

RAFFREY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105327

Details

Known as	RAFFREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£196,016	£166,346	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Eric Thompson		
Mr John James Coulter Jackson		
Mr John Martin		
Mr Mervyn Hugh Murdock		
Mr Thomas Hugh Smyth Robinson		
Mr William Alistair Campbell		
Mr William Charles David Morrow		
Mr William John McClements		
Rev Brian Small Bed Bd		

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS:					
Freewill / Loose Offering	92,274			85,325	92,274
United Appeal inc. Gift Aid		8,203		8,954	8,203
Missions & Charities inc. Gift Aid		8,084		6,698	8,084
Donations and gifts	250			50	250
FWO & loose Collection Gift Aid	11,210			10,576	11,210
Bequest etc.		83		4088	83
Property / Repair inc. Gift Aid		20,733		18,900	20,733
Church Organisations inc. Gift Aid		48,394		56,462	48,394
Other funds	533	6,252		3,749	6,785
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Total Receipts	104,267	91,749		194,802	196,016
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PAYMENTS:					
PCI Assessments	16,963			16,060	16,963
Minister's Salary & Allowances	49,799			47,047	49,799
United Appeal		8,671		9,295	8,671
Missions & Charities		7,409		6,630	7,409
Running Costs	26,110			26,614	26,110
Property Repairs etc.		10,035		14,162	10,035
Church Organisations		39,821		47,629	39,821
Other funds		7,538		271	7,538
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Total Payments	92,872	73,474		167,708	166,346
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Net Receipts / Payments	11,395	18,275		27,094	29,670
Transfer between funds	1,166	(1,166)		0	0
Funds carried forward	7,032	183,898		163,835	190,930
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Balance in funds	19,593	201,007		190,929	220,600
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	Total 2023	Total 2024
Bank & Cash Balances		
Church Accounts		
General Account	7,032	19,593
Property	92,121	102,512
Young People's Summer Outreach	1,800	1,700
Outreach Account	4,436	3,647
Bequest Account	45,813	45,896
Missionary Account	2,473	2,681
Organisational Accounts		
Boys Brigade	11,134	13,631
Girls Brigade	9,450	10,295
PW	7,352	11,212
Youth Account	566	1,381
Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	2,761	2,819
Other Accounts	5,991	5,233
Total	190,929 =====	220,600 =====

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2024

FIXED ASSETS – As per Insured Valuations as at :-	31-Oct-23	31-Oct-24
Church Building & Contents	1,329,555	1,396,033
Church Hall Buildings & Contents	1,812,855	1,903,497
Building of Manse	580,331	609,348
Defibrillator & cabinet	2,049	2,151

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS:					
Freewill / Loose Offering	85,325			85,325	73,563
United Appeal inc. Gift Aid		8,954		8,954	7,330
Missions & Charities		6,698		6,698	7,867
Donations and gifts	50			50	0
FWO & loose Collection Gift Aid	10,576			10,576	8,476
Bequest etc.		4088		4088	46
Property / Repair inc. Gift Aid		18,900		18,900	21,103
Church Organisations inc. Gift Aid		56,462		56,462	25,725
Other funds	669	3,080		3,749	7,714
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Total Receipts	96,620	98,182		194,802	151,824
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PAYMENTS:					
PCI Assessments	16,060			16,060	15,502
Minister's Salary & Allowances	47,047			47,047	44,956
United Appeal		9,295		9,295	8,419
Missions & Charities		6,630		6,630	8,481
Running Costs	26,614			26,614	25,102
Property Repairs etc.		14,162		14,162	6,823
Church Organisations		47,629		47,629	25,040
Other funds		271		271	6,732
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Total Payments	89,721	77,987		167,708	141,055
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Net Receipts / Payments	6,899	20,195		27,094	10,769
Transfer between funds	580	(580)		0	0
Funds carried forward	(447)	164,282		163,835	153,066
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Balance in funds	7032	183,897		190,929	163,835
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	Total 2023	Total 2022
Bank & Cash Balances		
Church Accounts		
General Account	7,032	(447)
Property	92,121	102,679
Young People's Summer Outreach	1,800	1,800
Outreach Account	4,436	318
Bequest Account	45,813	30,434
Missionary Account	2,473	2,146
Organisational Accounts		
Boys Brigade	11,134	7,880
Girls Brigade	9,450	7,321
PW	7,352	5,175
Youth Account	566	408
Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	2,761	2,698
Other Accounts	5,991	3,423
Total	190,929	163,835
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2023

FIXED ASSETS – As per Insured Valuations as at :-	31-Oct-23	31-Oct-22
Church Building & Contents	1,329,555	1,236,795
Church Hall Buildings & Contents	1,812,855	1,686,376
Building of Manse	580,331	539,843
Defibrillator & cabinet	2,049	1,906

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Annual report

2023 Kirk Session Report

As we review 2023, we express our gratitude to the living Lord for His gracious and bountiful provision. The Lord has been consistently merciful and generous and so we want to continually give the glory to Him – the Lamb upon the throne.

Raffrey has suffered bereavement throughout the year and we are continually mindful of those who carry the burden of loss we want to remember them daily at God's Throne of grace.

Our God, the living God brings to His people gladness and joy and numerous blessings - "new every morning and fresh every evening". We come to Him every day with heartfelt thanks giving.

Many serve in Raffrey in so many ways each Sunday, through Prayer, as organists, in the choir or praise group, in welcoming us to the service, by providing the announcements and operating the sound and vision, ensuring the building is warm and clean, bringing the gifts of flowers and preparing the meeting house for special occasions and coming together to worship.

Each week we encourage people of all ages to be here for teaching and worship at both morning and evening services, Sunday school, Crèche, Children's Church or Thrive.

We thank our minister Rev Brian Small for teaching us faithfully Sunday morning and evening, in Midweek, and for his diligent preparation. We commend our minister and the manse family to you and urge that we as a congregation continually uphold them and all who lead in the work of the congregation and its organisations in prayer.

We were very pleased to welcome everyone back to worshipping together in 2023 and pleased that so many of our congregation join to worship each week.

January saw past leaders of the Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship being treated to a meal at French's to thank them for their dedicated service over the years. Meetings continued to be well-attended, with the gospel faithfully presented by our guest singers and speakers. We gratefully recognise the quiet work of the ladies in the catering team for their vital contribution to this ministry. A presentation was made to Mr William Jackson at the December meeting to mark his role as founder of the Fellowship; his foresight and commitment in starting this work are very much appreciated throughout the church and wider community.

The winter session got under way in September with the commencement of Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade. These organisations are indeed a unique and privileged opportunity to present the gospel to many precious children and young people. The Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade numbers have grown to 200, this is indeed testimony to the work and faithfulness of the leaders. The Brigades packed the church for their combined Enrolment service on 19th November.

The church and Girls Brigade marked a milestone as Mrs May Ross retired after 25 years faithful and dedicated service as Captain.

Session appointed Miss Alison Ross as GB Captain from September. We wish Alison God's blessing and success as she leads the company.

At the end of October we again met to give thanks to God for His abundant Harvest; we had the privilege of being ministered to by two ministers from Presbytery, from

Lissara Rev Alan Burke on Sunday evening and Rev Andrew Conway from 2nd Comber on Harvest Monday night.

The new Congregational Committee took up office in May 2023 Thanks to all who served on committee over the previous 4 years and we warmly welcome new members as well as faithful members returning to serve.

The Representative Elder to Presbytery was Billy McClements and Associate Elder Mervyn Murdock. The Representative Elder to the General Assembly was Mervyn Murdock.

The Outreach Committee sought to build on the work of 2018. With 2 Church lunches, "Country Folk" concert hosted by Rev Small, Coronation weekend special, a church barbeque, the Raffrey Bake off, and an all age social. Further activities are planned for 2024 including a Christianity Explored series after Easter.

Please make every effort to attend these events and remember them prayerfully.

It is a great sign for the future to have 3 new Sunday school teachers in September and 9 new leaders were Access NI approved.

A Book club commenced in October led by Matthew Jackson.

Presbytery Consultation

The Presbytery consultation replaces what was previously referred to as "Presbytery Visitation". Presbytery informed the minister and congregation of their intention to engage in a consultation with Raffrey in 2023. This involved research, analysis and detailed reporting to a presbytery commission by Session and Committee on all aspects of the congregation. This included the spiritual life of the church and its organisations, its numerical and financial strength,

the quality of relationships within the congregation, and its organisations and their harmonious relations and inter relationship. Focus was also placed on our outreach activities, prayer life, vision for the work in Raffrey and our commitment and support of PCI mission.

The process concluded at the end of November with the commission interviews of our minister and congregation representatives, who were drawn from a wide age range, representative of the whole church.

The commission are due to report back to Presbytery at their February meeting.

May we with devotion continue to live for the Lord as we serve Him in our personal and family lives but also within the context of congregational life.

The cultivation of the prayer life both personal and corporate is essential.

Praise and worship and listening to the preached word are vital components within the sphere of congregational life. Let us show forth the life changing difference that The Lord Jesus Christ makes to our living and outlook on life.

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

I have examined the Church Accounts of Raffrey Presbyterian Church to be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting, at which the Financial Report for the year 2023 is to be presented for acceptance.

I have checked that the balances set out in the accounts reconciled to the Bank statements

Signed:-



Date:- 14th October 2024

Mr Andrew Neill

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RECEIPTS:					
Freewill / Loose Offering	73,563			71,814	73,563
United Appeal inc. Gift Aid		7,330		8,314	7,330
Missions & Charities		8,867		4,790	7,867
Donations and gifts	0			0	0
FWO & loose Collection Gift Aid	8,476			7,256	8,476
Bequest etc.		46		65	46
Property / Repair inc. Gift Aid		20,103		19,560	21,103
Church Organisations inc. Gift Aid		25,725		16,715	25,725
Other funds	1,114	6,600		1,503	7,714
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Total Receipts	83,153	68,671		128,911	151,824
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PAYMENTS:					
PCI Assessments	15,502			16,295	15,502
Minister's Salary & Allowances	44,956			43,673	44,956
United Appeal		8,419		8,671	8,419
Missions & Charities		8,481		4,110	8,481
Running Costs	25,102			18,795	25,102
Property Repairs etc.		6,823		25,079	6,823
Church Organisations		25,040		10,998	25,040
Other funds		6,732			6,732
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Total Payments	85,560	55,495		127,701	141,055
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Net Receipts / Payments	(2,407)	13,176		1,210	10,769
Transfer between funds	0	0		0	0
Funds carried forward	1,960	151,106		151,856	153,066
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Balance in funds	(447)	164,282		153,066	163,835
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2022

As we look back over 2022, we want to give thanks to the Lord for His continued goodness. The Lord has been consistently faithful and we have once again experienced the fact that He is indeed 'the same yesterday, today and forever'.

Throughout the year, there were times of sadness due to bereavement. It is relieving and comforting to know and appreciate the strength and consoling power of the living God during those periods of loss. Let us also thank God for the joy and gladness that He brings to His people in abundant supply.

Our week should never begin without coming to worship our Maker and Saviour.

Each Sunday we encourage people of all ages to come and take part in the teaching and worship at both morning and evening services, Sunday school, Bible Class, Crèche, Children's Church or Thrive.

There are many who serve in Raffrey in so many ways, through Prayer, as organists, in the choir or praise group, in welcoming us to the service, by providing the announcements and operating the sound and vision, ensuring the building is warm and clean, bringing the gifts of flowers and preparing the meeting house for special occasions and coming together to worship every Sunday.

We thank our minister Rev Brian Small for teaching us faithfully Sunday morning and evening, in Midweek, and for his diligent preparation. He has also been extremely busy taking care of 1st Saintfield congregation during their vacancy. We would commend him and the manse family to you and urge that we as a congregation continually uphold them and all who lead in the work of the congregation and its organisations in prayer.

We were delighted to welcome new families into the fellowship and to have so many of our congregation back to worship in person.

Unfortunately, early restrictions in 2022 meant splitting the organisations for enrolment missing out on displays, making alternative arrangements for communion, and further delays to Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship and PW. Seating restrictions and wearing of face coverings continued until Easter Sunday 17th April.

It was good, at last, to have the opportunity for outreach at the Jubilee on 5th June, to invite friends and give thanks for our Queen's Life of commitment and service to her Saviour and the nation. An invitation was extended to both Barnamaghery and Raffrey lodges to attend and the lunch afterwards was appreciated by all. PW also met and celebrated with a special Jubilee tea.

The May Gift Day services were conducted by Rev John Woodside in the morning and Rev Brian Small in the evening.

A family fun evening was held on 24 June.

The winter session got under way in September with the commencement of Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade. Thrive's first meeting was in October.

These organisations are indeed a unique and privileged opportunity to present the gospel to many precious children and young people. The Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade have grown, this is indeed testimony to the work and faithfulness of the leaders.

Our Irish Mission services were on 20th March. The morning service speaker was former member Mrs Michelle Stewart now serving in Cloghey. An invitation was extended to 1st Saintfield to join us for the Evening mission service. Presbytery supported this by inviting

all the churches to join us via live stream to hear Mr David Boyd from Adelaide Road Dublin.

Our autumn mission weekend was shared with the Bike Show. This was a great outreach to lots of folks from around about and far afield Mr Jim Armstrong of the Christian Motorcycle Association spoke at the morning service and Rev. Peter and Mrs Jane Fleming brought us the Word and news of the work in Nepal in the evening.

At the end of October we again met to give thanks to God for His abundant Harvest; we had the privilege of being ministered to by two new ministers in Presbytery, from Clough and Seaforde Rev David Bingham on Sunday evening and Rev John Torrens from 2nd Saintfield on Harvest Monday night.

The 2022 Moderators appeal was for Ukraine.

Joy at the recommencement of Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship has been tempered by the sad loss of many faithful members during its two-year absence. Mr William Jackson and several other founding members felt that it was time to stand down after years of diligent service. The new leadership team - consisting of Alistair Campbell, Ian Jackson and Mervyn Murdock - have been greatly encouraged by the numbers attending, a mixture of "old regulars" and "new blood". The first meeting was held in October with a hearty lunch and song and testimony provided by Mr John Porter. Bill Dunn and Paul and Ruth Greenfield led subsequent meetings. Please pray for this vital ministry as the "bread of life" is presented alongside food of the earthly kind.

The Congregational Committee had completed 3 years, after consideration it was felt that the committee should run for a fourth year. Session are grateful to all who served on Committee with special thanks to the office bearers, sub committees and their convenors.

The Representative Elder to Presbytery was Alistair Campbell and Associate Elder Billy McClements. The Representative Elder to the General Assembly was Ian Jackson.

The Outreach Committee sought to build on the work of 2018 and continued with planning for 2023. Please make every effort to attend these events and remember them prayerfully.

It is wonderful to know that we worship a God who continually showers us with blessings from heaven. Let us continue to be diligent in our work for Him, realising that only what is done for the Saviour really counts. He died that we may live and so we want to demonstrate this living hope in our lives so that those in our community will see the difference Jesus Christ makes to life and living.

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