

First Ballymoney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105385

Details

Known as	First Presbyterian Church Ballymoney
Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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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	£175,117	£205,463	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Darren Thomas Brewster		
Mr David Adams		
Mr Derek Hamilton		
Mr Derek Mcfarland		
Mr Jeremy Murray		
Mr John Peden		
Mr Trefor Owens		
Mrs Andrea Carton		
Mrs Debbie Knight		
Mrs Elaine Lee		
Mrs Heather Jayne Dunbar		
Mrs Helen Murray		
Mrs Lesley Owens		
Mrs Mandy Walker		
Mrs Tracy Peden		
Ms Lynn Edwards		
Rev Stephen Mccracken		

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Accounts

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Receipts						
Donations & legacies	2	113,832	44,466	0	158,298	164,597
Charitable activities	3	1,727	6,199	0	7,926	13,611
Other trading activities	4	0	0	0	0	0
Investment income	5	6,870	1,726	296	8,893	4,195
Total receipts		<u>122,429</u>	<u>52,391</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>175,117</u>	<u>182,403</u>
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Raising funds	6	494	0	0	494	470
Charitable activities	7	133,277	71,692	0	204,969	172,738
Investment expenses	8	0	0	0	0	0
		<u>133,771</u>	<u>71,692</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>205,463</u>	<u>173,208</u>
Purchase of investments		0	0	0	0	0
Total payments		<u>133,771</u>	<u>71,692</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>205,463</u>	<u>173,208</u>
Net receipts/(payments)		(11,342)	(19,301)	296	(30,346)	9,195
Transfers between funds		<u>(700)</u>	<u>996</u>	<u>(296)</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>0</u>
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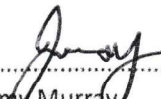
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 3rd April 2025 and signed on its behalf by


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Jeremy Murray
Dated 3/4/25


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Elaine Lee
Dated 03/04/25

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Dated

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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FUND ACCOUNTING

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2 DONATIONS & LEGACIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Recorded giving	92,754	33,323	-	126,077	132,426
Other collections	1,358	559	-	1,917	2,003
Donations and gifts	-	3,932	-	3,932	11,150
Legacies	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Gift Aid	19,720	5,652	-	25,372	19,018
	<u>113,832</u>	<u>44,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,298</u>	<u>164,597</u>

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31 DECEMBER 2024

3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Organisation income	-	4,365	-	4,365	5,713
Grants	-	800	-	800	6,400
Magazine subscriptions	485	-	-	485	574
Miscellaneous income	1,242	1,034	-	2,276	2,215
	<u>1,727</u>	<u>6,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,926</u>	<u>14,902</u>

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Bank and Building Society interest	6,755	1,726	296	8,777	4,154
Dividend	115	-	-	115	41
	<u>6,870</u>	<u>1,726</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>8,893</u>	<u>4,195</u>

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6 RAISING FUNDS

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
FWO envelopes	494	-	-	494	470
	<u>494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>494</u>	<u>470</u>

7 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
General Assembly					
Assessments	12,539	-	-	12,539	11,543
Presbytery fees	718	-	-	718	683
Ministry & support staff costs	93,471	170	-	93,641	95,807
Congregational running expenses	26,490	57,522	-	84,012	50,269
Donations to missions & charities	60	14,000	-	14,060	14,436
	<u>133,277</u>	<u>71,692</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,969</u>	<u>172,738</u>

8 INVESTMENT EXPENSES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Investment expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 2024

9 FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the church premises situated at Meetinghouse Street, Ballymoney and manse situated at 87 Charlotte Street, Ballymoney, together with the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.

These have an insurance value of £6,290,871 (2023 £6,089,904)

10 INVESTMENTS

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
298 Bank of Ireland Ordinary Shares	<u>2,147</u>	<u>2,132</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31 DECEMBER 2024

11 FUND BALANCES

FUND	BALANCE AT START £	RECEIPTS £	PAYMENTS £	TRANSFER IN £	TRANSFER OUT	SURPLUS/ DEFICIT £	BALANCE AT END £
Unrestricted funds							
General Fund	36,011	115,674 -	133,771	26,719 -	17,001 -	8,378	27,633
Progressive Investment Reserve Fund	66,983	2,391	-	-	-	2,391	69,374
Ulster Bank Bequest Funds	22,555	952	-	10,841 -	10,841	952	23,507
Danske Bank Bequest Funds	86,344	2,995	-	42 -	42	2,995	89,339
National Savings Bequest Fund	1,324	10	-	-	-	10	1,334
General Reserve Money Desk Fund	10,012	406	-	15,839 -	26,257 -	10,012	-
	223,228	122,429 -	133,771	53,441 -	54,141 -	12,041	211,186
Restricted funds							
Sunday School (Jigsaw Fund)	305	20 -	720	796	-	96	401
Building & repair	83,327	31,395 -	51,819	1,000	- -	19,424	63,903
Youth	1,560	1,385 -	2,070	-	- -	685	875
PW	3,234	3,079 -	2,609	- -	1,000 -	531	2,703
Meeting House	696	951 -	876	-	-	75	771
United Appeal	1,005	10,182 -	10,242	-	- -	60	945
World Development Appeal	1,100	1,834 -	1,379	-	-	455	1,555
Harvest Appeal for CAP Fund	-	379 -	379	-	-	-	-
Ministry @ First	1,064	1,000 -	830	-	-	170	1,234
Mother & Toddlers (First Friends) Fund	176	516 -	768	200	- -	52	124
National Savings Designated Investment Fund	22,415	173	-	-	-	173	22,589
Ulster Bank Bequest Fund	34,510	1,478	-	-	-	1,478	35,988
	149,392	52,391 -	71,692	1,996 -	1,000 -	18,305	131,087
Endowment funds							
Progressive BS	8,299	296	-	- -	296	-	8,299
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Total	380,918	175,117 -	205,463	55,437 -	55,437 -	30,346	350,572

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12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One of the trustees, the minister of the congregation received remuneration of £42,544.55 and expenses of £8,459.74 for acting in that capacity. Pension contributions of £10,211.25 were paid by the congregation in respect of the minister to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme

One of the trustees, received remuneration of £916.80 for acting in the capacity of the Worship Co Ordinator and £83.00 for providing Pulpit Supply

None of the other Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year in connection with their duties.

During the year the Congregation contributed the following amounts to the funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate charity :-

	2024	2023
Congregational Assessment	12,539	11,543
United Appeal	10,242	10,807
World Development	1,379	1,308
Moderator's Ukraine Appeal	-	48
PW (Donations to PCI)	2,000	1,700

The Congregation also made payment to the Route Presbytery of £718.

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Meeting House	696	951 -	876	-	-	75	771
United Appeal	1,005	10,182 -	10,242	-	- -	60	945
World Development Appeal	1,100	1,834 -	1,379	-	-	455	1,555
Harvest Appeal for CAP Fund	-	379 -	379	-	-	-	-
Ministry @ First	1,064	1,000 -	830	-	-	170	1,234
Mother & Toddlers (First Friends) Fund	176	516 -	768	200	- -	52	124
National Savings Designated Investment Fund	22,415	173	-	-	-	173	22,589
Ulster Bank Bequest Fund	34,510	1,478	-	-	-	1,478	35,988
	149,392	52,391 -	71,692	1,996 -	1,000 -	18,305	131,087
Endowment funds							
Progressive BS	8,299	296	-	- -	296	-	8,299
	8,299	296	-	- -	296	-	8,299
Total	380,918	175,117 -	205,463	55,437 -	55,437 -	30,346	350,572

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 2024

12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One of the trustees, the minister of the congregation received remuneration of £42,544.55 and expenses of £8,459.74 for acting in that capacity. Pension contributions of £10,211.25 were paid by the congregation in respect of the minister to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme

One of the trustees, received remuneration of £916.80 for acting in the capacity of the Worship Co Ordinator and £83.00 for providing Pulpit Supply

None of the other Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year in connection with their duties.

During the year the Congregation contributed the following amounts to the funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate charity :-

	2024	2023
Congregational Assessment	12,539	11,543
United Appeal	10,242	10,807
World Development	1,379	1,308
Moderator's Ukraine Appeal	-	48
PW (Donations to PCI)	2,000	1,700

The Congregation also made payment to the Route Presbytery of £718.

First Ballymoney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105385

Accounts

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT) FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023


	NOTE	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Receipts						
Donations & legacies	2	116,607	47,990	0	164,597	180,133
Charitable activities	3	6,865	6,746	0	13,611	4,412
Other trading activities	4	0	0	0	0	1,363
Investment income	5	2,894	1,253	49	4,195	1,123
Total receipts		<u>126,366</u>	<u>55,988</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>182,403</u>	<u>187,031</u>
Payments						
Raising funds	6	470	0	0	470	459
Charitable activities	7	131,990	40,748	0	172,738	167,025
Investment expenses	8	0	0	0	0	0
		<u>132,460</u>	<u>40,748</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>173,208</u>	<u>167,484</u>
Purchase of investments		0	0		0	0
Total payments		<u>132,460</u>	<u>40,748</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>173,208</u>	<u>167,484</u>
Net receipts/(payments)		(6,094)	15,241	49	9,195	19,547
Transfers between funds		(600)	649	(49)	0	0
Net movement in funds		<u>(6,694)</u>	<u>15,889</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,195</u>	<u>19,547</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		<u>229,921</u>	<u>133,502</u>	<u>8,299</u>	<u>371,722</u>	<u>352,175</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>223,227</u>	<u>149,392</u>	<u>8,299</u>	<u>380,917</u>	<u>371,722</u>

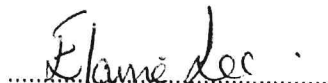
First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Funds Reconciliation					
Total funds brought forward	229,921	133,502	8,299	371,722	352,175
Net movement in funds	(6,694)	15,889	0	9,195	19,547
Total funds carried forward	<u>223,227</u>	<u>149,392</u>	<u>8,299</u>	<u>380,917</u>	<u>371,722</u>
 Bank & cash balances					
Bank, Building Society & cash balances				<u>380,917</u>	<u>371,722</u>
 Other assets					
Fixed assets - note 9					
Investments - note 10				2,132	2,360

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 13th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by


 Neil Robinson
 Dated 13/03/24


 Elaine Lee
 Dated 13/03/24

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provision 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 & LEGACIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Recorded giving	100,374	32,052	-	132,426	131,572
Other collections	1,625	378	-	2,003	1,469
Donations and gifts	120	11,030	-	11,150	16,025
Gift Aid	14,489	4,529	-	19,018	31,067
	<u>116,607</u>	<u>47,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>164,597</u>	<u>180,133</u>

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3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Organisation income	-	4,422	-	4,422	1,233
Grants	5,000	1,400	-	6,400	696
Magazine subscriptions	574	-	-	574	-
Miscellaneous income	1,291	924	-	2,215	3,716
	<u>6,865</u>	<u>6,746</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,611</u>	<u>5,645</u>

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Trading income	-	-	-	-	1,363
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,363</u>

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Bank and Building Society intere	2,853	1,253	49	4,154	1,114
Dividend	41	-	-	41	9
	<u>2,894</u>	<u>1,253</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>4,195</u>	<u>1,123</u>

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

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6 RAISING FUNDS

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
FWO envelopes	470	-	-	470	459
	<u>470</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>459</u>

7 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
General Assembly					
Assessments	11,543	-	-	11,543	9,986
Presbytery fees	683	-	-	683	668
Ministry & support staff costs	95,552	255	-	95,807	99,959
Congregational running expenses	23,638	26,631	-	50,269	37,278
Donations to missions & charities	575	13,862	-	14,436	19,134
	<u>131,990</u>	<u>40,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,738</u>	<u>167,025</u>

8 INVESTMENT EXPENSES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Investment expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

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31 DECEMBER 2023

9 FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the church premises situated at Meetinghouse Street, Ballymoney and manse situated at 87 Charlotte Street, Ballymoney, together with the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.

These have an insurance value of £6,089,904 (2022 £5,754,373)

10 INVESTMENTS

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
298 Bank of Ireland Ordinary Shares	<u>2,132</u>	<u>2,360</u>

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11 FUND BALANCES

FUND	BALANCE AT START £	RECEIPTS £	PAYMENTS £	TRANSFER £	SURPLUS/ DEFICIT £	BALANCE AT END £
Unrestricted funds						
General Fund	29,719	123,513 -	132,460	15,239	6,292	36,011
Ulster Bank Bequest Fund	5,020	191	-	-	191	5,211
Progressive Investment Reserve Fund	66,591	392	-	-	392	66,983
Progressive Bequest Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ulster Bank Bequest Fund	16,750	593	-	-	593	17,343
Danske Bank Bequest Deposit Fund	72,414	728	-	-	728	73,142
National Savings Bequest Fund(s)	1,323	1	-	-	1	1,324
General Reserve Money Desk Fund	25,177	674	- -	15,839 -	15,165	10,012
Dankse Bank Deposit Fund	12,929	273	-	-	273	13,202
	<u>229,922</u>	<u>126,366 -</u>	<u>132,460 -</u>	<u>600 -</u>	<u>6,694</u>	<u>223,227</u>
Restricted funds						
Sunday School (Jigsaw Fund)	275	113 -	632	549	30	305
Building & repair	68,797	34,538 -	21,008	1,000	14,530	83,327
Youth	1,638	2,470 -	2,548	- -	78	1,560
PW	2,623	3,672 -	2,061 -	1,000	610	3,234
Meeting House	714	1,092 -	1,110	- -	18	696
United Appeal	898	10,913 -	10,807	-	106	1,005
World Development Appeal	1,091	1,317 -	1,308	-	9	1,100
Harvest Appeal	-	213 -	213	-	-	-
Ministry @ First	1,681	- -	618	- -	618	1,064
Moderator's Ukraine Crisis Appeal Fund	-	48 -	48	-	-	-
Mother & Toddlers (First Friends) Fund	62	411 -	397	100	114	176
National Savings Designated Investment Fund	22,393	22	-	-	22	22,415
Progressive BS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ulster Bank Bequest Fund	33,330	1,180	-	-	1,180	34,510
	<u>133,502</u>	<u>55,988 -</u>	<u>40,748</u>	<u>649</u>	<u>15,889</u>	<u>149,391</u>
Endowment funds						
Progressive BS	8,299	49	- -	49	-	8,299
	<u>8,299</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>- -</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,299</u>
Total	<u>371,722</u>	<u>182,403 -</u>	<u>173,208</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,195</u>	<u>380,917</u>

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31 DECEMBER 2023

12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One of the trustees, the minister of the congregation received remuneration of £40,518.61 and expenses of £8,341.41 for acting in that capacity. Pension contributions of £9,724.25 were paid by the congregation in respect of the minister to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme

Another Trustee received remuneration or expenses of £1299 for provision of Sunday Praise Music and £158 for pulpit supplies (£1457)

None of the other Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year in connection with their duties.

During the year the Congregation contributed the following amounts to the funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate charity :-

	2023	2022
Congregational Assessment	11,543	9,986
United Appeal	10,807	9,911
World Development	1,308	2,129
Moderator's Ukraine Appeal	48	4,525
PW (Donations to PCI)	1,700	1,700

The Congregation also made payment to the Route Presbytery of £683.

First Ballymoney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105385

Annual report

First Ballymoney 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

First Ballymoney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Meetinghouse Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6JN

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105385)

Charity Trustees

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were: - Rev Stephen McCracken, David Adams, Darren Brewster, Andrea Carton, Heather Dunbar, Lynn Edwards, Derek Hamilton, Debbie Knight, Elaine Lee, Helen Murray, Jeremy Murray, Derek McFarland, Lesley Owens, Trefor Owens, Tracy Peden, John Peden, Neil Robinson and Mandy Walker.

Principal Office Bearers

Minister Rev Stephen McCracken
Clerk of Session Neil Robinson
Treasurer Elaine Lee

Independent Examiner

Edwin McLaughlin, D. T. Carson & Co., Chartered Accountants, 51-51 Thomas Street, Ballymena, BT43 6AZ

Bankers

Ulster Bank, Coleraine Branch, 30 The Diamond Coleraine BT52 1DP

Solicitors

Greer Hamilton Gailey Solicitors 25-27 High Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6AJ

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 Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least six 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. First Ballymoney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Route 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.

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

First Ballymoney 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 the His Spirit and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to be a body of people called to show God's love and tell of His grace in this place and time, so that others will become followers of Jesus.

We value:

Prayer – We believe in the transforming power of private, family and corporate prayer. When the Church prays amazing things happen.

Worship – We want to love, honour and glorify God through faith in His Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People – We believe that people matter to God; He loves us passionately, He pursues us relentlessly and He will never let us go. Therefore, people matter to us; we want to be a caring and compassionate community in action.

Teaching – We believe in all matters of faith and practice, scripture is the final authority and is the catalyst for change in our lives, church and community.

Outreach – We want to support local and global mission in our prayers, financial giving, education, and personal involvement.

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 towards Him and towards 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 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

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on a number of 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 wide range of organisations including –

- First Friends [Monday Mother & Toddlers Group]
- First Friends [Sunday Creche]
- Jigsaw [Sunday School]
- Journeyers [Bible Class]
- Life Groups
- Meeting House [Seniors Group]
- Prayer Meeting
- Women @ First [PW]
- Youth Club
- Youth Fellowship
- * Boys Brigade [Joint Company]

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00am and a monthly 6.30pm from September to June. Prior to morning worship there is a time for prayer. Every second and fourth week per month there are midweek Life Groups meeting on Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening providing an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

During the year there were

- (0) Sacraments of Baptism.
- (0) Marriage Services
- (0) New Communicant Members
- (1) New members/ families.

Every bereavement is a great loss to a family and our church fellowship. We gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 the average weekly attendance at morning worship is (125) persons

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is at the heart of every Christian community and praying for each other is an act of love. We believe that people matter to God and in the transforming power of private, family and corporate prayer for our needs and the needs of others.

We encourage prayer within the various mid-week Life groups as well as in individual situations. We hold a weekly prayer time prior to our Sunday worship service. An Easter Prayer Room runs from Good Friday to Resurrection Sunday and is an opportunity for members to reflect and pray in our church in the light of Easter.

Pastoral Care

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

Mission and Outreach

The Warm Room

This is an invitation to anyone within the church membership and the wider community to come along to the halls on the Fourth Monday of the Month between 2pm and 4pm for a cup of tea or coffee to enjoy company and chat in a warm and welcoming environment.

At a local level the congregation is actively involved in loving and serving the people of Ballymoney, prayerfully, financially, raising awareness and serving with other volunteers. Sometimes the congregation acts alone, whilst at other times the congregation partners with other churches and charities. Our endeavours at a local level during 2023 include supporting:

- Ballymoney Foodbank – supporting those without food by ways of foodstuffs toiletries and essentials left at collection points within the Church.
- CAP [Christians Against Poverty] – supporting people in poverty and when unemployed.
- Schools Ministry – Visits by our Minister and our Youth and Community Co-Ordinator
- Community Carol Service which is attended by our Minister and members of the congregation each year.

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 areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

In addition the congregation continues to support the World Development Appeal which is an annual initiative of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland that focuses on helping people trapped in poverty. It endeavours to change lives and communities for the better by channelling resources in support of sustainable development projects in every continent. This work is taken forward through PCI's development partners, Christian Aid and Tearfund. PCI congregations are encouraged to highlight the World Development Appeal during the Advent and Christmas period.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

Our Minister, Youth and Community Co-Ordinator and a nominated elder attended the meeting of the General assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June 2023.

Property

During the year periodic inspections and maintenance checks were carried out by authorised professional services to inspect and report on safety and upkeep of the church properties.

Organisations

First Friends Creche

Creche runs on Sunday morning during the service for children aged 0 to 3 years and is supervised by a parent and or volunteer depending on numbers. Creche currently meets in the Session Room in an area set up for play with toys. There is also an opportunity to join in with some of Jigsaw activities listening to bible stories, singing craft and games.

First Friends Tots' Group

First Friends Tots meet on Monday mornings for approximately 90 minutes during term time. There is a varied range of activities including free-play, games, rhymes, song, story time, crafts and snack time. This Group is open to parents with infants ages 0 to 3 years from within our congregation and the wider community. Parents can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship while the children play with the various toys and take part in bible-

based craft. There is also a story and song session to close each week. The aim is to offer a venue to meet and make friends in a welcoming safe environment. At the end of each term there is a party with special games and treats.

Jigsaw

Jigsaw is our children's ministry group for boys and girls from 4 – 11 years old. The children meet in the Session Room during our Sunday morning service. The leaders are currently using 'The Gospel Project for Kids' as their curriculum material, which takes children on a Christ-centred chronological journey through the Bible.

Every week we enjoy worship, Bible stories, prayer, craft, drama, games and small group study not forgetting snack time! Our aim is to help our children understand the essential doctrines of our faith and to realise that the Bible is not a collection of stories but God's unified story of redemption.

Jigsaw began the 2023-2024 year with a visit from Fun with Drums, a craft morning and some baking.

In October 2023 many of our children and their friends enjoyed the Light Party.

They finished the 2023 year with some festive celebrations joining Journeyers to have a Christmas Party. The children also contributed to one of the Christmas Services with their performance of The Christmas Alphabet.

Throughout the year there are also monthly altogether family services when everyone is in church.

Journeyers

Journeyers is a weekly Sunday morning ministry which runs alongside the morning church service aimed at those in the junior side of secondary school. The focus is to spend time studying and discussing the life of Jesus from one of the four Gospel accounts. January to June was spent working through key passages in John's Gospel based on a resource from the Gospel Coalition called 'Knowing the Bible : John'. September to December was spent using the 'Uncover Mark' resource from UCCF (universities and colleges Christian fellowship) as a guide design sessions.

In total there have been approximately ten young people involved throughout the year with an average of five per week.

LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups met this year on Tuesday evenings, and on Wednesday mornings and evenings. We used a variety of locations – rooms in the church buildings, people's homes, and on Zoom, so there was a time and location to suit many preferences.

In the Spring term we started off looking at the letter of 1 Peter, simply reading a chapter together and asking ourselves a few questions about: What stood out for us; Were there any surprises or 'lightbulb' moments; How it shows us something about our identity in Christ; What we will do as a result of what we have learned.

In June, July and August we had monthly gatherings in the church, which were open to the whole congregation, and provided an opportunity to share some time together with praise, prayer, a short reflection, and of course, supper and chat! The August gathering was an end of summer celebration when we enjoyed a barbecue together.

In the Autumn term we studied The Bible Course – a video-based course developed by The Bible Society, which took us through the whole story of the Bible, helping us to see the big picture, and how to apply this in our everyday lives. This course was delivered in the church hall, which provided us with opportunities to meet with people we had not been in groups with before. It was great to welcome many people who had not been involved in Life Groups.

In all our groups we enjoyed fellowship together, sharing our thoughts and questions, and developing deeper relationships with each other.

Meeting House

Meeting House is a Group for our Senior members which is also open to friends from neighbouring churches. The Group meets on the third Monday of each month at 2pm. Throughout the year the group invites a variety of speakers and guests. At each meeting the attendees have a cup of tea, biscuit and chat - a great way to catch up and socialise. Each meeting is opened with a Bible reading and prayer and also closed with the Lord's Prayer. On 18th September 2023 Reverend Stephen McCracken was the guest speaker. Group members enjoyed two fellowship events where catering was provided in the church halls i.e. 20th May 2023 afternoon tea and a festive Christmas meal was enjoyed by all in November 2023.

Meeting House is open to all and is a great way of getting to know others and remembering other's needs.

PW Women@First

This is the women's ministry within our church meeting on the first Thursday of the month September – April.

This year in September the organisation launched Women @ First under the umbrella of PW. Our women chose the name at a Swim & Stroll event in June where we enjoyed a dip in the sea and a walk followed by supper at the beach.

We have had four meetings from September to December 2023

September – Butterfly craft based on our organisations theme of "Being Transformed"

October - we welcomed a speaker from Hope and Light who highlighted how they support victims of human trafficking.

November – Blessing Bag Ministry where gift bags were created to bless women and men of our church and the community going through difficult times/ bereavement, those young people leaving school to start college or work and those having their first baby.

December – Christmas Craft recycling of old books to create paper wreaths, angels and crackers and a festive supper.

Every year PW supports different projects at home and overseas as well as Deaconesses training in Belfast. Each year a coffee party is held and all the money raised is sent to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The members demonstrate care and compassion to others by visiting members who are ill, give gifts at Christmas to those confined to their own home or in a nursing home. The members continue to support bereaved families by providing catering in the halls.

Youth Club

Youth Club provide a safe and welcoming environment for kids from P4 to year 8 to come together where they can sit and chat, play games, make crafts etc. Our leaders are there to guide them when they ask for help or when they are really excited to tell us about their week, we are there to listen and celebrate with them.

In 2023, forty children were registered with an average of twenty-five attending each night Youth Club meets. The children enjoy craft, games and the leaders share the story of Jesus with them.

At Easter Kidz Farm visited Youth Club setting up in the hall where all the children got an opportunity to spend time with the different animals. This was a very enjoyable evening and the children also received Easter Eggs as a treat.

Embrace Social was another great event where the team provided the children with games, music and an epilogue while they enjoyed pizza, chicken, sausages and chips to finish off the term.

When Youth Club started up again in September the leaders organised games, craft and stories about Jesus. There is also a Tuck Shop for the children.

At Harvest time the children make up Harvest Gift Bags which are distributed to the elderly in the congregation.

In December the children enjoyed a Christmas Party with bouncy castle, games and party food. The children were also given a Selection Box to take home.

The leaders would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help on a regular basis to make Youth Club a welcoming and safe environment for the children who looking forward to coming and meeting up with their friends. The leaders would also appreciate prayer support that this area of Youth Ministry would continue to grow as we connect with youth within our congregation and the community.

Youth Fellowship

Youth Fellowship meets twice a month for gatherings in our own church building.

Additionally, there are extra occasional Sunday nights where we join with other churches or attend Presbytery wide events. The aim of YF is to provide a space for secondary school age young people to learn more about how to live out life as a Christian. Mainly focusing on New Testament teaching. As well as playing games and building relationships. The first part of 2023 was spent working through the book of 2nd Peter. After Easter we used the 'Hope Explored' course from Christianity Explored as the basis for our meetings. September to Christmas was spent looking at the Bible and having practical sessions on what it is, how to read it and why it's important. Attendance can fluctuate with weeks of only a handful of young people up to having nights of ten in the room.

Outings in 2023 included an adventure day in Downhill Forest with Causeway adventures in April and a day outing in Portrush with Boardwalk Collective and other activities in May. Also in April was a church men's event which young people came along to at Room 2 Race.

Holiday Bible Club

Holiday Bible Club this summer ran for a week in August with around sixty children in attendance. The theme for the week was BE BRAVE. Each day looked at a different character in the Bible and how we can be brave in our faith in God. Similar to 2022 there was a good mix of children who are familiar to or connected to the church and those who weren't. The week finished off with a special Holiday Bible Club service on the Sunday of that week which children and parents attended.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Praise in songs and hymns is a fundamental aspect of worship on Sundays it is led by various musicians and singers. In December 2023 a choir was formed to contribute to our Christmas celebrations by providing an evening carol service followed by supper.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR

Our full-time Co-Ordinator has been involved in these various youth ministries of First Ballymoney but also in particular events in the wider church and community. He has been involved school ministry in five local schools taking assemblies or speaking in Christian Union. He has been an officer in local BB Company. Teaming up with other youth leaders they have to held a regular inter-church event called Young & Free in ten different local churches.

VOLUNTEERS

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

The direct benefits which flow from the purpose 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).

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 secular organizations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charities Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

AGM

An AGM was held on the 16th May 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through Weekly Freewill Offering [WFO]. There were (191) contributors (183) contributing families during the 2023 year to WFO compared to (200) contributors and (191) contributing families in the previous year, 2022 donating a total amount of £100,374 for 2023 compared to £95,614 in the previous year, 2022.

Total Income of the congregation during the year 2023 was £182,403.00 compared to £187,031.00 in 2022

Total Expenditure for 2023 was £173,208 compared to £167,484 in 2022

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.

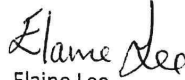
As the congregation total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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 on 13 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Neil Robinson
Dated 13/3/2024



Elaine Lee
Dated 13/3/2024

First Ballymoney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105385

Annual return

First Ballymoney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF FIRST BALLYMONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 14 to 21.

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 our 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. The 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.



Mr Edwin McLaughlin
D T Carson & Co
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor
51-53 Thomas Street
Ballymena
BT43 6AZ

Date: 13/3/2024

First Ballymoney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105385

Accounts

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT) FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

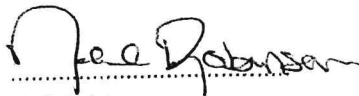
	NOTE	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Receipts						
Donations & legacies	2	133,993	46,140	0	180,133	187,930
Charitable activities	3	1,233	3,179	0	4,412	1,952
Other trading activities	4	674	689	0	1,363	0
Investment income	5	809	277	37	1,123	1,496
Total receipts		<u>136,709</u>	<u>50,285</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>187,031</u>	<u>191,378</u>
Payments						
Raising funds	6	459	0	0	459	637
Charitable activities	7	133,195	33,830	0	167,025	136,900
Investment expenses	8	0	0	0	0	0
		<u>133,654</u>	<u>33,830</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>167,484</u>	<u>137,537</u>
Purchase of investments		0	0		0	0
Total payments		<u>133,654</u>	<u>33,830</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>167,484</u>	<u>137,537</u>
Net receipts/(payments)		3,055	16,455	37	19,547	53,841
Transfers between funds		(2,000)	2,037	(37)	0	0
Net movement in funds		<u>1,055</u>	<u>18,492</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,547</u>	<u>53,841</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		<u>228,866</u>	<u>115,010</u>	<u>8,299</u>	<u>352,175</u>	<u>298,334</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>229,921</u>	<u>133,502</u>	<u>8,299</u>	<u>371,722</u>	<u>352,175</u>

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2,022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Funds Reconciliation					
Total funds brought forward	228,866	115,010	8,299	352,175	298,334
Net movement in funds	1,055	18,492	0	19,547	53,841
Total funds carried forward	<u>229,921</u>	<u>133,502</u>	<u>8,299</u>	<u>371,722</u>	<u>352,175</u>
 Bank & cash balances					
 Bank, Building Society & cash balances				<u>371,722</u>	<u>352,175</u>
 Other assets					
Fixed assets - note 9				2,360	1,262
Investments - note 10					

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 27/04/2023 and signed on its behalf by



Neil Robinson

Dated 27/04/2023



Elaine Lee

Dated 27/04/2023

First Ballymoney 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 provision 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 & LEGACIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Recorded giving	95,614	35,958	0	131,572	122,470
Other collections	919	550	0	1,469	9,933
Donations and gifts	14,926	1,099	0	16,025	33,268
Gift Aid	22,534	8,533	0	31,067	22,259
	<u>133,993</u>	<u>46,140</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>180,133</u>	<u>187,930</u>

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

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3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Organisation income			0	0	0
Grants	0	696	0	696	660
Sale of study books etc.	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous income	1,233	2,483	0	3,716	1,292
	<u>1,233</u>	<u>3,179</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,412</u>	<u>1,952</u>

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Trading income	674	689	0	1,363	0
	<u>674</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,363</u>	<u>0</u>

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Bank and Building Society intere	800	277	37	1,114	1,496
Dividend	9	0	0	9	0
	<u>809</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>1,123</u>	<u>1,496</u>

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

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6 RAISING FUNDS

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
FWO envelopes	459	0	0	459	637
	<u>459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>637</u>

7 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
General Assembly					
Assessments	9,986	0	0	9,986	10,117
Presbytery fees	668	0	0	668	788
Ministry & support					
staff costs	99,834	125	0	99,959	79,627
Congregational running					
expenses	22,172	15,106	0	37,278	23,967
Donations to missions					
& charities	535	18,599	0	19,134	22,401
	<u>133,195</u>	<u>33,830</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>167,025</u>	<u>136,900</u>

8 INVESTMENT EXPENSES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	ENDOWMENT FUNDS £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Investment expenses	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

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9 FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the church premises situated at Meetinghouse Street, Ballymoney and manse situated at 87 Charlotte Street, Ballymoney, together with the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.

These have an insurance value of £5,754,373 (2021 £5,213,068)

10 INVESTMENTS

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
298 Bank of Ireland Ordinary Shares	<u>2,360</u>	<u>1,262</u>

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11 FUND BALANCES

FUND	BALANCE AT START £	RECEIPTS £	PAYMENTS £	TRANSFER £	SURPLUS/ DEFICIT £	BALANCE AT END £
Unrestricted funds						
General Fund	67,390	135,909	133,654	(39,926)	(37,671)	29,719
General Fund (Bequest)	5,000	20		0	20	5,020
Progressive Investment Reserve Fund	66,296	294	0	0	294	66,590
Progressive Bequest Fund	1,009	4		(1,013)	(1,009)	0
Ulster Bank Bequest Funds	16,614	136	0	0	136	16,750
Danske Bank Bequest Deposit Fund	72,248	166	0	0	166	72,414
National Savings Bequest Fund	309	0	0	1,013	1,013	1,322
General Reserve Money Desk Fund	0	177		25,000	25,177	25,177
Danske Bank Bequest Fund	0	3	0	12,926	12,929	12,929
General fund	<u>228,866</u>	<u>136,709</u>	<u>133,654</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>1,055</u>	<u>229,921</u>
Restricted funds						
Sunday School	720	15	497	37	(445)	275
Building & repair	51,537	28,404	11,796	650	17,258	68,795
Youth	1,834	1,385	1,582	0	(197)	1,637
PW	3,197	2,012	2,085	(500)	(573)	2,624
Meeting House	857	244	237	(150)	(143)	714
United Appeal	20	10,790	9,911	0	879	899
World Development Appeal	1,392	1,828	2,129	0	(301)	1,091
Harvest Appeal		335	335		0	0
Ministry @ First	0	300	618	2,000	1,682	1,682
Moderator's Ukraine Crisis Appeal Fund	0	4,525	4,525	0	0	0
Mother & Toddlers (First Friends) Fund	0	177	115		62	62
National Savings Designated Investment Fund	22,393	0	0	0	0	22,393
Progressive BS					0	0
Bequest- Ulster Bank	33,060	270			270	33,330
	<u>115,010</u>	<u>50,285</u>	<u>33,830</u>	<u>2,037</u>	<u>18,492</u>	<u>133,502</u>
Endowment funds						
Progressive BS	8,299	37	0	-37	0	8,299
	<u>8,299</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(37)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,299</u>
Total	<u>352,175</u>	<u>187,031</u>	<u>167,484</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,547</u>	<u>371,722</u>

First Ballymoney Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

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31 DECEMBER 2022

12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One of the trustees, the minister of the congregation received remuneration of £38,589 and expenses of £6,791 for acting in that capacity. Pension contributions of £9,261 were paid by the congregation in respect of the minister to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme

The Worship Co Ordinator, for acting in that capacity, received a remuneration of £2,295

None of the other Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year in connection with their duties.

During the year the Congregation contributed the following amounts to the funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate charity :-

Congregational Assessment	9,986
United Appeal	9,911
World Development	2,129
Moderator's Ukraine Appeal	4,525
PW (Donations to PCI)	1,700

The Congregation also made payment to the Route Presbytery of £668.

First Ballymoney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105385

Annual report

First Ballymoney 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 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

Reference and Administrative Details

First Ballymoney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Meetinghouse Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6JN

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105385)

Charity Trustees

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were: - Rev Stephen McCracken, David Adams, Darren Brewster, Andrea Carton, Heather Dunbar, Lynn Edwards, Derek Hamilton, Debbie Knight, Elaine Lee, Helen Murray, Jeremy Murray, Derek McFarland, Lesley Owens, Trefor Owens, Tracy Peden, John Peden, Neil Robinson and Mandy Walker.

Principal Office Bearers

Minister	Rev Stephen McCracken
Clerk of Session	Neil Robinson
Treasurer	Elaine Lee

Independent Examiner

John Hamilton, D. T. Carson & Co., Chartered Accountants, 51-51 Thomas Street,
Ballymena, BT43 6AZ

Bankers

Ulster Bank, Coleraine Branch, 30 The Diamond Coleraine BT52 1DP

Solicitors

Greer Hamilton Gailey inc Murphy Carey, 25-27 High Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6AJ

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 Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least six 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. First Ballymoney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Route 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.

First Ballymoney 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 the His Spirit and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to be a body of people called to show God's love and tell of His grace in this place and time, so that others will become followers of Jesus.

We value:

Prayer – We believe in the transforming power of private, family and corporate prayer. When the Church prays amazing things happen.

Worship – We want to love, honour and glorify God through faith in His Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People – We believe that people matter to God; He loves us passionately, He pursues us relentlessly and He will never let us go. Therefore, people matter to us; we want to be a caring and compassionate community in action.

Teaching – We believe in all matters of faith and practice, scripture is the final authority and is the catalyst for change in our lives, church and community.

Outreach - We want to support local and global mission in our prayers, financial giving, education, and personal involvement.

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 towards Him and towards 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 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

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on a number of 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 wide range of organisations including –

- Jigsaw [Sunday School]
- Journeymen [Bible Class]
- Youth Club
- Youth Fellowship
- First Friends [Sunday Creche]
- First Friends [Monday Mother & Toddlers Group]
- Presbyterian Women
- Life Groups
- Meeting House
- Prayer Meeting
- Boys Brigade [Joint Company]

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.00am and a monthly 6.30pm from September to June. Prior to morning worship there is a time for prayer. Every second and fourth week midweek Life Groups provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

During the year there were
4 Sacraments of Baptism.
2 Marriage Services
5 New Communicant Members
2 New families.

Every bereavement is a great loss to a family and our church fellowship. We gave thanks for faithful service and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 the average weekly attendance at morning worship is 125 persons

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is at the heart of every Christian community and praying for each other is an act of love. We believe that people matter to God and in the transforming power of private, family and corporate prayer for our needs and the needs of others. We encourage prayer within the various mid-week Life groups as well as in individual situations. We hold a weekly prayer time prior to our Sunday worship service. An Easter Prayer Room runs from Good Friday to Resurrection Sunday and is an opportunity for members to reflect and pray in our church in the light of Easter.

Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age, are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or church members. Rev Jim Thompson retired from the role of Pastoral Care Worker during 2022 after many years of service. The support he provided was greatly appreciated by those he visited and their families and our church fellowship.

Mission and Outreach

At a local level the congregation is actively involved in loving and serving the people of Ballymoney, prayerfully, financially, raising awareness and serving with other volunteers. Sometimes the congregation acts alone, whilst at other times the congregation partners with other churches and charities. Our endeavours at a local level during 2022 include supporting:

- Ballymoney Foodbank – supporting those without food by ways of foodstuffs toiletries and essentials left at collection points within the Church.
- CAP [Christians Against Poverty] – supporting people in poverty and when unemployed.
- Schools Ministry – Visits by our Minister and our Youth and Community Co-Ordinator
- Community Carol Service which was hosted by our congregation this year.

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 areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

In addition the congregation continues to support the World Development Appeal which is an annual initiative of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland that focuses on helping people trapped in poverty. It endeavours to change lives and communities for the better by channelling resources in support of sustainable development projects in every continent. This work is taken forward through PCI's development partners, Christian Aid and Tearfund.

PCI congregations are encouraged to highlight the World Development Appeal during the Advent and Christmas period.

Holiday Bible Club

It has been several years since the congregation ran a Holiday Bible Club but 2022 saw its return during a week in August. This was a great event with 60 children coming throughout the week.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

Our Minister, Youth and Community Co-Ordinator and a nominated elder attended the meeting of the General assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June 2022

Property

During the year periodic inspections and maintenance checks were carried out by authorised professional services to inspect and report on safety and upkeep of the church properties.

Organisations

Creche

This is a facility for parents with young children whereby the service is relayed via live stream TV link to the adjacent classroom equipped for babies and toddlers.

First Friends

During 2022 an additional facility for Mothers and Toddlers opened up in the church halls meeting on Monday mornings for approximately 90 minutes. A varied range of activities including free-play, nursery rhyme/story time, toys/crafts and snack time. This Group is open to parents from within our congregation and the wider community offering a venue to meet and make friends in a welcoming safe environment.

Jigsaw

Jigsaw is our children's ministry group for boys and girls from 4 – 11 years old. The kids meet in the Session Room during our Sunday morning service. The leaders are currently using 'The Gospel Project for Kids' as their curriculum material, which takes children on a Christ-centred chronological journey through the Bible.

Every week we enjoy worship, Bible stories, prayer, craft, drama, games and small group study not forgetting snack time! Our aim is to help our children understand the essential doctrines of our faith and to realise that the Bible is not a collection of stories but God's unified story of redemption.

Jigsaw started the September term with a Big Breakfast and games. A Light Party at mid-term and Selection Boxes were distributed a Christmas. The children join their parents in church during our regular Together Services.

Youth Club

Youth Club provide a safe and welcoming environment for kids from P4 to year 8 to come together where they can sit and chat, play games, make crafts etc. Our leaders are there to guide them when they ask for help or when they are really excited to tell us about their week, we are there to listen and celebrate with them.

This year activities recommenced in March. Initially, opening up for children from within our own congregation with approximately 10 attending. At Easter we hired a bouncy castle and enjoyed the usual chocolate treats.

In September the Club opened fully to the wider community which received a tremendous response with 99 kids registering and on average 50 attending when they meet alternate weeks.

In October as part of our church Harvest celebration the Youth made and provided for the elderly of our congregation gift bags. The kids really enjoyed decorating the bags and putting the gifts inside their creations. To end their year in Youth Club they organised festive craft event and those keen on football were able to enjoy the World Cup matches on big screen in the company of their friends. The leaders distributed selection boxes and enjoyed some party food together.

The leaders would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful helpers and encourage others to consider volunteering to support this aspect of our Youth Ministry.

Journeyers

Journeyers is a Sunday morning gathering for young people in year 8 - year 10. It meets during the morning church service. Over the course of the session young people take part in ice breaker games and activities before covering some content from the Bible. Mainly the content centres on something from one of the four Gospels looking at the life of Jesus and what it looks like to follow him. It runs with three core leaders most Sundays, with the exception of when the church holds an all age service / together Sunday.

Youth Fellowship

Youth fellowship aims to meet every two weeks and is a Sunday night gathering for young people in the church to come along to. Having around two hours together gives plenty of time to catch up, play games, study the Bible together and enjoy food / snacks together too. The aim would be that youth fellowship is a place for young people to come and explore faith freely through Bible study and through asking their questions.

Meeting House

Meeting House is a Group for our Senior members including a few friends from neighbouring congregations. They meet monthly on a Monday afternoon from 2.15pm to about 3.30pm. The organisation has been meeting since September when Rev Stephen McCracken was their guest speaker for their first meeting. Throughout the year they invite a variety of speakers and musicians. At each meeting they have a cup of tea and a time to socialise. Each meeting is opened with a Bible reading and prayer and also close in prayer. Group members enjoyed a Christmas lunch in the church halls.

Meeting House is open to all and is a great way of getting to know others and remembering other's needs.

Presbyterian Women [PW]

This is the women's ministry within our church meeting on the first Thursday of the month October – April. Meetings always open with a hymn, a Bible reading and prayer.

Every year PW supports different projects at home and overseas as well as Deaconesses training in Belfast. Each year a coffee party is held and all the money raised is sent to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The members demonstrate care and compassion to others by visiting members who are ill, give gifts at Christmas to those confined to their own home or in a nursing home. PW also supports bereaved families by providing catering in the halls.

Music Ministry

Sunday worship is led by a group of musicians under the leadership of our Worship Co-ordinator.

Life Groups

Life Groups have been meeting twice each month during 2022.

All our groups have enjoyed close fellowship together, getting to know each other better and welcoming new members into the groups. As they spend time with each other, they share life experiences and have the opportunity to support each other in practical ways, as well as praying with and for each other.

At the group meetings time is spent looking at what the Bible teaches and discussing together what this means as individuals in our day to day life. In 2022 our studies were based on the previous Sunday sermons giving the groups an opportunity to reflect and apply the teachings.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR

Our full-time Co-Ordinator has been involved in these various youth ministries of First Ballymoney but also in particular events in the wider church and community. He has been involved school ministry in 5 local schools taking assemblies or speaking in Christian Union. He and two other youth leaders began an inter-church Sunday evening youth event called Young n Free that has now been held in 10 different local churches.

VOLUNTEERS

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

The direct benefits which flow from the purpose 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 by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of 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 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 secular organizations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charities Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

AGM

An AGM was held on the 1st June 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through Weekly Freewill Offering [WFO]. There were 200 contributors/191 contributing families during the year to WFO (193 contributors/187 contributing families in the previous year, 2021) donating a total amount of £95,614 (£86,102 in the previous year, 2021).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £187,031 compared to £191,378 in 2021

Total Expenditure was £167,484 in 2022 compared to £137,537 in 2021


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 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 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 on 27/04/ 2023 and signed on its behalf by


Neil Robinson
Dated 27/04/23


Elaine Lee
Dated 27/04/23

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF FIRST BALLYMONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 14 to 21.

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 our 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. The 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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Date: 27/04/2023