

First Saintfield Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105242

Details

Known as	First Presbyterian Church Saintfield
Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-15
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	£309,886	£284,348	£-1	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David McCallion		
Ivor Taylor		
Kenneth Glover		
Lorraine Fleming		
Mr David William Robinson		
Mr Graeme Mackenzie		
Mr James Alexander McBriar		
Mr James Norman McMordie B.Agr(Hons)		
Mr Kenneth Finlay		
Mr Mervyn McBriar		
Paul Jackson		

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Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
First Saintfield Presbyterian Church

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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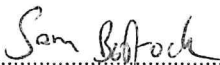
Trustees

P Jackson
D McCallion
K Glover
I Taylor
L Fleming
J N McMordie
J A McBriar
G MacKenzie
K Finlay (resigned 31.1.24)
D W Robinson
M McBriar
Rev S L Bostock

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30th JUNE 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Rev S L Bostock - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
First Saintfield Presbyterian Church**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of First Saintfield Presbyterian Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of First Saintfield Presbyterian Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Date:

First Saintfield Presbyterian Church

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		140,297	89,509	229,806	254,105
Charitable activities					
General		-	6,640	6,640	8,780
Other trading activities	2	-	53,402	53,402	51,212
Investment income	3	4	20,034	20,038	9,524
Total		<u>140,301</u>	<u>169,585</u>	<u>309,886</u>	<u>323,621</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	3,268	51,220	54,488	55,157
Charitable activities					
General		155,360	20,065	175,425	182,600
United Appeal		-	10,964	10,964	14,274
Mission		-	43,471	43,471	16,339
Total		<u>158,628</u>	<u>125,720</u>	<u>284,348</u>	<u>268,370</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	10	(18,327) 1,442	43,865 (1,442)	25,538 -	55,251 -
Net movement in funds		<u>(16,885)</u>	<u>42,423</u>	<u>25,538</u>	<u>55,251</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		126,471	569,336	695,807	640,556
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>109,586</u></u>	<u><u>611,759</u></u>	<u><u>721,345</u></u>	<u><u>695,807</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

First Saintfield Presbyterian Church

Balance Sheet
31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	3,651	31,535	35,186	35,186
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investments	8	-	61,300	61,300	61,300
Cash at bank		105,936	518,924	624,860	599,323
		<u>105,936</u>	<u>580,224</u>	<u>686,160</u>	<u>660,623</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1)	-	(1)	(2)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>105,935</u>	<u>580,224</u>	<u>686,159</u>	<u>660,621</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		109,586	611,759	721,345	695,807
NET ASSETS		<u>109,586</u>	<u>611,759</u>	<u>721,345</u>	<u>695,807</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	10			109,586	126,471
Restricted funds				611,759	569,336
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>721,345</u>	<u>695,807</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 3rd JUNE 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



S L Bostock - Trustee

First Saintfield Presbyterian Church

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Shop income	53,402	51,212
	<u>53,402</u>	<u>51,212</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Rents received	4	-
Deposit account interest	20,034	9,524
	<u>20,038</u>	<u>9,524</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Property repairs	26,945	33,091
	<u>26,945</u>	<u>33,091</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	132,404	121,701	254,105
Charitable activities			
General	1,800	6,980	8,780
Other trading activities	-	51,212	51,212
Investment income	-	9,524	9,524
Total	<u>134,204</u>	<u>189,417</u>	<u>323,621</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	260	54,897	55,157
Charitable activities			
General	122,819	59,781	182,600
United Appeal	-	14,274	14,274
Mission	-	16,339	16,339
Total	<u>123,079</u>	<u>145,291</u>	<u>268,370</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME	11,125	44,126	55,251
Transfers between funds	6,130	(6,130)	-
	17,255	37,996	55,251
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	109,216	531,340	640,556
	126,471	569,336	695,807

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	31,535	1,254	2,397	35,186
	31,535	1,254	2,397	35,186
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2024	31,535	1,254	2,397	35,186
	31,535	1,254	2,397	35,186
At 31 December 2023	31,535	1,254	2,397	35,186
	31,535	1,254	2,397	35,186

8. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Other	61,300	61,300
	61,300	61,300

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Trade creditors	1	2
	1	2

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	126,471	(18,327)	1,442	109,586
Restricted funds				
Renovation Fund	82,982	17,578	7,989	108,549
United Appeal	-	(39)	39	-
General Mission Fund	28,157	12,503	607	41,267
Benevolent Fund	3,169	(80)	-	3,089
Bequest	80,956	634	(104)	81,486
Investments	336,460	16,907	(10,482)	342,885
Organisational Funds	37,211	(2,962)	234	34,483
Ukrainian Family Support	401	(676)	275	-
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	569,336	43,865	(1,442)	611,759
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>695,807</u>	<u>25,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>721,345</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	140,301	(158,628)	(18,327)
Restricted funds			
Renovation Fund	56,048	(38,470)	17,578
United Appeal	10,925	(10,964)	(39)
General Mission Fund	65,594	(53,091)	12,503
Benevolent Fund	330	(410)	(80)
Bequest	2,529	(1,895)	634
Investments	17,475	(568)	16,907
Organisational Funds	15,860	(18,822)	(2,962)
Ukrainian Family Support	824	(1,500)	(676)
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	169,585	(125,720)	43,865
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>309,886</u>	<u>(284,348)</u>	<u>25,538</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	109,216	11,125	6,130	126,471
Restricted funds				
Renovation Fund	53,878	30,512	(1,408)	82,982
General Mission Fund	23,214	4,943	-	28,157
Benevolent Fund	1,953	1,216	-	3,169
Bequest	80,465	491	-	80,956
Investments	333,529	6,403	(3,472)	336,460
Organisational Funds	37,512	949	(1,250)	37,211
Ukrainian Family Support	789	(388)	-	401
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	531,340	44,126	(6,130)	569,336
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>640,556</u>	<u>55,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>695,807</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	134,204	(123,079)	11,125
Restricted funds			
Renovation Fund	77,468	(46,956)	30,512
United Appeal	14,274	(14,274)	-
General Mission Fund	58,411	(53,468)	4,943
Benevolent Fund	1,406	(190)	1,216
Bequest	2,671	(2,180)	491
Investments	6,627	(224)	6,403
Organisational Funds	14,219	(13,270)	949
Ukrainian Family Support	24	(412)	(388)
General Mission	14,317	(14,317)	-
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	189,417	(145,291)	44,126
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>323,621</u>	<u>(268,370)</u>	<u>55,251</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	109,216	(7,202)	7,572	109,586
Restricted funds				
Renovation Fund	53,878	48,090	6,581	108,549
United Appeal	-	(39)	39	-
General Mission Fund	23,214	17,446	607	41,267
Benevolent Fund	1,953	1,136	-	3,089
Bequest	80,465	1,125	(104)	81,486
Investments	333,529	23,310	(13,954)	342,885
Organisational Funds	37,512	(2,013)	(1,016)	34,483
Ukrainian Family Support	789	(1,064)	275	-
	<u>531,340</u>	<u>87,991</u>	<u>(7,572)</u>	<u>611,759</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>640,556</u>	<u>80,789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>721,345</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	274,505	(281,707)	(7,202)
Restricted funds			
Renovation Fund	133,516	(85,426)	48,090
United Appeal	25,199	(25,238)	(39)
General Mission Fund	124,005	(106,559)	17,446
Benevolent Fund	1,736	(600)	1,136
Bequest	5,200	(4,075)	1,125
Investments	24,102	(792)	23,310
Organisational Funds	30,079	(32,092)	(2,013)
Ukrainian Family Support	848	(1,912)	(1,064)
General Mission	14,317	(14,317)	-
	<u>359,002</u>	<u>(271,011)</u>	<u>87,991</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>633,507</u>	<u>(552,718)</u>	<u>80,789</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

First Saintfield Presbyterian Church

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	1	-
Donations	193,366	208,114
Gift aid	32,832	38,671
Subscriptions	3,081	2,920
Exceptional items	526	4,400
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	229,806	254,105
Other trading activities		
Shop income	53,402	51,212
Investment income		
Rents received	4	-
Deposit account interest	20,034	9,524
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	20,038	9,524
Charitable activities		
Grants	6,640	8,780
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Total incoming resources	309,886	323,621
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Organisations activities	18,342	13,232
Other trading activities		
Other operating leases	9,201	8,834
Investment management costs		
Property repairs	26,945	33,091
Charitable activities		
Wages	81,254	49,677
Pensions	10,080	4,907
Rates and water	2,616	2,317
Insurance	8,739	9,033
Light and heat	18,408	19,334
Telephone	-	32
Sundries	33,958	36,258
Grants to institutions	70,696	71,900
Grants to individuals	30	15,400
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	225,781	208,858
Support costs		

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	1,033	1,053
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	3,046	3,302
Total resources expended	<u>284,348</u>	<u>268,370</u>
Net income	<u>25,538</u>	<u>55,251</u>

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M McBriar
Rev S L Bostock (appointed 27.6.23)

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on *18th June 2024* and signed on its behalf by:

Sam Bostock

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Rev S L Bostock - Trustee

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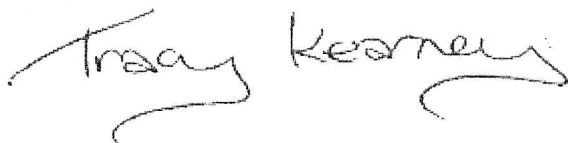
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Date: 21/6/2024

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		132,404	121,701	254,105	277,456
Charitable activities					
General		1,800	6,980	8,780	9,755
Other trading activities	2	-	51,212	51,212	46,290
Investment income	3	-	9,524	9,524	5,235
Total		<u>134,204</u>	<u>189,417</u>	<u>323,621</u>	<u>338,736</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	260	54,897	55,157	427,302
Charitable activities					
General		122,819	59,781	182,600	169,321
United Appeal		-	14,274	14,274	10,414
Mission		-	16,339	16,339	8,865
Total		<u>123,079</u>	<u>145,291</u>	<u>268,370</u>	<u>615,902</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	10	11,125 <u>6,130</u>	44,126 <u>(6,130)</u>	55,251 <u>-</u>	(277,166) <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		17,255	37,996	55,251	(277,166)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		109,216	531,340	640,556	917,722
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>126,471</u>	<u>569,336</u>	<u>695,807</u>	<u>640,556</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	3,651	31,535	35,186	35,186
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investments	8	-	61,300	61,300	61,300
Cash at bank		<u>122,822</u>	<u>476,501</u>	<u>599,323</u>	<u>544,072</u>
		122,822	537,801	660,623	605,372
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2)	-	(2)	(2)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>122,820</u>	<u>537,801</u>	<u>660,621</u>	<u>605,370</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>126,471</u>	<u>569,336</u>	<u>695,807</u>	<u>640,556</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>126,471</u>	<u>569,336</u>	<u>695,807</u>	<u>640,556</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				126,471	109,216
Restricted funds				<u>569,336</u>	<u>531,340</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>695,807</u>	<u>640,556</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18/6/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Sam Bostock
S L Bostock - Trustee

First Saintfield Presbyterian Church

Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	£
	Shop income	<u>51,212</u>	<u>46,290</u>

3.	INVESTMENT INCOME	31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	£
	Deposit account interest	<u>9,524</u>	<u>5,235</u>

4.	RAISING FUNDS		
	Investment management costs		
		31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	£
	Property repairs	<u>33,091</u>	<u>403,506</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	116,690	160,766	277,456
Charitable activities			
General	2,100	7,655	9,755
Other trading activities	105	46,185	46,290
Investment income	<u>-</u>	<u>5,235</u>	<u>5,235</u>
Total	<u>118,895</u>	<u>219,841</u>	<u>338,736</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	-	427,302	427,302
Charitable activities			
General	94,143	75,178	169,321
United Appeal	-	10,414	10,414
Mission	<u>-</u>	<u>8,865</u>	<u>8,865</u>
Total	<u>94,143</u>	<u>521,759</u>	<u>615,902</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	24,752	(301,918)	(277,166)
Transfers between funds	(603)	603	-

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Net movement in funds	24,149	(301,315)	(277,166)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	85,067	832,655	917,722
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>109,216</u>	<u>531,340</u>	<u>640,556</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>31,535</u>	<u>1,254</u>	<u>2,397</u>	<u>35,186</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2023	<u>31,535</u>	<u>1,254</u>	<u>2,397</u>	<u>35,186</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>31,535</u>	<u>1,254</u>	<u>2,397</u>	<u>35,186</u>

8. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Other	<u>61,300</u>	<u>61,300</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Trade creditors	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	109,216	11,125	6,130	126,471
Restricted funds				
Renovation Fund	53,878	30,512	(1,408)	82,982
General Mission Fund	23,214	4,943	-	28,157
Benevolent Fund	1,953	1,216	-	3,169
Bequest	80,465	491	-	80,956
Investments	333,529	6,403	(3,472)	336,460
Organisational Funds	37,512	949	(1,250)	37,211
Ukrainian Family Support	789	(388)	-	401
	<u>531,340</u>	<u>44,126</u>	<u>(6,130)</u>	<u>569,336</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>640,556</u>	<u>55,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>695,807</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	134,204	(123,079)	11,125
Restricted funds			
Renovation Fund	77,468	(46,956)	30,512
United Appeal	14,274	(14,274)	-
General Mission Fund	58,411	(53,468)	4,943
Benevolent Fund	1,406	(190)	1,216
Bequest	2,671	(2,180)	491
Investments	6,627	(224)	6,403
Organisational Funds	14,219	(13,270)	949
Ukrainian Family Support	24	(412)	(388)
General Mission	<u>14,317</u>	<u>(14,317)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>189,417</u>	<u>(145,291)</u>	<u>44,126</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>323,621</u>	<u>(268,370)</u>	<u>55,251</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	85,067	24,752	(603)	109,216
Restricted funds				
Renovation Fund	100,307	(323,321)	276,892	53,878
United Appeal	-	(1,548)	1,548	-
General Mission Fund	17,117	5,494	603	23,214
Benevolent Fund	1,981	(28)	-	1,953
Bequest	81,825	(1,360)	-	80,465
Investments	606,827	5,142	(278,440)	333,529
Organisational Funds	24,598	12,914	-	37,512
Ukrainian Family Support	-	789	-	789
	<u>832,655</u>	<u>(301,918)</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>531,340</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>917,722</u>	<u>(277,166)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>640,556</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	118,895	(94,143)	24,752
Restricted funds			
Renovation Fund	93,294	(416,615)	(323,321)
United Appeal	10,040	(11,588)	(1,548)
General Mission Fund	79,054	(73,560)	5,494
Benevolent Fund	262	(290)	(28)
Bequest	156	(1,516)	(1,360)
Investments	5,142	-	5,142
Organisational Funds	28,668	(15,754)	12,914
Ukrainian Family Support	<u>3,225</u>	<u>(2,436)</u>	<u>789</u>
	<u>219,841</u>	<u>(521,759)</u>	<u>(301,918)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>338,736</u>	<u>(615,902)</u>	<u>(277,166)</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	85,067	35,877	5,527	126,471
Restricted funds				
Renovation Fund	100,307	(292,809)	275,484	82,982
United Appeal	-	(1,548)	1,548	-
General Mission Fund	17,117	10,437	603	28,157
Benevolent Fund	1,981	1,188	-	3,169
Bequest	81,825	(869)	-	80,956
Investments	606,827	11,545	(281,912)	336,460
Organisational Funds	24,598	13,863	(1,250)	37,211
Ukrainian Family Support	-	401	-	401
	<u>832,655</u>	<u>(257,792)</u>	<u>(5,527)</u>	<u>569,336</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>917,722</u>	<u>(221,915)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>695,807</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	253,099	(217,222)	35,877
Restricted funds			
Renovation Fund	170,762	(463,571)	(292,809)
United Appeal	24,314	(25,862)	(1,548)
General Mission Fund	137,465	(127,028)	10,437
Benevolent Fund	1,668	(480)	1,188
Bequest	2,827	(3,696)	(869)
Investments	11,769	(224)	11,545
Organisational Funds	42,887	(29,024)	13,863
Ukrainian Family Support	3,249	(2,848)	401
General Mission	14,317	(14,317)	-
	<u>409,258</u>	<u>(667,050)</u>	<u>(257,792)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>662,357</u>	<u>(884,272)</u>	<u>(221,915)</u>

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11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	-	(4)
Donations	208,114	206,830
Gift aid	38,671	39,164
Subscriptions	2,920	2,070
Exceptional items	<u>4,400</u>	<u>29,396</u>
	254,105	277,456
Other trading activities		
Shop income	51,212	46,290
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	9,524	5,235
Charitable activities		
Grants	<u>8,780</u>	<u>9,755</u>
Total incoming resources	323,621	338,736
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Organisations activities	13,232	15,030
Other trading activities		
Other operating leases	8,834	8,766
Investment management costs		
Property repairs	33,091	403,506
Charitable activities		
Wages	49,677	28,045
Pensions	4,907	-
Rates and water	2,317	1,863
Insurance	9,033	8,204
Light and heat	19,334	27,114
Telephone	32	-
Sundries	36,258	14,441
Grants to institutions	71,900	52,069
Grants to individuals	<u>15,400</u>	<u>38,041</u>
	208,858	169,777
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	1,053	1,091

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Finance		
Human resources		
Wages	-	14,846
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>3,302</u>	<u>2,886</u>
Total resources expended	<u>268,370</u>	<u>615,902</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>55,251</u>	<u>(277,166)</u>

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First Saintfield Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105242

Annual report

**First Presbyterian Church SAINTFIELD a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

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

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC105242

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SAINTFIELD
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Balance Sheet as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

First Saintfield congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
21 Main Street, Saintfield BT24 7AA

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland NIC105242

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Ken Finlay	Lorraine Fleming
Ken Glover	Paul Jackson
Graeme Mackenzie	James McBriar
Mervyn McBriar	Don McCallion
Norman McMordie	David Robinson
Ivor Taylor	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev Dr Sam Bostock
Clerk of Session	Paul Jackson
Treasurer	Lorraine Fleming

AUDITOR OR INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

R Savage & Co, 2 Crossgar Road, Saintfield BT24 7JB

BANKERS

Danske Bank, 32 Main Street, Saintfield BT24 7AB

SOLICITORS

Murlands Solicitors, 15 English Street, Downpatrick BT30 6AP

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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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 monthly, September to June (in normal circumstances).

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. First Presbyterian Church Saintfield has been assigned to the Down Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield 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

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield is called to glorify and delight in God, to proclaim the gospel of the crucified and risen Christ, and in the power of the Spirit, to advance the kingdom that God is building in our community and around the world.

By the grace of God, and for the glory of God, First Presbyterian Church Saintfield is a fellowship of kingdom-minded disciples, evangelising in the Saintfield area, and multiplying gospel ministry to the world. Our life in Christ is developed and expressed through expository preaching, corporate worship, kingdom-centred prayer, small groups, spiritual care, Christian education, missionary work, and mercy ministry.

A Fellowship of Kingdom-Minded Disciples

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield seeks to grow as a God-centred, Spirit-filled fellowship of loving disciples in Christ who apply the gospel to all of life and share a total commitment to advance the kingdom of God in our community and our world.

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*** Corporate Worship**

As the centre of congregational life, First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will proclaim God's Word through expository preaching and glorify the crucified and risen Christ through God-centred worship.

*** Spiritual Care.**

The minister and elders will oversee a coordinated structure of church oversight that offers effective spiritual care to each member of the church.

*** Small Groups**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will prioritise maximum participation in Bible study small groups as the church's primary communities for spiritual care, Christian discipleship, neighbourhood outreach, and kingdom-centred prayer ministry.

*** Christian Community**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will assist people in pursuing Christ-centred relationships by providing church based opportunities for fellowship and discipleship, by encouraging every member to use his or her gifts in the ministry of the church, and by encouraging affinity groups that meet on the basis of a common life interest.

*** New Members**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will use its membership process to communicate its strategic vision, to receive each new member into spiritual care, and to connect each new member to a small group and a place of service in the ministry of the church.

*** Leadership Development**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield, through the teaching elder, will identify and train spiritual leaders who are active and effective in sharing the gospel, teaching the Bible, showing mercy, praying for the work of God's kingdom, and discipling growing Christians.

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*** Marriage and Family**

Under the general oversight of the elders, First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will promote strong marriages by preparing couples for marriage, encouraging enrichment opportunities, offering training in effective parenting, and giving crisis care.

*** Children's Ministry**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will grow a new generation of kingdom-minded disciples by engaging children in the worship of the church and giving them comprehensive training in Bible, theology, prayer, stewardship, service, and missions.

*** Youth Ministry**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will develop kingdom-minded disciples by engaging young people in the worship of the church; by giving them comprehensive training in Bible, theology, prayer, and apologetics; and by engaging them in personal involvement with missions and mercy ministry.

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will develop supportive links with schools in the Saintfield area and schools to which students from our church attend, encouraging Christian teachers and the work of Christian organisations and outreaches in those schools.

*** Mercy Ministry**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will promote a holistic vision of the kingdom of God by training and mobilising members to share the gospel in deed and word as a necessary expression of faith in Christ. First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will integrate people with disabilities into the life of the church by providing access to corporate worship, Christian education, and congregational fellowship and by giving each member an opportunity to use their gifts in Christian service.

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will serve the poor, the homeless, the divorced, the elderly, the lonely, and others in our immediate neighbourhoods who are broken and broken-hearted, developing new ministries in response to emerging needs.

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*** New Ministries**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will pray for, plan, fund, and oversee new ministry initiatives that have the strategic potential to reach people who live, work, and visit in our area.

*** Information Technology**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will train and equip technicians and use every available and appropriate means of broadcast and information technology to communicate the gospel worldwide.

*** Building**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will devote sufficient funds for the regular maintenance and ongoing upkeep of the facilities God has provided for us to use in ministry.

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will maximise the utility of its facilities for ministry by maintaining good stewardship of its present buildings and develop the property to facilitate the growth of new and existing ministries. (See the report on Property, pg 11.)

In order to take advantage of strategic opportunities to advance the kingdom of God, First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will periodically encourage members to participate in extraordinary seasons of sacrificial giving for ministry and facilities.

*** Personnel**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will organise its staff and Session to execute effectively the strategic vision of the church.

*** Budget**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will present a budget that is structured according to its mission and apportioned according to its strategic priorities.

*** Stewardship**

As an expression of gratitude to God for the grace we have received in Jesus Christ and in order to support the ongoing work of the church, First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will

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foster a culture of generous stewardship and assist members in learning to give ten percent or more of their gross income to kingdom work.

Mission.

*** Evangelising Saintfield**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield seeks to be a transforming presence in the Saintfield area by reaching the various communities that live, work, and visit with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will cultivate a congregation-wide vision for the ministry of God in our area, supporting local missionaries and developing strategic partnerships with ministries that are effective in gospel outreach through word and deed.

*** Presbytery Mission**

In cooperation with the Down Presbytery Mission Plan, First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will encourage its members to join with other churches in our area in providing leadership, funding, and support to evangelise the Down District.

*** Supporting other Churches**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will spread the gospel in Ireland by providing primary funding and sending kingdom-minded disciples to support churches that share First Presbyterian Church Saintfield's commitment to expository preaching, corporate worship, children's ministry, missions, and mercy ministry.

*** Multiplying Gospel Ministry to the World.**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield seeks to advance the kingdom of God worldwide by engaging every member in mission, sharing resources for the ministry of Christ in word and deed, and sending workers to partner with other Christians in building the kingdom to the ends of the earth.

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will cultivate a global vision for the kingdom of God by integrating missions at every level of congregational life, engaging every member in the missionary work of the gospel, and developing leaders and teams for short term and long term service.

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In partnership with other Christians, and in support of indigenous Christian leaders in other countries, First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will provide support for its own members called into missionary service overseas and will give priority to mission supported by PCI, evangelising unreached people groups, caring for orphans, extending theological education, publishing Christian literature, and providing emergency relief and medical care. (See the report from the Mission Action Group.)

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ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is normally observed on 3 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

- Badminton Club
- Boys' Brigade
- Catering Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Girls' Brigade
- Knit and Natter
- Mission Action Group
- Mission Shop
- Mums and Tots
- Touch Team
- Youth Ministry

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00am and 7.00p). During the week the Bible Study/small groups provided an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we seek to comfort those who had been bereaved. We will acknowledge God's gift of new life at a Sacrament of Baptism, or a Thanksgiving service and we conduct marriage services when required.

At 31st December 2023 there were 188 communicant members and 245 families connected with the congregation.

The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 150.

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Pastoral care

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

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation reaches out to many young people in the local community through our various youth organisations. The Mission Shop provides a point of contact for the community and funds raised go to help missionaries in Northern Ireland, London, the Czech Republic, Romania, Italy, Portugal, Kenya, Guatemala and East Africa. Our Mums and Toddler group and Knit 'n' Natter attract many from the Saintfield area and beyond.

The church engages in the town open night at Christmas, providing tea, coffee and traybakes with a place to sit down away from the bustle of the busy street. Literature on the true meaning of Christmas is distributed along with a warm invitation to all our Christmas celebrations. The church is also involved at Saintfield Show, assisting the Presbyterian Rural Chaplaincy in cooperation with Second Saintfield Presbyterian church and Trinity Boardmills church.

Our Ukrainian family were with us for all of 2023 and continued to live in our adjoining 'cottage'.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on 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.

Presbytery

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

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General Assembly

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

Property

Our major projects during 2023 were:

- The completion of the reroofing of the Church and Guildhall and associated works
- Further work on the manse including decoration, sanding of the floors, refurbishing the kitchen and new blinds, in preparation for our new minister and family.

All general maintenance and repairs were carried out as required.

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Organisations

Badminton Club

The Badminton Club meets on a Thursday night from 8.00 – 10.30 pm. Our numbers continue to grow. We have thirteen male and twelve female members playing gents doubles, ladies doubles and mixed doubles. We have beginners and experienced players with an age range of sixteen to sixty, with members coming from Saintfield and many of the surrounding towns. This year we played in the Presbyterian league.

Club nights also give us a time to socialise and chat thus building friendships which show why the club has survived over forty years.

We hope to resume in September and new members of all abilities are always welcome.

Boys' Brigade

Approximately 60 boys attended the Boys' Brigade each week across the three age groups. The regular meetings took place on Tuesdays for the weekly winter session and normal BB programme was delivered.

Company section training for summer Duke of Edinburgh expedition teams has commenced with training in camp craft, navigation and first aid having been completed. This year there is keen interest with a good number of Duke of Edinburgh participants with bronze, silver and gold expeditions planned over the course of the summer.

Catering Ministry

The Catering Ministry is a ministry provided by church members which offers refreshments for families, relatives and friends after a funereal which has been held in the church. This ministry ensures that families do not have to consider catering at such a difficult time and allows families and friends time to chat and catch up in a warm and caring environment.

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Children's Ministry

Kidzone meets every Sunday morning from September to May and runs over the summer from June-August, with smaller numbers attending. The children meet in the minor hall for children's ministry for approximately 45 minutes. There is a broad range of ages that attend from P1 to P7, the numbers of children attending has increased significantly with 20-30 children attending each Sunday. This has resulted in a busy room with lots of excitement and chat amongst the children which is great to see!

Kidzone is run by 5 teams over the year consisting of a group leader and 3 or 4 other team members. We are so thankful for the Christian teaching and planning that each team brings to Kidzone every month. The biblical focus in Kidzone is facilitated by Sam's teaching in church and has a biblical focus each month so that children and parents can link in at home. The structure of Kidzone often includes welcome/prayer, game, song, story, worksheet/craft, and memory verse. It is a busy room with each team building a relationship with the children and supporting them during their time in Kidzone.

It is great to see so many children coming out each week. It is our hope that Kidzone will continue to grow and evolve with God's guidance.

Girls' Brigade

The GB meets every Monday evening with girls aged from 3-18 years. We have approximately seventy girls and twelve leaders from our own church, neighbouring churches and from the local community. Each night we have Bible stories/Bible class and other activities such as baking, sports, craft etc. We organise an outing each year for each section and we also take part in various activities organised by the GB District. For the older girls we run the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and expeditions take place during the summer months. We also have an annual GB night away after the display which approximately 20-25 girls attend each year.

GB 2023 – 2024

In September 2023 we were able to run a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice and qualifying expeditions with four girls completing this. This allowed them to develop better friendships and gave them opportunities to camp and cook outdoors along with their improving their navigating and team work skills.

From September we recommenced our weekly GB meetings and welcomed many new members as well as welcomed back our girls from last year. We met each week between September and March and with a variety of games, crafts etc being enjoyed along with

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weekly bible studies for all girls. In March we took 25 of the girls for an overnight trip to Culcavy, Hillsborough and they had a very enjoyable time.

During the year we took part in various GB competitions, our Brigaders did well in the district Badminton competition and the Explorers had great fun in the district Team Games event. Our Seniors came runner up in the district Futsal competition and our Juniors won the district heats of the Team Games and came third at the NI finals.

We held a Family Night in March for all the parents to see a little bit of what we have been doing in GB this year and to present the badges to the girls. There was approx. 97% attendance at this event.

Knit and Natter

Knit and Natter runs every Monday morning throughout the Year, from 10am - noon. The group is open to all ages. We offer tea, coffee, chat and fellowship to all members, whilst they work on a craft of their own choice and members are encouraged to share their knowledge and skills within the group. Our group is comprised of individuals from the church congregation and the local community. We encourage all members to enjoy the company of others and the chat, even if they don't work on their craft project every week. The ladies enjoy other social outings together and a few times this year we have shared a meal or breakfast together at other venues. We are able to avail of the church minibus to help with transport to these outings. The group membership is approximately 15 ladies with most members not being part of the congregation.

Ladies' Fellowship

The Ladies' Fellowship has not recommenced regular meetings since the pandemic. As a group we supported Presbytery PW events and hope to go on a trip in the summer.

Mission Action Group (MAG)

The focus of the MAG Group in First Saintfield, is to encourage the congregation's interest in support for Mission both at home and abroad and to uphold the partners in fellowship and prayer.

MAG members meet quarterly in March, June, September and December and currently have a membership of 10 people from the congregation. The membership reflects different elements of knowledge/skills from across the church family and their input to meetings is very valuable as they are comprised of a combination of Kirk Session members, Mission Shop Staff and differing age groups from across congregational families.

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Additional meetings are occasionally convened at other times of the year for discussion around other Mission developments or important issues that need the groups attention.

Members are responsible for the management of funds which include profits made through the church Mission Shop and non-directed financial gifts donated directly for mission work through the church. Minutes are taken of meetings and records of these are kept on file for reference.

Each member has responsibility for linking with a mission partner who is supported by funds from MAG. The link members provide feedback and updates to the congregation from our mission partners.

The levels of funding to Mission Partners are kept under review to allow for any fluctuations in their income whether from the shop profits or from individual giving from the congregation. This year again has seen many changes to the requirements of Mission Partners, including Cost-of-Living adjustments. The UK Inflation Rate has steadied somewhat within recent months, but the group have endeavoured to keep up to date with the changing financial needs of partners and have increased funding substantially to many, to support them in their work.

Mission Shop

The Mission Shop, which rents premises on Main Street Saintfield, was established in 2002 to raise funds to support missionaries from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and other Christian charities, as stated in the Mission and Outreach section. The Shop closed for 18 months in March 2020 due to the pandemic and re-opened in June 2021.

We receive donations of clothing, books and household items from our local community and further afield. Our Christian ethos is clear for all to see, from our shop sign to the huge world map behind our shop counter, showing the location of our many Mission Partners around the world, who benefit from funds raised by the shop. We also display leaflets and literature around the shop on issues such as Women's Aid, Christians against Poverty & counselling services, to help those customers who need help and support.

The shop is run totally by volunteers - some from 1st Presbyterian Church Saintfield and others from the local community, who are happy to abide by the ethos of our Mission Statement. We have many new volunteers who have joined us since the shop reopened, as well as some who worked in the shop prior to the Pandemic.

This year again, we have had several young people from Girls' & Boys' Brigade, joining us on Saturday afternoons for community experience as part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Coming from all walks of life, our volunteers bring a wealth of experience and fresh ideas to the shop. They enjoy the opportunity to meet new people and form new friendships, as well

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as knowing their efforts are helping to raise funds for our mission partners all over the world.

The shop is bright, welcoming and really doesn't feel like the average charity shop. This is largely due to a small team of devoted volunteers who meet 1-2 times per week, to sort through donations, tidy, rearrange shelves and clean - so that the shop continually looks fresh and interesting. We have high standards in the quality and condition of all items we sell. As a result of this the shop is busy every day it is open, with many regular customers returning weekly.

The shop is run very much as a team effort, with each person having an equal and valued role to play.

We have forged links with our local schools, social services, other churches and those involved in reaching out to the migrant communities in our midst.

We are keen to help those who find themselves in need of our support, by providing clothes, toys, baby goods and household items to families in need, or at a time of crisis, free of charge. As well as being able to help those at home, we have also supported other churches and charities in different parts of the world.

We see the ministry of the Mission Shop as being threefold.

It provides much needed funds for our mission partners and charities worldwide.

It provides a great opportunity to reach out into our local community to touch the lives of those who are lonely, bereaved, facing hardship or struggling with mental health issues. Often, a smile, a kind word, a cup of tea and the offer of prayer from one of our lovely volunteers, can make all the difference to someone's otherwise bleak day.

It provides friendship, support and fellowship for the volunteers, who often are struggling with trials of their own.

The Mission Shop Is a beacon of light shining in the heart of our community for the Lord. It is covered in prayer daily and it is our prayer that all those who enter it may find a warm welcome, peace and see God's love first hand, in the people they meet there.

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Mums and Toddlers

Mums and Toddlers provides a morning session of play, craft activity, refreshments and singing time. Mums, dads, grandparents, carers and friends are warmly welcomed. We attract people from across the community in Saintfield and from outside Saintfield.

Normally each Wednesday morning we have on average twenty-two adults and thirty children attending. We hope everyone feels part of the church family and weekly all are made aware of events happening within the church, from the church calendar.

Touch Team

The Touch Team was a group of people who wanted to show God's love, in practical ways, to members of the congregation as well as the wider community. Our desire was that all members of our church family feel cared for and valued.

Sadly, after lockdown ended the leader, secretary and many other members of the team resigned from their roles, due to a variety of reasons such as health issues, new family commitments & changes in circumstances. Unfortunately, it hasn't been possible to recruit replacements for these roles. As a result of this, the Team has been unable to function in the way it did prior to lockdown.

Members previously involved in manning the Prayerline, delivering baby Bibles and sending cards, have continued with their roles.

Also, some members have continued with visitation of those who are ill or housebound, all of which has been much appreciated by the recipients.

At present, it would seem likely that The Touch Team will be replaced by a new Pastoral group, which it is hoped will reach out to members of the church family in need of help, support and friendship. This is currently being considered by the Kirk Session.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry activities from January 2023 to April 2023 consisted of running a bi-weekly programme of Sunday morning breakfast and bible study before church. A group of 10 young people met up each time. We also got together for social evenings to various locations and events at least every two months.

The same format continued from September 2023 to December 2023 with an increased number of young people in the new term, seeing 13 young people meeting up each time.

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Volunteers

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

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PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 205 contributors during the year (233 in the previous year, 2022) donating a total of £102,157 (£93,652 in 2022).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £324,591 compared to £342,078 the previous year.

Total expenditure was £269,341 (£650,223 last year due to paying for renovations before all the funds were raised).

RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the congregation and the financial activities for that year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Funds will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the funds transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the congregation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (1 January 2015)". 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.

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GOING CONCERN

The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report due to the level of the closing balance in the main account. There are no outstanding debts or borrowings and no pending legal actions against the church. Subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments, the Trustees feel that the congregation can financially continue as a going concern.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least six month's normal expenditure. At the year-end unrestricted reserves were £122,820 (£110,006 the previous year), which the Trustees feel is sufficient for the ongoing funding of its present activities, which are dependent of the ongoing financial support of members.

RISK REVIEW

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks.

The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage, financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members and data risks. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee by:

1. regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings.
2. encouraging members in their regular giving.
3. having a Child Protection policy in place and providing training with respect to the policy in all organisations.
4. having taken all reasonable steps to hold personal data securely both by the church and all church organisations, as, following GDPR, the safeguarding of personal data is paramount.

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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 18/6/2024 and

Signed on its behalf by



Rev Dr Samuel Bostock (Minister)

Signed on its behalf by



Mr Paul Jackson (Clerk of Session)

First Saintfield Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105242

Annual return

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
First Saintfield Presbyterian Church**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of First Saintfield Presbyterian Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of First Saintfield Presbyterian Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Financial Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
for
First Saintfield Presbyterian Church

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

105242

Principal address

21 Main Street
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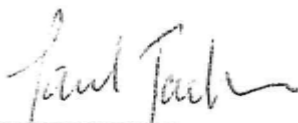
Trustees

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G MacKenzie
K Finlay
D W Robinson
G S R Massey... deceased 02.03.22
M McBriar

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on31.05.23..... and signed on its behalf by:



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P Jackson - Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		116,690	160,766	277,456	237,003
Charitable activities					
General		2,100	7,655	9,755	611
Other trading activities	2	105	46,185	46,290	23,548
Investment income	3	-	5,235	5,235	7,856
Total		<u>118,895</u>	<u>219,841</u>	<u>338,736</u>	<u>269,018</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	-	427,302	427,302	35,371
Charitable activities					
General		94,143	75,178	169,321	163,564
United Appeal		-	10,414	10,414	11,794
Mission		-	8,865	8,865	13,198
Total		<u>94,143</u>	<u>521,759</u>	<u>615,902</u>	<u>223,927</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		24,752	(301,918)	(277,166)	45,091
Transfers between funds	10	<u>(603)</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		24,149	(301,315)	(277,166)	45,091
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		85,067	832,655	917,722	872,631
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>109,216</u>	<u>531,340</u>	<u>640,556</u>	<u>917,722</u>

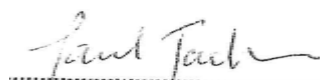
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Balance Sheet
31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	3,651	31,535	35,186	4,196
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investments	8	-	61,300	61,300	61,300
Cash at bank		<u>105,556</u>	<u>438,505</u>	<u>544,859</u>	<u>852,226</u>
		105,566	499,805	605,371	913,526
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	-	-	-	-
		<u>105,566</u>	<u>499,805</u>	<u>605,371</u>	<u>913,526</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>105,566</u>	<u>499,805</u>	<u>605,371</u>	<u>913,526</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>109,216</u>	<u>531,340</u>	<u>640,556</u>	<u>917,722</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u><u>109,216</u></u>	<u><u>531,340</u></u>	<u><u>640,556</u></u>	<u><u>917,722</u></u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				109,216	85,067
Restricted funds				<u>531,340</u>	<u>832,655</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>640,556</u></u>	<u><u>917,722</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31.05.23..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
P Jackson - Trustee

First Saintfield Presbyterian Church

Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Shop income	<u>46,290</u>	<u>23,548</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>5,235</u>	<u>7,856</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS		
Investment management costs	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Property repairs	<u>403,506</u>	<u>29,854</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	142,408	94,595	237,003
Charitable activities			
General	-	611	611
Other trading activities	140	23,408	23,548
Investment income	<u>-</u>	<u>7,856</u>	<u>7,856</u>
Total	<u>142,548</u>	<u>126,470</u>	<u>269,018</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	52	35,319	35,371
Charitable activities			
General	123,470	40,094	163,564
United Appeal	-	11,794	11,794
Mission	<u>-</u>	<u>13,198</u>	<u>13,198</u>
Total	<u>123,522</u>	<u>100,405</u>	<u>223,927</u>
NET INCOME	19,026	26,065	45,091
Transfers between funds	7,436	(7,436)	-

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued			
	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net movement in funds	26,462	18,629	45,091
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	58,606	814,025	872,631
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>85,068</u>	<u>832,654</u>	<u>917,722</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
COST				
At 1 January 2022	545	1,254	2,397	4,196
Additions	<u>30,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,990</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>31,535</u>	<u>1,254</u>	<u>2,397</u>	<u>35,186</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2022	<u>31,535</u>	<u>1,254</u>	<u>2,397</u>	<u>35,186</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>545</u>	<u>1,254</u>	<u>2,397</u>	<u>4,196</u>

8. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Other	<u>61,300</u>	<u>61,300</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Trade creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	85,067	24,752	(603)	109,216
Restricted funds				
Renovation Fund	100,307	(323,321)	276,892	53,878
United Appeal	-	(1,548)	1,548	-
General Mission Fund	17,117	5,494	603	23,214
Benevolent Fund	1,981	(28)	-	1,953
Bequest	81,825	(1,360)	-	80,465
Investments	606,827	5,142	(278,440)	333,529
Organisational Funds	24,598	12,914	-	37,512
Ukrainian Family Support	-	789	-	789
	<u>832,655</u>	<u>(301,918)</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>531,340</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>917,722</u>	<u>(277,166)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>640,556</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	118,895	(94,143)	24,752
Restricted funds			
Renovation Fund	93,294	(416,615)	(323,321)
United Appeal	10,040	(11,588)	(1,548)
General Mission Fund	79,054	(73,560)	5,494
Benevolent Fund	262	(290)	(28)
Bequest	156	(1,516)	(1,360)
Investments	5,142	-	5,142
Organisational Funds	28,668	(15,754)	12,914
Ukrainian Family Support	3,225	(2,436)	789
	<u>219,841</u>	<u>(521,759)</u>	<u>(301,918)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>338,736</u>	<u>(615,902)</u>	<u>(277,166)</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	58,606	19,025	7,436	85,067
Restricted funds				
Renovation Fund	28,589	18,577	53,141	100,307
United Appeal	-	(166)	166	-
General Mission Fund	6,374	(1,349)	12,092	17,117
Sickness	408	-	(408)	-
Benevolent Fund	1,973	(17)	25	1,981
Bequest	99,668	-	(17,843)	81,825
Investments	634,683	7,695	(35,551)	606,827
Organisational Funds	<u>42,330</u>	<u>1,326</u>	<u>(19,058)</u>	<u>24,598</u>
	<u>814,025</u>	<u>26,066</u>	<u>(7,436)</u>	<u>832,655</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>872,631</u></u>	<u><u>45,091</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>917,722</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	142,548	(123,523)	19,025
Restricted funds			
Renovation Fund	58,922	(40,345)	18,577
United Appeal	11,628	(11,794)	(166)
General Mission Fund	45,544	(46,893)	(1,349)
Benevolent Fund	108	(125)	(17)
Investments	7,805	(110)	7,695
Organisational Funds	<u>2,463</u>	<u>(1,137)</u>	<u>1,326</u>
	<u>126,470</u>	<u>(100,404)</u>	<u>26,066</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>269,018</u></u>	<u><u>(223,927)</u></u>	<u><u>45,091</u></u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	58,606	43,777	6,833	109,216
Restricted funds				
Renovation Fund	28,589	(304,744)	330,033	53,878
United Appeal	-	(1,714)	1,714	-
General Mission Fund	6,374	4,145	12,695	23,214
Sickness	408	-	(408)	-
Benevolent Fund	1,973	(45)	25	1,953
Bequest	99,668	(1,360)	(17,843)	80,465
Investments	634,683	12,837	(313,991)	333,529
Organisational Funds	42,330	14,240	(19,058)	37,512
Ukrainian Family Support	-	789	-	789
	<u>814,025</u>	<u>(275,852)</u>	<u>(6,833)</u>	<u>531,340</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>872,631</u>	<u>(232,075)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>640,556</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	261,443	(217,666)	43,777
Restricted funds			
Renovation Fund	152,216	(456,960)	(304,744)
United Appeal	21,668	(23,382)	(1,714)
General Mission Fund	124,598	(120,453)	4,145
Benevolent Fund	370	(415)	(45)
Bequest	156	(1,516)	(1,360)
Investments	12,947	(110)	12,837
Organisational Funds	31,131	(16,891)	14,240
Ukrainian Family Support	3,225	(2,436)	789
	<u>346,311</u>	<u>(622,163)</u>	<u>(275,852)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>607,754</u>	<u>(839,829)</u>	<u>(232,075)</u>

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11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	(4)	(3)
Donations	206,830	198,564
Gift aid	39,164	37,739
Subscriptions	2,070	703
Exceptional items	<u>29,396</u>	<u>-</u>
	277,456	237,003
Other trading activities		
Shop income	46,290	23,548
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	5,235	7,856
Charitable activities		
Grants	<u>9,755</u>	<u>611</u>
Total incoming resources	338,736	269,018
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Organisations activities	15,030	1,082
Other trading activities		
Purchases	-	52
Other operating leases	<u>8,766</u>	<u>4,383</u>
	8,766	4,435
Investment management costs		
Property repairs	403,506	29,854
Charitable activities		
Wages	28,045	61,376
Social security	-	3,553
Pensions	-	6,672
Rates and water	1,863	2,017
Insurance	8,204	79
Light and heat	27,114	18,868
Postage and stationery	-	617
Sundries	14,441	17,463
Grants to institutions	52,069	29,537
Grants to individuals	<u>38,041</u>	<u>37,298</u>
	169,777	177,480

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	1,091	579
Information technology		
Repairs and renewals	-	892
Human resources		
Wages	14,846	5,207
Sundries	<u>-</u>	<u>1,710</u>
	14,846	6,917
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>2,886</u>	<u>2,688</u>
Total resources expended	<u>615,902</u>	<u>223,927</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(277,166)</u>	<u>45,091</u>

First Saintfield Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105242

Annual report

**First Presbyterian Church SAINTFIELD a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

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

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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 monthly, September to June (in normal circumstances).

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. First Presbyterian Church Saintfield has been assigned to the Down Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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*** Corporate Worship**

As the centre of congregational life, First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will proclaim God's Word through expository preaching and glorify the crucified and risen Christ through God-centred worship.

*** Spiritual Care.**

The minister and elders will oversee a coordinated structure of church oversight that offers effective spiritual care to each member of the church.

*** Small Groups**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will prioritise maximum participation in Bible study small groups as the church's primary communities for spiritual care, Christian discipleship, neighbourhood outreach, and kingdom-centred prayer ministry.

*** Christian Community**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will assist people in pursuing Christ-centred relationships by providing church based opportunities for fellowship and discipleship, by encouraging every member to use his or her gifts in the ministry of the church, and by encouraging affinity groups that meet on the basis of a common life interest.

*** New Members**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will use its membership process to communicate its strategic vision, to receive each new member into spiritual care, and to connect each new member to a small group and a place of service in the ministry of the church.

*** Leadership Development**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield, through the teaching elder, will identify and train spiritual leaders who are active and effective in sharing the gospel, teaching the Bible, showing mercy, praying for the work of God's kingdom, and discipling growing Christians.

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*** New Ministries**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will pray for, plan, fund, and oversee new ministry initiatives that have the strategic potential to reach people who live, work, and visit in our area.

*** Information Technology**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will train and equip technicians and use every available and appropriate means of broadcast and information technology to communicate the gospel worldwide.

*** Building**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will devote sufficient funds for the regular maintenance and ongoing upkeep of the facilities God has provided for us to use in ministry.

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will maximise the utility of its facilities for ministry by maintaining good stewardship of its present buildings and develop the property to facilitate the growth of new and existing ministries. (See the report on Property, pg 11.)

In order to take advantage of strategic opportunities to advance the kingdom of God, First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will periodically encourage members to participate in extraordinary seasons of sacrificial giving for ministry and facilities.

*** Personnel**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will organise its staff and Session to execute effectively the strategic vision of the church.

*** Budget**

First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will present a budget that is structured according to its mission and apportioned according to its strategic priorities.

*** Stewardship**

As an expression of gratitude to God for the grace we have received in Jesus Christ and in order to support the ongoing work of the church, First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will

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In partnership with other Christians, and in support of indigenous Christian leaders in other countries, First Presbyterian Church Saintfield will provide support for its own members called into missionary service overseas and will give priority to mission supported by PCI, evangelising unreached people groups, caring for orphans, extending theological education, publishing Christian literature, and providing emergency relief and medical care. (See the report from the Mission Action Group.)

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Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who were unable to attend church due to sickness or age were visited on a regular basis by the convenor, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation reaches out to many young people in the local community through our various youth organisations. The Mission Shop provides a point of contact for the community and funds raised go to help missionaries in Northern Ireland, London, the Czech Republic, Romania, Italy, Portugal, Kenya, Guatemala and East Africa. Our Mums and Toddler group and Knit 'n' Natter attract many from the Saintfield area and beyond.

The church engages in the town open night at Christmas, providing tea, coffee and traybakes with a place to sit down away from the bustle of the busy street. Literature on the true meaning of Christmas is distributed along with a warm invitation to all our Christmas celebrations.

We also welcomed a Ukrainian family into our church family and have provided accommodation in our adjoining 'cottage'.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on 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.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

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Organisations

Badminton Club

The Badminton Club meets on a Tuesday night from 8.00 – 10.30 pm. We currently have twenty-five members, six being new to the club. We have thirteen male and twelve female members playing gents doubles, ladies doubles and mixed doubles. We have beginners and experienced players with an age range of fourteen to sixty, with members coming from Saintfield and many of the surrounding towns. This year we played in the Presbyterian league, against Stormont, Knock and St Andrews, winning one match, drawing one and losing one.

Club nights also give us a time to socialise and chat thus building friendships which show why the club has survived over forty years.

We hope to resume in September and new members of all abilities are always welcome.

Boys' Brigade

Approximately 65 boys attended the Boys' Brigade each week across the three age groups. The regular meetings took place on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the weekly winter session and normal BB programme was delivered.

Company section training for summer Duke of Edinburgh expedition teams has commenced with training in camp craft, navigation and first aid having been completed. This year saw an increase the number of Duke of Edinburgh participants with bronze, silver and gold expeditions planned over the course of the summer.

Catering Ministry

The Catering Ministry is a ministry provided by church members which offers refreshments for families, relatives and friends after a funeral held in the church. This ministry ensures that families do not have to consider catering at such a difficult time and allows families and friends to chat and catch up in a warm and caring environment.

Children's Ministry

Kidzone meets every Sunday morning from September to May from 11.15am-noon in our church halls. During June to August, we run a Children's Church instead, as child attendance numbers fluctuate due to summer holidays and better weather. Both ministries currently consist of children aged 3 through to 15. Overall, we have approximately 20 children who attend regularly. We meet and enjoy Bible teaching, craft, quizzes and games.

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helps the leader set up and tidy up the room after the meeting is over. Unfortunately, due to funding issues, MENCAP have had to pull their support for the person. But the person has made such a connection and made friendships within the group they have agreed to attend every week without the MENCAP support

Ladies' Fellowship

The Ladies' Fellowship has not recommenced regular meetings since the pandemic. As a group we supported Presbytery PW events and hope to go on a trip in the summer.

Mission Action Group (MAG)

The focus of the MAG Group in First Saintfield, is to encourage the congregation's interest in support for Mission both at home and abroad and to uphold the partners in fellowship and prayer.

MAG members meet quarterly in March, June, September, December and currently have a membership of 9 people from the congregation. The membership reflects different elements of knowledge/skills from across the church family and their input to meetings is very valuable as they are comprised of a combination of Kirk Session members, Mission Shop Staff and differing age groups from across congregational families.

Additional meetings are occasionally convened at other times of the year for discussion around other Mission developments or important issues that need the groups attention.

Members are responsible for the management of funds which include profits made through the church Mission Shop and non-directed financial gifts donated directly for mission work through the church. Minutes are taken of meetings and records of these are kept on file for reference.

Each member has responsibility for linking with a mission partner who is supported by funds from MAG. The link members provide feedback and updates to the congregation from our mission partners.

The levels of funding to Mission Partners are kept under review to allow for any fluctuations in their income whether from the shop profits or from individual giving from the congregation. This year has seen many changes to the requirements of Mission Partners, in respect of Cost-of-Living requirements as the UK inflation rate has increased steadily over the last 12 months. The group have endeavoured to help partners further through decisions in respect of increased funding.

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by providing clothes, toys and household items to families in need, or at a time of crisis. We have supported other churches and charities who were travelling abroad to help clothe children in Africa, school children in Venezuela, refugees in Athens and families in Romania.

Last April, accommodation was provided, in a cottage owned by our church, for a young Ukraine family. It was wonderful to see how the Mission Shop was able to help provide clothes, toys, kitchen ware and household items in good condition. Later on in the year, when the family were blessed with the birth of another baby boy, once again the shop was able to help in the provision of baby clothes and nursery equipment.

Back in 2002, when the shop first opened the aim was to raise some funds to help a young missionary in the Phillipines. However, over the past 20 years it has become much more.

We see the ministry of the Mission Shop as being threefold.

It provides much needed funds for missionaries and charities world wide.

It provides a great opportunity to reach out into our local community to touch the lives of those who are lonely, bereaved, facing hardship or struggling with mental health issues. Often, a smile, a kind word, a cup of tea and the offer of prayer from one of our lovely volunteers, can make all the difference to someone's otherwise bleak day.

It provides friendship, support and fellowship for the volunteers, who often are struggling with trials of their own. With this in mind a get together evening was arranged at the start of the year, when all our volunteers were invited to a pudding supper. Short talks were given to explain how the shop started, how funds are raised and how funds are allocated. A short video was shown of one of the missions supported by shop funds. It was a great opportunity for everyone to get to know each other better but more importantly, for all the volunteers to understand the impact being made by the shop, to share the gospel around the world.

We see the Mission Shop as a beacon of light shining in the heart of our community for the Lord. It is covered in prayer daily and it is our prayer that all those who enter it may find a warm welcome, peace and see God's love first hand, in the people they meet there.

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Time has moved on since the start of the Pandemic, and many of the older members of the team feel no longer able to commit to this ministry, and we haven't been able to recruit any new members.

Members previously involved in manning the Prayerline, delivering baby Bibles and sending cards, have continued with their roles.

Some members have continued with visitation of those who are ill or housebound, all of which has been much appreciated by the recipients.

At present, the future of the Team is uncertain, but it is our fervent hope that when a new minister is eventually installed the Team may be able to get going again and be able to offer the many services and activities it provided in the past.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry activities started again in April 2022 by running an Alpha Youth Course which lasted for ten weeks, and then continued into a bi-weekly programme of Sunday morning breakfast and bible study before church. The resulting group of thirteen young people have also got together on social evenings to various locations and events at least every two months

Volunteers

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

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 208 contributors during the year (233 in the previous year, 2021) donating a total of £93,652 (£99,579 in 2021).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £342,078, compared to £269,018 the previous year.

Total expenditure was £649,444 (£223,927 last year).

RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the congregation and the financial activities for that year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

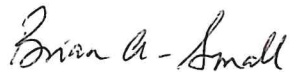
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Funds will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the funds transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the congregation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (1 January 2015)". 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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SAINTFIELD
a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 18/4/2023 and

Signed on its behalf by



Rev Brian Small (Vacancy Convenor)

Signed on its behalf by



Mr Paul Jackson (Clerk of Session)

First Saintfield Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105242

Annual return

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
First Saintfield Presbyterian Church**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of First Saintfield Presbyterian Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of First Saintfield Presbyterian Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Financial Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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