

BALLYWALTER Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105231

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-12
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
2025-12-31	£128,157	£125,703	£0	0
2024-12-31	£123,465	£128,016	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr B Thompson		
Mr J Kennedy		
Mr J Stewart		
Mr M Spence		
Mrs A Wilson		
Mrs L Boyle		
Mrs S Burns		
Rev G Simpson		

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Accounts

BALLYWALTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ended 31 Dec 2025
GENERAL Account

Registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, ref NIC105231

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 1st Jan	£ 22,824	£ 30,817			
<u>FREEWILL OFFERING & WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</u>			<u>MINISTER</u>		
Freewill Offering	£ 72,907	£ 72,382	Rev G Simpson	£ 37,250	£ 35,990
Gift Aid received from HMRC (see Appendix 3)	£ 18,364	£ 17,593	National Insurance	£ 4,603	£ 3,711
Sabbath Collections	£ 3,192	£ 2,561	Investment Income (see Appendix 2)	£ 825	£ 800
	<u>£ 94,463</u>	<u>£ 92,537</u>	Ministers mileage	£ 1,194	£ 806
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>			Ministerial car allowance	£ 4,432	£ 4,221
Use of Halls	£ 1,350	£ 70	Ministerial duties allowance	£ 2,956	£ 2,815
Bowling Club	£ 300	£ 250	NIC on Ministerial allowances	£ 1,086	£ 971
G.B.	£ 225	£ 450		<u>£ 52,346</u>	<u>£ 49,314</u>
P.W.	£ 200	£ 200	<u>ORGANIST/PIANIST</u>		
Parent and Toddler	£ -	£ 200	Mrs B Kennedy	£ 3,620	£ 3,700
Coffee & Chat	£ -	£ 1,146	Supplies	£ 320	£ 480
Badminton club	£ 200	£ 180		<u>£ 3,940</u>	<u>£ 4,180</u>
Donations, Memorials, Legacies	£ 1,005	£ -	<u>CARETAKER</u>		
Book subscriptions & Flask sales	£ -	£ 30	Mrs L Musial	£ 2,714	£ 4,019
	<u>£ 3,280</u>	<u>£ 2,526</u>		<u>£ 2,714</u>	<u>£ 4,019</u>
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME (see Appendix 2)</u>			<u>CLEANING of Church & Hall</u>		
GIF dividend	£ 2,115	£ 2,053	Mrs L Musial	£ 2,155	£ 2,969
	<u>£ 2,115</u>	<u>£ 2,053</u>		<u>£ 2,155</u>	<u>£ 2,969</u>
<u>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</u>			<u>CHURCH EXPENSES</u>		
Royal British Legion	£ -	£ 294	(Detailed in Appendix 1)	<u>£ 20,658</u>	<u>£ 20,859</u>
GB enrolment	£ 147	£ 203	<u>PCI ASSESSMENTS</u>		
	<u>£ 147</u>	<u>£ 497</u>	Central Ministry Fund	£ 3,019	£ 2,796
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>			Widows of Ministers Fund	£ -	£ 503
SS Collections, Sponsorship & Donations	£ -	£ -	Pension Fund	£ 6,519	£ 8,638
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	Prolonged Disability Fund	£ 124	£ 391
<u>CONTRA SUNDRIES (in)</u>			Incidental Fund	£ 2,109	£ 2,013
Christian Aid collection	£ -	£ 250	Sick Supply	£ -	£ 11
Uncashed cheques (from 2023)	£ -	£ 152	Presbytery Fees	£ 931	£ 900
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 402</u>	Church House Repairs	£ 1,084	£ 1,006
			Ministerial Dev Fund	£ -	£ 56
			Student Bursary Fund	£ 1,084	£ 894
			Apprenticeship levy	£ 186	£ 180
			PCI Communications	£ 852	£ 783
				<u>£ 15,908</u>	<u>£ 18,171</u>
			<u>MINISTERS SUPPLY</u>	<u>£ 1,335</u>	<u>£ 995</u>
				<u>£ 605</u>	<u>£ 289</u>
			<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
			Total expenditure	<u>£ 605</u>	<u>£ 289</u>
			<u>YOUTH CLUB</u>		
			Total expenditure	<u>£ 229</u>	<u>£ 92</u>
			<u>DONATIONS/TRANSFERS TO MISSIONS (see Appendix 3 & also refer to report on MISSIONS a/c)</u>		
			United Appeal - Gift Aid	£ 1,856	£ 1,629
			World Development - Gift Aid	£ 238	£ 195
			Presbyterian Children's Society - Gift Aid	£ 151	£ 125
			Malawi project -Gift Aid	£ -	£ 170

Note A
 Closing balance includes £10,000 legacy from the estate of the late Mr W Sheldon (ref 2018 report)
 Total legacy is £20,000 - the remaining £10,000 is held in Property a/c.

Note B
 Coffee & Chat group accounts closed in 2024 & closing balance transferred to Church account in 2024, as shown.
 Will be removed from 2026 report.

Note C
 Includes cover during 2025 Minister sabbatical, which will be reclaimed from PCI during 2026

Note D
 (Ref 2024). Cheque intended for Christian Aid paid to BPC. Subsequently refunded to Christian Aid by BPC.

Note E
 Cheque #004241 (£20.85) included in 2023 accounts, but not cashed. Replacement cheque provided in 2024.
 Cheque #004231 (£85.00) included in 2023 accounts, but not cashed.
 Cheque #004185 (£46.00) included in 2023 accounts, but not cashed.

Total in year income	<u>£ 100,005</u>	<u>£ 98,015</u>
	<u>£ 122,829</u>	<u>£ 128,832</u>

	<u>£ 2,245</u>	<u>£ 2,119</u>
OTHER GIFT AID DISTRIBUTION (see Appendix 3 & also refer to report on PROPERTY a/c)		
Transfer of Gift Aid due on PROPERTY giving	£ 2,080	£ 1,987
	<u>£ 2,080</u>	<u>£ 1,987</u>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & CHARITY		
PW	£ 266	£ -
Royal British Legion	£ -	£ 400
G.B.	£ 150	£ 250
Moderators fund for Ekwendeni	£ 100	£ -
	<u>£ 516</u>	<u>£ 650</u>
DISTRIBUTED BY MINISTER (GIF) (see Appendix 2)	<u>£ 97</u>	<u>£ 94</u>
CONTRA SUNDRIES (out)		
Christian Aid	£ -	£ 250
Replacement cheque	£ -	£ 21
Transfer from GENERAL a/c to PROPERTY a/c	£ 100	£ -
	<u>£ 100</u>	<u>£ 271</u>
Total in year expenditure	<u>£ 104,926</u>	<u>£ 106,008</u>
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 31st Dec	<i>Note A</i> £ 17,903	£ 22,824
	<u>£ 122,829</u>	<u>£ 128,832</u>

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J Rogers F.C.A.
28/02/2026

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 1st Jan	£ 30,817	£ 33,764			
<u>FREEWILL OFFERING & WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</u>			<u>MINISTER</u>		
Freewill Offering	£ 72,382	£ 73,542	Rev G Simpson	£ 35,990	£ 34,277
Gift Aid received from HMRC (see Appendix 3)	£ 17,593	£ 16,731	National Insurance	£ 3,711	£ 3,543
Sabbath Collections	£ 2,561	£ 2,849	Investment Income (see Appendix 2)	£ 800	£ 631
	<u>£ 92,537</u>	<u>£ 93,121</u>	Ministers mileage	£ 806	£ 1,326
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>			Ministerial car allowance	£ 4,221	£ 4,020
Use of Halls	£ 70	£ 630	Ministerial duties allowance	£ 2,815	£ 2,681
Bowling Club	£ 250	£ 210	NIC on Ministerial allowances	£ 971	£ 925
G.B.	£ 450	£ 450	2023 PCI Cost of living payment (Minister)	£ -	£ 500
P.W.	£ 200	£ 200		<u>£ 49,314</u>	<u>£ 47,902</u>
Parent and Toddler	£ 200	£ -	<u>ORGANIST/PIANIST</u>		
Coffee & Chat	£ 1,146	£ -	Mrs B Kennedy	£ 3,700	£ 3,515
Badminton club	£ 180	£ -	Supplies	£ 480	£ 1,173
Donations, Memorials, Legacies	£ -	£ 1,550		<u>£ 4,180</u>	<u>£ 4,688</u>
Book subscriptions & Flask sales	£ 30	£ 113	<u>CARETAKER</u>		
Gov't energy support rebate via SSE Airtricity	£ -	£ 1,200	Mrs L Musial	£ 4,019	£ 3,824
	<u>£ 2,526</u>	<u>£ 4,353</u>		<u>£ 4,019</u>	<u>£ 3,824</u>
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME (see Appendix 2)</u>			<u>CLEANING of Church & Hall</u>		
GIF dividend	£ 2,053	£ 1,617	Mrs L Musial	£ 2,969	£ 3,048
	<u>£ 2,053</u>	<u>£ 1,617</u>		<u>£ 2,969</u>	<u>£ 3,048</u>
<u>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</u>			<u>CHURCH EXPENSES</u>		
Royal British Legion	£ 294	£ -	(Detailed in Appendix 1)	<u>£ 20,859</u>	<u>£ 19,987</u>
GB enrolment	£ 203	£ 156	<u>PCI ASSESSMENTS</u>		
Children's Day (for Sunday School)	£ -	£ -	Central Ministry Fund	£ 2,796	£ 2,545
Wedding & leaving collections for D Morrison gift	£ -	£ 189	Widows of Ministers Fund	£ 503	£ 520
	<u>£ 497</u>	<u>£ 345</u>	Pension Fund	£ 8,638	£ 8,226
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>			Prolonged Disability Fund	£ 391	£ 520
SS Collections, Sponsorship & Donations	£ -	£ 2	Incidental Fund	£ 2,013	£ 2,082
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 2</u>	Sick Supply	£ 11	£ 23
<u>PENNIES FUND</u>			Presbytery Fees	£ 900	£ 857
"Pennies" donations	£ -	£ 360	Church House Repairs	£ 1,006	£ 1,157
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 360</u>	Ministerial Dev Fund	£ 56	£ 231
<u>CONTRA SUNDRIES (in)</u>			Student Bursary Fund	£ 894	£ 925
Christian Aid collection	£ 250	£ -	Apprenticeship levy	£ 180	£ 171
Uncashed cheques (from 2023)	£ 152	£ 170	PCI Communications	£ 783	£ -
	<u>£ 402</u>	<u>£ 170</u>		<u>£ 18,171</u>	<u>£ 17,257</u>
			<u>MINISTERS SUPPLY</u>	<u>£ 995</u>	<u>£ 791</u>
			<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
			Total expenditure	<u>£ 289</u>	<u>£ 596</u>
			<u>YOUTH CLUB</u>		
			Total expenditure	<u>£ 92</u>	<u>£ -</u>
			<u>DONATIONS/TRANSFERS TO MISSIONS (see Appendix 3 & also refer to report on MISSIONS a/c)</u>		
			General Missions incl United Appeal - Gift Aid	£ 1,629	£ 1,539
			World Development - Gift Aid	£ 195	£ 153
			Presbyterian Children's Society - Gift Aid	£ 125	£ 85

Note A
Closing balance includes £10,000 legacy from the estate of the late Mr W Sheldon (ref 2018 report)
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Note B
Coffee & Chat group accounts closed in 2024. Closing balance transferred to Church account, as shown.

Note C
Children's Day collection lodged in MISSIONS account for Pres Children's Society

Note D
Pennies Fund summary now included in Missions report. (And will no longer be included in General a/c)

Note E
Cheque intended for Christian Aid paid to BPC. Subsequently refunded to Christian Aid by BPC.

Note F
Cheque #004241 (£20.85) included in 2023 accounts, but not cashed. Replacement cheque provided in 2024.
Cheque #004231 (£85.00) included in 2023 accounts, but not cashed.
Cheque #004185 (£46.00) included in 2023 accounts, but not cashed.

Total in year income	<u>£ 98,015</u>	<u>£ 99,969</u>
	<u>£ 128,832</u>	<u>£ 133,732</u>

Malawi project -Gift Aid	£ 170	£ -
Youth Fellowship support	£ -	£ 245
	<u>£ 2,119</u>	<u>£ 2,022</u>
OTHER GIFT AID DISTRIBUTION (see Appendix 3 & also refer to report on PROPERTY a/c)		
Transfer of Gift Aid due on PROPERTY giving	£ 1,987	£ 2,026
	<u>£ 1,987</u>	<u>£ 2,026</u>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & CHARITY		
Royal British Legion	£ 400	£ -
G.B.	£ 250	£ 200
GTSSS (from Pennies Fund)	£ -	£ 500
	<u>£ 650</u>	<u>£ 700</u>
DISTRIBUTED BY MINISTER (GIF) (see Appendix 2)	<u>£ 94</u>	<u>£ 74</u>
CONTRA SUNDRIES (out)		
Christian Aid	£ 250	£ -
Replacement cheque	£ 21	£ -
	<u>£ 271</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total in year expenditure	<u>£ 106,008</u>	<u>£ 102,915</u>
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 31st Dec	<i>Note A</i> £ 22,824	<i>Note A</i> £ 30,817
	<u>£ 128,832</u>	<u>£ 133,732</u>

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	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>			<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 1st Jan	£	33,764	£	45,785					
FREEWILL OFFERING & WEEKLY COLLECTIONS					MINISTER				
Freewill Offering	£	73,542	£	65,649	Rev G Simpson	£	34,277	£	32,644
Gift Aid received from HMRC (see Appendix 3)	£	16,731	£	15,065	National Insurance	£	3,543	£	3,432
Sabbath Collections	£	2,849	£	2,999	Investment Income (see Appendix 2)	£	631	£	655
		<u>£ 93,121</u>		<u>£ 83,713</u>	Ministers mileage	£	1,326	£	794
OTHER INCOME					Ministerial car allowance	£	4,020	£	3,829
Use of Halls	£	630	£	645	Ministerial duties allowance	£	2,681	£	2,553
Bowling Club	£	210	£	180	NIC on Ministerial allowances	£	925	£	928
G.B.	£	450	£	450	2023 PCI Cost of living payment (Minister)	£	500	£	-
P.W.	£	200	£	200			<u>£ 47,902</u>		<u>£ 44,835</u>
Parent and Toddler	£	-	£	-	ORGANIST/PIANIST				
Coffee & Chat	£	-	£	-	Miss D Morrison	£	3,515	£	4,144
Badminton club	£	-	£	150	Supplies	£	1,173	£	312
Young Womens Group	£	-	£	68			<u>£ 4,688</u>		<u>£ 4,456</u>
Donations, Memorials, Legacies	£	1,550	£	-	CARETAKER				
Insurance claim (NIW)	£	-	£	1,343	Mrs L Musial	£	3,824	£	3,645
Book subscriptions & Flask sales	£	113	£	38			<u>£ 3,824</u>		<u>£ 3,645</u>
Miscellaneous	£	-	£	7	CLEANING of Church & Hall				
Gov't energy support rebate via SSE Airtricity	£	1,200	£	-	Mrs L Musial	£	3,048	£	2,820
		<u>£ 4,353</u>		<u>£ 3,080</u>			<u>£ 3,048</u>		<u>£ 2,820</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME (see Appendix 2)					CHURCH EXPENSES				
GIF dividend	£	1,617	£	1,680	(Detailed in Appendix 1)		<u>£ 19,987</u>		<u>£ 19,738</u>
		<u>£ 1,617</u>		<u>£ 1,680</u>	PCI ASSESSMENTS				
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS					Central Ministry Fund	£	2,545	£	2,725
Royal British Legion	£	-	£	233	Widows of Ministers Fund	£	520	£	567
GB & BB enrolment	£	156	£	-	Pension Fund	£	8,226	£	7,835
Children's Day (for Sunday School)	£	-	£	130	Prolonged Disability Fund	£	520	£	454
Wedding & leaving collections for D Morrison gift	£	189	£	-	Incidental Fund	£	2,082	£	2,101
		<u>£ 345</u>		<u>£ 363</u>	Sick Supply	£	23	£	34
SUNDAY SCHOOL (see Appendix 4)					Presbytery Fees	£	857	£	793
SS Collections, Sponsorship & Donations	£	2	£	-	Church House Repairs	£	1,157	£	1,136
		<u>£ 2</u>		<u>£ -</u>	Ministerial Dev Fund	£	231	£	261
PENNIES FUND (see Appendix 5)					Student Bursary Fund	£	925	£	1,079
"Pennies" donations	£	360	£	-	Apprenticeship levy	£	171	£	163
		<u>£ 360</u>		<u>£ -</u>			<u>£ 17,257</u>		<u>£ 17,148</u>
BOYS' BRIGADE (see Appendix 6)					MINISTERS SUPPLY		<u>£ 791</u>		<u>£ 790</u>
{None}		<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ -</u>	SUNDAY SCHOOL (see Note A & Appendix 4)				
CONTRA SUNDRIES (in)					Total expenditure		<u>£ 596</u>		<u>£ 768</u>
Christian Aid collection	£	-	£	420	BOYS' BRIGADE (see Note C & Appendix 6)				
Uncashed cheque (from 2022)	£	170	£	-	Total expenditure		<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ -</u>
		<u>£ 170</u>		<u>£ 420</u>	DONATIONS/TRANSFERS TO MISSIONS (see Appendix 3 & also refer to report on MISSIONS a/c)				
					General Missions incl United Appeal - Gift Aid	£	1,539	£	1,383
					World Development - Gift Aid	£	153	£	205
					Presbyterian Children's Society - Gift Aid	£	85	£	86

Note A
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Total legacy is £20,000 - the remaining £10,000 is held in Property a/c.

Note B
 Christian Aid collection is independent of Church accounts

Note C
 Children's Day collection lodged in MISSIONS account for Pres Children's Society

Moderators Appeal - Gift Aid	£	-	£	593
Malawi project -Gift Aid	£	-	£	848
Youth Fellowship support	£	245	£	300
			£	<u>3,415</u>
OTHER GIFT AID DISTRIBUTION (see Appendix 3 & also refer to report on PROPERTY a/c)				
Transfer of Gift Aid due on PROPERTY giving	£	2,026	£	1,864
			£	<u>1,864</u>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & CHARITY				
Royal British Legion	£	-	£	400
G.B.	£	200	£	400
GTSSS (from Pennies Fund)	£	500	£	500
			£	<u>1,300</u>
DISTRIBUTED BY MINISTER (GIF) (see Appendix 2)				
			£	<u>77</u>
CONTRA SUNDRIES (out)				
Christian Aid	£	-	£	420 Note B
			£	<u>420</u>
Total in year expenditure				
			£	<u>102,915</u>
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 31st Dec			£	<u>33,764</u>
			£	<u>133,732</u>

Total in year income	£	<u>99,969</u>	£	<u>89,255</u>
	£	<u>133,732</u>	£	<u>135,040</u>

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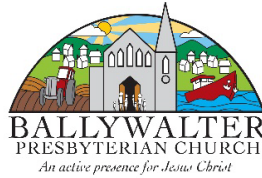
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Annual report



Ballywalter Presbyterian Church AGM - Kirk Session Report

Meeting held on Sunday 21st April 2024 at 12.15pm in the Church Building.

1. Kirk Session Report.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to present this report on behalf of Kirk Session. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Kirk Session meets to discuss the spiritual work of the church and to spread God's message among the people of this area.

The running theme of our report for 2023 reflects on normality within our weekly routine and a sense of excitement as our congregation and indeed our various clubs and groups continue to grow with new individuals and families joining the congregation of Ballywalter Presbyterian Church and sharing the life and witness of our church in Ballywalter village.

As a Kirk Session we met formally on fifteen occasions, and we are thankful for what we have been able to do throughout 2023 and for all the blessings that we have received throughout the year especially when considering the formation of our new Congregational Committee in late 2023.

As our numbers have continued to increase throughout the year it is heart-warming and encouraging to observe new faces getting actively involved in the day to day running of our Church in Ballywalter.

In May we held a special lunch following our Sunday Morning Service to recognise and thank Mr Trevor Urey for his many years of unwavering and dedicated service as an Elder in our congregation.

We had an exciting year for our young people with:

- New activities and leadership at our Sunday School.
- Bible Class continued to grow as individuals started a new chapter at secondary school.
- Youth Fellowship has also continued to grow with more young people attending.
- CSSM arrived in Ballywalter for a week in the summer, providing a range of activities for young people in the village, including those in the congregation as well as seasonal visitors.
- Our GB Company continued to grow and continues to develop a Christian ethos in our girls.
- The Parent & Toddler Group continued to grow and provided a great opportunity for fellowship in our congregation.
- Our Knit & Natter Group met regularly and contributed greatly to donating knitwear to much needed causes.

- Wednesday evenings saw the gathering of the Badminton Club which saw on average of 35 players attending, both primary school age and post primary age.
- Friday evenings saw the return of Youth Club for much fun including games and cooking which saw on average of over 30 kids attending, both primary school age and post primary age.

We have also facilitated a range of events and activities throughout the year including:

- On Saturday 25th March 2023, we hosted a special concert with the Belfast Community Gospel Choir which was a fun filled evening of praise and worship.
- Our Easter Dawn Service on Ballywalter Beach was a joyful start to Easter celebrations in April. We also met on Cloughey Beach for a picnic on Easter Monday.
- PW and the Young Women's Group had an event filled calendar throughout the year, providing another opportunity for mission, fundraising and fellowship.
- On Sunday 21st May 2023 we hosted a lunch event, following the service of worship, with all proceeds going to Christian Aid.
- On Sunday evening, 28th May 2023 we also hosted the Peninsula Pentecost Service.
- In August, we held our annual Tractor & Vintage Run which attracted a multitude of tractors and various vintage items which toured our local country roads, before arriving back at the Church for the much-anticipated barbeque.
- In October, a Men's Breakfast was organised and held in the village where many of the male members of our congregation met in Firebox Restaurant for a catch-up.
- Our annual Church Service on Remembrance Sunday was held on (Sunday 12th November). Our service commenced at the later time of 11:15am to facilitate a short service held at the village War Memorial prior to our Church Service.
- Our Christmas event this year took place on Saturday evening 18th December 2023 and involved a Christmas Social with music, dancing and games. This event was a huge success, because of the hard work and dedication of several members of our church family. The Kirk Session was very much encouraged and thankful by the interest shown in this event not only by our own congregation but also by the local community and beyond.
- Earlier in December on Advent Sunday, we hosted an evening service with the Peninsula Choir singing Carols and some Classics which was then followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Beyond our social witness and missional work, the more routine aspects of congregational life continued:

- In late August 2023 the Kirk Session formally accepted the resignation of Ms Diane Morrison from the role of Music Co-ordinator. We wish to acknowledge our thanks and gratitude to Diane for her time, dedication and hard work as Music Co-ordinator leading the worship praise in Ballywalter over the last seven years. Diane's final service leading our worship praise was on Sunday 8th October 2023.
- Four infants and one adult, along with their parents took part in the sacrament of baptism in 2023.

- 143 individuals who are included on the Communion Roll attended at least one communion service during the year.
- We held our special Sunday services at Easter, Harvest and at Christmas time. We were blessed to have our choir and praise group in place once more, for these services which was most encouraging and enjoyable. We wish to thank Mrs Briar Kennedy for her hard work and dedication in leading and developing the choir in preparation for these special services at harvest and during the Christmas Period. Our Christmas tree Service was held on the 4th of December and donations were accepted for Flourish NI.
- Our annual Christmas Children's Service and evening Carol Service took place on Sunday 17th December.
- All Age Services took place at different times throughout the year and were very much enjoyed by all.
- Finally, we confirmed and welcomed the members of our new Congregational Committee in late December, however the new Committee would not officially be in place until early 2024.

Now in my second full year, as Clerk of Session, we look forward to our future as a Church family with great hope and optimism as we maintain and enhance our place in the middle of our village and community as "An active presence for Jesus Christ."

Through 2023 it was evident and encouraging that our congregation is growing monthly and it is indeed exciting as we continue to live out our vision through mission and fellowship in our community and much further afield.

Promises from God's heart for our future is noted in Jeremiah Chapter 29, verse 11:

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

We look forward with excitement, but at the same time with some trepidation, especially for members of our church family who are suffering with their daily challenges for various reasons. Through prayer we will work through any uncertainty and challenges that the future may bring.

As a Church our primary aim is to bring people to Christ and to develop them spiritually. We as a Kirk Session cannot do this solely on our own, but instead we require the support and dedication of our Congregational Committee and all members of our congregation to help fulfil this primary objective.

This concludes the annual report from the Kirk Session for 2023.

Moderator..... Date.....

Clerk of Session..... Date.....

BALLYWALTER Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105231

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Ballywalter Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts of the Trust 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 my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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



Name: Phelan & Prescott

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountants

Address: River House, Home Avenue, Newry, Co. Down, BT34 2DL

Date: 28/02/2024

BALLYWALTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ended 31 Dec 2023
GENERAL ACCOUNT

Registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, ref NIC105231

	2023	2022
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 1st Jan	£ 33,764	£ 45,785
FREEMILL OFFERING & WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		
Freewill Offering	£ 73,542	£ 65,649
Gift Aid received from HMRC (see Appendix 3)	£ 16,731	£ 15,065
Sabbath Collections	£ 2,849	£ 2,999
	£ 93,121	£ 83,713
OTHER INCOME		
Use of Halls	£ 630	£ 645
Bowling Club	£ 210	£ 180
G.B.	£ 450	£ 450
P.W.	£ 200	£ 200
Parent and Toddler	£ -	£ -
Coffee & Chat	£ -	£ 150
Badminton club	£ -	£ 68
Young Womens Group	£ -	£ -
Donations, Memorials, legacies	£ 1,550	£ -
Insurance claim (NIW)	£ -	£ 1,343
Book subscriptions & Flask sales	£ 113	£ 38
Miscellaneous	£ -	£ 7
Gov't energy support rebate via SSE Airtricity	£ 1,200	£ -
	£ 4,353	£ 3,080
INVESTMENT INCOME (see Appendix 2)		
Gift dividend	£ 1,617	£ 1,680
	£ 1,617	£ 1,680
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
Royal British Legion	£ -	£ 233
GB & BB enrolment	£ 156	£ -
Children's Day (for Sunday School)	£ -	£ 130
Wedding & leaving collections for D Morrison gift	£ 189	£ -
	£ 345	£ 363
SUNDAY SCHOOL (see Appendix 4)		
SS Collections, Sponsorship & Donations	£ 2	£ -
	£ 2	£ -
PENNIES FUND (see Appendix 5)		
"Pennies" donations	£ 360	£ -
	£ 360	£ -
BOYS' BRIGADE (see Appendix 6)		
(None)	£ -	£ -
CONTRA SUNDRIES (in)		
Christian Aid collection	£ -	£ 420
Uncashed cheque (from 2022)	£ 170	£ -
	£ 170	£ 420
	£ 33,764	£ 45,785
MINISTER		
Rev G Simpson	£ 34,277	£ 32,644
National Insurance	£ 3,543	£ 3,432
Investment Income (see Appendix 2)	£ 631	£ 655
Ministers mileage	£ 1,326	£ 794
Ministerial car allowance	£ 4,020	£ 3,879
Ministerial duties allowance	£ 2,681	£ 2,553
NIC on Ministerial allowances	£ 925	£ 928
2023 PCI Cost of living payment (Minister)	£ 500	£ -
	£ 47,902	£ 44,835
ORGANIST/PIANIST		
Miss D Morrison	£ 3,515	£ 4,144
Supplies	£ 1,173	£ 312
	£ 4,688	£ 4,456
CARETAKER		
Mrs L Musial	£ 3,824	£ 3,645
	£ 3,824	£ 3,645
CLEANING of Church & Hall		
Mrs L Musial	£ 3,048	£ 2,820
	£ 3,048	£ 2,820
CHURCH EXPENSES (Detailed in Appendix 1)		
	£ 19,987	£ 19,738
PCI ASSESSMENTS		
Central Ministry Fund	£ 2,545	£ 2,725
Widows of Ministers Fund	£ 520	£ 567
Pension Fund	£ 8,226	£ 7,835
Prolonged Disability Fund	£ 520	£ 454
Incidental Fund	£ 2,082	£ 2,101
Sick Supply	£ 23	£ 34
Presbytery Fees	£ 857	£ 793
Church House Repairs	£ 1,157	£ 1,136
Ministerial Dev Fund	£ 231	£ 261
Student Bursary Fund	£ 925	£ 1,079
Apprenticeship levy	£ 171	£ 163
	£ 17,257	£ 17,148
MINISTERS SUPPLY		
	£ 791	£ 790
SUNDAY SCHOOL (see Note A & Appendix 4)		
Total expenditure	£ 596	£ 768
BOYS' BRIGADE (see Note C & Appendix 6)		
Total expenditure	£ -	£ -
DONATIONS/TRANSFERS TO MISSIONS (see Appendix 3 & also refer to report on MISSIONS a/c)		
General Missions Incl United Appeal - Gift Aid	£ 1,539	£ 1,383
World Development - Gift Aid	£ 153	£ 205
Presbyterian Children's Society - Gift Aid	£ 85	£ 86

Note A

Closing balance includes £10,000 legacy from the estate of the late Mr W Sheldon (ref 2018 report)
Total legacy is £20,000 - the remaining £10,000 is held in Property a/c.

Note B

Christian Aid collection is independent of Church accounts

Note C

Children's Day collection lodged in MISSIONS account for Pres Children's Society

Moderators Appeal - Gift Aid	£	-	£	593
Malawi Project - Gift Aid	£	-	£	848
Youth Fellowship support	£	245	£	300
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
		2,022		3,415
OTHER GIFT AID DISTRIBUTION (see Appendix 3 & also refer to report on PROPERTY a/c)				
Transfer of Gift Aid due on PROPERTY giving	£	2,026	£	1,864
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
		2,026		1,864
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & CHARITY				
Royal British Legion	£	-	£	400
G.B.	£	200	£	400
GTSSS (from Pennies Fund)	£	500	£	500
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
		700		1,300
DISTRIBUTED BY MINISTER (GIF) (see Appendix 2)				
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
		74		77
CONTRA SUNDRIES (out)				
Christian Aid	£	-	£	420
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
		-		420
Total in year expenditure		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
		102,915		101,276
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 31st Dec	<i>Note A</i>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
		30,817		33,764
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
		133,732		135,040
Total in year income		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
		99,969		89,255
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
		133,732		135,040

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Signed

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J Rogers F.C.C.A.
28/02/2024

BALLYWALTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ended 31 Dec 2023
PROPERTY ACCOUNT

Registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, ref NIC105231

	2023	2022		2023	2022
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 1st Jan	£ 60,044	£ 32,778			
INCOME					
Envelopes & direct credits	£ 10,008	£ 9,441			
Fund-raising events	£ 4,047	£ 890			
Advance transfer of Gift Aid from General a/c	£ 2,026	£ 1,864			
Bequest (Mrs Nancie Campbell)	£ -	£ 29,670			
	Appendix 1				
	note A				
EXPENDITURE - MANSE					
Tree surgery	£ 600	£ -			
Asbestos survey	£ -	£ 270			
Manse expenditure - SUB TOTAL	£ 600	£ 270			
EXPENDITURE - CHURCH					
Asbestos survey	£ -	£ 270			
PAT/Fire alarm/Fire ext tests & elect repairs	£ 441	£ 392			
Miscellaneous	£ 249	£ 13			
Boiler maintenance	£ 300	£ -			
Fire risk assessment & report	£ 72	£ 70			
Soft chairs x4	£ 660	£ -			
LED & socket replacements	£ 295	£ -			
Woodworm treatment	£ 288	£ -			
LOOP System Improvements	£ -	£ 2,040			
Church expenditure - SUB TOTAL	£ 2,305	£ 2,786			
EXPENDITURE - HALL					
Asbestos survey	£ -	£ 270			
PAT/Fire alarm/Fire ext tests & elect repairs	£ 441	£ 842			
Boiler maintenance	£ 300	£ -			
LED & socket replacements	£ 295	£ -			
Carpet	£ 125	£ -			
Root leak protection	£ 143	£ -			
Water leak check & repair	£ -	£ 984			
Miscellaneous	£ 313	£ -			
Fire risk assessment & report	£ 72	£ 70			
Blinds (upper room)	£ -	£ 300			
Heating control repairs	£ -	£ 140			
Hall expenditure - SUB TOTAL	£ 1,689	£ 2,606			
EXPENDITURE - OTHER					
Third Source (CBCGC sound equipment)	£ 960	£ -			
Loan repayment	£ 20,157	£ 8,936			
Other - SUB TOTAL	£ 21,117	£ 8,936			
EXPENDITURE - SUB TOTAL	£ 25,710	£ 14,598			
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 31st Dec	note B	£ 50,415			
	note C	£ 76,128			
Total in year expenditure	£ 16,081	£ 41,864			
	£ 76,128	£ 74,642			
Total in year income	£ 16,081	£ 41,864			
	£ 76,128	£ 74,642			

Note A
 2023 Gift Aid advance - transferred directly from General/No.1 acc

Note B
 Year-end balance includes £10,000 from the Estate of the late Mr W Sheldon (and a further £10,000 held in General account) - originally recorded in 2018 report
 Year-end balance includes £29,670 from the Estate of the late Mrs N Campbell - originally recorded in 2022 report

Note C
 £75000 loan drawn down from Ulster Bank (starting 2015) to support financing of manse refurbishment. Loan fully repaid in 2023. See also Appendix 2

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J. Rogers

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 28/02/2024

BALLYWALTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ended 31 Dec 2023
MISSIONS ACCOUNT

Registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, ref NIC105231

	2023	2022		2023	2022
INCOME					
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 1st Jan	£ 2,565	£ 5,598			
General Missions incl. PCI United Appeal	£ 7,423	£ 7,541	PCI United Appeal	£ 9,045	£ 8,512
PCI World Development collection (2022)	£ -	£ 960	PCI World Development	£ 1,200	£ 1,250
PCI World Development collection (2023)	£ 960	£ 50	Presbyterian Childrens Society (in lieu of 2021)	£ -	£ 500
Presbyterian Childrens Society collection	£ 623	£ 649	Presbyterian Childrens Society	£ 750	£ 750
PCI Moderators Appeal (for Ukraine) collection	£ -	£ 3,160	PCI Moderators Appeal (for Ukraine)	£ -	£ 4,000
PCI Moderators Appeal (for Ukraine) - Badrington club	£ -	£ 100	Esther Lupatya (Malawi project)	£ -	£ 13,500
PCI Moderators Appeal (for Ukraine) - The Square Diner	£ -	£ 80	Scripture Union	£ 110	£ 221
100 mile cycle ride (Malawi project) sponsorship	£ -	£ 5,295	Bank Fees (international transfer)	£ -	£ 25
100 mile cycle ride (Malawi project) "Just Giving"	£ -	£ 2,756	Peninsula Choir	£ 250	£ -
100 mile cycle ride (Malawi project) - Badrington club	£ -	£ 100	Peninsula Choir	£ 250	£ -
100 mile cycle ride (Malawi project) - GB	£ -	£ 75	Youth for Christ	£ 500	£ -
100 mile cycle ride (Malawi project) - PW	£ -	£ 1,000			
Advance of Gift Aid due on Missions/Unid Appeal	£ 1,539	£ 1,383			
Advance of Gift Aid due on World Development	£ 153	£ 205			
Advance of Gift Aid due on Pres Childrens Soc	£ 85	£ 96			
Advance of Gift Aid due on Moderators Appeal	£ -	£ 593			
Advance of Gift Aid due on Malawi project sponsorship	£ -	£ 848			
Proceeds from "The Gift"	£ -	£ 623			
CSSM surplus	£ 106	£ 221			
United Service collection	£ 316	£ -			
Peninsula Choir service	£ 490	£ -			
Total in year income	£ 11,694	£ 25,725	Total in year expenditure	£ 11,855	£ 26,758
	£ 14,259	£ 31,323	Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 31st Dec	Note C	£ 2,565
				£ 14,259	£ 31,323

Note A
 No collection for Presbyterian Childrens Soc in 2021

Note B
 2023 Gift Aid advance - transferred directly from General/No.1 acc

Note C
 Total available at beginning of 2024 for general Missions work

Note D
 PCI United Appeal target (2023) = £9,045

Note E
 PCI United Appeal target (2022) = £8,512

Note F
 Total fund-raising for 2022 Malawi project (incl Gift Aid) = £10,074

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J Rogan F.C.C.A.
 28/02/2024

BALLYWALTER Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105231

Accounts

BALLYWALTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ended 31 Dec 2021****GENERAL Account**

Registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, ref NIC105231

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>			<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>		
Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 1st Jan	£	48,760	£	47,612						
FREEWILL OFFERING & WEEKLY COLLECTIONS					MINISTER					
Freewill Offering	£	64,915	£	64,185	Rev G Simpson	£	31,926	£	31,926	
Gift Aid received from HMRC (see Appendix 3)	£	15,760	£	17,742	National Insurance	£	3,188	£	3,199	
Sabbath Collections	£	647	£	555	Investment Income (see Appendix 2)	£	631	£	558	
		<u>£ 81,322</u>		<u>£ 82,482</u>	Ministers mileage	£	250	£	468	
OTHER INCOME					Ministerial car allowance	£	3,745	£	3,745	
Use of Halls	£	-	£	875	Ministerial duties allowance	£	2,497	£	2,497	
Bowling Club	£	-	£	-	NIC on Ministerial allowances	£	861	£	861	
G.B.	£	135	£	400		<u>£ 43,097</u>		<u>£ 43,253</u>		
P.W.	£	-	£	300	ORGANIST/PIANIST					
Parent and Toddler	£	-	£	-	Miss D Morrison	£	3,180	Note E	£	4,460
Coffee & Chat	£	-	£	-	Supplies	£	600	£	-	
Badminton club	£	-	£	-		<u>£ 3,780</u>		<u>£ 4,460</u>		
Donations, Memorials, Legacies	£	1,420	£	2,000	CARETAKER					
Over-payment refund	£	-	£	100	Mr P Nolan	£	-	£	1,032	
Book subscriptions	£	21	£	-	Mrs L Musial (see Note F)	£	608	£	-	
		<u>£ 1,576</u>		<u>£ 3,675</u>		<u>£ 608</u>		<u>£ 1,032</u>		
INVESTMENT INCOME (see Appendix 2)					CLEANING of Church & Hall					
GIF dividend	£	1,617	£	1,431	Sub-contract cleaning company	£	2,933	£	1,231	
		<u>£ 1,617</u>		<u>£ 1,431</u>		<u>£ 2,933</u>		<u>£ 1,231</u>		
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS					CHURCH EXPENSES					
Royal British Legion	£	-	£	-	(Detailed in Appendix 1)		<u>£ 13,619</u>		<u>£ 13,300</u>	
GB & BB enrolment	£	-	£	-						
		<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ -</u>	PCI ASSESSMENTS					
SUNDAY SCHOOL (see Note A & Appendix 4)					Central Ministry Fund	£	3,329	£	3,843	
SS Collections, Sponsorship & Donations	£	14	£	65	Retired Ministers Fund	£	-	£	793	
		<u>£ 14</u>		<u>£ 65</u>	Widows of Ministers Fund	£	763	£	900	
PENNIES FUND (see Note B & Appendix 5)					Pension Fund	£	7,662	£	7,663	
"Pennies" donations	£	425	£	-	Prolonged Disability Fund	£	555	£	361	
		<u>£ 425</u>		<u>£ -</u>	Incidental Fund	£	2,567	£	2,281	
BOYS' BRIGADE (see Note C & Appendix 6)					Sick Supply	£	56	£	48	
{None}		<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ -</u>	Presbytery Fees	£	793	£	793	
CONTRA SUNDRIES (in)					Church House Repairs	£	1,457	£	1,261	
UA donation	£	-	£	100	Ministerial Dev Fund	£	361	£	313	
		<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ 100</u>	Student Bursary Fund	£	485	£	420	
					Apprenticeship levy	£	160	£	160	
						<u>£ 18,188</u>		<u>£ 18,836</u>		
					MINISTERS SUPPLY		<u>£ 680</u>		<u>£ 80</u>	
					SUNDAY SCHOOL (see Note A & Appendix 4)					
					Total expenditure	£	303	£	174	
					BOYS' BRIGADE (see Note C & Appendix 6)					
					Total expenditure	£	-	£	89	
					DONATIONS/TRANSFERS TO MISSIONS (see Appendix 3 & also refer to report on MISSIONS a/c)					
					General Missions incl United Appeal - Gift Aid	£	1,613	£	1,618	
					World Development - Gift Aid	£	12	£	248	

General Note in relation to 2021 Report:

The impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic is again evident within the church financial accounts. Church buildings were closed for significant periods, with all meetings, during which organisations were suspended. Social distancing measures introduced when the church buildings re-opened meant that attendance at services was capped at an average of 60-70 people.

Consequently, income and expenditure is reduced in comparison with pre-COVID (ie 2019).

Note A

Full summary of Sunday School Income & Expenditure detailed in Appendix 4
Note B
 Full summary of Pennies Fund Income & Expenditure detailed in Appendix 5
Note C
 Full summary of BB Income & Expenditure detailed in Appendix 6
Note D
 Closing balance includes £10,000 legacy from the estate of the late Mr W Sheldon (ref 2018 report)
Total legacy is £20,000 - the remaining £10,000 is held in Property a/c.
Note E
 2021 fees reduced due to ongoing cancellation of choir practice
Note F
 Caretaking conducted on voluntary basis through 2021 until Mrs L Musial contracted in Nov 2021.

Presbyterian Children's Society - Gift Aid	£	-	£	33
Moderators Appeal - Gift Aid	£	-	£	-
Student Bursary Fund -Gift Aid	£	-	£	-
			<u>£</u>	<u>1,899</u>
OTHER GIFT AID DISTRIBUTION (see Appendix 3 & also refer to report on PROPERTY a/c)				
Transfer of Gift Aid due on PROPERTY giving	£	2,023	£	2,086
			<u>£</u>	<u>2,086</u>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & CHARITY				
Royal British Legion	£	-	£	-
G.B.	£	-	£	-
GTSSS (from Pennies Fund)	£	500	£	-
			<u>£</u>	<u>-</u>
DISTRIBUTED BY MINISTER (GIF) (see Appendix 2)				
			<u>£</u>	<u>74</u>
CONTRA SUNDRIES (out)				
Knit & Natter (M Wilson legacy)	£	500	£	-
UA transfer to Missions a/c	£	-	£	100
			<u>£</u>	<u>500</u>
			<u>£</u>	<u>100</u>
Total in year income		<u>£</u>	<u>84,954</u>	
		<u>£</u>	<u>87,753</u>	Total in year expenditure
		<u>£</u>	<u>133,714</u>	<u>£</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>135,365</u>	<u>86,605</u>
				Balance at Ulster Bank Ltd 31st Dec
				Note D <u>£</u> 45,785 Note D <u>£</u> 48,760
			<u>£</u>	<u>133,714</u>
			<u>£</u>	<u>135,365</u>

I planned and performed my inspection so as to obtain the information and verification which I considered appropriate in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

Signed
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 Mr J Rogers
 29/04/2022

BALLYWALTER Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105231

Annual report

BALLYWALTER CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

**Trustees Annual Report
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland
(NIC105231)**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Ballywalter congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Main Street Ballywalter
Newtownards, BT222PJ
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105231)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev. Gareth Simpson
Stephen Walker
Brian Thompson
Lesley Boyle

Shirley Burns
Anne Wilson
Mark Spence
Johnny Stewart

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister

Rev.
Gareth
Simpson
Stephen
Walker
Brian
Thomp-
son

Clerk of Session

Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Jeff Rodgers
74 Dunover Road, Ballywalter, Co. Down, BT22 2LH

BANKERS

Ulster Bank
22 Frances Street, Newtownards, Co Down, BT23 7DP

SOLICITORS

Elizabeth A. Warden Solicitor
The Stables,
Seaview Farm,
92 Bowtown Road,
Newtownards,
Co. Down,
BT23 8SL

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session 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.

Ballywalter congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Ards 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.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Ballywalter 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 congregation's mission purpose is to help people follow and know Jesus Christ as Lord and saviour by being "an active presence for Jesus Christ" in our homes, village, wider community and to the ends of the earth.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School and Bible Class
- Boy's Brigade
- Girl's Brigade
- Parents and Tots
- Youth Club
- Youth Fellowship (YF)
- Badminton
- Presbyterian Women
- Indoor Bowling Club
- Knit and Knatter
- Coffee and Chat
- Young Women's group
- Bible Study groups

Due to the continuing threat posed by the Co vid 19 virus certain restrictions were continued during the year, eventually while some were adjusted or removed altogether This resulted in some activities being curtailed. Live services of worship were introduced in 2020 have continued and these have enabled those who are unable or unwilling to attend in person to engage in worship.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

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

We had 3 baptisms and 3 Marriages during 2021.

As well as our regular services during the year we gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2021 there were 222 communicant members and 255 families connected with the congregation. Following the worst of Covid and the easing of restrictions Church services have resumed and attendance is slowly increasing with average attendance of 120 with others joining on the streamed service on YouTube. Normal circumstances the average weekly attendance at morning worship would be 150

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. During Covid contact was made primarily by telephone however doorstep and house visits when required took place. Normal visitation has commenced again as restrictions eased.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation is normally busy across any given week with various organisations meeting, staffed by volunteers from age 18 to those in more senior years. The church at local level seeks to support the community through allowing use of its facilities and resources, supporting of the north down food bank and through the spreading of the good news.

This year the CSSM team run by Scripture Union NI was able to return to Ballywalter having been cancelled because of Covid in 2020. This was a limited CSSM as numbers were restricted and online registration in advance required. However, it did bring a sense of normality and encouragement to the village.

At a wider level, the congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (contributing £8612 in 2021). 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 congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

Donations to others in 2021 were made to:

- Leprossy Mission £853
- Youth For Christ £1000

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

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at meetings of Presbytery by our minister and representative elder. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders normally attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in October.

Property

The Church committee continues to provide oversight and maintenance of our suite of Buildings

that include: Church building and halls, Church Hall and Manse to ensure they remain fit for purpose. In addition, general maintenance was carried out to the church buildings and halls during the year. Necessary maintenance and minor repairs were also carried out in the manse throughout the year.

Organisations (and attendances)

Ballywalter Congregation has a wide range of organisations catering for all ages. For the best part of 2021 all of these organisations continue to be impacted by Co Vid 19. Organisations meet throughout the week and at various times. The halls are fully utilised. Membership numbers are in brackets.

The adult organisations include Knit and Knatter (15), Presbyterian Women (40), Young women's group (18), Indoor Bowling group (10), Chat and Coffee did not meet 2021.

Bible Study groups and prayer times are held at various times during each week.

Children's organisations include Sunday School inc Creche and Bible Class (30), youth Fellowship (10), Parent and Tots (15), Girl's Brigade (40)

Youth club, Boys Brigade and Badminton did not meet 2021

All organisations are open to everyone and religious background is irrelevant.

Volunteers

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

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

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are fa-

Facilitated through Presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of notice boards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

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

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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 168 contributing families in 2021 donating a total of £64,915 compared to 182 families donating £64,185 in the previous year.

Total Income of the congregation (including all organisations) in 2021 was £84,954 compared to £87,753 in the previous year.

Total expenditure of the congregation (including all organisations) in 2021 was £87,930 compared to £86,605 in the previous year.

Income continues to be suppressed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Despite this, we met all of our financial obligations in 2021, and we start 2022 with sufficient funds to meet anticipated expenses in the first quarter

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show

and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session October 2022 and signed on their behalf.

Brian Thompson
Church Treasurer

Rev.GarethSimpson
Minister

BALLYWALTER Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105231

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Ballywalter Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2021

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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



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Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountants

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Date: 09/05/2022
