
SECOND KILREA 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 (NIC105319)

SECOND KILREA 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

Second Kilrea congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
69 Maghera Street, Kilrea, Co Londonderry BT51 5QL

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CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Campbell Hutchinson	John McIlrath
Alastair Rowe	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev Keith Hibbert (Convenor)
Clerks of Session	John McIlrath/Alastair Rowe
Treasurer	Anne Kirkwood
Secretary	Norman Faloon

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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Co Antrim BT43 6AF

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SOLICITORS

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STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Second Kilrea congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Coleraine and Limavady 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.

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The General Assembly

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

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Second Kilrea 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.

Second Kilrea's mission purpose is to see people become disciples of Jesus Christ, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything Jesus has taught us. Our vision is to see people from within the church and the wider community come to faith in Jesus Christ, living the life of a disciple or follower who then seeks to make more disciples. We do this through our Sunday morning and evening services, joint bible study and prayer meetings with Moneydig congregation and our mothers and toddlers group as well as the friendship group.

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

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

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

- Sunday School
- Cross community Friendship Group
- Mothers and Toddlers
- Presbyterian Women

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

This year has seen us return to normal Church Life. Resumption of Sunday Worship and Sunday School together with the Mid Week Bible Study (shared with Moneydig) we were also glad to continue with the Friendship Group, Mums & Tots and PW.

During this time, we have been greatly blessed by our Pulpit Supply Cover.

At 31 December 2023 there were 55 communicant members: 30 attended communion in the past year. There are now 73 families connected with the congregation.

Pastoral care

During the past year we were guided by our convenors Rev Dr Clive Glass and Rev Keith Hibbert, and we are grateful for their attention to the sick and bereaved.

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Mission and outreach

At a local level Second Kilrea continues to reach out to its community through the mums and tots and friendship groups, both of which attract members from both sides of the community.

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on 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, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to Missionary and Charitable Appeals with a total of £8,666.85 being donated this year.

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.

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

In 2023 new curtains were purchased for the Church Hall at a cost of £2,231.00

Work continued at the Manse at a cost of £552.80 which included guttering repairs, plumbing work and painting.

Organisations

All organisations continued as normal during the year.

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Volunteers

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the 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 using noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

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

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

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Offerings. There were 50 families who contributed by envelopes and direct giving to the Freewill Offering during the year, generating an income of £21,467 a rise of £127 on the previous year. This year 24 families contributed £2,295 to the United Appeal together with £554 of Gift Aid brings our total to £2,849. Our target of honour being £2,790. In total £5,128 was received from HMRC in respect of all monies Gift Aided to the Congregation during the year.

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £48,645 compared to £45,826 in 2022.

Income from FWO has decreased by £224. Overall costs have decreased from £49,306 in 2022 to £41,508 in 2023. A decrease of £7,798.

In 1970 the church received the sum of £4,040.00 from the estate of the late Rev Kennedy Adams to be held in Trust, with the income received to go to the minister of the day to supplement their income. However now that we as a congregation no longer have our own minister (for approximately 20 years and unlikely to do so) and after consultation with our Solicitor and Danske Bank Legal Team they concluded that the Trust had failed and therefore the monies could revert to the Congregation.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

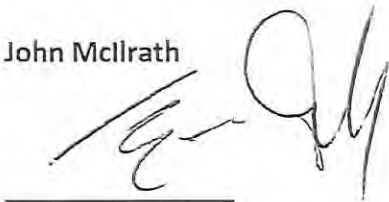
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's 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 Committee / Kirk Session at a meeting on 23.1.24 and signed on its behalf by

John McIlrath



Alastair Rowe

