area of the church on a Thursday morning to enjoy a time of craft and fellowship. The Club also fundraises for particular charities.

Women@Maze

Woman@Maze is a place where those who attend are challenged and encouraged in their faith, both by the speakers and by each other. During the Pandemic the group used WhatsApp to communicate and motivate each other with practical and prayer support.

Men@Maze

Men at Maze aims to provide men of all ages with the resources to develop Godly character and help equip them to influence their world for Jesus. The aim is to bring men into a personal relationship with Jesus and to unite them together in ministry and fellowship and to develop accountability to each other.

Parents & Toddlers Group

The Parents and Toddlers Group provides a time of fellowship and fun for toddlers under 3 years of age and their parents, grans, and carers. The creche room is well equipped with suitable play materials for the age group. Playtime and chat are followed by a themed craft activity, story time, singalong, and refreshments.

Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club normally meets monthly from September to June, comprising of approximately 20 'very young at heart' attendees from the congregation and surrounding area. An opening prayer time is usually followed with a guest speaker and then the all-important tea, coffee, and scones.

Maze PC Walking (for health) Group

Apart from the undoubted health benefits of walking, the group provides an opportunity for church and non-church members to get to know one another better. There are always great conversations, so much so, participants often don't realise how far they have walked!

Youth Club

Maze PC Youth club recommenced on Friday 30th September 2022, welcoming local children from pre school to P7, with an average of between 70-90 children per week. After registration and sign in the children are welcomed to the front of the stage for a time of lively singing before breaking into 3 separate age groups to complete 3 zones. Group 1 (preschool - p2) start the night in the craft zone. Group 2 (p3-p5) enjoy games in the upper rooms including board games, tablet tennis etc alongside a refreshing snack. Group 3 (p6-p7) start the night competing in sports and games in the big hall. Every 20mins each group moves to a new zone. The last 15mins of youth club, everyone comes back together again to hear a Bible lesson given by one of the leaders, before closing with a short game to finish the night.

Christmas Trail

To round off the 2022 youth club year, Maze PC organised a Christmas Trail on Friday 16th December and invited the local community to attend. Several families at a time were led along a trail through the church buildings where the Christmas story

was read at each zone. At the end of the Christmas trail, the children had an opportunity to meet Santa before enjoying fellowship and refreshments.

Maze Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105201

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Maze Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out the preceding pages.

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; and
- 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.

Andrew Greer BSc, MAcc, FCA

This Report dated: 15th September 2023