

# Claggan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105391

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-10

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** 100 Lough Fea Road  
Cookstown  
County Tyrone  
BT80 9ss  
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## Activities

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**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

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£106,108	£72,657	£0	1

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Clive		
Eric Davidson		
James Porter		
Mr George Stanley Crooks		
Mr Ivan Brown		
Mr Thomas James Bell		
Trevor		

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**Claggan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

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# Accounts

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

**Receipts and Payments Accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105391)**

**CLAGGAN 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
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	64,190	38,433	0	102,623	106,366
Charitable activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	4	31	0	0	31	628
Investment Income	5	1,933	63	0	1,996	1,532
Other	6	0	1,458	0	1,458	1,204
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Receipts</b>		66,154	39,954	0	106,108	109,730
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<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	315	0	0	315	298
Charitable activities	8	49,290	23,052	0	72,342	72,977
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Property Related Costs	9	0	0	0	0	5,540
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Payments</b>		49,605	23,052	0	72,657	78,815
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>					72,657	78,815
Transfers between funds		300	-300	0	0	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		16,849	16,602	0	33,451	30,915
Funds brought forward		122,688	91,848	0	214,536	183,621
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<b>Funds carried forward</b>	12	139,537	108,450	0	247,987	214,536
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**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2023**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	122,688	91,848	0	214,536	183,621
Net movement in funds	17,946	15,516	0	33,462	30,915
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Bank and Cash at end of year	140,634	107,364	0	247,998	214,536
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Current Accounts	140,634	107,364	0	247,998	214,256
Cash in Hand	0	0	0	0	280
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Total				247,998	214,536
				=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
Church Premises, Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				2,781,222	2,463,984
Investments – Note 11				2,239	1,763
Gift Aid receivable on donations				14,354	16,030
				-----	-----
Total				2,797,815	2,481,777
				=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				0	0
				-----	-----
Total				0	0

Approved by the Kirk Session on 18 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] 

[Date] 18 August 2024

**CLAGGAN 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 has 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**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	51,830	25,899	0	77,729	80,543
Loose collections	878	4,837	0	5,715	9,551
Gift Aid	11,482	7,697	0	19,179	16,272
Legacies and bequest	0	0	0	0	0
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,190</b>	<b>38,433</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102,623</b>	<b>106,366</b>
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**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2024**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Membership fees	0	470	0	470	283
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>283</b>
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
N.I.E. Wayleaves	31	0	0	31	28
Sale of Grave Plots	0	0	0	0	500
Sale of Lawnmower	0	0	0	0	100
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>628</b>
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	1871	63	0	1934	1477
Other investment income	62	0	0	62	55
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<b>Total</b>	<b>1933</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>118</b>
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**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Magazines	0	380	0	380	356
Total	----- 0	----- 380	----- 0	----- 380	----- 356

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	315	0	0	315	298
Total	----- 315	----- 0	----- 0	----- 315	----- 298

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	13,509	0	0	13,509	13,461
Presbytery fees	415	0	0	415	290
Ministry and support staff costs	15,212	0	0	15,212	14,182
Congregational running expenses	20,514	3,676	0	23,830	21,167
Donations to Missions and charities	0	19,376	0	19,376	23,877
Total	----- 49,290	----- 23,052	----- 0	----- 72,342	----- 72,977

**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Property Related costs	0	0	0	0	5,450
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,450</b>
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 60 Claggan Road, Cookstown, BT80 9UF, the adjoining Church halls, the Clagan School Building situated at 55 Claggan Road, Cookstown, BT80 9UF and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,781,222

**INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
General Investments	2,239	1,763
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<b>Total</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>1,763</b>
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**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**11. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
Number 1 Account	£122,688	£66,154	£49,605	£16,549	£300	£139,537
<b>Total</b>	<b>£122,688</b>	<b>£66,154</b>	<b>£49,605</b>	<b>£16,549</b>	<b>£300</b>	<b>£139,537</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Number 1 Account - Restricted	£0	£5,583	£4,486	£1,097		£1,097
Buildings Account	£88,921	£15,607	£0	£15,607		£104,528
Missionary Account	£281	£12,901	£12,998	£-97		£184
PW Account	£383	£2,475	£2,743	£-268		£115
Sunday School Account	£34	£113	£85	£28		£62
Campaigners Account	£682	£1,823	£1,767	£56		£738
Events Committee Account	£302	£40	£47	£-7		£295
Bowling Club Account	£286	£280	£40	£240	£-150	£376
Badminton Club Account	£222	£190	£0	£190	£-150	£262
Mums & Tots Account	£446	£791	£851	£-60		£386
Catering Committee	£292	£150	£34	£116		£408
<b>Total</b>	<b>£91,849</b>	<b>£39,953</b>	<b>£23,051</b>	<b>£16,902</b>	<b>£-300</b>	<b>£108,451</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£214,537</b>	<b>£106,107</b>	<b>£72,656</b>	<b>£33,451</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£247,988</b>

**Claggan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105391

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# Accounts

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# **CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Receipts and Payments Accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105391)**

**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	49,060	31,483	0	80,543	72,078
Loose collections	817	8,734	0	9,551	16,559
Gift Aid	9,560	6,712	0	16,272	14,693
Legacies and bequest	0	0	0	0	0
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total	59,437	46,929	0	106,366	103,330
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**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2023**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Membership fees	0	283	0	283	363
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>363</b>
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
N.I.E. Wayleaves	28	0	0	28	25
Sale of Grave Plots	0	500	0	500	500
Sale of Lawnmower	0	100	0	100	0
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>525</b>
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	1441	36	0	1477	95
Other investment income	55	0	0	55	23
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>1496</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1532</b>	<b>118</b>
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**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Magazines	0	356	0	356	0
Total	----- 0	----- 356	----- 0	----- 356	----- 0

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	298	0	0	298	312
Total	----- 298	----- 0	----- 0	----- 298	----- 312

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	13,461	0	0	13,461	11,846
Presbytery fees	290	0	0	290	1,191
Ministry and support staff costs	14,182	0	0	14,182	13,810
Congregational running expenses	17,119	4,048	0	21,167	19,940
Donations to Missions and charities	0	23,877	0	23,877	40,104
Total	----- 45,052	----- 27,925	----- 0	----- 72,977	----- 86,891

**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Property Related costs	0	5,450	0	5,450	1,801
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,450</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,450</b>	<b>1,801</b>
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

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**INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
General Investments	1,763	1,934
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<b>Total</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>1,934</b>
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**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**11. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Number 1 Account</b>	107,338	60,961	44,850	16,111	-261	122,688
<b>Total</b>	107,338	60,961	44,850	16,111	-261	122,688
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
<b>Number 1 Account - Restricted</b>	0	9,503	9,032	471	-471	0
<b>Buildings Account</b>	73,590	20,871	5,540	15,331		88,921
<b>Missionary Account</b>	20	12,744	12,483	261		281
<b>PW Account</b>	389	2,233	2,571	-338	332	383
<b>Sunday School Account</b>	124	100	190	-90		34
<b>Campaigners Account</b>	0	1,561	1,619	-58	740	682
<b>Events Committee Account</b>	416	1,053	1,207	-154	40	302
<b>Bowling Club Account</b>	410	201	125	76	-200	286
<b>Badminton Club Account</b>	340	82	0	82	-200	222
<b>Mums &amp; Tots Account</b>	539	442	535	-93		446
<b>Catering Committee</b>	455	0	163	-163		292
<b>Total</b>	76,283	48,770	33,465	15,305	261	91,849
<b>Total</b>	183,621	109,731	78,815	30,916	0	214,537

**Claggan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105391

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# Annual report

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# **CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105391)**

## **CLAGGAN 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**

Claggan congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
60 Claggan Road  
Cookstown  
BT80 9UF

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105391)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Tom Bell  
Stanley Crooks

Ivan Brown  
Eric Davidson

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Rev. James Porter  
Tom Bell  
David Weir

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mrs. Jean Crooks, 130 Lough Fea Road, Cookstown, BT80 9ST

### **BANKERS**

Ulster Bank, 20 William St, Cookstown BT80 8ND

### **SOLICITORS**

Millar Shearer & Black, 40 Molesworth St, Cookstown BT80 8PH

**CLAGGAN 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 live 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 the administration of all funds and the management of 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 congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except the Moderator or the minister in active duty in the congregation, who has only a casting vote, whenever a casting vote is required.

The Elders meet informally every Sunday morning. They meet formally as the Kirk session as business requirements dictate.

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 who qualify for this office is drawn up by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

**Presbytery**

The form of church governance, whereby the corporate oversight of a congregation is maintained, 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. Claggan congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Tyrone 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.

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

### **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.

Claggan 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 its members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The mission purposes of Claggan congregation are, by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people 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 toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward-looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

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

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. In addition, biweekly YouTube videos are produced of the services and CDs continued to be made available.

The *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper* is normally observed on five occasions during the year (January, Good Friday, May, September and November). 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 Sunday School, Transition Pathways (Teenage Study Group), Presbyterian Women's Group, Mothers and Toddlers, Bowling Club and Badminton Club.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation meets for worship each Sunday at 10.45am.

The Elders meet together for prayer at 10.00 a.m. each Sunday morning before the commencement of the service. The main purpose of this meeting is to keep each other updated on any change in individual needs, family needs or in circumstances concerning the lives of any of the families under their care, and to pray earnestly for them and for the needs of the congregation in general.

They also use this time to pray for the church organisations, special services, and for the needs of the community and nation.

They seek to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

On 31 December 2023 there were 120 communicant members and 79 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 115. In addition, the biweekly YouTube online Services have views ranging from 93 to 402.

#### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age-related problems are visited on a regular basis by the minister or elders. Since lockdown this ministry continued to be carried out by telephone.

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

### **Mission and outreach**

Sunday Services, Funeral Services, Harvest Services and Children's Day Services are all used as prime occasions for preaching the Gospel of Christ.

In partnership with our sister church in Orritor, we held an annual summer Holiday Bible Club in July which lasted for a week with between 80-90 children attending each day. Also, in partnership with Moneymore Presbyterian we held Thirst, which were evening events for teenagers with between 20-30 young people attending.

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

The congregation also contributes to the Presbyterian Children's Society and any other special appeals as they arise. In addition, the congregation gives financial support to its own missionary families as well as to about 20 external missionary organizations and agencies e.g., W.E.C., Tear Fund, Open Doors, Belfast City Mission, etc.

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

One of our elders was nominated to attend the meetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

### **Property**

We are in the process of constructing entrance walls to an extension to the graveyard.

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

### **Organisations**

The Church has a number of organisations that meet regularly in the Church Hall.

The *Sunday School* meets every Sunday morning at 9.45 a.m. There are 20 children on rolls.

*Transition Pathways* is a discussion platform for 14 to 18-year-olds, where topical issues and events are examined and discussed from a Biblical perspective.

*Presbyterian Women* (PW). This ladies' organisation meets in our minor hall on the third Thursday night of each month. The normal attendance is around 20.

Each Wednesday morning our hall is used by our *Mothers and Toddlers group*. Approximately 25 - 30 children along with their carers attend regularly.

Campaigners is an evangelical, uniformed organisation that offers a varied programme for boys and girls aged 4-18. Although it is run in partnership with our sister church in Orritor, it meets in Claggan Church Hall every Tuesday night from September to March. Campaigners offers children and young people the opportunity to meet new friends, learn about the world around them, discover new skills, earn badges, explore the Christian faith through 'Clan C' Bible lessons and so much more. Currently the organisation offers the first two sections - Eagles (Age 4-P2) and Juno's (P3-P6). We have 10 Eagles and 19 Juno's attending.

The *Badminton Club* meets on Monday nights with an average attendance of 12.

The Bowling Club meets on Thursday nights with a usual attendance of 12. During the year, 6 friendly matches were played with other clubs in the area.

The Events Committee organised 7 events during the year for members of the congregation. The first was the 'Men's Breakfast' followed by a 'Ladies fitness and breakfast morning'. To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles II, an evening of prayer was organised in May. Jiving classes were held in the autumn - a surplus of £200 was left after expenses which was donated to Mexico Street Kids. A Social was held in November for the youth aged between 12 and 16 and the annual Seniors' Dinner was held in late November. Carols by Candlelight, was held in December.

### **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation to those people who give freely of their time by serving on committees, helping with organizations, cleaning the church and halls and help maintaining the church grounds.

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

**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, are facilitated through Presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Relevant Church information 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 other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has taken on board the Charity Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**CLAGGAN 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 Freewill Offering. There were 88 contributors during the year (85 in previous year, 2022) donating a total of £ 48,960 (£47,351 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £109,730, compared to £105,694 in the previous year.

Total expenditure was £78,815, compared to £89,004 for 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's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account along with 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 18 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Signed



Name

Rev. James Porter

Date

18 August 2024

**Claggan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105391

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# Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 16.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

The Session of the Church, as the charity's trustees 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 and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined the accounts of the Church as required above. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Church 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.

Signed: 

Name: Jean Crooks

Address: 130 Lough Fea Road, Cookstown, BT80 9ST

Date: 23 February 2024

**Claggan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105391

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# Accounts

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

**Receipts and Payments Accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105391)**

**CLAGGAN 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
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	56,919	46,411	0	103,330	89,676
Charitable activities	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other trading activities	4	25	500	0	525	875
Investment Income	5	276	5	0	281	118
Other	6	0	1,558	0	1,558	200
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Receipts</b>		57,220	48,474	0	105,694	90,869
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	312	0	0	312	307
Charitable activities	8	44,829	42,062	0	86,891	47,873
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Property Related Costs	9	0	1,801	0	1,801	18,332
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Payments</b>		45,141	43,863	0	89,004	66,512
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>					89,004	66,512
Transfers between funds		-9,152	9,152	0	0	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		2,927	13,763	0	16,690	24,357
Funds brought forward		104,411	62,540	0	166,951	142,594
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<b>Funds carried forward</b>	12	107,338	76,303	0	183,641	166,951
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**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2022

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	104,411	62,540	0	166,951	142,594
Net movement in funds	2,927	13,763	0	16,690	24,357
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bank and Cash at end of year	107,338	76,303	0	183,641	166,951
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Current Accounts	107,338	76,054	0	183,392	166,428
Cash in Hand	0	249	0	249	523
				-----	-----
Total				183,641	166,951
				=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
Church Premises, Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				2,463,984	2,292,078
Investments – Note 11				1,934	1,362
Gift Aid receivable on donations				16,206	14,693
				-----	-----
Total				2,482,124	2,308,133
				=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				0	0
				-----	-----
Total				0	0
				=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session on 24 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] 

[Date] 24 September 2023

**CLAGGAN 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 has 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**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	47,351	24,727	0	72,078	67,426
Loose collections	110	16,449	0	16,559	3,314
Gift Aid	9,459	5,234	0	14,693	15,506
Legacies and bequest	0	0	0	0	3,430
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Total	56,919	46,411	0	103,330	89,676
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**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2022**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Membership fees	0	363	0	363	200
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<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>200</b>
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
N.I.E. Wayleaves	25	0	0	25	25
Sale of Grave Plots	0	500	0	500	300
Sale of Lawnmower	0	0	0	0	550
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<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>875</b>
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	169	5	0	174	95
Other investment income	107	0	0	107	23
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<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>118</b>
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**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2022**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Magazines	0	300	0	300	0
Total	----- 0	----- 300	----- 0	----- 300	----- 0

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	312	0	0	312	307
Total	----- 312	----- 0	----- 0	----- 312	----- 307

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	11,846	0	0	11,846	6,958
Presbytery fees	1,191	0	0	1,191	290
Ministry and support staff costs	13,810	0	0	13,810	5,736
Congregational running expenses	17,982	1,958	0	19,940	19,690
Donations to Missions and charities	0	40,104	0	40,104	15,198
Total	----- 44,829	----- 42,062	----- 0	----- 86,891	----- 47,873

**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2022**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Property Related costs	0	1,801	0	1,801	18,332
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,801</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,801</b>	<b>18,332</b>
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 60 Claggan Road, Cookstown, BT80 9UF, the adjoining Church halls, the Clagan School Building situated at 55 Claggan Road, Cookstown, BT80 9UF and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,463,984

**INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
General Investments	1,934	1,362
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<b>Total</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>1,362</b>
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**CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2022**

**11. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Number 1 Account	£104,411	£57,220	£45,141	£12,080	£-9,152	£107,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>£104,411</b>	<b>£57,220</b>	<b>£45,141</b>	<b>£12,080</b>	<b>£-9,152</b>	<b>£107,338</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Number 1 Account - Restricted	£0	£12,116	£21,669	£-9,552	£9,552	£0
Buildings Account	£59,412	£15,979	£1,801	£14,178	£0	£73,590
Missionary Account	£45	£11,446	£11,450	£-4	£0	£40
PW Account	£256	£2,615	£2,482	£133	£0	£389
Sunday School Account	£123	£73	£73	£1	£0	£124
Events Committee Account	£664	£5,429	£5,677	£-248	£0	£416
Bowling Club Account	£436	£220	£46	£174	£-200	£410
Badminton Club Account	£397	£143	£0	£143	£-200	£340
Mums & Tots Account	£785	£353	£599	£-247	£0	£539
Catering Committee	£421	£100	£67	£33	£0	£454
<b>Total</b>	<b>£62,540</b>	<b>£48,474</b>	<b>£43,863</b>	<b>£4,610</b>	<b>£9,152</b>	<b>£76,303</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£166,951</b>	<b>£105,694</b>	<b>£89,004</b>	<b>£16,690</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£183,641</b>

**Claggan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105391

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# Annual report

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# **CLAGGAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105391)**

## **CLAGGAN 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**

Claggan congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
60 Claggan Road  
Cookstown  
BT80 9UF

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105391)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Tom Bell  
Stanley Crooks

Ivan Brown  
Eric Davidson

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Rev. James Porter  
Tom Bell  
David Weir

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mrs. Jean Crooks, 130 Lough Fea Road, Cookstown, BT80 9ST

### **BANKERS**

Ulster Bank, 20 William St, Cookstown BT80 8ND

### **SOLICITORS**

Millar Shearer & Black, 40 Molesworth St, Cookstown BT80 8PH

**CLAGGAN 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 live 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 the administration of all funds and the management of 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 congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except the Moderator or the minister in active duty in the congregation, who has only a casting vote, whenever a casting vote is required.

The Elders meet informally every Sunday morning. They meet formally as the Kirk session as business requirements dictate.

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 who qualify for this office is drawn up by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

**Presbytery**

The form of church governance, whereby the corporate oversight of a congregation is maintained, 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. Claggan congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Tyrone 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.

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

### **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.

Claggan 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 its members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The mission purposes of Claggan congregation are, by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people 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 toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward-looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

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

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. In addition, biweekly YouTube videos are produced of the services and CDs continued to be made available.

The *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper* is normally observed on five occasions during the year (January, Good Friday, May, September and November). 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 Sunday School, Transition Pathways (Teenage Study Group), Presbyterian Women's Group, Mothers and Toddlers, Bowling Club and Badminton Club.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation meets for worship each Sunday at 10.45am.

The Elders meet together for prayer at 10.00 a.m. each Sunday morning before the commencement of the service. The main purpose of this meeting is to keep each other updated on any change in individual needs, family needs or in circumstances concerning the lives of any of the families under their care, and to pray earnestly for them and for the needs of the congregation in general.

They also use this time to pray for the church organisations, special services, and for the needs of the community and nation.

They seek to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

On 31 December 2022 there were 121 communicant members and 81 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 125. In addition, the biweekly YouTube online Services have views ranging from 111 to 413.

#### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age-related problems are visited on a regular basis by the minister or elders. Since lockdown this ministry continued to be carried out by telephone.

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

### **Mission and outreach**

Sunday Services, Funeral Services, Harvest Services and Children's Day Services are all used as prime occasions for preaching the Gospel of Christ.

In partnership with our sister church in Orritor, we held an annual summer *Holiday Bible Club* in July which lasted for a week with between 75-83 children. We also held *O.C.* which was an evening's events for teenagers with between 20-29 young people attending.

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

The congregation also contributes to the Presbyterian Children's Society and any other special appeals as they arise. In addition, the congregation gives financial support to its own missionary families as well as to about 20 external missionary organizations and agencies e.g., W.E.C., Tear Fund, Open Doors, Belfast City Mission, etc.

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

One of our elders was nominated to attend the meetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

### **Property**

We are in the process of constructing entrance walls to an extension to the graveyard.

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

**Organisations**

The Church has a number of organisations that meet regularly in the Church Hall.

The *Sunday School* meets every Sunday morning at 9.45 a.m. There are 14 children on rolls.

*Transition Pathways* is a discussion platform for 14 to 18-year-olds, where topical issues and events are examined and discussed from a Biblical perspective.

The *Badminton Club* meets on Monday nights with an average attendance of 12.

Each Wednesday morning our hall is used by our *Mothers and Toddlers group*. Approximately 22 children along with their carers are regular attenders.

The *Bowling Club* meets on Thursday nights with a usual attendance of 10. During the year, 4 friendly matches were played with other clubs in the area.

*Presbyterian Women (PW)*. This ladies' organisation meets in our minor hall on the third Thursday night of each month. The normal attendance is around 20.

*The Events Committee* organised 4 events during the year for members of the congregation. The first was the '*Jubilee Tea*' followed by a '*School History Night*' and a '*Praise & Pudding Evening*' with the proceeds from these last two events going to the Fikia Dada Rescue Centre in Kenya. A *Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner* was held in November and 39 people attended.

**Volunteers**

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

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

**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, are facilitated through Presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Relevant Church information 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 other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has taken on board the Charity Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**CLAGGAN 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 Freewill Offering. There were 85 contributors during the year (95 in previous year, 2021) donating a total of £ 47,351 (£45,289 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £105,694, compared to £90,869 in the previous year.

Total expenditure was £89,004, compared to £66,512 for 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's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account along with 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 24 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Signed



Name

Rev. James Porter

Date

24 September 2023

**Claggan Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105391

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# Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 10 to 16.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

The Session of the Church, as the charity's trustees 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 and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined the accounts of the Church as required above. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Church 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.

Signed: 

Name: Jean Crooks

Address: 130 Lough Fea Road, Cookstown, BT80 9ST

Date: 17 February 2023