

Magheramason Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105376

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-16
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	£141,462	£128,941	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Elma Mitchell		
Mr Colin Ernest Kennedy		
Mr David Thompson		
Mr Gareth Kirk		
Mr Joseph Norman Davis		
Mr Leslie Hamilton		
Mr Patrick Paul Crumley		
Mr Walter Hoy		
Mrs Rebecca Catherine Kincaid		
Mrs Reta Olphert		
Rev Graeme Orr		

Magheramason Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105376

Accounts

**MAGHERAMASON 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 (NIC105376)


MAGHERAMASON 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	91,061	34,783		125,844	120,172
Charitable activities	3	1,322	8,030		9,352	7,373
Other trading activities	4	102	0		102	412
Investment Income	5	3,105	140		3,245	2,016
Other	6	402	2,517		2,919	528
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		95,992	45,470		141,462	130,501
Sale of Investments						
Sale of fixed assets						
Loans Received						
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Total Receipts		95,992	45,470		141,462	130,501
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	475	413		888	3,032
Charitable activities	8	94,008	34,045		128,053	128,564
Investment costs						
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		94,483	34,458		128,941	131,596
Purchase of Investments						
Purchase of fixed assets			0		0	0
Loan Repayments						
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Payments		94,483	34,458		128,941	131,596
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Net receipts / (payments)		1,509	11,012		12,521	(1,095)
Transfers between funds		1,250	(1,250)			
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Net movement in funds		2,759	9,762		12,521	(1,095)
Funds brought forward		79,000	26,627	8,000	113,627	114,722
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Funds carried forward	11	81,759	36,389	8,000	126,148	113,627
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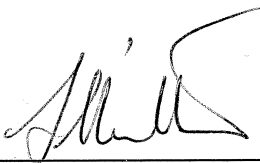
MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Fund 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	79,000	26,627	8,000	113,627	114,722
Net movement in funds	2,759	9,762	0	12,521	(1,095)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	81,759	36,389	8,000	126,148	113,627
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Current Accounts				50,686	41,426
Building Society Account				74,591	71,486
Cash in Hand				871	715
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				126,148	114,722
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 9					
- Church Premises				5,166,704	4,920,670
Investments – Note 10					
Investments				185	185
Gift Aid receivable on donations				18,968	18,272
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				5,185,957	4,939,127
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Liabilities					
Loans					
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				0	0
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 1st April 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Rev Graeme Orr



Leslie Hamilton

Date: 1/4/25

1st April 2025

MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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

income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	70,012	19,713		86,113	86,113
Loose collections	5,098	5,840		10,396	10,396
Donations and gifts	1,925	1,700		3,625	3,169
In Memoriam		1,420		1,420	555
In Lieu of Flowers		1,665		1,665	1,990
Gift Aid	11,026	4,445		18,471	17,949
Legacies and bequest					
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	91,061	34,783		125,844	120,172
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2024

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	1,322	1,802		3,124	5,773
Grants		6,228		6,228	1,600
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	1,322	8,030		9,352	7,373
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	100			100	410
Ground Rent (NIE Pole)	2			2	2
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	102			102	412
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment interest	3,105	97		3,202	1,988
Bank Interest	0	43		43	28
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	3,105	140		3,245	2,016
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2024

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Periodicals & Calendars	402	0		402	528
Insurance Compensation		2,500		2,500	0
Sundry Income	0	17		17	0
Refund Pulpit Supplies	0			0	0
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	402	2,517		2,919	528
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	475			475	532
Fundraising events	0	413		413	2,500
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	475	413		888	1,179
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	16,708			16,708	16,066
Presbytery fees	946			946	940
Ministry and support staff costs	56,799			56,799	54,893
Congregational running expenses	18,355	17,256		35,611	38,064
Donations to Missions & charities	1,200	16,789		17,989	18,601
Governance costs					
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	94,008	34,045		128,053	128,564
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 137 Victoria Road, Magheramason and a manse situated at 139 Victoria Road, Magheramason for the minister and a caretaker's cottage at 3 Mason Road, Magheramason and the associated fixtures, fittings and equipment.

The premises and contents etc. have an insurance value of £5,166,704

10. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Permanent Endowments	185	185
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	185	185
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2024

11. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Account	79,000	95,992	94,483	1,509	1,250	81,759
[Name of Fund]						
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	79,000	95,992	94,483	1,509	1,250	81,759
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Restricted Funds						
Manse	600	0	0			600
Property Fund	15,752	14,386	5,154			24,984
Mission & Charities	1,449	16,589	15,552			2,486
Boys' Brigade	647	5,723	5,928		(350)	92
Girls' Brigade	2,618	5,429	4,762		(300)	2,985
Sunday School (Explorers)	362	254	255		0	361
Bowling Club	2,855	177	61		(400)	2,571
Parent & Toddler	320	59	33		0	346
PW	1,717	1,915	2,114		0	1,518
Funeral Teas	0	0	0		0	0
Afternoon Club	307	938	599		(200)	446
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	26,627	45,470	34,458	0	(1,250)	36,389
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Endowment Funds						
Legacies Bequests	8,000					8,000
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	8,000					8,000
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Total	113,627	141,462	128,941	1,509	0	126,148

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 105376

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For the year ended 31 December 2023**

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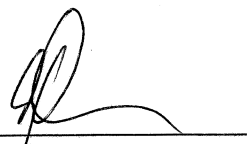
MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	86,947	33,225		120,172	114,895
Charitable activities	3	3,384	3,989		7,373	3,200
Other trading activities	4	412	0		412	342
Investment Income	5	1,891	125		2,016	352
Other	6	528	0		528	556
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		93,162	37,339		130,501	119,345
Sale of Investments						
Sale of fixed assets						
Loans Received						
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Receipts		93,162	37,339		130,501	119,345
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	3,032	0		3,032	1,179
Charitable activities	8	91,754	36,810		128,564	127,541
Investment costs						
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		94,786	36,810		131,596	128,720
Purchase of Investments						
Purchase of fixed assets			0		0	0
Loan Repayments						
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Payments		94,756	36,910		131,596	128,720
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Net receipts / (payments)		(1,624)	529		(1,095)	(9,375)
Transfers between funds		10,730	(10,730)			
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Net movement in funds		9,106	(10,201)		(1,095)	(9,375)
Funds brought forward		69,894	36,828	8,000	114,722	124,097
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Funds carried forward	11	79,000	26,627	8,000	113,627	114,722
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Fund 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	69,894	36,828	8,000	114,722	124,097
Net movement in funds	9,106	(10,201)	0	(1,095)	(9,375)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	79,000	26,627	8,000	113,627	114,722
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Current Accounts				41,426	44,384
Building Society Account				71,486	69,595
Cash in Hand				715	743
				=====	=====
				113,627	114,722
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 9					
- Church Premises				4,920,670	4,577,368
Investments – Note 10					
Investments				185	185
Gift Aid receivable on donations				18,272	17,710
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				4,939,127	4,595,263
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Liabilities					
Loans					
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				0	0
				=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 16th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by


Rev Graeme Orr


Leslie Hamilton

Date: 16/4/2024

16th April 2024

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

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	67,631	18,482		86,113	80,746
Loose collections	3,649	6,747		10,396	11,770
Donations and gifts	2,310	859		3,169	3,171
In Memoriam		555		555	370
In Lieu of Flowers		1,990		1,990	1,365
Gift Aid	13,357	4,592		17,949	17,473
Legacies and bequest					
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	86,947	33,255		120,172	114,895
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	3,384	2,389		5,773	200
Grants		1,600		1,600	3,000
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	3,384	3,989		7,373	3,200
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	410			410	340
Ground Rent (NIE Pole)	2			2	2
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	412			412	342
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment interest	1,891	97		1,988	100
Bank Interest	0	28		28	252
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	1,891	125		2,016	352
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Cheque Cancelled	0	0		0	0
Periodicals & Calendars	528			528	506
Refund Pulpit Supplies	0			0	50
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	528	0		528	556
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	532			532	1,179
Fundraising events	2,500	0		2,500	0
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	3,032	0		3,032	1,179
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	16,066			16,066	15,262
Presbytery fees	940			940	896
Ministry and support staff costs	54,893			54,893	52,231
Congregational running expenses	18,655	19,409		38,064	37,861
Donations to Missions & charities	1,200	17,401		18,601	21,291
Governance costs					
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	91,754	36,810		128,564	127,541
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**MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2023

9. FIXED ASSETS

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The premises and contents etc. have an insurance value of £4,939,127

10. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Permanent Endowments	185	185
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	185	185
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

11. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Account [Name of Fund]	69,894	93,162	94,786	(1,624)	10,730	79,000
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	69,894	93,162	94,786	(1,624)	10,730	79,000
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Restricted Funds						
Manse	1,224	0	624	(624)		600
Property Fund	24,302	9,963	8,513	1,450	(10,000)	15,752
Mission & Charities	1,265	16,349	16,673	(324)	508	1,449
Boys' Brigade	802	2,606	2,761	(155)	0	647
Girls' Brigade	2,455	4,729	4,266	(463)	(300)	2,618
Sunday School (Explorers)	493	465	596	(131)	0	362
Bowling Club	3,152	143	40	103	(400)	2,855
Parent & Toddler	317	161	158	3	0	320
PW	635	2,056	1,974	82	1000	1,717
Funeral Teas	1,891	0	578	(578)	(1313)	0
Afternoon Club	292	867	627	240	(225)	307
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	36,828	37,339	36,810	529	(10,730)	26,627
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Endowment Funds						
Legacies Bequests	8,000					8,000
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	8,000					8,000
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Total	114,722	130,501	131,596	(1,095)	0	113,627

Magheramason Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105376

Annual report

**MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION
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**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105376)

**MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Magheramason Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

137 Victoria Road
Magheramason
Londonderry
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Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105376)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev Graeme Orr	Mr Patrick Crumley	Mr Joseph Davis
Mr Walter Hoy	Mr Leslie Hamilton	Mr Colin Kennedy
Mrs Catherine Kincaid	Mr Gareth Kirk	Miss Elma Mitchell
Mrs Reta Olphert	Mr David Thompson	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. Graeme Orr
Clerk of Session	Mr Colin Kennedy
Treasurer	Mr Leslie Hamilton

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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SOLICITORS

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MAGHERAMASON 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 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 Ministers 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 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. Magheramason congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Derry and Donegal 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.

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.

Magheramason 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.

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

The Congregation's mission purpose is –

“For God's Glory Magheramason Presbyterian Church is committed to equipping Christians to Worship God, reach out into the local area and the wider world for Christ”

Our vision is, by the Grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's followers 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 in 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 by living faithfully toward Him and 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.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

It was good to start a new year Covid free. Our church and organisations were able to meet together and enjoy church life as 'normal'.

The Congregation meets for worship every Sunday morning and every Sunday evening, with the exception of July and August and visitors are most welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on at least three occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lords Table. The congregation holds Bible study and Prayer meetings every week and has a wide range of organisations, these include:-

Sunday School / Bible Class

Girls Brigade / Boys Brigade,

Bowling Club / Walking group

Presbyterian Women's group.

Christian Youth Fellowship group

We have an Afternoon Club which is not only for members of the Church but also for other members of the Community. Also a Parent and Toddler group which people from the whole community attend and benefit from.

The Holiday Bible Club meets annually during June in the church halls and grounds for 5 to 12 year olds.

On average 40 to 70 children attend each evening from both the church family and from the local community. The children take part in games and physical activities, bible stories and quizzes, crafts, memory verses and singing.

MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The Congregation meets for worship each Sunday morning at 11.00am and in the evening time at 6.30pm (except July and August). During the months of May & June our evening services are held as a drive in at the local Cricket grounds where we have different speakers each evening.

During the week we have a midweek service which provides an opportunity for members to meet for a time of Bible Study and Prayer. Further to this we have a time of Prayer on a Friday morning when we meet in the church hall at 7.30am. Once a month, on the last Thursday of the month at 10am, we have a time of Prayer for the Community and from time to time we have organised special weeks of Prayer.

During the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at two Sacraments of Baptism and we conducted no marriage service.

We gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year. At 31st December 2023 there were 392 communicant members and 255 families connected to this Church. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 155.

Pastoral Care

Our Minister and/or elders regularly visit members of the Congregation who are unable to attend Church due to age, illness or infirmity. The bereaved are also visited as well as normal visits to members of the congregation.

Mission and Outreach

The congregation supports the United Appeal for mission. This 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, assist with the running of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students and financially supports congregation in the area of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care. The congregation also contributed to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School Project and any other special appeals.

At a local level our congregation has supported financially many different causes and charities including C.E.F. the Bible Society, Children's Society, Belfast City Mission. In total £1,200.00 was donated to local mission. Externally and globally we have donated £16,591.00 to various causes including CEF, Frontiers (Ireland), Turkey/Syria Appeal, European Mission Fellowship, Exodus, Help Children Europe, Shine His Light and United Appeal.

Church members also support the annual Samaritan's Purse Appeal by filling shoeboxes with appropriate small gifts suitable for play and educating young disadvantaged children in Eastern Europe.

We have a Mission Fund which receives funds through donations at our weekly midweek Bible study and prayer meetings. This enabled the Fund to make donations to various other mission and outreach projects throughout the year.

We are currently supporting a Pastor on the South coast of Spain through European Missionary Fellowship.

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

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings by our Minister and one of our 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 2023.

Property

During the year normal remedial work, including plumbing maintenance was carried out to our property to keep these properties maintained to a satisfactory standard.

Organisations

The congregation of Magheramason have a wide range of organisations which meet at designated times during the week.

The Boys Brigade normally meet weekly between September and March with a good number of boys of all ages coming along to get involved in various activities and a well rounded programme to learn more of the Gospel of Christ. During the year they would normally have attended many Battalion competitions and travelled on outings.

The Girls Brigade also has a large number of girls of all ages who enjoy the activities on offer and would travel on occasional outings throughout the year. The girls have the opportunity to learn about Christ in an interactive and fun environment through a programme of games, craft, scripture and much more.

Bowling Club meets each Monday evening from Sept. to March and have a team entered in the local Churches League. As well as this it holds a very successful Annual open tournament each year when entries are received from far and wide and cross-community.

On a Friday morning our hall is normally used by the Parent and toddler group which is open to the whole community. Young children attend accompanied by their carers. The group organise an outing each spring to a local kids activity centre which is normally attended by the children and their carers.

The Presbyterian Women's group meet once a month in our halls and have a wide range of activities and guest speakers. They normally organise an annual outing each year with in the region of twenty members attending. They also have a collection throughout the year for Home and Overseas Mission which realised £1,350 this year.

A crèche is provided for babies aged below three years of age during the morning worship service each Sunday. This gives the children a safe environment while the parents or carers are in church.

Primary school children leave church mid way through the morning service to attend children's church where they will take part in song, bible stories craft and talks.

Secondary school age children meet prior to morning worship in Sunday school groups for bible study and prayer.

MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on the various committees and helping with the leadership of the 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 notice boards, printed material, press advertisement, websites and social media or in other ways.

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

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

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public Benefit Statement statutory guidance.

MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 160 contributors during the year (170 the previous year) donating a total of £93,162 (£82,800 the previous year)

Total income for the congregation during the year was £130,501 compared with £119,345 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased on the previous year from £128,720 to £131,596. This was mainly down to an increase in running costs within the church.

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) 2018 to prepare a Receipts and Payment 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 at a meeting held on 16th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by


Rev Graeme Orr


Leslie Hamilton

Date

16/4/2024

16th April 2024

Magheramason Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105376

Annual return

**MAGHERAMASON 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 (NIC105376)

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 December 2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

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



Derry Burgess

SA Tax Consultant B2602R
52 Dunalong Road, Bready, Strabane. BT47 0DW

BURGESS CONSULTANCY
52 Dunalong Road
Bready
STRABANE
BT82 0DW

Date:

23/04/2024

Magheramason Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105376

Accounts

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

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105376)

MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2022

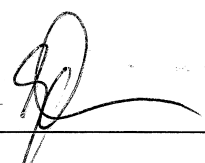
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	81,653	33,242		114,895	111,591
Charitable activities	3	0	3,200		3,200	2,436
Other trading activities	4	342	0		342	2
Investment Income	5	249	103		352	489
Other	6	556	0		556	1554
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		82,800	36,545		119,345	116,072
Sale of Investments						
Sale of fixed assets						
Loans Received						
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Receipts		82,800	36,545		119,345	116,072
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	1,179	0		1,179	0
Charitable activities	8	88,313	39,228		127,541	108,386
Investment costs						
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		89,492	39,228		128,720	108,386
Purchase of Investments						
Purchase of fixed assets			0		0	0
Loan Repayments						
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Payments		89,492	39,228		128,720	108,386
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Net receipts / (payments)		(6,692)	(2,683)		(9,375)	7,686
Transfers between funds		325	(325)			
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		(6,367)	(3,008)		(9,375)	7,686
Funds brought forward		76,261	39,836	8,000	124,097	116,411
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Funds carried forward	11	69,894	36,828	8,000	114,722	124,097
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**MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

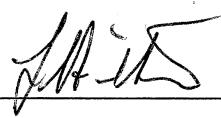
As at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Fund 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	76,261	39,836	8,000	124,097	116,411
Net movement in funds	(6,367)	(3,008)	0	(9,375)	7,686
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Bank and Cash at end of year	69,894	36,828	8,000	114,722	124,097
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Current Accounts				44,384	54,226
Building Society Account				69,595	69,346
Cash in Hand				743	525
				=====	=====
				114,722	124,097
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 9					
- Church Premises				4,577,368	4,425,016
Investments – Note 10					
Investments				185	228
Gift Aid receivable on donations				17,710	17,473
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				4,595,263	4,275,717
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Liabilities					
Loans					
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				0	0
				=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 6th June 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Date: 6/6/23



6th June 2023

MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2022

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

income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	63,061	17,685		80,746	82,881
Loose collections	3,119	8,651		11,770	3,821
Donations and gifts	2,609	562		3,171	3,308
In Memoriam		370		370	610
In Lieu of Flowers		1,365		1,365	4,345
Gift Aid	12,864	4,609		17,473	16,626
Legacies and bequest					
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	81,653	33,242		114,895	111,591
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2022

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events		200		200	0
Grants		3,000		3,200	2,436
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	0	3,200		3,200	2,436
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	340			340	0
Ground Rent (NIE Pole)	2			2	2
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	342			342	2
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment interest	0	100		100	165
Bank Interest	249	3		252	324
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	249	103		352	489
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2022

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Cheque Cancelled	0	0		0	56
Periodicals & Calendars	506			506	296
Refund Pulpit Supplies	50			50	1,202
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	556	0		556	1,554
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	1,179			1,179	0
Fundraising events		0		0	0
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	1,179	0		0	0
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	15,262			15,262	15,518
Presbytery fees	896			896	896
Ministry and support staff costs	52,231			52,231	48,396
Congregational running expenses	18,724	19,137		37,861	27,950
Donations to Missions & charities	1,200	20,091		21,291	15,626
Governance costs					
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	88,313	39,228		127,541	108,386
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2022

9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 137 Victoria Road, Magheramason and a manse situated at 139 Victoria Road, Magheramason for the minister and a caretaker's cottage at 3 Mason Road, Magheramason and the associated fixtures, fittings and equipment.

The premises and contents etc. have an insurance value of £4,577,368

10. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Permanent Endowments	185	228
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	185	228
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MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2022

11. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Account	76,261	82,800	89,492	(6,692)	325	69,894
[Name of Fund]						
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	76,261	82,800	89,492	(6,692)	325	69,894
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Restricted Funds						
Manse	3,384	0	2,160	(2,160)		1,224
Property Fund	22,578	10,298	8,574	1,724		24,302
Mission & Charities	1,866	18,740	19,141	(401)	(200)	1,265
Boys' Brigade	1,471	1	670	(669)		802
Girls' Brigade	3,102	4,520	5,167	(647)		2,455
Sunday School (Explorers)	563	581	651	(70)		493
Bowling Club	3,236	3	87	(84)		3,152
Parent & Toddler	337	50	70	(20)		317
PW	406	1,792	1,863	(71)	300	635
Funeral Teas	2,812	0	621	(621)	(300)	1,891
Afternoon Club	81	560	224	336	(125)	292
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	39,836	36,545	39,228	(2683)	(325)	36,828
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Endowment Funds						
Legacies Bequests	8,000					8,000
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	8,000					8,000
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Total	124,097	119,345	128,720	(9,375)	0	114,722

Magheramason Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105376

Annual report

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

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105376)

**MAGHERAMASON CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022, including a statement of Assets and Liabilities, as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Magheramason Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

137 Victoria Road
Magheramason
Londonderry
BT47 2RX

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105376)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev Graeme Orr	Mr Patrick Crumley	Mr Joseph Davis
Mr Walter Hoy	Mr Leslie Hamilton	Mr Colin Kennedy
Mrs Catherine Kincaid	Mr Gareth Kirk	Miss Elma Mitchell
Mrs Reta Olphert	Mr David Thompson	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. Graeme Orr
Clerk of Session	Mr Colin Kennedy
Treasurer	Mr Leslie Hamilton

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Derry Burgess S.A. Tax Consultant (B2602R)
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**MAGHERAMASON 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 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 Ministers 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 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. Magheramason congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Derry and Donegal 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.

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.

Magheramason 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.

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The Congregation's mission purpose is –

“For God's Glory Magheramason Presbyterian Church is committed to equipping Christians to Worship God, reach out into the local area and the wider world for Christ”

Our vision is, by the Grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's followers 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 in 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 by living faithfully toward Him and 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.

Covid 19 Pandemic

We started the year still under some of the restrictions imposed due to Covid but with some relaxation of the guidelines our church life began to return to some sense of normality. We were able to provide tea after our morning service and to resume our café church once a month. Once again we were able to host the Presbytery Easter Dawn service at the riverside and to provide breakfast afterwards in the church hall. The church's organisations were able to resume to some extent and during the summer we were able to hold our Holiday Bible Club for children. By September, at the start of our new church year, all of the organisations were able to meet under normal circumstances and to allow full activity to take place.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Congregation meets for worship every Sunday morning and every Sunday evening, with the exception of July and August and visitors are most welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on at least three occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lords Table. The congregation holds Bible study and Prayer meetings every week and has a wide range of organisations, these include:-

Sunday School / Bible Class

Girls Brigade / Boys Brigade,

Bowling Club / Walking group

Presbyterian Women's group.

We have an Afternoon Club which is not only for members of the Church but also for other members of the Community. Also a Parent and Toddler group which people from the whole community attend and benefit from.

The Holiday Bible Club meets annually during June in the church halls and grounds for 5 to 12 year olds.

On average 50 to 70 children attend each evening from both the church family and from the local community. The children take part in games and physical activities, bible stories and quizzes, crafts, memory verses and singing.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The Congregation meets for worship each Sunday morning at 11.00am and in the evening time at 6.30pm (except July and August). During the months of May & June our evening services are held as a drive in at the local Cricket grounds where we have different speakers each evening.

During the week we have a midweek service which provides an opportunity for members to meet for a time of Bible Study and a time of Prayer. Further to this we have a time of Prayer on a Friday morning when we meet in the church hall at 7.30am. Once a month, on the last Thursday at 10am, we have a time of Prayer for the Community and from time to time we have organised special weeks of Prayer.

During the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at two Sacraments of Baptism and we conducted no marriage service.

We gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year. At 31st December 2022 there were 304 communicant members and 256 families connected to this Church. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 156.

Pastoral Care

Our Minister and/or elders regularly visit members of the Congregation who are unable to attend Church due to age, illness or infirmity. The bereaved are also visited as well as normal visits to members of the congregation. Visits due to Covid 19 pandemic were restricted.

Mission and Outreach

The congregation supports the United Appeal for mission. This 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, assist with the running of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students and financially supports congregation in the area of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care. The congregation also contributed to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School Project and any other special appeals.

At a local level our congregation has supported financially many different causes and charities including C.E.F. the Bible Society, Children's Society, Belfast City Mission. In total £1,200.00 was donated to local mission. Externally and globally we have donated £7,914.00 to various causes including CEF, Frontiers (Ireland), Ukraine Appeal, European Mission Fellowship, Christian Institute, Help Children Europe and World Development Appeal.

Church members also support the annual Samaritan's Purse Appeal by filling shoeboxes with appropriate small gifts suitable for play and educating young disadvantaged children in Eastern Europe.

We have a Mission Fund which receives funds through donations at our weekly midweek Bible study and prayer meetings. This enabled the Fund to make donations to various other mission and outreach projects throughout the year.

We are currently supporting a Pastor on the South coast of Spain through European Missionary Fellowship.

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Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings by our Minister and one of our 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 October 2022.

Property

During the year normal remedial work, including painting was carried out to our property to keep these properties maintained to a satisfactory standard.

Organisations

The congregation of Magheramason have a wide range of organisations which meet at designated times during the week.

The Boys Brigade normally meet weekly between September and March with a good number of boys of all ages coming along to get involved in various activities and a well rounded programme to learn more of the Gospel of Christ. During the year they would normally have attended many Battalion competitions and travelled on outings.

The Girls Brigade also has a large number of girls of all ages who enjoy the activities on offer and would travel on occasional outings throughout the year. The girls have the opportunity to learn about Christ in an interactive and fun environment through a programme of games, craft, scripture and much more.

Bowling Club meets each Monday evening from Sept. to March and have a team entered in the local Churches League. As well as this it holds a very successful Annual open tournament each year when entries are received from far and wide and cross-community.

On a Friday morning our hall is normally used by the Parent and toddler group which is open to the whole community. Young children attend accompanied by their careers. The group organise an outing each spring to a local kids activity centre which is normally attended by the children and their carers.

The Presbyterian Women's group meet once a month in our halls and have a wide range of activities and guest speakers. They normally organise an annual outing each year with in the region of twenty-five members attending. They also have a collection throughout the year for Home and Overseas Mission which realised £1,450 this year.

A crèche is provided for babies aged below three years of age during the morning worship service each Sunday. This gives the children a safe environment while the parents or carers are in church.

Primary school children leave church mid way through the morning service to attend children's church where they will take part in song, bible stories craft and talks.

Secondary school age children meet prior to morning worship in Sunday school groups for bible study and prayer.

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Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on the various committees and helping with the leadership of the 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 notice boards, printed material, press advertisement, websites and social media or in other ways.

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

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

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public Benefit Statement statutory guidance.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 170 contributors during the year (193 the previous year) donating a total of £82,800 (£83,242 the previous year)

Total income for the congregation during the year was £119,345 compared with £116,072 in the previous year.


Total expenditure increased on the previous year from £108,386 to £128,720. This was mainly down to an increase in activity within the church, mainly in both general fund and restricted funds now that the church has been able to commence their normal activities.

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) 2018 to prepare a Receipts and Payment 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 at a meeting held on 6th June 2023 and signed on its behalf by





Date

6/6/23

6/6/2023

Magheramason Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105376

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 December 2022 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

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



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