

Eskylane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105310

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-10

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	£70,256	£33,645	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Francis Coulter		
Mr Samuel Mckee		

Eskylane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts

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

Charity No. NIC 105310

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Recorded Givings		22,258	3,375	0	25,633	26,614
Donations and legacies	2	40,404	2,752	0	43,155	10,726
Charitable activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	4	0	1,150	0	1,150	675
Investment Income	5	0	109	0	109	96
Other	6	209	0	0	209	66
		62,870	7,386	0	70,256	38,177
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		62,870	7,386	0	70,256	38,177
Payments						
Raising funds	7	290	165	0	455	435
Charitable activities	8	20,235	12,955	0	33,190	29,600
Investment costs						
Other	9					
		20,525	13,120	0	33,645	30,035
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		20,525	13,120	0	33,645	30,035
Net receipts / (payments)		42345	-5735	0	36611	8,142
Transfers between funds		-6480	6480	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		35865	745	0	36611	8142
Funds brought forward		28874	7742	0	36616	28474
Funds carried forward	12	64739	8487	0	73226	36616

**ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN
IRELAND**

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	28,874	7,742	0	36,616	28,474
Net movement in funds	35,865	745	0	36,611	8,142
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Bank and Cash at end of year	64,739	8,487	0	73,226	36,616
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Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Deposit Accounts	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Current Accounts	64,739	8,470	0	73,209	36,616
Cash in Hand	0	0	0	0	0
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	64,739	8,470	0	73,209	36,616
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Other Assets

Fixed Assets – Note 10				888,224	888,224
Investments – Note 11				0	0

Liabilities

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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 4th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Samuel McKee



4th March 2026

Francis Coulter



4th March 2026

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31st December 2025

Charity No. NIC 105310

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 receipt and payment 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 on 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	22,258	3,375	0	25,633	26,614
Loose collections	2,085	1,549	0	3,634	2,382
Donations and gifts	35,000	550	0	35,550	2,285
Gift aid	3,319	653	0	3,971	6,059
Legacies and bequests	0	0	0	0	0
	62,662	6,127	0	68,788	37,340

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 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
 31st December 2025

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3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Church Publications	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Membership					
Fees	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Church Fundraising	0	1150	0	1150	675
Letting income from Church premises	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1150	0	1150	675

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank Interest	0	109	0	109	96
General investment Fund				0	0
Rents investment properties				0	0
Other investment income					
	0	109	0	109	96

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6 OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous income	209	0	0	209	66
	209	0	0	209	66

7 RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Church envelopes	290	25	0	315	320
Fund raising events (Harvest Supper Expenses)	0	140	0	140	115
	290	165	0	455	435

8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
General Assembly Assessments	1,452	0	0	1,452	2,550
Presbytery Fees	131	0	0	131	135
Ministry and support staff costs	13,451	150	0	13,601	6,746
Congregational running expenses	5,201	1,170	0	6,372	6,664
Donations to Missions & Charities	0	11,635	0	11,635	13,505
Governance costs	0	0	0	0	0
	20,235	12,955	0	33,190	29,600

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9 OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

10 FIXED ASSETS

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
The Congregation owns the Church premises situated at Steeple Road, Antrim, BT41 2LW and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of		
:	888,224	888,224

11 INVESTMENTS / LIABILITIES

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31st December 2025

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12 FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplis/ (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Account	28,874	62,870	20,525	42,345	-6,480	64,739
	28,874	62,870	20,525	42,345	-6,480	64,739
Restricted Funds						
General Account	0	3,405	9,885	-6,480	6,480	0
Property	7,537	1,492	942	550	0	8,087
P.W.	188	2,489	2,294	195	0	383
Christian Endeavour	17	0	0	0	0	17
	7,742	7,386	13,120	-5,735	6,480	8,487
Endowment Funds						
		0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	36,616	70,256	33,645	36,611	0	73,226

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Accounts

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Charity No. NIC 105310

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Recorded Givings		21,989	4,625	0	26,614	31354
Donations and legacies	2	6,158	4,568	0	10,726	11653
Charitable activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	4	0	675	0	675	625
Investment Income	5	0	96	0	96	105
Other	6	66	0	0	66	60
		28,213	9,964	0	38,177	43796
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		28,213	9,964	0	38,177	43796
Payments						
Raising funds	7	290	145	0	435	440
Charitable activities	8	15,448	14,152	0	29,600	50477
Investment costs						
Other	9					
		15,738	14,297	0	30,035	50917
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		15,738	14,297	0	30,035	50917
Net receipts / (payments)		12475	-4333	0	8142	-7121
Transfers between funds		-5198	5198	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		7277	865	0	8142	-7121
Funds brought forward		21597	6877	0	28474	35595
Funds carried forward	12	28874	7742	0	36616	28474

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	21,597	6,877	0	28,474	35,595
Net movement in funds	7,277	865	0	8,142	-7,122
Bank and Cash at end of year	28,874	7,742	0	36,616	28,474
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Current Accounts	28,874	7,742	0	36,616	28,474
Cash in Hand	0	0	0	0	0
	28,874	7,742	0	36,616	28,474
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				888,224	845,928
Investments – Note 11				0	0


Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 11th February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Samuel McKee



18th February 2025

Francis Coulter



18th February 2025

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31st December 2024

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2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	21,989	4,625	0	26,614	31,354
Loose collections	1,537	845	0	2,382	3,860
Donations and gifts	0	2,285	0	2,285	1,720
Gift aid	4,622	1,438	0	6,059	6,073
Legacies and bequests	0	0	0	0	0
	28,147	9,193	0	37,340	43,007

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3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Church Publications	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Membership Fees	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Church Fundraising	0	675	0	675	625
Letting income from Church premises	0	0	0	0	0
	0	675	0	675	625

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank Interest	0	96	0	96	105
General investment Fund				0	0
Rents investment properties				0	0
Other investment income					
	0	96	0	96	105

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6 OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous income	66	0	0	66	60
	66	0	0	66	60

7 RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Church envelopes	290	30	0	320	310
Fund raising events (Harvest Supper Expenses)	0	115	0	115	130
	290	145	0	435	440

8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
General Assembly Assessments	2,550	0	0	2,550	4,808
Presbytery Fees	135	0	0	135	129
Ministry and support staff costs	6,746	0	0	6,746	15,541
Congregational running expenses	6,017	647	0	6,664	6,436
Donations to Missions & Charities	0	13,505	0	13,505	23,563
Governance costs	0	0	0	0	0
	15,448	14,152	0	29,600	50,477

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9 OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

10 FIXED ASSETS

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
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11 INVESTMENTS

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31st December 2024

Charity No. NIC 105310

12 FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus/ (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Account	21,597	28,213	15,738	12,475	-5,198	28,874
	21,597	28,213	15,738	12,475	-5,198	28,874
Restricted Funds						
General Account	0	6,157	11,355	-5,198	5,198	0
Property	6,231	1,639	334	1,305	0	7,537
P.W.	207	1,907	1,926	-19	0	188
Christian Endeavour	439	260	682	-422	0	17
	6,877	9,964	14,297	-4,333	5,198	7,742
Endowment Funds						
		0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	28,474	38,177	30,035	8,142	0	36,616

Eskylane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105310

Annual report

**ESKYLANE 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 NIC105310

ESKYLANE 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 Balance Sheet as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Eskylane congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland:
Steeple Road, Antrim, Co. Antrim, BT41 2LW.

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland: NIC105310

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

William Brian Boyd (January and February- now retired)
Francis Coulter
Samuel McKee
John Todd (January and February- now deceased)

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev Mark Neilly (Convener of the Congregation Year 2024)
Clerk of Session (acting)	Mr. Samuel McKee
Treasurer	Mr Francis Coulter

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Alexander Chestnutt
2 Braeside Gardens
Antrim,
BT41 1HB

BANKERS

Danske Bank Limited
42 High Street
Antrim
BT41 4AP

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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 also 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 three times per year in January, May and September with meetings at other times as required.

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.

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. Eskylane 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 each congregation.

The General Assembly

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

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

Eskylane 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. 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.

The congregation's mission purpose is: *to bring the people of our district together so that they may worship God, make a commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and share in fellowship, and to equip and mobilise them for effective Christian witness in the local community and beyond.*

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on three occasions during the year (January, May and September) 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 prayer and Bible study meetings and has a range of organisations including:

- Sunday School
- Presbyterian Women ("PW")

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10:30am. On Wednesday evening the Bible Study and Prayer Meeting provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship with Kells Congregation, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. The meeting is held in Eskylane the first Wednesday of the month and the rest of the month in Kells.

At 31 December 2024 there were 36 communicant members and 40 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 32.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and/or elders.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation is involved in mission activities throughout the year.

Organisations

Sunday School did not meet during 2024.

Christian Endeavour

The C.E. was not held at Eskylane during the year 2024 but joint with Kells. It has been decided by the Session and Church committee to discontinue a C.E. Organisation at Eskylane for the foreseeable future, for operational reasons. "Eskylane Members" could participate in this activity at Kells.

Presbyterian Women

PW began 2024 with a coffee morning. The Speaker was Mr. Stanley Kyle from Arab World Ministries. A good number of Ladies attended. February meeting was in the

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form of a breakfast at Colemans Garden Centre. Everyone enjoyed a lovely breakfast and shopping afterwards.

The P.W. Service was on Sunday 14th April. Gillian McBride from Open Doors took the Service.

After a lovely Summer, P.W. came back in September to the theme "Entrusted". The Speaker at that meeting was Barbara Reeves from Gideons.

The Harvest Supper in October was well attended by various P.W. Groups. An excellent programme was provided by "Testify", Ruth Turnbull, and Alex Robb. The Ladies served a lovely supper.

November P.W. was taken by Mrs. Karen Mawhinney, wife of the retiring Moderator. Karen spoke on the events of a year as Moderator's wife.

The P.W. was well attended by all the Ladies throughout the year. All moneys collected was distributed between several Missions.

Other Outreach

We have a close association with Majed and Anna Tinawi who work in Poland. We also support financially and prayerfully a number of missionary societies who work both in Ireland and abroad.

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

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by one of the elders (Mr Samuel McKee). This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

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

**ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Total income of the congregation during the year was £38,177, compared to £43,796 in the previous year. Total expenditure decreased to £30,035 in 2024 from £50,917 in 2023.

RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Approved by the Kirk Session on 18th February 2024 and signed on behalf by:



Samuel McKee (Acting Clerk of Session)



Francis Coulter (Treasurer)

Eskylane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105310

Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of
Eskylane Presbyterian Church
Charity Registration No. 105310**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the attached document.

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.

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A A Chestnutt F.I.B.
2 Braeside Gardens, Antrim, BT41 1HB
3 April 2025

Eskylane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105310

Accounts

**ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**

for the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity No. NIC 105310

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Recorded Givings		24,719	6,635	0	31,354	32,293
Donations and legacies	2	6,408	5,245	0	11,653	10,773
Charitable activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	4	0	625	0	625	0
Investment Income	5	0	105	0	105	97
Other	6	60	0	0	60	54
		31,186	12,610	0	43,796	43,217
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		31,186	12,610	0	43,796	43,217
Payments						
Raising funds	7	285	155	0	440	310
Charitable activities	8	36,150	14,327	0	50,477	37,271
Investment costs						
Other	9					
		36,435	14,482	0	50,917	37,581
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		36,435	14,482	0	50,917	37,581
Net receipts / (payments)		-5,249	-1,873	0	-7,122	5,636
Transfers between funds		-3,514	3,514	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		-8,762	1,641	0	-7,122	5,636
Funds brought forward		30,359	5,236	0	35,595	29,960
Funds carried forward	12	21,597	6,877	0	28,474	35,595

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
Charity No. NIC 105310
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	30,359	5,236	0	35,595	29,960
Net movement in funds	-8,762	1,641	0	-7,122	5,635
Bank and Cash at end of year	21,597	6,877	0	28,474	35,595
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Current Accounts	21,597	6,877	0	28,474	35,595
Cash in Hand	0	0	0	0	0
	21,597	6,877	0	28,474	35,595
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				845,928	786,910
Investments – Note 11				0	0

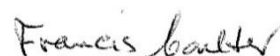
Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 31st January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

John Todd



7th February 2024

Francis Coulter



7th February 2024

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31st December 2023

Charity No. NIC 105310

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 receipt and payment 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 on 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 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	24,719	6,635	0	31,354	32,293
Loose collections	1,865	1,995	0	3,860	2,994
Donations and gifts	0	1,720	0	1,720	1,240
Gift aid	4,543	1,530	0	6,073	6,539
Legacies and bequests	0	0	0	0	0
	31,127	11,880	0	43,007	43,066

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31st December 2023

Charity No. NIC 105310

3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Church Publications	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Membership Fees	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Church Fundraising	0	625	0	625	0
Letting income from Church premises	0	0	0	0	0
	0	625	0	625	0

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Bank Interest	0	105	0	105	97
General investment Fund				0	0
Rents investment properties				0	0
Other investment income					
	0	105	0	105	97

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31st December 2023

Charity No. NIC 105310

6 OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous income	60	0	0	60	54
	60	0	0	60	54

7 RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Church envelopes	285	25	0	310	310
Fund raising events (Harvest Supper Expenses)	0	130	0	130	0
	285	155	0	440	310

8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
General Assembly Assessments	4,808	0	0	4,808	4,473
Presbytery Fees	129	0	0	129	125
Ministry and support staff costs	15,541	0	0	15,541	14,221
Congregational running expenses	5,671	764	0	6,436	3,957
Donations to Missions & Charities	10,000	13,563	0	23,563	14,495
Governance costs	0	0	0	0	0
	36,150	14,327	0	50,477	37,271

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31st December 2023

Charity No. NIC 105310

12 FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplis/ (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Account	30,359	31,186	36,435	-5,249	-3,514	21,597
	30,359	31,186	36,435	-5,249	-3,514	21,597
Restricted Funds						
General Account	0	7,850	11,363	-3,514	3,514	0
Property	4,665	1,967	400	1,566	0	6,231
P.W.	141	2,103	2,038	65	0	207
Christian Endeavour	430	691	681	9	0	439
	5,236	12,610	14,482	-1,873	3,514	6,877
Endowment Funds						
		0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	35,595	43,796	50,917	-7,122	0	28,474

Eskylane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105310

Annual report

**ESKYLANE 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 NIC105310

ESKYLANE 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 Balance Sheet as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Eskylane congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland:
Steeple Road, Antrim, Co. Antrim, BT41 2LW.

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland: NIC105310

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

William Brian Boyd
Francis Coulter
Samuel McKee
John Todd

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev William Brian Boyd
Clerk of Session	Mr John Todd
Treasurer	Mr Francis Coulter

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Alexander Chestnutt
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BANKERS

Danske Bank Limited
42 High Street
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BT41 4AP

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

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 also 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 three times per year in January, May and September with meetings at other times as required.

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.

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. Eskylane 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 each congregation.

The General Assembly

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

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

Eskylane 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. 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.

The congregation's mission purpose is: *to bring the people of our district together so that they may worship God, make a commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and share in fellowship, and to equip and mobilise them for effective Christian witness in the local community and beyond.*

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on three occasions during the year (January, May and September) 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 prayer and Bible study meetings and has a range of organisations including:

- Sunday School
- Christian Endeavour
- Presbyterian Women ("PW")

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10:30am. On Wednesday evening the Bible Study and Prayer Meeting provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship with Kells Congregation, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. The meeting is held in Eskylane the first Wednesday of the month and the rest of the month in Kells.

At 31 December 2023 there were 36 communicant members and 41 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 34.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister and/or elders.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation is involved in mission activities throughout the year.

Organisations

Sunday School did not meet during 2023.

Christian Endeavour was held on Thursday evenings and was combined with Kells CE.

There were 34 on the register with 6 leaders. The children ranged in ages from 4 years to 9 years in the Junior group. The Senior group consisted of 10 year olds and upwards. The Junior Group worked from Go Teach Book. The Seniors used CEF resources.

We all met together for Opening Prayers in the Hall. Then we divided into our own groups. The Juniors started off with:- Noah's Ark, accompanied by follow up sheets, Power Point was used, Art and craft linked in for a Wall Display, They learned Memory verses, Recapped by means of assorted quizzes, They all took part with the Prayer Bear for our

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Chain Prayer, Rainbow Promise to Noah, Pumpkin Patch and activities.....end of October, God's wonderful world, Mr Duddy giving a talk at Creavery School, Night Sky information, Recap on story of Creation, Christmas story and follow up activities, Tower of Babel plus implications....what to learn from the story, The Lost Sheep, Going over the Ten Commandments, CE Promise.

Preparations for the Joint Sunday Service at Eskylane was made. This Service was well supported as the numbers attending showed. The Seniors introduced and organised the Service. Both Groups carried out the singing. Individual Seniors did Prayers and the Bible Readings. The Juniors read out their Chain Prayers and Memory Verses. Two Senior girls performed Violin Duets.

Follow up work and activities - Come Learn Book 1. Assorted quizzes, Art and craft associated with the stories, Memory verses, Singing choruses and Chain prayers

We sent money to help : - The Leprosy Mission, MAF, Dublin Family Outreach, Bethel Community Outreach for Yvonne Malaika, Contribution for the Christmas party in Ksijjagirwa, Uganda, and Crosshill View Ministries.

Presbyterian Women

PW started 2023 with a coffee morning. The Speaker was Liam Logan from "Joy Foundation", who do a great work supplying food and clothing and also proclaiming God's word.

February's coffee morning was taken by Wesley Kerr from "Life Line Ministries" He was just back from spending 3 months in Kenya, where much work is being done helping street children.

The PW service in March was taken by Ester Parker, PW President.

After the summer break PW came back in September to a new theme "Being Transformed". Beth Montgomery from "Asia Link" told us about the ongoing work in Mongolia.

It was good to have a Harvest Supper in October after a break of 3 years owing to covid. John Porter, Rev. Boyd And Hamme Family provided an excellent programme. An offering was taken up for missionary work.

November coffee morning was taken by Dr. Brian Smith from "Fields of Life".

All meetings have been very well attended. 24 shoe boxes were delivered to the collection point and money raised.

Local Missions are being supported.

Other Outreach

We have a close association with Majed and Anna Tinawi who work in Poland and with Jonathan Reid who works locally. We also support financially and prayerfully a number of missionary societies who work both in Ireland and abroad.

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

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and one of the elders (Mr Samuel McKee). This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

ESKYLANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

General Assembly

The minister attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

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).

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Approved by the Kirk Session on 20th February 2023 and signed on behalf by:



John Todd
Clerk of Session



Francis Coulter
Treasurer

Eskylane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105310

Annual return

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A A Chestnutt F.I.B.

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Date: 22 February 2024