

Trinity Ahoghill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105289

Details

Known as	Trinity Ahoghill
Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£182,330	£146,009	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alistair Hamill		
Alistair Kerr		
Andy Frazer		
Bertie Bell		
Daniel McCloy		
George Knowles		
Hubert Scullion		
James Dickey		
John Glass		
John Wright		
Mick Mearns		
Richard Logan		
Richard Wright		
Samuel Black		
William Steele		

Trinity Ahoghill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts



**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the
year ended 31 December 2025**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105289)

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

Reference and Administrative details

Trinity Ahoghill congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Church St, Ahoghill, BT42 2PA

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105289)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr James Dickey
Mr Richard Logan
Mr Alistair Hamill
Mr George Knowles
Mr Alistair Kerr
Mr Daniel McCloy
Mr Samuel Black
Mr John Glass

Mr Michael Mearns
Rev Andrew Frazer
Mr Richard Wright
Mr Hubert Scullion
Mr Bertie Bell
Mr John Wright
Mr William Steele

Elder Emeritus

The following held the post of Elder Emeritus, although they do not serve as trustees for Charity Commission purposes:

Mr Nath Dickey

Principal Office Bearers

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev Andrew Frazer
Mr George Knowles
Mr Tom Lindsay

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs Elizabeth Blake
17 Whinsands Close
Fulwood
Preston
PR2 9AP

BANKERS

Danske Bank
1 Broadway
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**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)**

Structure and Management

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least four times in each year.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be by the congregation or by the Kirk Session Members and 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. Trinity Church Ahoghill congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

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 in each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

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

The congregation's mission statement is as follows:

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

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

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

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God living faithfully toward him and toward one another

- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with.

Encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.

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

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

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

Activities and Objectives

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School
- Youth Club
- 5/6/7 Crew
- Presbyterian Women
- Trinity Choir
- Holiday Bible Club
- Men Utd
- Trinity Tots (Mothers & Toddlers)
- Mission Support Group
- Girls Brigade
- Pastoral Care Team
- Trinity Ladies Coffee Mornings
- Weekly Prayer Times

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10.30am and 6.15pm every third Sunday in rotation with Brookside and First Ahoghill. During the week the Mid-week Prayer and Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. There are a number of prayer groups who meet every week.

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted marriage services and sought to comfort those who have been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2025 there were 151 communicant members and 189 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 134.

Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend Church due sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and elders or a member of the Pastoral Care Team. They can also get a CD recording of any service and can also watch the services online.

Mission and Outreach

At a local level the congregation helped support a number of groups and charities with prayer support and financially as detailed in the Financial Accounts.

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

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual Tear Fund Appeal, Sunday School project and other special appeals.

Presbytery

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

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

General Assembly

The vacancy convenor (at June 2025) 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

There was no significant expenditure on property during the year.

Volunteers

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

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

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

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)**

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 received 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 to regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering and loose collections (including Gift Aid). In 2025, 149 contributors donated a total of £98,974. (2024: 156 contributors donated £100,036)

Total income of the congregation in 2025 was £182,330 compared to £174,914 in 2024.

Total expenditure in 2025 was £146,009 compared to £131,275 in 2024.

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)**

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session on 24th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Name: Rev Andrew Frazer

Name: Mr George Knowles

Date: 24/03/2026

Date: 24/03/2026

Signature: *A Frazer*

Signature: *G Knowles*

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRINITY AHOGHILL
CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

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

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

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

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

Independent Examiners statement

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

Mrs Elizabeth Blake

E Blake

Date:
11/03/2026

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TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	98,974	64,115	0	163,089	161,937
Charitable activities	3	0	7,843	0	7,843	7,241
Other trading activities	4	6,000	0	0	6,000	1,000
Investment Income	5	2,409	2,280	(153)	4,536	3,915
Other	6	0	862	0	862	821
		<u>107,383</u>	<u>75,100</u>	<u>(153)</u>	<u>182,330</u>	<u>174,914</u>
Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		<u>107,383</u>	<u>75,100</u>	<u>(153)</u>	<u>182,330</u>	<u>174,914</u>
Payments						
Raising funds	7	530	0	0	530	525
Charitable activities	8	50,755	56,815	0	107,570	110,826
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	11,391	26,518	0	37,909	19,924
		<u>62,676</u>	<u>83,333</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>146,009</u>	<u>131,275</u>
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		<u>62,676</u>	<u>83,333</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>146,009</u>	<u>131,275</u>
Net receipts/(payments)		44,707	(8,233)	(153)	36,321	43,639
Transfers between funds		(853)	853	0	0	(0)
Net movement in funds		43,854	(7,380)	(153)	36,321	43,639
Funds Brought Forward		126,363	98,767	15,167	240,297	196,658
Funds Carried Forward	12	<u>170,217</u>	<u>91,387</u>	<u>15,014</u>	<u>276,618</u>	<u>240,297</u>

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of Year	126,363	98,767	15,167	240,297	196,658
Net Movement in funds	43,854	(7,380)	(153)	36,321	43,639
Bank and Cash at end of Year	170,217	91,387	15,014	276,618	240,297
Bank and Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				191,621	101,621
Investments - Note 11				3,393	3,545
Bank Current Accounts				81,124	134,770
Cash in Hand				480	361
				276,618	240,297
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets - Note 10					
- Church Premises & equipment				4,115,126	4,115,126
- Manse				456,527	456,527
				4,571,653	4,571,653
Liabilities					
Loans				0	0
Others				0	0
				0	0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 24th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Name: Rev Andrew Frazer

Name: George Knowles

Signature: *A Frazer*

Signature: *G Knowles*

Date: 24/03/2026

Date: 24/03/2026

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in the Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded Giving	82,805	36,366	0	119,171	120,161
Loose Collections	3,064	9,349	0	12,413	9,684
Donations and Gifts	445	11,498	0	11,943	10,568
Gift Aid	12,660	6,902	0	19,562	21,524
Legacies and Bequest	0	0	0	0	0
	98,974	64,115	0	163,089	161,937

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	2,400	0	2,400	2,375
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
Membership Fees	0	3,043	0	3,043	2,628
Grants	0	2,400	0	2,400	2,238
	0	7,843	0	7,843	7,241

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	6,000	-	-	6,000	1,000
Trading Income	-	-	-	-	-
	6,000	-	-	6,000	1,000

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit Interest	2,323	2,261	0	4,584	3,648
General Investment Fund	86	19	-153	-48	267
	2,409	2,280	-153	4,536	3,915

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)**

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Graveyard, carpark, wayleave	0	862	0	862	821
				0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>821</u>

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of FWO Envelopes	530	0	0	530	525
Fundraising Events	0	0	0	0	0
				0	0
	<u>530</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>525</u>

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	11,026	0	0	11,026	9,710
Presbytery Fees	448	0	0	448	419
Ministry and Support Staff Costs	31,432	230	0	31,662	40,009
Congregational running Expenses	2,848	7,946	0	10,794	9,418
Donations to Missions and Charities	250	40,291	0	40,541	38,937
Event & Catering Expenses	3,133	8,163	0	11,296	10,326
Stationary & Teaching materials	918	185	0	1,103	1,257
Publications	0		0	0	0
Governance Costs	700		0	700	750
	<u>50,755</u>	<u>56,815</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>107,570</u>	<u>110,826</u>

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)**

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	11,391	0	0	11,391	12,111
Repairs and Maintenance	0	26,518	0	26,518	7,813
	<u>11,391</u>	<u>26,518</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>37,909</u>	<u>19,924</u>

10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Church Street Ahoghill and the Manse at Galgorm Road, Ahoghill. These together with the associated fixtures, fittings and equipment have an insurance value of £ as at 31st December 2025

11. INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
General Investment Fund	£3,393	£3,545
	<u>3,393</u>	<u>3,545</u>

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Account	126,363	107,383	62,676	44,707	(853)	170,217
				0		0
	<u>126,363</u>	<u>107,383</u>	<u>62,676</u>	<u>44,707</u>	<u>(853)</u>	<u>170,217</u>
Restricted Funds						
Property Account	85,976	19,517	31,399	(11,882)	0	74,094
567 Crew	612	1,866	1,890	(24)	0	588
Sunday School	0	84	437	(353)	353	0
Boys Brigade	0	0	0	0	0	0
Girls Brigade	3,002	5,305	5,455	(150)	289	3,141
Youth Club	1,168	2,109	3,326	(1,217)	500	451
Youth Fellowship	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission Support Group	6,258	18,686	23,552	(4,866)	9,587	10,979
Ladies Coffee Morning	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity Tots	756	902	741	161	0	917
Presbyterian Women	995	1,555	1,333	222	0	1,217
Fit for Life	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proclaim Choir	0	0	0	0	0	0
Choir	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission Fund	0	25,076	15,200	9,876	(9,876)	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>98,767</u>	<u>75,100</u>	<u>83,333</u>	<u>(8,233)</u>	<u>853</u>	<u>91,387</u>
Endowment Funds						
Minister's compensation Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Investment Fund	3,546	(153)	0	(153)	0	3,393
Bequest Fund	11,621	0	0	0	0	11,621
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>15,167</u>	<u>(153)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(153)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,014</u>
Total	<u>240,297</u>	<u>182,330</u>	<u>146,009</u>	<u>36,321</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>276,618</u>

Trinity Ahoghill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	100,036	61,901	0	161,937	156,912
Charitable activities	3	0	7,241	0	7,241	5,961
Other trading activities	4	1,000	0	0	1,000	0
Investment Income	5	2,036	1,719	160	3,915	1,050
Other	6	0	821	0	821	915
		<u>103,072</u>	<u>71,682</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>174,914</u>	<u>164,838</u>
Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		<u>103,072</u>	<u>71,682</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>174,914</u>	<u>164,838</u>
Payments						
Raising funds	7	525	0	0	525	532
Charitable activities	8	55,121	55,705	0	110,826	137,239
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	12,193	7,731	0	19,924	20,533
		<u>67,839</u>	<u>63,436</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>131,275</u>	<u>158,304</u>
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0	3,628
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		<u>67,839</u>	<u>63,436</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>131,275</u>	<u>161,932</u>
Net receipts/(payments)		35,233	8,246	160	43,639	2,906
Transfers between funds		(780)	780	0	(0)	0
Net movement in funds		<u>34,453</u>	<u>9,026</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>43,639</u>	<u>2,906</u>
Funds Brought Forward		<u>91,910</u>	<u>89,741</u>	<u>15,007</u>	<u>196,658</u>	<u>193,752</u>
Funds Carried Forward	12	<u>126,363</u>	<u>98,767</u>	<u>15,167</u>	<u>240,297</u>	<u>196,658</u>

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of Year	91,910	89,741	15,007	196,658	193,752
Net Movement in funds	34,453	9,026	160	43,639	2,906
Bank and Cash at end of Year	<u>126,363</u>	<u>98,767</u>	<u>15,167</u>	<u>240,297</u>	<u>196,658</u>
Bank and Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				101,621	101,621
Investments - Note 11				39,522	3,385
Bank Current Accounts				98,793	91,544
Cash in Hand				361	107
				<u>240,297</u>	<u>196,657</u>
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets - Note 10					
- Church Premises & equipment				4,115,126	3,919,167
- Manse				456,527	434,787
				<u>4,571,653</u>	<u>4,353,955</u>
Liabilities					
Loans				0	0
Others				0	0
				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on

Name _____ Name _____ and signed on its behalf by
Date _____ Date _____

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in the Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded Giving	83,547	36,614	0	120,161	123,277
Loose Collections	3,232	6,452	0	9,684	11,654
Donations and Gifts	50	10,518	0	10,568	879
Gift Aid	13,207	8,317	0	21,524	20,102
Legacies and Bequest	0	0	0	0	1,000
	100,036	61,901	0	161,937	156,912

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	2,375	0	2,375	1,297
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
Membership Fees	0	2,628	0	2,628	2,064
Grants	0	2,238	0	2,238	2,600
	<u>0</u>	<u>7,241</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,241</u>	<u>5,961</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Trading Income	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit Interest	1,952	1,696	0	3,648	703
General Investment Fund	84	23	160	267	347
	<u>2,036</u>	<u>1,719</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>1,050</u>

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Graveyard, carpark, wayleave	0	821	0	821	915
				0	0
	0	821	0	821	915

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of FWO Envelopes	525	0	0	525	532
Fundraising Events	0	0	0	0	0
				0	0
	525	0	0	525	532

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	9,710	0	0	9,710	9,366
Presbytery Fees	419	0	0	419	399
Ministry and Support Staff Costs	39,759	250	0	40,009	73,922
Congregational running Expenses	1,575	7,843	0	9,418	9,242
Donations to Missions and Charities	250	38,687	0	38,937	30,917
Event & Catering Expenses	1,607	8,719	0	10,326	11,261
Stationary & Teaching materials	1,051	206	0	1,257	1,557
Publications	0	0	0	0	0
Governance Costs	750	0	0	750	575
	55,121	55,705	0	110,826	137,239

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)**

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	12,111	0	0	12,111	10,709
Repairs and Maintenance	82	7,731	0	7,813	9,824
	<u>12,193</u>	<u>7,731</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,924</u>	<u>20,533</u>

10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Church Street Ahoghill and the Manse at Galgorm Road, Ahoghill. These together with the associated fixtures, fittings and equipment have an insurance value of £4,571,653 as at 31st December 2024

11. INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Investment Fund	£3,545	3,386
	<u>3,545</u>	<u>3,386</u>

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Account	91,910	103,072	67,839	35,233 0	(780)	126,363 0
	<u>91,910</u>	<u>103,072</u>	<u>67,839</u>	<u>35,233</u>	<u>(780)</u>	<u>126,363</u>
Restricted Funds						
Property Account	79,637	18,969	12,630	6,339	0	85,976
567 Crew	752	1,757	2,397	(640)	500	612
Sunday School	66	130	475	(345)	279	0
Girls Brigade	2,910	6,090	6,242	(152)	244	3,002
Youth Club	2,094	1,494	2,547	(1,053)	127	1,168
Mission Support Group	2,907	17,445	24,876	(7,431)	10,782	6,258
Trinity Tots	722	849	815	34	0	756
Presbyterian Women	516	1,402	1,057	345	134	995
Proclaim Choir	137	0	10	(10)	(127)	0
Mission Fund	0	23,546	12,387	11,159	(11,159)	0
	<u>89,741</u>	<u>71,682</u>	<u>63,436</u>	<u>8,246</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>98,767</u>
Endowment Funds						
General Investment Fund	3,386	160	0	160	0	3,546
Bequest Fund	11,621	0	0	0	0	11,621
	<u>15,007</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,167</u>
Total	<u>196,658</u>	<u>174,914</u>	<u>131,275</u>	<u>43,639</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>240,297</u>

Trinity Ahoghill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105289

Annual report



**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the
year ended 31 December 2024**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105289)

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

Reference and Administrative details

Trinity Ahoghill congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Church St, Ahoghill, BT42 2PA

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105289)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr James Dickey	Mr Michael Mearns
Mr Richard Logan	
Mr Alistair Hamill	Mr Richard Wright
Mr George Knowles	Mr Hubert Scullion
Mr Alistair Kerr	Mr Bertie Bell
Mr Daniel McCloy	Mr John Wright
Mr Samuel Black	Mr William Steele
Mr John Glass	

Elder Emeritus

The following held the post of Elder Emeritus, although they do not serve as trustees for Charity Commission purposes:

Mr Nath Dickey

Principal Office Bearers

Minister (Vacant)	Convenor: Rev Noel Mulholland
Clerk of Session	Mr George Knowles
Treasurer	Mr Tom Lindsay

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs Elizabeth Blake
17 Whinsands Close
Fulwood
Preston
PR2 9AP

BANKERS

Danske Bank
1 Broadway
Ballymena
BT43 7PE

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

Structure and Management

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least four times in each year.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be by the congregation or by the Kirk Session Members and 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. Trinity Church Ahoghill congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

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 in each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

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

The congregation's mission statement is as follows:

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

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

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

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

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

Activities and Objectives

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School
- Youth Club
- 5/6/7 Crew
- Presbyterian Women
- Trinity Choir
- Holiday Bible Club
- Men Utd
- Trinity Tots (Mothers & Toddlers)
- Mission Support Group
- Girls Brigade Boys Brigade
- Pastoral Care Team
- Trinity Ladies Coffee Mornings
- Weekly Prayer Times

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am and 6.15pm every third Sunday in rotation with Brookside and First Ahoghill. During the week the Mid-week Prayer and Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. There are a number of prayer groups who meet every week.

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted marriage services and sought to comfort those who have been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2024 there were 157 communicant members and 192 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 138.

Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend Church due sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and elders or a member of the Pastoral Care Team. They can also get a CD recording of any service and can also watch the services online.

Mission and Outreach

At a local level the congregation helped support a number of groups and charities with prayer support and financially as detailed in the Financial Accounts.

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

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual Tear Fund Appeal, Sunday School project and other special appeals.

Presbytery

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

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

General Assembly

The vacancy 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.

Property

There was no significant expenditure on property during the year.

Volunteers

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

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

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

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

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 received 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 to regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. In 2024, 156 contributors donated a total of £88,778. (2023: 174 contributors donated £93,104)

Total income of the congregation in 2024 was £174,914 compared to £164,838 in 2023.

Total expenditure in 2024 was £131,275 compared to £161,932 in 2023.

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)**

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session on 08/04/2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Name: Rev Noel Mulholland

Name: Mr George Knowles

Date: 08/04/2025

Date: 08/04/2025

Signature: *N Mulholland*

Signature: *G Knowles*

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

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

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

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

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

Independent Examiners statement

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

Mrs Elizabeth Blake

E Blake

17 Whinsands Close
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PR2 9AP

Date: 24/02/2024

Trinity Ahoghill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105289

Annual return



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Trinity Ahoghill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
 for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	107,226	49,686	0	156,912	149,734
Charitable activities	3	0	5,961	0	5,961	4,105
Other trading activities	4	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	5	588	181	281	1,050	448
Other	6	0	915	0	915	2,438
		<u>107,814</u>	<u>56,743</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>164,838</u>	<u>156,725</u>
Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		<u>107,814</u>	<u>56,743</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>164,838</u>	<u>156,725</u>
Payments						
Raising funds	7	532	0	0	532	568
Charitable activities	8	88,853	48,386	0	137,239	135,792
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	10,709	9,824	0	20,533	15,184
		<u>100,094</u>	<u>58,210</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>158,304</u>	<u>151,544</u>
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Fixed Assets		0	3,628	0	3,628	9,079
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		<u>100,094</u>	<u>61,838</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>161,932</u>	<u>160,623</u>
Net receipts/(payments)		7,720	(5,095)	281	2,906	(3,898)
Transfers between funds		4,034	(4,034)	0	(0)	0
Net movement in funds		<u>11,754</u>	<u>(9,129)</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>2,906</u>	<u>(3,898)</u>
Funds Brought Forward		80,156	98,870	14,726	193,752	197,650
Funds Carried Forward	12	<u>91,910</u>	<u>89,741</u>	<u>15,007</u>	<u>196,658</u>	<u>193,752</u>

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of Year	80,156	98,870	14,726	193,752	197,650
Net Movement in funds	11,754	(9,129)	281	2,906	(3,898)
Bank and Cash at end of Year	<u>91,910</u>	<u>89,741</u>	<u>15,007</u>	<u>196,658</u>	<u>193,752</u>
Bank and Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				90,000	61,621
Investments - Note 11				15,007	3,104
Bank Current Accounts				91,544	128,672
Cash in Hand				107	355
				<u>196,658</u>	<u>193,752</u>
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets - Note 10					
- Church Premises & equipment				3,919,167	3,645,737
- Manse				434,787	404,453
				<u>4,353,954</u>	<u>4,050,190</u>
Liabilities					
Loans				0	0
Others				0	0
				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 19/02/2024

and signed on its behalf by:

Name
Rev Brian Smyth

Name
Mr George Knowles



Signature: 

23/02/2024

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**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in the Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded Giving	89,455	33,822	0	123,277	117,151
Loose Collections	3,649	8,005	0	11,654	6,732
Donations and Gifts	320	559	0	879	694
Gift Aid	12,802	7,300	0	20,102	20,157
Legacies and Bequest	1,000	0	0	1,000	5,000
	<u>107,226</u>	<u>49,686</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>156,912</u>	<u>149,734</u>

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	1,297	0	1,297	1,253
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
Membership Fees	0	2,064	0	2,064	1,199
Grants	0	2,600	0	2,600	1,653
	<u>0</u>	<u>5,961</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,961</u>	<u>4,105</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading Income	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit Interest	522	181	281	984	485
General Investment Fund	66	0	0	66	-37
	<u>588</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>448</u>

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Graveyard, carpark, wayleave	0	915	0	915	2,438
				0	0
	0	915	0	915	2,438

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of FWO Envelopes	532	0	0	532	568
Fundraising Events	0	0	0	0	0
				0	0
	532	0	0	532	568

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	9,366	0	0	9,366	9,918
Presbytery Fees	399	0	0	399	435
Ministry and Support Staff Costs	73,512	410	0	73,922	68,947
Congregational running Expenses	1,929	7,313	0	9,242	11,059
Donations to Missions and Charities	250	30,667	0	30,917	36,059
Event & Catering Expenses	1,386	9,875	0	11,261	7,487
Stationary & Teaching materials	1,436	121	0	1,557	857
Publications	0	0	0	0	0
Governance Costs	575	0	0	575	1,030
	88,853	48,386	0	137,239	135,792

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)**

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	10,709	0	0	10,709	9,483
Repairs and Maintenance	0	9,824	0	9,824	5,701
	<u>10,709</u>	<u>9,824</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,533</u>	<u>15,184</u>

10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Church Street Ahoghill and the Manse at Galgorm Road, Ahoghill. These together with the associated fixtures, fittings and equipment have an insurance value of £4,353,954 as at 31st December 2023

11. INVESTMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Investment Fund	3,386	3,104
	<u>3,386</u>	<u>3,104</u>

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Account	80,156	107,814	100,094	7,720	4,034	91,910
				0		0
	<u>80,156</u>	<u>107,814</u>	<u>100,094</u>	<u>7,720</u>	<u>4,034</u>	<u>91,910</u>
Restricted Funds						
Property Account	81,605	16,240	18,208	(1,968)	0	79,637
567 Crew	346	812	2,156	(1,344)	1,750	752
Sunday School	907	173	764	(591)	(250)	66
Boys Brigade	3,124	1	14	(13)	(3,111)	0
Girls Brigade	2,401	4,968	4,669	299	210	2,910
Youth Club	3,300	1,685	3,029	(1,344)	138	2,094
Youth Fellowship	2,552	9	0	9	(2,561)	0
Mission Support Group	3,123	7,857	17,898	(10,041)	9,825	2,907
Ladies Coffee Morning	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity Tots	696	747	721	26	0	722
Presbyterian Women	418	563	465	98	0	516
Fit for Life	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proclaim Choir	158	13	34	(21)	0	137
Choir	240	0	240	(240)	0	0
Mission Fund	0	23,675	13,640	10,035	(10,035)	0
		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
	<u>98,870</u>	<u>56,743</u>	<u>61,838</u>	<u>(5,095)</u>	<u>(4,034)</u>	<u>89,741</u>
Endowment Funds						
Minister's compensation Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Investment Fund	3,105	281	0	281	0	3,386
Bequest Fund	11,621	0	0	0	0	11,621
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>14,726</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,007</u>
Total	<u>193,752</u>	<u>164,838</u>	<u>161,932</u>	<u>2,906</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>196,658</u>

Trinity Ahoghill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105289

Annual report



**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105289)

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Trustees Annual Report

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

Reference and Administrative details

Trinity Ahoghill congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Church Street, Ahoghill, BT42 2PA

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105289)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev Brian Smyth	Mr James Dickey
Mr Martin Dickey	Mr Alistair Hamill
Mr Hubert Scullion	Mr Bertie Bell
Mr George Knowles	Mr John Wright
Mr Alistair Kerr	Mr Richard Wright
Mr Daniel McCloy	Mr Richard Logan
Mr William Steele	Mr Michael Mearns
Mr Samuel Black	Mr John Glass

Elder Emeritus

The following held the post of Elder Emeritus, although they do not serve as trustees for Charity Commission purposes:

Mr Nath Dickey

Principal Office Bearers

Minister	Reverend Brian Smyth
Clerk of Session	Mr George Knowles
Treasurer	Mr Tom Lindsay

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs Elizabeth Blake
17 Whinsands Close
Fulwood
Preston
PR2 9AP

BANKERS

Danske Bank
1 Broadway
Ballymena
BT43 7PE

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

Structure and Management

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least four times in each year.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be by the congregation or by the Kirk Session Members and 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. Trinity Church Ahoghill congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

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 in each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

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

The congregation's mission statement is as follows:

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

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

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

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

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

Activities and Objectives

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School
- Youth Club
- 5/6/7 Crew
- Presbyterian Women
- Trinity Choir
- Holiday Bible Club
- Men Utd
- Trinity Tots (Mothers & Toddlers)
- Mission Support Group
- Girls Brigade Boys Brigade
- Pastoral Care Team
- Trinity Ladies Coffee Mornings
- Fit for Life
- Trinity Walking Group
- Weekly Prayer Times

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am and 6.15pm every third Sunday in rotation with Brookside and First Ahoghill. During the week the Mid-week Prayer and Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. There are a number of prayer groups who meet every week.

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

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

At 31 December 2023 there were 164 communicant members and 211 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 144.

Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend Church due sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and elders or a member of the Pastoral Care Team. They can also get a CD recording of any service and can also watch the services online.

Mission and Outreach

At a local level the congregation helped support a number of groups and charities with prayer support and financially as detailed in the Financial Accounts.

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

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual Tear Fund Appeal, Sunday School project and other special appeals.

Presbytery

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

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

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

There was no significant expenditure on property during the year.

Volunteers

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

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

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

TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

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 received 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 to regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. In 2023, contributors donated a total of £93,104. (2022: contributors donated £82,782)

Total income of the congregation in 2023 was £164,838 compared to £156,725 in 2022. Total expenditure in 2023 was £161,932 compared to £160,623 in 2022.

**TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)**

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session on 19/02/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Name: Reverend Brian Smyth

Name: Mr George Knowles

Date: 23/02/2024

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Signature: 

Signature: 

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRINITY AHOGHILL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

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

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

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

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

Independent Examiners statement

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

Mrs Elizabeth Blake

17 Whinsands Close
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Date: 21/02/2024

Trinity Ahoghill Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105289

Annual return

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